



# Kansas Shrine Bowl

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## Kansas Shrine Bowl Announces 2021 Assistant Coaches

East, West Coaches set for 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Game

**KANSAS-** The Kansas Shrine Bowl Board of Directors would like to announce the assistant coaches for the 2021 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 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Shrine Bowl features 14 of the most talented and respected coaches in the state. The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Shrine Bowl will be played at Gowans Stadium on the campus of Hutchinson Community College on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7 p.m.

The 2021 Head Coaches, announced early this year, are DeSoto's Brian King for the East and Norton's Lucas Melvin, leading the West.

The Assistant coaches for the East team are; 6A Assistant, Steve Rampy (Lawrence); 5A Assistant, Anthony Orrick (Blue Valley Southwest); 4A Assistant, Rod Stallbaumer (Basehor-Linwood); 3A Assistant, Brooks Barta (Holton); 2A Assistant, Andrew Gantenbein (Osage City), 1A Assistant, Chirs Schmidt (Olpe). The East coaching staff had a combined record of 57-16 in 2020, including a State Champion with Olpe. The East staff has a combined nine Kansas Shrine Bowl coaching appearances, include two previous head coaches. Brooks Barta lead the East in 2000 and Rod Stallbaumer also led the East back in 2009. The East coaches also include three former players, Brooks Barta (1988, Smith Center, West), Anthony Orrick (1996, Blue Valley, East), Brian King (2000, Onaga, East). King and Barta will reunite after Barta coached King in the 2000 Kansas Shrine Bowl.

"I could not ask for a better group of coaches to work along-side and to represent the East this year, we have a great combination of both youth and experience," said Brian King. "I have a great deal of respect for all of these coaches and what they have done for their respected programs. It will also be a privilege to coach alongside coach Barta who I had the honor of playing for during the 2000 Shrine bowl."

Assistant coaches for the West team are; 6A Assistant, Randall Zimmerman (Junction City); 5A Assistant, Mike Vernon (Hutchinson); 4A Assistant, Jon Wiemers (Arkansas City); 3A Assistant, Troy Black (Wichita Collegiate); 2A Assistant, Zach Baird (Hoisington); 1A Assistant, Jeff Hennick (Oakley). The West Coaching staff had a combined 59-20 record in 2020, with three State Runner-Up finishes. The staff also has a combined nine Kansas Shrine Bowl coaching appearances. Junction City's Randall Zimmerman will return for his record 8<sup>th</sup> Kansas Shrine Bowl. In addition to serving as an assistant five times, Zimmerman also led the West as the Head Coach in 1996, 2010, and 2016. Arkansas City's Jon Wiemers also

returns to the Kansas Shrine Bowl after representing Clay Center on the 1994 West Squad. Wiemers also joins his father on the list of Kansas Shrine Bowl coaches. Larry Wiemers was a West assistant from Clay Center in 1984 and led the West Squad in 1985. Jon's brother Dave also played for the West in 1986.

"I am so excited about the coaches I get the opportunity to work with. These are terrific coaches that I look up to, some I have coached against and coaches that obviously had fantastic seasons," said West Head Coach Lucas Melvin. "I feel very blessed to get to be with these coaches and players to represent such a wonderful organization."

"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 1300 wins and have coached in more than 2,000 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 [SHC]. SHC is a health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals. 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 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Shrine Bowl will be played at Gowans Stadium on the campus of Hutchinson Community College on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7 p.m. Additional information is available at [www.kansasshrinebowl.com](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup>. The show can be watch at [www.KansasShrineBowl.com](http://www.KansasShrineBowl.com)

For more information contact B.J. Harris, Executive Director, at [director@kansasshrinebowl.com](mailto:director@kansasshrinebowl.com) or (913) 602-4359.

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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 Hospitals for Children. 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, and Dodge City. The event will be held in Hutchinson for the first time in 2021. The West football team camp will be held at Kansas Wesleyan in Salina, Kansas, and the East will be held at Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas. The East Camp Directors are Jack Call and Tim Williams. The West Camp Directors are Richard Steele and Greg King.

Beginning in 1974, the flagship event has been the East/West All-Star Football Game. As of 2019, the West leads the series with 29 wins, the East has 17 wins, and there has been one tie. Notable alumni include former All-Pro Wide Receiver Jordy Nelson, 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 and many others.

The Kansas Shrine Bowl also includes the Kansas Masonic All-State Marching band camp, held annually at each host site. The week also includes the Kansas Shrine Bowl Cheer Camp, which culminates with performances at each game.

Other bowl weekend activities include, the Kansas Shrine Bowl Banquet, the state's largest Shrine Parade, Shriner's Hospitals for Children Free Screening Clinic, Strong Legs Run 5K & Walk, Junior All-Star Challenge (ages 5–14), High School Football Combine/Clinic and 4-Man Golf Scramble.

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### **2021 Kansas Shrine Bowl West Coaches**

Head Coach – West

***Lucas Melvin***

Norton High School: 15 seasons

2020 Record: 4-3

Overall Record at Goddard: 106-50

Overall Head Coaching Record: 106-50

Kansas Shrine Bowl Assistant: 2020 (West)

Kansas Shrine Bowl Head Coach: 2021 (West)

Undergraduate: Fort Hays State University

Graduate: Fort Hays State University

6A - West

***Randall Zimmerman***

Junction City High School: 26 seasons

2019 Record: 9-2

Overall Record at Junction City: 168-98

Overall Head Coaching Record: 200-131

Kansas Shrine Bowl Assistant: 1988, 1995, 2009, 2015 (West)

Kansas Shrine Bowl Head Coach: 1996, 2010, 2016 (West)

Undergraduate: Fort Hays State University

Graduate: Kansas State University

5A - West

**Mike Vernon**

Hutchinson High School: 3 seasons

2020 Record: 8-2

Overall Record at Hutchinson: 16-10

Overall Head Coaching Record: 41-35

Undergraduate: Bethany College

4A - West

**Jon Wiemers**

Arkansas City High School: 5 seasons

2020 Record: 6-7

Overall Record at Arkansas City: 25-29

Overall Head Coaching Record: 25-29

Undergraduate: Saginaw Valley State University

3A - West

**Troy Black**

Wichita Collegiate High School: 2 seasons

2020 Record: 10-2

Overall Record at Wichita Collegiate: 16-6

Overall Head Coaching Record: 43-19

Kansas Shrine Bowl Assistant: 1999 (East)

Undergraduate: Bethel College

Graduate: Wichita State University

2A - West

**Zach Baird**

Hoisington High School: 7 seasons

2020 Record: 12-1

Overall Record at Hoisington: 71-13

Overall Head Coaching Record: 71-13

Undergraduate: Fort Hays State University

1A – West

**Jeff Hennick**

Oakley High School: 4 seasons

2020 Record: 10-3

Overall Record at Oakley: 17-23

Overall Head Coaching Record: 47-29

Undergraduate: Garden City CC / Kansas State University

**2021 Kansas Shrine Bowl East Coaches**

Head Coach - East

**Brian King**

DeSoto High School: 8 seasons

2020 Record: 8-2

Overall Record at DeSoto: 52-30

Overall Head Coaching Record: 52-30

Kansas Shrine Bowl Assistant Coach: 2020

Kansas Shrine Bow Head Coach: 2021

Undergraduate: Emporia State University

6A - East

**Steve Rampy**

Lawrence High School: 3 seasons

2020 Record: 8-1

Overall Record at Lawrence: 17-11

Overall Head Coaching Record: 195-94

Undergraduate: Northeastern Missouri State University

Graduate: Northeastern Missouri State University

5A - East

**Anthony Orrick**

Blue Valley Southwest High School: 6 seasons

2020 Record: 3-5

Overall Record at Blue Valley Southwest: 17-39

Overall Head Coaching Record:

Kansas Shrine Bowl Player: 1996 (East)

Undergraduate: Fort Hays State University

Graduate: Baker University

4A - East

**Rod Stallbaumer**

Bashor-Linwood High School: 7 seasons

2020 Record: 7-4

Overall Record at Basehor-Linwood: 53-22

Overall Head Coaching Record: 119-50

Kansas Shrine Bowl Assistant Coach: 2008, 2015 (East)

Kansas Shrine Bowl Head Coach: 2009

Undergraduate: Kansas State University

Graduate: Fort Hays State University/Kansas State University

3A - East

**Brooks Barta**

Holton High School: 25 seasons

2020 Record: 9-2

Record at Holton: 235-56

Overall Head Coaching Record: 235-56

Kansas Shrine Bowl Assistant Coach: 1999, 2005, 2010, 2015 (East)

Kansas Shrine Bowl Head Coach: 2000 (East)

Kansas Shrine Bowl Player: 1988 (West)

Kansas Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame Inductee

Undergraduate: Kansas State University

Graduate: Kansas State University

2A - East

**Andrew Gantenbein**

Osage City High School: 12 seasons

2020 Record: 9-2

Record at Osage City High School: 67-52

Overall Head Coaching Record: 67-52

Undergraduate: University of Kansas

Graduate: University of Kansas

1A - East

**Chris Schmidt**

Olpe High School: 14 seasons

2020 Record: 13-0

Overall Record at Olpe: 131-33

Overall Head Coaching Record: 131-33

Kansas Shrine Bowl Assistant: 2009, 2015 (East)

Undergraduate: Emporia State University