

CHICAGO BEARS ANNOUNCE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH OF THE WEEK AND ALL-STAR AWARD WINNERS - WEEK 5

The Chicago Bears have officially named Nathan Eimer, head coach of West Aurora High School in Aurora, as the Chicago Bears High School Coach of the Week and Quinn Schambow, quarterback of Libertyville High School in Libertyville, as the Chicago Bears High School All-Star for Week 5.

The Coach of the Week and High School All-Star awards, brought to you by Athletico Physical Therapy, recognize outstanding performances and leadership among high school coaches and players in Illinois. As part of the award programs, the Chicago Bears will make a \$2,000 donation to the West Aurora football program and a \$500 donation to the youth football program of Schambow's choice.

Nathan Eimer

This past Friday night, Sept. 27, Head Coach Nathan Eimer led the West Aurora Blackhawks to a commanding 62-7 victory in an away matchup against the Bartlett Hawks of Bartlett. This victory keeps the Blackhawks undefeated with a 5-0 overall record and 3-0 in UpState 8 conference. Over the season's five games, they've dominated their opponents with an outstanding 266-34-point differential, including two shutouts. Since returning to the program in 2011, Eimer has been a game-changer. He guided the team to its first playoff appearance in 20 years in 2015, secured the first conference title since 1983 in 2016 and delivered the first playoff victory since 1983 in 2018. Currently, the team is averaging 53.2 points per game with a roster of 83 players, the most West Aurora has seen in 14 years. Off the field, Eimer is a respected figure in the West Aurora community. He was selected to coach in the Illinois Shrine Game in 2016 and his leadership has helped more than 70 players move on to play college football in the last five years. The Blackhawks are set to host the Ridgewood Rebels from Norridge, on Friday night, Oct. 4.



Quinn Schambow

This past Friday night, Sept. 27, senior quarterback Quinn Schambow delivered a standout performance, leading the Libertyville Wildcats to a commanding 42-0 victory over the Mundelein Mustangs of Mundelein. Schambow was near-perfect, completing 23 of 24 passes for 322 yards and five touchdowns in just two and a half quarters. With this win, the Wildcats remain undefeated at 5-0 and hold first place in the North Suburban Conference. Schambow's season totals now stand at 1,632 passing yards, 26 touchdowns and just one interception, demonstrating his accuracy and consistency with an impressive 76% completion rate. Off the field, he volunteers with Libertyville Wildcat Youth Sports (LWYS), helping with youth summer camps and football seasons. He also supports Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, raising funds for childhood cancer research in honor of a teammate. Beyond football, Schambow proved his athletic talent on the national stage, competing in the USA All-American Game this past summer. Committed to Oklahoma State for baseball, he's also projected to be a strong candidate for the 2025 MLB Draft. The Wildcats are set to host the Waukegan Bulldogs from Waukegan, on Friday night, Oct. 4.



About Boys High School Coach of the Week & High School All-Star

The Chicago Bears High School Coach of the Week program was launched in 1996 and the High School All-Star program in 2011. The High School Coach of the Week program honors outstanding Illinois high school coaches who develop players' football skills and knowledge, character, leadership, discipline and teamwork abilities. The nomination criteria for the High School All-Star program includes on-field performance, community involvement and good sportsmanship. Exceptional high school coaches and players who go beyond expectations are nominated by a panel of local high school sports journalists. The winning candidates are chosen each week for the 2024 IHSA football season. Since the program's inception, the Chicago Bears have donated more than \$391,500 to Illinois high schools in support of their football programs. For more information, please visit ChicagoBears.com/Community/High-School-Football.

