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# Minford grad takes reigns as coach

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Minford didn't have to look far for its new football coach.

Brent Daniels, a 1989 Minford graduate and an assistant on last year's team under Bob Ashley, was recently named to head coaching position. Daniels takes over for Ashley, who resigned to pursue his master's degree, according to Athletic Director Jim

Parke.

Daniels was also an assistant under Larry Hall at Wheelersburg, Morris Gullion at Picketon and Fred Brisker and Gary Bailey at Minford, and Bob Shaffer. This will be Daniels' first head coaching job.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity," said Daniels. "Coach Ashley started some good stuff and I am just trying to carry on with what he was trying

to accomplish. The kids are working hard, and everybody has been really supportive of what we are trying to accomplish out here."

The defensive coordinator last season, Daniels will turn the reins of the defense over to Josh Matiz. Assistants Mike McRoberts, Jesse Ruby and Steve Seidel remain with the team, with Daniels adding Kevin Lloyd and Nathan Napier

joining the staff.

Daniels said the team's priorities for this year's team will center on changing the team's attitude and being accountable.

"We need to create some stability and bring that tradition (back)," said Daniels.

So far, offseason weightlifting has been a success, with nearly 65 students taking part — 40 in grades 10 through 12, and 25 freshmen. Daniels said he has

worked with baseball coach Tim Martin and track coach Steve Cayton in regards to scheduling, including offering 6 a.m. lift sessions.

"We are excited about the number of kids we have out," said Daniels. "The coaching staff and I have talked, they are putting their time in in the weight room with us, getting around the kids, and everybody is just excited right now at the

number we have out."

Parke said that the school is fortunate to have Daniels in the head coaching position. In addition to Daniels teaching and coaching there, Daniels' wife has played there, and his mother and father have coached previously. "I think all of those factors ... helps to have a coach that has pride in his community, and knows how his community works," said Parke.