



**PUNT, PASS AND KICK** – HSHS football coaches held a football camp this week, starting Monday, July 9 with fundamental football. The camp continues until Friday.

# Tiger Football Has Been To The Playoffs 24 Times Since 1953

By Mike Tooley  
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Everyone remembers the Tigers football team of 1968. They were undefeated and won the State Class B Championship in Tiger Stadium by defeating the Jal Panthers 23-0. There was also the team of 1992 that ended the season with 11 wins and their only loss was to the Jal Panthers 33-20 in Jal in a State Class AA Championship Game.

The Tigers actually went to the playoffs the first year districts were formed. Morris Scott and the Tigers played host to Ft. Sumner in Salcido Stadium in 1953, losing 34-20.

Mack Pace led the Tigers to the playoffs in 1967, Larry Almond in 1968 (State Champions), Gary Rich in 1983. Johnny Ussery led the Tigers to two playoffs, 1962 and 1963 and Daniel Terrazas has led the Tigers to 3 playoffs games, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

The remaining 15 times that the Tigers advanced to the playoffs they were under the direction of Travis Lee, including the game of 1992 when the Tigers were runners-up.

So if you answered The Herald's question about how many times the Tigers have been to the playoffs and your answer was 24, you were correct.

### TIGER STATE PLAYOFFS SINCE 1953

- 1953 – Morris Scott – (4-5) Lost to Ft. Sumner 34-20 in Regional game.
- 1962 – John Ussery – (6-4) Lost to Eunice 20-13 in Regional game.
- 1963 – John Ussery – (8-1-1) Lost to Kirtland Central on first downs. Game was tied 20-20.
- 1967 – Mack Pace – (6-5) Lost to Jal 34-0 in Regional game.
- 1968 – Larry Almond – (12-0) Defeated Jal 23-0 for State Title.
- 1973 – Travis Lee – (7-4) Lost to Jal 26 to 15 in Regional game.
- 1979 – Travis Lee – (6-3-1) Lost to Portales 26-0 in Regional game.
- 1983 – Gary Rich – (7-4) Lost to Bloomfield 14-12 in Regional game.
- 1991 – Travis Lee – (6-6) Lost to Jal 15-0 in Semi-final game.
- 1992 – Travis Lee – (11-1) Lost to Jal 33-20 for State Title.
- 1993 – Travis Lee – (7-3) Lost to Jal 7-0 in Regional game.
- 1995 – Travis Lee – (10-3) Lost to Lovington 33 to 7 in Semi-final game.
- 2002 – Travis Lee – (8-3) Lost to Ruidoso 59 to 45 in Quarter-final game
- 2003 – Travis Lee – (9-3) Lost to St. Michaels 59 to 45 in Quarter-final game.
- 2004 – Travis Lee – (6-5) Lost to NMMI 22 to 12 in Quarter-final game.
- 2005 – Travis Lee – (11-2) Lost to Las Vegas Robertson 41 to 8 in Semi-final game
- 2006 – Travis Lee – (7-5) Lost to Socorro 17-14 in 3OT Quarter-final game.
- 2007 – Travis Lee – (7-4) Lost to Las Vegas Robertson 19-9 in Quarter-final game.
- 2009 – Travis Lee – (3-8) Lost to St. Michael's in first round 52 to 21.
- 2010 – Travis Lee – (4-7) Lost to Raton in first round 41 to 8.
- 2011 – Travis Lee – (7-5) Lost to Lovington 39 to 7 in Quarter-final game.
- 2013 – Daniel Terrazas – (3-7) Lost to Taos 54-0 in first round.
- 2014 – Daniel Terrazas (5-6) Lost to Cobre 49-6 in first round.
- 2015 – Daniel Terrazas (6-5) Lost to Ruidoso 41 to 18 in first round.

**1968 STATE CLASS B FOOTBALL CHAMPS** – The HSHS Tiger football team of 1968 won the State Class B football championship in Tiger Stadium by defeating the Jal Panthers. Members of the team included: Howard Keithly, John Sanders, Robert Cunningham, Larry Bryson, Jim Campbell, Robert Galyon, Gary Montoya, Ricky Masingale, Fred Woolf, John Phillips, Robert Montgomery, Phillip Perkins, Barrett Haver, Carl Amin, Dan Butner, Ray Romero, Waldo Johnson, Richard Torres, Mike Lucero, Paul Rothwell, Phil Vincent, Ray Ortiz, George Adams, Audon Trujillo, Stanley Stone, Chris Campbell, James Hodek, Ronnie Wright, Tony Martin, Tom Turner, Robert Olivas, George Romero, Alton Schoonmaker. Coaches were: Head coach Larry Almond; Assistants, Larry Yarberry, Lee Thompson, Nelson Welch and Dee Hershey.

**STATE CLASS AA RUNNERS UP** – The HSHS Tiger team of 1992 ended the season 11-1 losing only to the Jal Panthers in the State Championship game. Members of the team were: Matthew Terrazas, Matt Pape, Michael Terrazas, Kelley Lee, Cooper Harrelson, Robert Hiner, John Martinez, Tito Hernandez, Matt Coulter, Jim Ferguson, Eric Bowman, Phillip Montoya, Brad Knowlton, David Gurule, James Welch, Ron Rivera, Adam Carrejo, Charles Marquez, Richie Montoya, Daniel Henderson, Michael Grijalva, O. J. Hechler, Mike Johnston, Jody Young, Lorenzo Costaneda, Dorian Cirrillo-Murray, James Montoya, Rusty Owen, Manny Garcia and Steve Dumont. Coaches were: Head Coach Travis Lee; Assistants: Craig Coulter, Doug Anderson, Derek Irion.

# Tiger Volleyball Coaching Veteran Haro Returning for Unexpected Tenure

By Tony A. Archuleta  
HERALD Reporter

Following the resignation of three-year Hot Springs varsity volleyball head coach Sch Galicia Degase last month, HSHS Athletic Director Daniel Terrazas was scrambling last week to hire a new coach.

“That’s a good way to put it, we’re scrambling,” Terrazas said during a telephone interview Thursday, July 5.

Terrazas said Degase – a former Tiger volleyball all-star, Class of 2007, who played college ball at Western New Mexico University – is returning to her previous career as a social worker with the New Mexico Children, Youth & Families Division.

While Degase expressed an interest in continuing to coach Tiger volleyball, her employment outside the school district leaves her



Robert Haro

ineligible for the post, according to Terrazas.

As an AD, teacher and longtime coach, including current Tiger football head coach, Terrazas said it’s a familiar quandary: an open, part-time-pay-level, head coaching position that while not tied to a teaching position in the school district, virtually requires a certified educator on staff to fill it. Degase worked at TorC Elementary as a so-

cial worker.

Degase’s assistant coach last season, Tami Jo Treadwell, briefly considered taking the job but eventually decided against it after consulting with family, according to Terrazas.

Terrazas said he’s been advertising the position in-house, as well as on NM REAP, a cooperative educational services website, and on a New Mexico athletic directors’ forum online.

Enter Haro.

Make that re-enter.

Haro, who coached the Tigers from 2004 to 2009 and from 2010 to 2011, announced he has been hired as the new Tiger volleyball head coach, effective Monday, July 9.

“My plan was to never coach again,” Haro, during an interview Monday with The Herald, said with a smile. “Every time it’s

been because they couldn’t find a coach. I learned on the go the first time.”

Haro knows exactly what he’s getting into, arguably better than ever – the long hours, road trips, parent/fan/media management and an uphill climb on the competitive front – but the popular HSHS Army JROTC first sergeant has an undeniable fondness for the program.

“I’m kind of excited in a way,” he said. “I love the kids, so it’s going to be a (new) new experience, getting back into the grind of coaching every day, seeing the kids grow, seeing the kids get better.”

Haro said the open coaching position was advertised early enough, and he (mostly) expected it would be filled in due time.

“I walked into the superintendent’s (Randy Piper) office one day and he said,

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# Sierra County Swim Team at NM Games

By Destiny Mitchell

The 2018 New Mexico Games are underway across the state, offering sports competition in a variety of events.

From senior tennis and adult volleyball, to youth sports such as track and field and swimming, the NM Games competitions bring athletes from across the state to compete in a annual events to show who the top dogs are in New Mexico. The Sierra County Swim Team, aka TorC TigerSharks sends a handful of swimmers each year to compete, and though they have scraped several Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in the past, the competition was pretty fierce this year. All swimmers placed in the top ten for their races,

but the TigerSharks didn’t seem to be able to break out of 2nd place. 13-year-old Jaimee Green pulled the Silver Medal for the 50 meter freestyle, and fellow teammate Nathan Smith swam his heart out for a Silver Medal in the 11-12 Boys 100 meter freestyle. Shane Neeley grabbed another silver for the 11-12 Boys 50 meter backstroke, alongside Levi Maplesden who claimed the bronze for the same event. Superstar Buddy Neeley snagged the bronze for the 15-18 men’s 100 meter backstroke, along with placing 5th in the Individual Medley and 7th in the 100 meter freestyle. Siblings Joseph and Jaimee Green both struggled with their favorite strokes, the 50 meter Butterfly, but ended up placing 6th and 7th respectively. Collectively, the Sierra County Swim Team placed 6th overall in the men’s events, 9th in the women’s events, and 7th in the combined events, scoring 254 points, beating three fellow teams including Albuquerque Country Club, Duke City Aquatics, and the Lobo Masters. There was lots of tough competition, but it was good practice for the six swimmers to prepare for their upcoming District and State Championships with the Sundance Aquatic Association in two weeks. Thanks again to the community for your continued support, your contributions allow these kids to literally, Go for the Gold! Good Job TigerSharks! And Good Luck at State!



**NM GAMES TEAM** - The Competitors, from left: Buddy Neeley, Shane Neeley, Nathan Smith, Levi Maplesden, Joseph Green, and Jaimee Green.



**NM GAMES LEVI** - 13-year-old Levi Maplesden takes his mark for the boys 50 meter freestyle event, while fellow teammate Nathan Smith, and Parent Rep/Assistant Coach Jeni Neeley cheers him on.



**NM GAMES JAIMEE FLY** - 13 year old Jaimee Green takes a quick breath during her signature 50 meter butterfly race on Sunday.

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