



Welcome to the Antigo Grid Iron Club! The purpose of the Grid Iron Club is to sponsor fundraising events to support the Antigo Red Robin football program, and to promote spirit and camaraderie among the players, coaches, parents, fans and the community. We are committed to providing our youth with a quality program that promotes teamwork, discipline, honesty, self esteem and good work ethics. Antigo Football has long had the reputation for excellence. As a Grid Iron Club we want to improve our program and "defend the tradition" in Antigo for many years to come.

**If you are already a member of the Antigo Grid Iron Club**, we cannot begin to thank you enough for the contributions that you have made, whether it is financial or through the work that is involved to keep the program going strong. Your commitment to the program is much appreciated. Please consider renewing your memberships so that we can continue to work toward our goals.

**To the Antigo Football Alumni**, we thank you for the contributions that you have made as a past player and would like to invite you to join the Antigo Grid Iron Club. Hopefully, you can look back and appreciate some of the opportunities you had, and want to improve those opportunities for the next generation. This is an opportunity for you to give back something to a program that has been very important in your life. We have several football alumni that have joined us in our efforts. Please consider becoming a part of a group of people who have a common bond and interest the future of Antigo Football.

**We ask parents of players** to support the program by annual memberships, and invite them to help with the fundraising activities. It can be a very fun and rewarding experience, and there are many long lasting friendships made with other parents who are working toward the same goals. Whether or not you decide to join by membership, we invite you to join us by supporting the kids in whatever way you choose.

**To all Antigo Fans, THANK YOU.** No matter what sports or activities you choose to support, it brings our community together for one common purpose, the enrichment of our children.

We are looking forward to the upcoming season, and to the future of Antigo Football. Once again, we have a great group of young athletes, and a dedicated coaching staff. Unfortunately, due to cuts not only in the Antigo School District, but across the state, the only way that we are able to keep The Antigo Football program going strong is through your support from the memberships and donations. Please complete the enclosed membership form and return it to us A.S.A.P. to P.O. Box 81, Antigo, WI 54409. Also enclosed is a recap of the 2008 season along with some accomplishments that the Grid Iron Club made this past year, and the goals that have been set.

**If you are a member or would like to participate in the Antigo Grid Iron Club**, the meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. There is an ad placed in the Antigo Daily Journal verifying when and where the meeting will be held. As a member, if you wish to receive updates by email, please include your email address. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.

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# ANTIGO RED ROBIN FOOTBALL GRIDIRON CLUB NEWS

2008 was a historic and exciting year for Antigo Football. The Red Robins had the distinction of being the first Great Northern Conference champions, sharing the title with Lakeland. Both had 5-1 league records. The 8-3 overall record for the '08 season was Antigo's best since 1992 when that team went 9-2.

The Gridiron Club's greatest contribution to the Antigo Football Program was construction of the team building at Schofield Stadium. The facility, which includes a team meeting room, concession area and restrooms, was dedicated in late August during the "Meet the Robins" pre-season event.

The generosity of club members, Antigo area businesses and individual football supporters made this ambitious project become a reality. Funds were raised for a new speaker system and blacktop to finish off the project.

Antigo's 2008 season began with a 21-7 loss to Wausau West but the Red Robins then reeled off seven consecutive victories. They trounced long-time rival Rhinelander, 48-6, to retain the Bell Trophy and posted a record-setting 63-0 win over Northland Pines.

The highlight of the year was a shocking 29-28 upset victory over Stevens Point, the school with the highest enrollment in Wisconsin, which was undefeated at the time. Coach John Lund's gamble for a two point conversion after an Antigo touchdown late in the game paid off in the game-winning points and there was a huge celebration at Schofield Stadium.

Another huge victory was a 10-7 decision over Medford in the AHS homecoming game, at which Antigo's 1978 state championship team was recognized at halftime.

While the entire starting backfield will graduate this spring, Antigo is expected to field another strong team in 2009 and we look forward to another exciting year of Red Robin Football!

By: Vern Cahak

2009—The Dave Brandt football league is our youth league, for grades 4-7. The Antigo Gridiron Club will be involved in helping the Dave Brandt Football league continue to thrive. At the February, 2009 meeting \$5200 was approved to refurbish the helmets to make sure that they are safe.

\$5200 was also approved for the Football Equipment Request that Coach Lund presented, and more is approved as the year goes on for scouting and other needs of the team.

FUTURE PROJECTS: The Gridiron Club needs to keep fundraising regularly to help the team with immediate needs, and for expensive items that will need to be replaced in the future.

Careful consideration of donations and expenditures are discussed at each meeting. Members are included in an email list that sends out the minutes of each meeting, and there is also information on our website [www.antigo.k12.wi.us/gridironclub](http://www.antigo.k12.wi.us/gridironclub). Any other questions can be directed to the officers and board of directors listed on the front page. The Gridiron Club is a tax-exempt non-profit organization run by volunteers. Taxes are done by a professional accounting firm.

## ANTIGO RED ROBIN FOOTBALL 2009 SCHEDULE

8/20/2009	MEET THE ROBINS
8/21/2009	SCRIMMAGE @ WAUSAU WEST
8/28/2009	WAUSAU WEST @ ANTIGO ( <i>Annual Grid Iron Tailgate Party &amp; Parents Night</i> )
9/4/2009	ANTIGO @ RHINELANDER ( <i>Bell Game</i> )
9/11/2009	ESCANABA (MI) @ ANTIGO
9/19/2009	ANTIGO @ MERRILL ( <i>Saturday Game</i> )
9/26/2009	ANTIGO @ STEVENS POINT ( <i>Saturday Game</i> )
10/2/2009	MOSINEE @ ANTIGO ( <i>Homecoming</i> )
10/9/2009	ANTIGO @ MEDFORD
10/16/2009	TOMAHAWK @ ANTIGO ( <i>Senior Night</i> )
10/22/2009	ANTIGO @ LAKELAND

Thank you for your support of the Antigo Gridiron Club.

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**BUILDING DEDICATION & MEET THE ROBINS EVENT:** The new building (concessions, team meeting room, and restrooms) was dedicated in August of 2008 in honor of all of the assistant coaches. In the first picture, Glen Bugni, Bob Anderson, Edie Schmidtke, Ron Dillahunt, Gerald Schunke, John Roberts, Steve Kohler, and Dale Peterson listen as Matt Shinnars begins the dedication.

2nd picture: The 2008 Team Captains, Michael Wolter, Joey Hoffmeister, Dylan McCarthy, and Paul Spaude each say a few words of thanks to their coaches, to the Gridiron Club, and to the community for their support. 3rd Picture: The sign was unveiled listing the dedication to the coaches and the donors of the building.



THE CROWD enjoying the event .

THE COOKS, Joel Nowinsky, Don Strobel, Brad Henricks, Rick Warren, Dan Hoffmeister.

THE MOMS--helping out. Laura Hoffmeister, Kris Fincher, Annette Marciniak.

Gridiron Club members were busy in the spring/summer of 2008. There was a lot of work to be completed before the dedication in August.



Part of the floor painting crew: Joel Nowinsky, Gary Kamps, Sandy Warren.



Rick Warren busy working.



Mark Black, Jeran Mengel, and Don Lewis



1978 State Championship team got together for a 30th anniversary celebration.



The Dave Brandt League players and their coaches discussing plays at half time. The Gridiron Club is getting involved in helping to support the youth league.

