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# Huron High School hires Cory Gildersleeve as its new football coach

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Cory Gildersleeve stands on the sidelines during his days as head coach at Hartland High School. - (Special To The News)

Cory Gildersleeve and Jeremy Gold both played linebacker for two seasons at Central Michigan in the mid-1990s.

They remained good friends and both became high school football coaches.

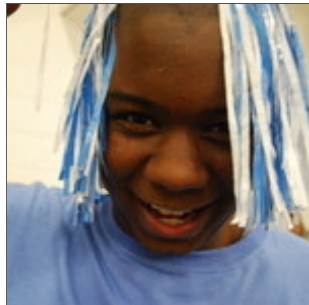
Gold has been head coach at Pioneer High School for two years. This fall, their friendship will most likely take on new meaning as Gildersleeve will coach Pioneer's crosstown rival.

Huron High School announced Thursday that Gildersleeve is the school's new football coach. He replaces Joel Przygodski, who resigned in November after four seasons.

"It's a fantastic opportunity to be in a school system like Ann Arbor," said Gildersleeve, who is closing on a house in Ypsilanti Township on Friday. "We're going to work extremely hard to instill some pride and some discipline and take things to the next level."

Gildersleeve comes to Huron after two seasons as the head coach at Dearborn Heights Crestwood. He also coached at Hartland for two seasons and five years at Dundee, where he took a team that won one game in three seasons and made it to the playoffs. Gildersleeve has a career 30-44 record.

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At Huron, Gildersleeve will take over a team that had gone 13-23 under Przygodski, including a 4-5 mark in 2008.

in's potential is one of the things that lured him to the job opening.

"I know they're close," Gildersleeve said. "They have unbelievable athletes. Looking at the last few years they are pretty close. They scored a lot of points and gave up a lot of points.

"We're going to go in there and try and pump it up and build some excitement in the program."

Building up the program also means facing his friend and former teammate once a season in the crosstown rivalry.

"I'm glad that they got a good guy in there in place," Gold said. "They got someone who's a great leader, a great teacher. I wish him all the best except when we play against him."

Gildersleeve said he is looking forward to coaching against his friend.

"We get along well. We have a great friendship, a great relationship," said Gildersleeve, who said he talked to Gold for advice regarding the Huron opening. "That week will be a special week. I'm sure we'll take some jabs at each other and then go out there and play some ball.

"We're looking to build Ann Arbor football up. Let alone is Pioneer a good team, but we want to make Huron a good team, too."

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