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University High School Director of Athletics & Activities Wendy Smith is pleased to announce that former Bloomington Edge head coach, John Johnson, will be taking the reins of the Normal University High School football program effective immediately.

“We are extremely pleased to welcome Coach Johnson into the U-High Community. We believe his experience, proven leadership ability, and passion for bringing out the best in high school student-athletes through the game of football will be a perfect fit for our school and our football program.”
Wendy Smith, Director of Athletics & Activities

Johnson began his coaching career as a high school assistant football coach for 11 years at Negaunee High School in Michigan. He then moved on to become an administrative assistant and special teams assistant with the Green Bay Packers, spending three seasons under head coach Lindy Infante and one season under head coach Mike Holmgren. Johnson was a member of the coaching staff for the Green Bay Packers’ 1996 Super Bowl Champions.

Johnson served as head football coach at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro, KY from 1994-2002, winning two Division II coach of the year awards and setting the program record for coaching victories with 34.

Johnson spent time on the staffs of the Peoria Pirates and Peoria Rough Riders before joining the Bloomington Edge franchise in 2008. He served as offensive coordinator until 2013, when he assumed head coaching duties prior to the 2014 season. Johnson had an 18-16 record in three years as head coach, leading the Edge to the franchises’ first home playoff victory in eight years with a win over the Sioux City Bandits in June, 2016.

Johnson is currently in the process of filling his football staff positions at University High School.

