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Beatrice Boys Basketball

With a new high school boys basketball coach this year, many people are curious about what they will see out of the Beatrice Basketball program. Clark Ribble assured us that you will see toughness and discipline out of the players this season.

Clark Ribble has recently taken over the head coaching job for boys basketball, after Coach Tyler Struck left this summer for a different coaching opportunity. Ribble immediately won his players over by bringing donuts to the meeting where he introduced himself. Ribble is a funny and great guy, but most importantly, he plans to get our basketball program back to what it used to be. "We're starting from ground zero, because I don't know what all happened in the past, so we're just going to move forward from here, and try to build what we think is a championship team," Ribble stated.

Some of Ribble's expectations for his players are accountability and hustle. "Every practice we will have certain times where kids fail, and when kids fail they have to be held accountable for what they failed at, whether that's a wall-to-wall or some push-ups; every kid will be held to that standard," he stated when asked about how he will discipline his players. He also stated he expects every player to give 100% all of the time.

Even though Coach Ribble has these goals for his players as individuals, he wants the team to get things done together. He stated that as a team we need to fight for the same common goal. He believes that if our players have different goals, they will not be on the same page when they are on the court.

Even though he has many things he hopes to accomplish this year, Coach Ribble is going to make sure our basketball team will develop toughness. He has set this as the main focus for the team. "If we play with toughness, we will be able to be in every game we play, and we'll give ourselves a chance to make it to the state tournament," Ribble said.