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## Salina South High School Hires Christien Ozores as New Football Coach



Salina South High School is excited to announce Christien Ozores as the new Head Football Coach of the Cougars, pending board approval.

After completing his collegiate playing career at Fort Hays State University, Ozores has spent the last four years at Russell High School, serving as head coach for the past two seasons. In 2022, his first season as head coach, Ozores led Russell to their first winning season since 2003, a league title, and their first playoff win since 1979.

Ozores, who was an all-state, multi-sport athlete at Junction City High School, has also served as the Head Baseball Coach at Russell. Last spring, in his first season, Ozores led the Broncos to a 20-2, league championship season. Ozores was also an assistant basketball coach for two seasons.

"I am honored to have been chosen to lead this historic football program," said Ozores. "My family is very excited about being part of the Salina community and embracing and honoring the traditions of Salina South High School. I am excited to begin working with the students, staff and the community to develop great relationships, which in turn creates a culture that allows us to accomplish great things. We will work extremely hard to become a unified, disciplined, consistent program that will allow us to compete at a consistently high level."

"I am extremely excited about the hiring of Coach Ozores," said Ryan Stuart, Salina South athletic director. "During the interview process, it was immediately apparent that Coach Ozores is the right fit for our football program. He did an outstanding job during his time at Russell High School and found success in every stage of his coaching and playing career. I look forward to seeing that success continue at Salina South High School."

Please join Salina Public Schools in welcoming Ozores, his wife Kate and their daughter Avery to our community. #305GrowsGreatness

