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(Neb.) - Ritzen supports Brett Hunter as next CSC Coach

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CHADRON - Chadron State College is currently searching for its next head wrestling coach after the retirement of Scott Ritzen, who decided to step down from his position after 25 seasons.

If the college is looking for a successful wrestler-turned-coach who is passionate about the Eagles program they do not have to look far.

Brett Hunter, a native of Rushville, is the most successful wrestler in CSC history. After a very successful high school career, Hunter went on to win back-to-back national championships at CSC, while compiling a 133-32 record to become the school's all-time winningest wrestler. He has also been on the coaching staff for the past couple of seasons.

Can Hunter be the next head wrestling coach?

Ritzen, who has coached and mentored Hunter, believes that he can be. Ritzen showed support for Hunter to be his successor in an interview on the Country Kitchen Coaches Show Saturday morning. He commented on Hunter's ability to recruit and lead the program.

One issue with Hunter being the head coach is the college currently does not have a full-time wrestling coach position. If the college can create such a position the job could fall into the hands of Hunter.

Ritzen said if it happens Hunter would be able to give the program some attention that he wasn't able to as a tenured professor.

It remains to be seen what will happen with the position, but when you have a guy who has been successful in your program and has learned from a coach you believed in for 25 years doesn't he deserve an opportunity?

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