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Badin's Wirth named head football coach at Covington Catholic High School

Badin High head football coach Dave Wirth has been named to a similar post at Covington (Ky.) Catholic High School. Wirth, who was the BHS head man for the past five seasons, called his players together in St. Basil's Chapel at Badin Wednesday morning to deliver the news.

"I knew this would be a tough day, talking to the players and such, but it's been much tougher than I thought," Wirth said. "I have really enjoyed my five years at Badin High School. It will always have a fond place in my heart."

Wirth, who will be 34 next week, had a five-year record of 27-25, including an 8-4 mark in 2008 that included the Rams' first playoff win since the 2001 campaign.

"We certainly want to thank Dave for his service to Badin High School and wish him nothing but the best at Covington Catholic," said BHS Principal Frank Margello. "Dave's done a very nice job with our football program. He had to replace the winningest football coach in the history of the state, a legend in Terry Malone, but he did not shrink from that task. Badin football remains a highly respected program throughout the area."

Wirth is a graduate of Cincinnati's Moeller High School and Xavier University. He is a religion teacher at Badin and will remain on the teaching staff until the end of the school year. He was an assistant football coach at Covington Catholic for three seasons before being named head coach at Badin in the spring of 2004.

Under Wirth, Badin had five consecutive finalists for the prestigious "That's My Boy" award given by the National Football Foundation. Included in that list this year was senior Zach Toerner, who set Badin career and single season passing records during his two years as the starting quarterback. Matt Frankey, a 2006 Badin graduate, won the "That's My Boy" award his senior year.

"This was my first head coaching job and I take so many good memories with me," Wirth said. "Our facilities, with the Pfirman Family Activity Center, were first rate. I want to

thank principal Frank Margello, athletic director Sally Kocher, and all of the people in the Badin family who made me feel so welcome over the years.”

Margello said that he would be meeting with athletic director Sally Kocher and other members of the administration in short order to set up a search committee for a new head coach.

“The tradition of Badin football is a serious one,” Margello said. “We’ll be looking for someone to maintain the high standards of success that we have enjoyed over the years. I know there will be a lot of strong candidates out there who want to tackle the challenge.”

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