

Ukulele Music

Keith: Welcome to the LeeCoSchools Edcast number three with Coach Mike Glisson. Kyle, tell us about Coach Glisson.

Kyle: So Coach Glisson is the new head football coach at Smiths Station High School this year. He has had a very long career in education he was a coach with the Beauregard High team when they won the state championship he was a fantastic guy to talk to

I really appreciated his approach to being a part of these kids' lives. I thought that we were going to talk about how to win games and how to run offense and playing defense but the majority of what we talked about was how he feels he can help improve the lives of students in Lee County.

Keith: Yeah the things that he told us were the things that I was hoping he would tell us

Kyle: yes yes

Keith: it turned out to be fantastic

Kyle: yeah

Keith: it was a great chat and I think that I know I learned a lot being somebody who follows college football especially SEC football not knowing anything about high school athletics I learned a lot it was a lot of fun to talk to him

Kyle: it was it was I had a great time so I hope you enjoy the episode

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Kyle: yes

Keith: do your thing

Kyle: here we go!

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Keith: I'm excited to talk to you because I'm woefully ignorant about high school athletics I follow college football pretty rabidly I will miss events because there's a football game on especially if Auburn is playing. During the offseason I watch the recruiting and then we just had National Signing Day but high school athletics I am just woefully ignorant about so I'm really excited to have you on the podcast I appreciate you agreeing to sit down with us

Coach Glisson: no problem

Keith: so tell us a little about yourself how did you get here to Smiths Station?

Coach Glisson: now I've been teaching twenty-eight years do want me to give the whole spill?

Kyle: whatever you want

Keith: CliffsNotes version

Coach Glisson: all right well I went to Auburn University and played football for Auburn University I was a member of two SEC championship teams in the 80s. when I got through with that I started coaching my first coaching jobs in Columbus Georgia

Keith: Did you play with Bo (Jackson)?

Coach Glisson: Bo was a senior when I was a freshman

Keith: okay

Coach Glisson: my first year was in Columbus, Georgia, at Shaw High like I said then I've moved around through my 28 years the longest stint I've had was at Auburn High I was at Auburn High for nine years and we had a lot of success there while I was there and then I went to Beauregard for three and we won the state championship and then this job came open and this is job I've had my eye on this job a long time and it's what I've always wanted this is the third time and I finally got it

Keith: third time's a charm right

Kyle: that's cool

Keith: so you just mentioned your championship team at Beauregard how do you because you don't you cannot recruit like Gus Malzahn can you can't go and recruit Talent so you have to use what's in the attendance area how do you work with that how do you mold a championship caliber team with the talent pool that's available to you?

Coach Glisson: well you know some years are gonna be better than others obviously we were very fortunate at Beauregard we had an outstanding group of kids we had you know one of the best players in the state of Alabama if not the best player in La'Damian Webb I think the way you do it is first of all they gotta believe in you and that's what you got to earn from them first and if they believe in their coaches and what you're trying to do then kids that maybe not are as talented can achieve a lot more than they think that they can achieve and you know that's something coming here these first couple of weeks we got them in the weight room every morning got them working hard and just show them that we're gonna do things the right way to try to to fix what's been wrong in this program for a few years but I think also you as a coach as a high school coach you know people look at college coaches and don't get me wrong college coaches are great coaches but you look at some of your best college coaches nowadays a lot of them started in high school and I think that's because when you're a high school coach it's exactly like you said I can't go out here and say all right I need a six five receiver I need a quarterback looks like Cam Newton I can't go out there and do that you know so I have to take my scheme and I have to make it work for my players you know and I think all good high school coaches do that I mean you know even even at schools that are just talented as everything they still tweak what they do to take advantage of the strengths that they have and I think that's what you got to do as a high school coach but I think I'll get the kids believing in you and in each other that's probably the most important thing and then take your scheme see what you have take advantage of what you have now it's great to have some of everything but you know very few teams have that so

Keith: yeah gotta get that buy-in you always hear about

Coach Glisson: absolutely yeah

Keith: are you more of a defensive minded guy or an offensive minded guy?

Coach Glisson: well I'm gonna answer that this way I believe in football I don't care if it's high school college or pro football you still got to be able to run the football offensively and you got to be able to stop the run defensively you look at Alabama they do both of those things well

Keith: that's right

Coach Glisson: I mean you look at the Eagles they do both of those things well that's your two champions in college and pro and 7-8 Hoover they run the football they stopped the run I mean you know it's not a hard game you block you tackle and if you do that better another team you don't have a chance to win but to answer your question in college I played offense I was an offensive lineman they weren't as big then as now since I've been coaching I've been on the defensive side more years but I have been an offensive coordinator though you know I've been a head coach I've you know both sides are important and special teams are important but if you ask me which I enjoy coaching as a coach the most that's probably defense but you know that's why we'll hire us a good offensive coordinator who can make it happen

Keith: again I know more about college sports than I do high school sports so I know like I follow the hiring of the staffs and stuff what kind of leeway are you given in that field are you given any leeway?

Coach Glisson: well it's not like college where you come in and just say everybody's gone, I'm gonna start over because you have tenure there are people who've been here and you know they don't have to leave and nothing's wrong with that I'm not you know I'm tenured in Lee County as well but you have to make it work with the teaching positions you have cause in High School we're teachers first coaches second and the principals don't like it when you don't hire guys who do a good job in the classroom as well as on the field so we're gonna do a good job of hiring the right kind of people who come in here and be good teachers and be good coaches as well and there's some good people here it's just you got to find that balance who fits where and some people will leave on their own because maybe they came here with whoever was here before but the principals work with you know I've had conversations with our high school our freshman center and our seventh eighth grade principal and they're all willing to help with the positions that they have so it just takes a little while and I can be a little impatient you know I want it done yesterday but it's working and Dr. McCoy and the central office staff it's working with us and and and you know they're gonna help us as much as they can and you just got to make it fit with the teaching positions you have

Kyle: it sounds like in a couple different areas it's like that you know you don't have the leeway you do it in college I mean it's almost like you're playing the hard version of the game a little bit

Coach Glisson: you know it is funny when Coach Malzahn got hired at Auburn the first time as the offensive coordinator I was at Auburn high and so we set up a time and I was offensive coordinator at the time we set the time to go sit down with him and talk offense and the first statement that he made to us was guys y'all's job's a lot harder than mine and I said coach what do you mean by that he said coach when I watch film when I give him a certain formation I know exactly where they're gonna be and what they're gonna do talking about the defense he said in high school you don't always know that and he said so he said I've been a high school coach he said you deal with a lot more variables than we deal

with and he's right he said if he wants a quarterback who's the athlete and throw the ball you know on the line 40 yards he goes out and recruits him we don't have that luxury but yeah is high school coaches are good coaches you know a lot of people I've heard people say aw he's just a high school coach I've got news for you a good high school coach is a good coach he can coach at any level because like I said he takes what he is given and makes it work and I'm not saying we sometimes I get when I was at Beauregard man you got a lot of talent it's like and when you I'm gonna tell you now and I think all coaches will tell you we're all better with the better the talent is the better coach you're gonna be

Kyle: oh sure absolutely

Coach Glisson: no doubt about it been

Kyle: to be able to turn around what you've got as long as you can maximize whatever potential you have I think

Coach Glisson: you get the most out of your kids I mean I don't you know everybody wants to win a championship but you know what if next year we take these kids at Smiths Station and at the end of the year I sit down and I say guys we could not have done one more thing with the talent we had we have done a good job right and we're successful you know whether we're three and seven or seven and three we're still successful because we've taken what we've gotten we've got them to believe in each other they're playing hard and they're playing to the maximum of their ability and and that's all you can ask any coach to do

Keith: I was reading last week about IMG Academy have you heard of this place

Kyle: no

Keith: It's private school in Florida where they...

Coach Glisson: it's a sports school

Keith: it's basically they just play football

Kyle: that's their curriculum is football?

Coach Glisson: they do high school curriculum but they take like they'll pull kids from all over the country four and five still they have nothing but four and five stars on their roster and so and they play they travel all over the country playing and you know and they only play the elite teams like they might play Hoover I think they did play Hoover last year they'll play Grayson, Georgia, run other teams that are the biggest classifications the state champions that's who they like to play and they usually win they don't hurt most schools you look at their roster they may get one kid from school you know it's the schools that that can recruit kids maybe a private school more maybe so we've got a local school that has a private school close by they can do more damage to a school than the IMGs because IMGs in most high schools if you've got one four star or five star you're lucky so they're not it's not like they're coming recruiting four or five of your kids you know and so you know I don't begrudge them mamas and daddies thinks that's the best thing for their child then more power to them

Keith: I was just reading up on it. They took one of the kids like a five star from I think somewhere around Eufaula and he was gone for a year then they came back and they're talking to coach and he was

like well you know that's what mom and dad wanted they want to spend that money to go send him down there

Coach Glisson: and saying that you know if I had a parent that came in here and sat down and said coach you know IMG wants him to come play and we want to do that you know I'm gonna do my best to give him the reasons why it's good for him to stay here but at the end of the day that's hard for me to say it's better for your kids stay here you know a lot of situations you know I'm gonna break it I'm telling you no that's not a good move you know they're gonna promise you the world but the thing about is if you're a good player they're gonna find you I mean you know Smiths Station had a rough year last year they signed the kid to the Naval Academy and they signed the kid this is football-wise Naval Academy and the kid to Huntington the kid at Huntington turned down the University of Penn or University of Pennsylvania to stay at home because he didn't want to go that far away from home yeah you know didn't have a lot of seniors they had like 13 seniors and two of them even off of a team that struggled they still got to go to college and play because if you're good enough it don't matter what team you're on you know they're gonna find you and really in a lot of cases you go to IMG you might just be one of the crowd you stay here at Smiths Station

Kyle: you can stand out

Coach Glisson: there's people coming here saying I need to see so-and-so there's benefits to both I'm not gonna tell you there's not there's benefits to both but I'll tell you one thing we got a good school here and we got good kids you know I've been so surprised at how good the kids are and how hard they work I mean I'm excited so

Keith: I want to backtrack just a little bit to what you're talking about the the coaches are teachers first do you lean on your players of like listen football's important but getting your education is more important and if you're struggling in class you need to hit those books harder

Coach Glisson: well the first day I was here I've told them there's three things really that is my job besides winning football games that's important too but there's three things one is to help them become better men all right because we all know that our world needs better means two academically to make sure they're getting everything they have you know in other words if they have the ability to make As then it's my job to push them and do everything I can I'm not a magician but to do everything I can to help them and make sure they're doing what they're supposed to do and then athletically to push them in the weight room push them on the field so that if they have the ability and they have the grades then it's my job to help them move on to the next level and if I'm not working them in that weight room if I'm not getting them on the practice field if I'm not doing those things and not trying to make them become better citizens then I'm not doing my job and and I tell them that from day one and you know people will say which one of those is more important I think they're all equally important you know and I think a lot of maybe a lot of coaches lose that focus now but I think when when I went to Auburn High with my good friend Tim Carter that's the main thing one of the main things we did was work on making better men and when we got them to be better men they became better students they became better athletes and so and you're not gonna win them all you can't I wish you could change them all but you know you're not gonna save them all but you gotta save everyone you can but no you know teachers are great because most teachers I would think y'all know but teachers don't make a lot of money we're not getting rich so teachers are in it for the right reasons so when you go to them you say listen what can we do to help little Johnny make better grades you know the teachers willing in most cases if little Johnny

goes in there and he's a good citizen and he tries and he's just not getting it teachers will do what they have to do to help them be successful I mean they'll give them extra stuff but you know part of that is how well little Johnny approaches that class every day and so but no you know and times I don't see them say what can we do to help him and most teachers are more than willing to help and so you know I printed off progress reports last week got on them about the grades this first thing that I told them they need to fix was their grades so you know it's important

Kyle: it sounds like a really great partnership between athletics and the classroom I expected a little bit more of hey we're here to win football games

Coach Glisson: I don't think any high school coach would survive just saying we're here to win football games you know you got to do more than that nowadays you know a lot of these kids that we have a lot of our kids don't have male figures in their life so for a lot of kids we are the male figure we are the role model and I think that's the job we got to take seriously is that you know teaching them to be better men and teaching them to be better students to be better citizens I think all that's important of course you know I understand too if I turn out a bunch of great men and a bunch of great students and a bunch of great athletes but I don't win games I understand what that's gonna mean too that's just the nature of what we do but the thing about it is whatever happens if I'm doing those things that I believe in I can live with whatever happens

Kyle: so you said you've been teaching 28 years

Coach Glisson: this is my 28th year

Kyle: so you've seen a wide variety of students and times are there things now that are more difficult for kids to tackle you know social media issues or any of the things that are relevant nowadays

Coach Glisson: I think it's I tell you this of course I was a teenager a long time ago alright I'm 52 years old but it's a lot tougher nowadays to be a teenager than it was when I was a teenager these poor kids is there they are asked to grow up way too fast and and you know but in the same vein kids themselves have not changed kids still want somebody to say this is right this is wrong and hold them accountable for it you know kids kids know you care about them when you say that's not right you don't need to do that you know they know you care about them because everybody can pat him on the back but when you have to do the hard things they know you care about them now they may not like it they may not like the result of how we remind them that's not right but in the same regard they understand why and it's been my experience you can be as hard as you want to be on a kid as long as he knows you care about him or she knows you care about her then you can be as hard as you want to be because they understand there's a trust there and so and as coaches that's something we have to learn you know what you have to learn how to reach every kid and it's not easy because all of them are not alike but that's our job to learn how to reach that learn what makes me go one you know I make one I may put my hand on his shoulder and say hey you need to do this for and he may do every bit and never have a problem out of him and then one of them I may have to say come on outside I'm gonna have to run him some and that's what he understands you know you got it you got to juggle that you know and I've had kids through the years if you screamed at him that's it they're done they shut you off yeah cuz they get enough of that whereas if you put your hand on shoulder so hey what you did was wrong this is how you should have responded now can you do that for me in the future and you'll never have another

problem out of that kid it's just you know that's our job but kids haven't changed but their environment has

Keith: immensely yeah so if well if one of them makes a poor decision makes an ill-advised post on one of their social media accounts that gets back to you how do you deal with a situation like that they're saying something that's disparaging or injurious to the program something like that how do you handle something like that?

Coach Glisson: I'm not a big rule guy okay I have rules but my main rule is you never embarrass this program you never embarrass your school you never embarrass your family that's three rules I believe in and so if you're doing something on social media and I've had it happen I mean we had it happen at Auburn High and we were just tremendously successful you're always gonna have some people that are not happy and you know you call them in you tell them what they did was wrong you tell them they're gonna fix it there might be some work to remind them that we don't do that you know and they'll understand they'll understand and a lot of times they do things in the heat of the moment but we can't control social media you know and I'm not gonna police social media if somebody brings something to my attention I'll deal with it of course you know we're in the kid business you know I hear a lot coach so I'll just throw him off the team well you know when you throw a kid off the team then you've just given him no reason to do anything the right way whereas if you keep him on the team and you work with him you're trying to show in the right way now don't get me wrong there comes a point in time when the line is there and you cross it that's it yeah but we're in a kid business that's what we do for a living try to save as many as we can and a lot of kids that play for us need us a lot more we need them you know I had a kid in the weight room not long ago and one of the coaches was mad with him and I said wait a minute man he needs us a lot worse than we need him you know just remember that and it's hard it's not easy to do you know but that's what we're here to do

Keith: yeah so you got seniors coming up and you got college recruiters coming how does that go do you facilitate any of that do the coaches call you how does that work

Coach Glisson: well we do facilitate it in most cases in the spring starting about middle of April because you know right now is that what they call a dead period from signing day until I think it's April 15th I think it's tax day actually they are they can't come to campuses college coaches can't and starting April 15th they'll start coming around and ask coach who you got you know who you got for next year you know and then of course you'll give them names a lot of them will stay around and watch spring practice and look at them and see what they think and then they'll they communicate with the coach a good bit but really and truly once that communication starts between the kid the coach and the parents we kind of just get what information they give us I mean because it's not like it used to be you know now with all the social media and the email they do all that with you know and they even go to the home you know I think if you saw the kid at Central the Ross kid he was so good and committed to Clemson Nick Saban even went to total systems in Columbus to see his mom trying to win him over so you know they do a lot of that without us knowing anything but but most of the college coaches are really good about keeping us in the loop about where they are with the kid and then there's you know at the end of the year a lot of times we we come up and we say hey you know I have this kid let me send you some film on him and sometimes you know we would get one that they haven't looked at you know and so but that's a part of our job as well to try to help these kids if they want to play the next level I tell them you've got first of all you gotta have the ability that's first thing you know I've seen kids 5'7" that say they're basketball

players guys you might want to turn on the TV in college there are not too many 5'7" out there but you know if you have the ability first of all and you have the grades you gotta have the test score if you got all three of those things then we can find you somewhere to go play you know and that's what's important and we got to give as many kids as we can that opportunity you know and I've been doing it 28 years I met a lot of college coaches in 28 years and I got a lot of my former teammates from Auburn who are college coaches so you know I don't think anybody around has any more connections than we would have here because I'm gonna make the calls I'm gonna do whatever I got to do to make sure my kids get seen right but yeah the college coaches keep us in the loop pretty good but it's not like it used to be where everything goes through the coach it's not quite like that anymore

Keith: yeah so how do you we just had at the time of this recording we just had National Signing Day what a week or two ago so how do you decide if you're gonna have some big signing ceremony

Coach Glisson: oh you gotta have a big signing ceremony for everybody we had we had football players we had track or our cross country actually football players baseball players soccer players and you've got to highlight your kids when they sign I mean anytime a kid gets any kind of help like that to go to college you got to highlight right I really and truly think you ought to have that kind of same kind of ceremony some way or so you performed for the academic scholarships kids get you know I don't know that a lot of people know this we have a football player going to the Naval Academy we have a baseball player going to the Naval Academy and we have a student that's going to West Point all right I don't know too many high school that has three kids going to the Academies like that and that's an accomplishment because those kids have the academics they have the athletic ability if they're going in to athletics and they have the character without question so I think that's something that we ought to highlight and all have a big celebration for them you know but yes you got to highlight your kids and make it special and I tell you here Miss Paysinger she did a great job you know Miss Paysinger is the AD she did a great job of that we had a big signing in the gym the news was there the stands were full of parents and kids and I mean it was it was a great atmosphere for for signing day

Keith: do you because I've seen some of the videos of some of these where they where they have the hats on the table and then the student and that athletes like you know he picked the one I think or he picked up like the Tennessee Hat then threw it away and pick up the Georgia hat or whatever it was do you talk to them beforehand about look don't get too cute with it

Coach Glisson: I don't think you want make it into a fiasco I don't think yeah you know I think there should be some dignity you know and when you say the three hats those are three institutions that have offered to pay for your college you know and no matter which one you want to choose you don't want a diss the other two that's in my 28 years I've only been in four of those situations where kids where it was that kind of national spotlight the last two of course were Rueben Foster who went to Alabama and Rayshan Evans who went to Alabama and Reuben had Alabama stuff on didn't do that now Rayshan did pull a hat out of the bag but he didn't he didn't have three on the table and he just had one he pulled out of the bag to put on and so that was fine you know I wouldn't my advice to a kid would be don't ever make somebody else look bad you know if you want to have three hats grab one and put it on fine don't pick one up and then put it back that don't do that don't do that that's there should be some and I'm not talking bad about anybody who had done that I'm just saying there ought to be some respect there

Kyle: what type of technology do you use is there anything that you use assistive technology when you're coaching or when you're reviewing tape or anything I know at one point they had iPads here that they were using

Coach Glisson: we use a website which is called HUDL and I'm telling you now like I said I've been I've done this for 28 years I can remember the days that we would have VCR tapes we would tape them together and put them on the Greyhound bus to swap tapes with somebody okay that's how we had to do and it was a pain and then we graduated to two DVDs and all that and now it's all internet-based in fact if I'm playing Auburn High next week I click on my computer I go to HUDL and I put exchange these games and it sends a thing to coach Weingarden if he accepts it then it sends it back to me and we got each other's tapes just like that that quick we use what is called sideline huddle which is where we can film and we can watch on TV or iPad exactly what just happened in the last series and that is a great tool as well and then also we have a thing that it's called a huddle assist where they actually will you know as I told you we're teachers and coaches they actually will go in there and they will put information in that saves you time so but huddle is probably it's probably the best thing going for high school coaches now college may be not because college coaches have the manpower that's all they do all day long so they got time and they do a great job at it but you know for us man that technology that Huddle's come up with is unbelievable for us you know even now a lot of people of course I may not be able to do it this year maybe one get some funds built up for hopefully games and all we had a lot of expenses this year but a lot of people have started filming practice with a drone they fly a drone over the top of practice so you get a different view than you get from each end or the side yeah and you can't do it on game nights Alabama High School Association won't let you fly over a game night but for like you know practice purposes my son plays at LaGrange College and they have a drone that they use at practice and and he shares his HUDL with me shares it with me where I can log on and watch and I watched their video from their drone over the top and it's really uh it's a different view you know and think about kids when kids come off the field after series and something happens you can tell them what happens you can draw it on that whiteboard right but if you can tell that TV and say look this is exactly what happened then they see it and when you can see something it just it helps you understand it a little bit better that technology that we have nowadays it's really really good I mean it's it's probably better than it's ever been we used iPads at Beauregard we did not have the sideline package but we had a kid that just sat up there in the box and filmed with iPad and I was in the box two years ago when we won the state championship and I would take the iPad and I'd watch them and say well this is what happened on this play this is what I have on this play I mean I can see it right there well with the sideline huddle now you can see the kids can see this is what happened right here that's what right here now as with all technology you do have blips then you have to do the best you can but it's really good and for high school coaches it's really good when you don't have that manpower you don't have that money you know a system that college users would be \$100,000

Keith: so when you're sending when you're when you're exchanging film with with another coach do you get to choose okay I'm gonna send them this game and this game because we didn't use a trick play that I wanna use against them

Coach Glisson: it's funny you say that I can remember back in the day you'd get VCR tapes and all of a sudden somebody they'd be at midfield and the next play they'd be kicking an extra point and I'm not go calling name and this is not a coach in the state of Alabama but there was coach that was notorious you never saw a touchdown play we don't do that anymore most coaches are coaches are a fraternity and

we got just like we talked about disrespecting people we don't do that you know in a lot of cases lot of schools have students film the games you know sometimes students don't do the best job they're doing the best they can and I've sent film before to a coach and he calls me and says coach

Kyle: what am I supposed to do with this

Coach Glisson: that film was bad okay how about I send you the game before how about if I call that coach and get him to send me his film on the game and I send it to you you know everybody's pretty straight forward and then in most regions in most games you just you exchange the last two games but like a lot of coaches say coach tell me how many you want I'll send you as many as you want you know and but you know coaches are a fraternity and and even though we may be bitter rivals on Friday night you know we all are in the same profession hopefully we're all doing trying to do the same thing like we talked about make better men better students and better athletes so and we're not doing a very good example if we're not being good men ourselves

Keith: that's true I'd imagine you still want to try and keep at least one play in your back pocket

Coach Glisson: well that means you don't run it till that game right and that's something we do now we will say okay we're not gonna use this unless we have to have it I think a great example of that is the Alabama Clemson national championship game when they brought Georgia I'm sorry Georgia the quarterback Alabama had everybody said why didn't they play him sooner I think after Alabama lost to Auburn I really do Nick Saban as good a coach you'll find anywhere at any level

Keith: frustratingly so yeah

Coach Glisson: absolutely you know you gotta I told him one time when he was recruiting I think was Rayshan and Kirby Smart and I were friends I've known Kirby a long time and I coached against Kirby's daddy way back when one my first year in education first year in coaching anyway Kirby told coach Saban he said coach Saban, coach Glisson don't like us very much I said coach Saban let me correct that I said if you were the coach at Auburn I would love you he laughed and said I understand but but I really believe after they lost to Auburn they realized they needed to have something to do if they could you know cuz he likes to run the ball run the ball play good defense play great special teams win the game well against Auburn he had trouble running the football so I think he they had a month off you know before the playoffs started I think he said listen we gonna have a package together just in case we need it and I'm not so sure they didn't have it ready for Clemson but they didn't have to have it and so when it got time against Georgia and they realized they had to have it they went with and I like a lot of coaches do that you know you have a play that you've worked on but you want to keep it you know for when you need it in fact the Eagles ran the play don't know if y'all saw a Super Bowl where the quarterback walks over like he's making some checks and he gets still they snapped the ball he releases and he stands there first it looks like what are you doing and then everybody's running he runs down and catch the touchdown pass we ran a very similar play at Beauregard you know everybody there's not but so many tricks you're not gonna trick people a lot you know and I'm not saying what what Alabama did was a trick it was not a trick they just had a package ready if they needed it and I think most coaches do that it's in some way shape or form and you may not see it to the last game of the year but that don't mean they've been haven't been sitting on it, they just hadn't needed it

Kyle: so in wrapping up one of the things that we are promoting is being awesome for kids we as adults and as educators need to be able to be what these kids need so we ask everyone that we've spoken with what are some awesome stuff that you've got to see you've been an education for 28 years what are some awesome stuff you've got to be a part of you've got to see

Coach Glisson: there are so many things and I'm gonna give a couple of examples I had a student that a lot of people would have

gave up on young in his school career because he was a handful and a lot of people doubted he could ever do the college work and he'd graduate from college in four years and went on and played and professional football and made a lot of money and a lot of people that would not have given you a dime for him when he was younger and and I think that's why as grown-ups we never give up on kids because you never know when that light is going to go on so to speak and they're gonna realize there's more to life than what they're giving themselves a chance to do seeing our kids work with the disabled kids that we have in our school systems and I just think that to me that's just awesome that you can see somebody less fortunate than you are but yet you take the time out of your day to make their day special like I said kids kids are like they've always been their environment's different but there's still a lot of good kids and you know they'll rally around their teachers you know if a teacher becomes sick or something happens to them and you know we had a we had a coach when I was at Auburn died of a heart attack and he was coach Jeter was 46 I think it was and died of a heart attack and to see how those kids you know were were affected by that and a lot of them said I can't fail now because he wouldn't want me to and so

Keith: well and that's it and that is a credit to the adults who have helped them get to that

Coach Glisson: oh yeah yeah coach Jeter was a good man and he was a good friend so

Kyle: well we certainly appreciate your time today

Keith: this was fantastic

Coach Glisson: I hope so

Keith: we learned a lot more about high school athletics but

Coach Glisson: thank y'all so much for coming by and doing this I think this is great

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