



# Comet Gridiron Club

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Dear Members of the Mayville State Comet Football Booster Club,

As another school year comes to an end and we look forward to the upcoming football season, I want to share some exciting news about a significant change within the booster club.

After much deliberation and thoughtful consideration, we have decided to rebrand from the Comet White Hats to the **Comet Gridiron Club**. This change is more than just a new name. It signifies our growth and evolution as an organization dedicated to supporting Mayville State Comets Football.

The Comet White Hats have served their purpose admirably over the years. Through our efforts, we were able to provide the funding necessary for the iconic White Helmets that have become a symbol of pride and determination for our team. Our initial mission was to build a strong foundation, and we have succeeded in doing so.

As we move forward under the new banner of the Comet Gridiron Club, our purpose will remain the same. Promote Comet Football more comprehensively and to assist in raising funds necessary to support all aspects of the program. Scholarships will remain the focus of our work, but we will also provide the student-athletes the resources they need to succeed both on and off the field. We believe that this rebranding will better reflect our commitment to the team and our broader vision for the future of Comet Football.

## Spring Ball

Coach Larson and his staff had 73 athletes go through spring ball this year. This is the most athletes suited up for spring ball during Coach Larson's tenure. Focus was skill development and fundamentals. The players really bought in with this and had remarkable growth this past spring.

## Off-Season Strength Training

The squad went through a rigorous 16-week off-season strength program this past winter. There was tremendous growth in player size and strength. The coaching staff saw the increased strength daily! As a team the Comets improved as follows:

- **Avg Weight Gained: +7lbs**
- **Squat Max: +53lbs**
- **Bench Press Max: +29lbs**
- **Deadlift: +37lbs**

## **Recruiting Class**

Coach Larson and his staff have 49 student-athletes signed for this coming fall. This is a great number of incoming players with the large senior class that we will have this coming fall. The plan is to red-shirt the majority of the freshmen and focus on strength and skill development. Eleven Offensive Linemen is the highlight of the recruiting class.

## **Comet Football in the Classroom**

The Comet football team continues to post outstanding performances in the classroom. When Coach Larson and his staff took over in 2020 the team GPA was 2.11. This past fall the football team posted a 2.93 Team GPA and this past spring, a 3.09 GPA. This is the highest team GPA in 20 years and also includes eight 4.0 GPAs this past spring semester.

## **Senior Class**

Our senior class this fall will be the first recruiting class by Coach Larson and his staff. These 44 young men picked Mayville State during some dark days and they believed in the vision of the program and the academic opportunities at Mayville State. This group will always be remembered for building the foundation and establishing a great culture in our Comet Football program.

## **Transfer Portal**

It is very hard to not hear about the "Transfer Portal" almost on a daily basis. A stat that Coach Larson is very proud of is that in his four-year tenure, the Comets have only lost 2 student athletes transferring to another school to play football. This speaks volumes about the great experience they are having in the Comet Football program and how fully committed to the university and the team culture.

## **Upcoming Season**

This will be the last year of the North Star Conference. The Comets will have a local flavor this fall with teams being played during the conference schedule and it's great to see the Jimmies "Pumpkin Heads" back on the schedule this fall. We will have six home games this fall, including the first three games of the season at home, and Homecoming/Farmers Bowl game vs Valley City. Get your tailgate spots reserved and mark your calendars for a great year of Comet Football.

## **Booster Club Membership**

Thank you to all you have and continue to be members of our booster club. We are making a difference with the Comet Football program. Please share with former teammates, and alumni. We are always looking to increase our membership. We have a variety of membership levels which allow people to join on a level they are financially comfortable with.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to Mayville State Comets Football. Together, we will continue to foster and grow a community of pride, strength, and excellence.

Here is to a great 2024-25 season ahead. Go Comets!

Sincerely,

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