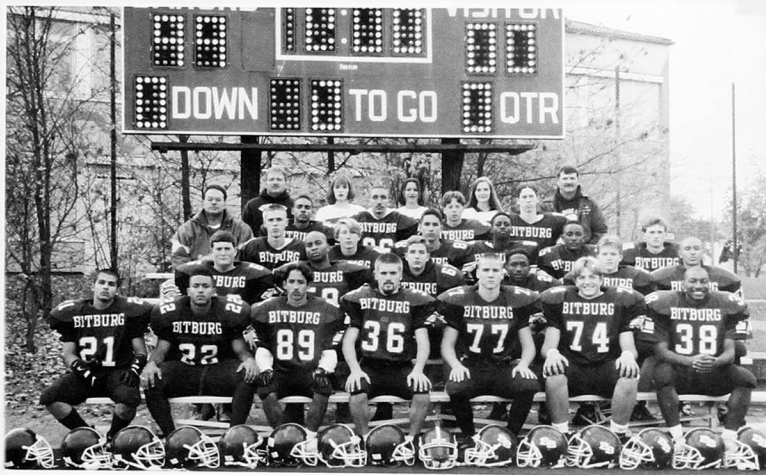


BHS Barons Football:



Varsity Football Team. Top Row, L-R: Coach Piccilo; Team Managers Angel Moran, Cherie Nelson, and Jamie Prindle; Coach Carr. 4th Row : Coach Hairstone, Bill Hendricks, Vincent Shook, Dan Chandler, Robert Duncan. 3rd Row : Mike Blackham, Chris Williams, Ryan Mirabal, Jeremy Jackson, Dean Hall, Dan Cox. 2nd Row : Mike Johnson, Corey Blanding, Brian Holas, Cardell Valez, Ken Shomin, Bernard Edwards. First Row : Jon Campos, Eric Desmangles, Mo Macias, Steve Barber, Zack Mellor, John-Michael Holas, Gary Locust.

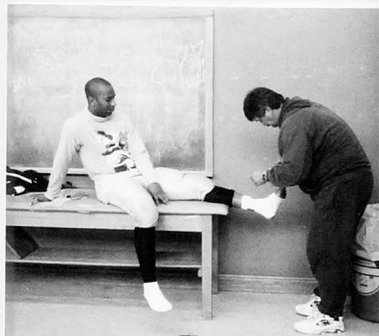
Bitburg Baron Football 1996

By John-Michael Holas

The 1996 football season had its ups and downs. Once again Bitburg's football team fought through a season of key injuries and inexperience. The Barons were also moved to the most difficult conference in Europe, consisting of teams from Holland, Belgium, England, and Germany. It all added up to another frustrating football fall.

In their opener, Bitburg blew a 12-0 lead going into the fourth quarter to lose a heartbreaker to Baumholder, 20-12. The Barons struggled offensively in losses to the eventual European Champ SHAPE, 28-0, and conference runner-up Lakenheath Blue, 32-14. The team made a trip across the English Channel, only to come up short against Lakenheath Red, 32-18. The season seemed doomed after a one-sided 46-8 loss to AFCENT, but the Barons finally came together against Baumholder for a 32-0 victory to close out the season and salvage some pride.

The Barons' three All-Conference players were John-Michael Holas, Zack Mellor, and Eric Desmangles.



Coach Carr plays the role of Corey Blanding's mother/nurse.