

Coach of the Year

2004 – Joe Tusso – 7th & 8th Grade Line Coach



For the past 6 years, Joe Tusso has been an assistant coach on the 7th & 8th Grade level where he has coached both the offensive and defensive line and coordinated all of the special teams.

In 2004, Tusso assembled one of the finest offensive lines in Wolverines history. For the first time, the Wolverines offensive linemen were able to trap, pull, screen block, pass block and more importantly run block effectively. The 1120 yards rushing yards mounted by the offense this year was impressive however Chuckie Malaponte's 701 yards rushing and 4 consecutive 100 yard rushing games was a first since 2000 for the Wolverines.

Aside from the impressive stats, the life skills that Joe Tusso has taught to these young men over the past 6 years has been what has earned him a special place in the hearts of all his past players. He is not a favorite of theirs while playing for him as he is not an easy coach and he is strict on his players but by the time these offensive and defensive linemen leave the Wolverines they not only appreciate but respect the job Joe Tusso has done in making them not only better football players but better men.

Coach Tusso was awarded the "Coach of the Year" award for his integral part in preparing the 7th & 8th Grade for their first ever appearance in the Division I Playoffs.

