

Coach - Teacher

Tom Crawford

2008

Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table Coach of the Year

by Dan Peeters, Athletic Director

Tom Crawford just completed his 8th year at the helm of the Bishop Garcia Diego Cardinals football team, which accumulated an 11 win, 3 loss mark while reaching the CIF-SS Finals for the second time in school history. This appearance came on the heels of the 2006 squad's Frontier League Co-Championship and its appearance in the CIF-SS Semi-Finals, an appearance that was the third semi-finals in school history. Crawford began his football coaching career in 1994 at Birmingham High School in Los Angeles as an assistant coach, enjoying the experience of a squad which made it to the City 3A Championship game. In 1995, he assumed the role of defensive coordinator and remained with the program through the 1998 season before accepting the position of Athletic Director at Bishop Garcia Diego High School.

In 1999, Crawford served as an assistant coach at Bishop High in addition to his AD and teaching responsibilities. Since assuming the Head Coach position in 2000, Crawford's squads have qualified for CIF-SS playoffs in 7 of his 8 years.

Crawford and his staff have been recognized by fellow coaches twice, receiving Tri-Valley League Staff/Coach of the Year honors in 2001 and 2005. Four of his players have been recognized as Santa Barbara County Players of the Year in football, and this year's squad included three league co-MVPs and six Mid Valley Division All CIF-SS players. Perhaps of greater importance in Crawford's mind, during his eight years as coach, only one varsity player has been declared academically ineligible during the football season.



"National Anthem"
Coach Crawford and his 2008 Cardinals

Coach Crawford credits this past year's success, as well as each year's successes (irrespective of win and loss record) to his dedicated staff of Varsity and Junior Varsity assistants, the talent, heart and commitment of his players, and a supportive Administration, as well as a spirited school community and understanding family.

"Once a Cardinal, Always a Cardinal"



Bishop's Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table Players of the Year

2008 Co-players of the year Aaron Skinner & Christian Winnewisser
2007 Scott Winnewisser
2006 Jacob Sandoval

Consistency & Experience

COACHING STAFF - *Bishop Alumni*

Ralph Molina '79 – 25 years
Steve Robles '81 – 15 years
Larry Urzua '93 – 7 years
David Medina '94 – 7 years

