

# **Kansas Shrine Bowl**

# **East-West Charity All-Star Football Since 1974**





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## Kansas Shrine Bowl Announces 2022 Assistant Coaches

East, West Coaches set for 49th Annual Game

**KANSAS**- The Kansas Shrine Bowl Board of Directors would like to announce the assistant coaches for the 2022 Kansas Shrine Bowl. The assistant coaches are chosen based on the success of their season, as well as eligibility limitations and coach availability. The coaching staffs for the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Shrine Bowl features 14 of the most talented and respected coaches in the state. The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Shrine Bowl will be played at Carnie Smith Stadium, on the campus of Pittsburg State University, on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at 7 p.m.

The 2022 Head Coaches, announced earlier this year, are Basehor-Linwood's Rod Stallbaumer for the East and Wichita Collegiate's Troy Black, leading the West.

The Assistant coaches for the East team are Clint Rider (6A – Blue Valley Northwest), Jason Feeback (5A – Spring Hill), Rick Pollard (4A – Piper), Neal Philpot (3A – Girard), Derick Hammes (2A – Rossville) and Jeff Schneider (1A – Jefferson County North). The East coaching staff had a combined record of 66-12 in 2021, including State Championships from Rider and Hammes. The East staff has a combined six Kansas Shrine Bowl coaching appearances, Derick Hammes served as an assistant in 2016 and returned to lead the East in 2017. Rod Stallbaumer is at the helm of the East for the second time, after serving as the Head Coach in 2009 while at Lyndon. Stallbaumer also assisted the East in 2008, 2014, and 2021. The East coaches also include two former players, Derick Hammes (1989 East, Nemaha Valley) and Neal Philpot (2000 West – Norton).

"One of the best things about coaching in the Shrine Bowl is the opportunity to work alongside and learn from a great staff of coaches. I know each personally and I couldn't be more excited to work with them," said East Head Coach Rod Stallbaumer. "They have been exceptional leaders of their own programs, are men of high character and will do an excellent job leading our East squad this summer!"

Assistant coaches for the West team are Ene Akpan (6A – Wichita East), Tony Crough (5A – Hays), Steve Warner (4A – Buhler), Jordan Echer (3A – Concordia), Brad Gober (2A – Beloit) and Lance Sawyer (1A – Inman). The West Coaching staff had a combined 62-19 record in 2021, including two State Runner-Up finishes in Beloit and Inman. The staff also has a combined four Kansas Shrine Bowl coaching appearances. Head Coach Troy Black returns to the Kansas Shrine Bowl sideline after serving as an assistant in 2021 and 1999 and Buhler's Warner will return after stints in 2009 and 2014. Hays High's Tony Crough also returns to the Kansas Shrine Bowl after playing for the West in 1999 out of Garden City.

"I am very honored and humbled to be selected to be the West Team Head Coach. This game is not only such a great opportunity for us to play and coach the game we love, but to do it for a much bigger reason and purpose," said West Head Coach Troy Black. "The relationships with the players, coaches, and support staff and the experience with the Shriners and Shriner kids have been life-changing. I have the utmost respect and admiration for what the Shriners and Shriner Hospital provide for families in our state, and I cannot be more honored to be participating in the 2022 game."

"We are very excited about the great coaching staffs elected for this year's game," said B.J. Harris, Executive Director of the Kansas Shrine Bowl. "These coaches have more than 900 wins and have coached in more than 1,500 high school football games. I am confident that these coaches understand the challenge they have before them and are ready to lead our teams. Ultimately, each coach understands our purpose and that's why they have committed themselves to this game."

All Shrine Bowl events are produced and presented to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children, now known as Shriners Children's. Shriners Children's offers care for a range of orthopedic issues, as well as care for burn injuries, craniofacial conditions, spine care and spinal cord injuries, colorectal and gastrointestinal care, and sports medicine. Children up to the age of 18 are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay. The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Shrine Bowl will be played at Carnie Smith Stadium, on the campus of Pittsburg State University, on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Additional information is available at www.kansasshrinebowl.com or by calling 913-602-8656.

Media selection is underway with the annual Kansas Shrine Bowl Player Selection Show set to air on Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 11 a.m. The show can be watched at <a href="https://www.KansasShrineBowl.com">www.Youtube.com/KansasShrineBowl.com</a> or <a href="https://www.Youtube.com/KansasShrineBowl">www.Youtube.com/KansasShrineBowl</a>.

For more information contact B.J. Harris, Executive Director, at <a href="mailto:director@kansasshrinebowl.com">director@kansasshrinebowl.com</a> or (913) 602-4359.

The Kansas Shrine Bowl is an all-star high school senior, East vs. West, football game put on each year in Kansas, by the Kansas Shrine. It is a 501(c) 3 non-profit charity that produces annual events and related activities, with net proceeds benefiting Shriners Children's. The Kansas Shrine Bowl has sent over \$3M to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The game has been played throughout Kansas each summer since 1974. Host cities have included Lawrence, Manhattan, Wichita, Topeka, Hays, Emporia, Pittsburg, Dodge City and Hutchinson.

Beginning in 1974, the flagship event has been the East/West All-Star Football Game. As of 2021, the West leads the series with 30 wins, the East has 17 wins, and there has been one tie. Current NFL alumni include Cody Whitehair (Chicago Bears), B.J. Finney (Pittsburg Steelers), Wyatt Hubert (Cincinnati Bengals), and Deante Burton (Dallas Cowboys). Additional notable alumni include former All-Pro Wide Receiver Jordy Nelson, former All-Pro NFL Defensive Back Terrance Newman, NFL Hall of Famer Barry Sanders, former Kansas State and Kansas City Chiefs Linebacker Gary Spani, former Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and Super Bowl Champion Linebacker Mark Simoneau, Green Bay Packers Hall of Famer Paul Coffman, and many others.

The Kansas Shrine Bowl also includes the Kansas Masonic All-State Marching Band Camp, Kansas Shrine Bowl Cheer Camp, Banquet, Parade, Junior All-Star Challenge, High School Football Combine/Clinic, and 4-Person Golf Scramble.

### **2022 Kansas Shrine Bowl Head Coaches**

<u>Head Coach – West</u> <u>Head Coach - East</u>

Troy Black Rod Stallbaumer

Wichita Collegiate High School: 3 seasons Basehor-Linwood High School: 8 seasons

2021 Record: 8-2 2021 Record: 9-1

Overall Record at Collegiate: 24-8

Overall Record at Basehor-Linwood: 62-23

Overall Head Coaching Record: 51-21

Overall Head Coaching Record: 128-51

Kansas Shrine Bowl Assistant: 1999 (East), 2021 (West)

Kansas Shrine Bowl Assistant Coach: 2008, 2014, 2021

Kansas Shrine Bowl Head Coach: 2022 (West)

Kansas Shrine Bow Head Coach: 2009, 2022

High School: Fredonia High School: Bern

Undergraduate: Bethel College Undergraduate: Kansas State University

Graduate: Wichita State University Graduate: Kansas State University / Ft. Hays State University

#### **2022 Kansas Shrine Bowl West Assistants**

6A - West

Ene Akpan

Wichita East High School: 4 seasons

2021 Record: 7-4

Overall Record at Wichita East: 22-15

Overall Head Coaching Record: 22-15

High School: Wichita South

Undergraduate: Fort Hays State University

Graduate: Fort Hays State University

5A - West

**Tony Crough** 

Hays High School: 4 seasons

2021 Record: 8-3

Overall Record at Hays: 20-18

Overall Head Coaching Record: 36-31

Kansas Shrine Bowl Player: 1999 (West)

High School: Garden City

Undergraduate: Fort Hays State University

Graduate: Fort Hays State University

4A - West

Steve Warner

Buhler High School: 16 seasons

2021 Record: 10-2

Overall Record at Buhler: 144-43

Overall Head Coaching Record: 265-104

Kansas Shrine Bowl Assistant: 2009, 2014

High School: Hutchinson

Undergraduate: Sterling College

Jordan Echer

Concordia High School: 6 seasons

2021 Record: 8-3

Overall Record at Concordia: 18-12

Overall Head Coaching Record: 26-31

High School: Valley Center

Undergraduate: Sterling College / Fort Hays State University

2A - West

**Brad Gober** 

Beloit High School: 5 seasons

2021 Record: 9-4

Overall Record at Beloit: 33-22

Overall Head Coaching Record: 33-22

High School: Wamego

**Undergraduate: Kansas State University** 

Graduate: Fort Hays State University

<u>1A – West</u>

Lance Sawyer

Inman High School: 6 seasons

2021 Record: 12-1

Overall Record at Inman: 36-28

Overall Head Coaching Record: 70-77

High School: Inman

Undergraduate: Kansas State University

Neal Philpot

Girard High School: 5 seasons

2021 Record: 10-1

Record at Girard: 27-22

Overall Head Coaching Record: 27-22

Kansas Shrine Bowl Player: 2000 (West)

High School: Norton

Undergraduate: Pittsburg State University

**Graduate: Pittsburg State University** 

<u>2A - East</u>

Rossville High School: 9 seasons

Nossville High School. 5 Seasons

2021 Record: 13-0

**Derick Hammes** 

Record at Rossville High School: 96-15

Overall Head Coaching Record: 125-70

Kansas Shrine Bowl Assistant: 2016 (East)

Kansas Shrine Bowl Head Coach: 2017 (East)

High School: Nemaha Valley

Undergraduate: Emporia State University

Jefferson County North High School: 8 seasons

Graduate: Ft. Hays State University

4A - East

2021 Record: 7-4

6A - East

<u>5A - East</u>

Jason Feeback

2021 Record: 8-2

High School: Belton, Mo

Clint Rider

2021 Record: 12-1

Blue Valley Northwest High School: 5 seasons

Overall Record at Blue Valley Northwest 21-26

Overall Head Coaching Record: 64-46

High School: Cherokee-Southeast

Spring Hill High School: 7 seasons

Overall Record at Spring Hill: 30-34

Undergraduate: Ottawa Univeristy

Graduate: Ft. Hays State University

Overall Head Coaching Record: 53-49

Kansas Shrine Bowl Assistant: 2017 (West)

**Undergraduate: Pittsburg State University** 

Rick Pollard 1A - East

Piper High School: 4 seasons

Jeff Schneider

Overall Record at Piper: 21-19 2021 Record: 7-3

Overall Head Coaching Record: 21-19 Overall Record at Jeff Co. North: 45-24

High School: Leavenworth Overall Head Coaching Record: 45-24

Undergraduate: Pittsburg State University Undergraduate: Washburn University

Graduate: Emporia State University Graduate: Washburn University