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Football

# Former Deptford, Rowan star Mark Hendricks named new Kingsway football coach



Mark Hendricks makes a tackle while playing for Rowan. (Stanley Brick photo)

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For the first time in 37 years a man other than Tony Barchuk will walk the sidelines as the head coach of the **Kingsway** Regional High School football team this fall.

That man is Mark Hendricks, a former Deptford and Rowan standout who has extensive coaching experience on the college and high school levels. This will be his first head coaching job.

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Barchuk is **retiring from teaching and coaching in June**. He has been Kingsway's football coach since 1979 and he won over 200 games, including a Group 2 title in 2001.

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Kingsway is now a Group 5 school. The Dragons open the 2016 season at Williamstown.

"I'm excited about this opportunity and appreciate the faith leadership has put in me," Hendricks said in a statement. "It's privilege to be named the head football coach at a school with a rich tradition and a passion for football."

Hendricks was a standout linebacker for the Profs during their golden era. In his five years at Rowan, the Profs went to four national championship games.

He became an assistant at his alma mater and moved up to defensive coordinator before moving on to FCS James Madison. In 2012, he returned to the area, becoming a teacher and coach at **Lenape** and the last two years was the defensive coordinator for one of South Jersey's best defenses.

"Hendricks is a perfect fit for Kingsway," said superintendent James Lavender in a statement. "He stood out among a competitive and qualified group of applicants and possess all the characteristics we want to see in professionals who work with teenagers."

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