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Live Long & Prosper

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His emails always end in and I quote, "A man who limits his interests limits his life. Live long and prosper." Thomas 'Mike' Goddard of Fort Scott, Kansas emails me more than anyone through my website.

Mike sends me the Kansas Christian Athletic Association football results every week and has for years. He also sends me the KCAA schedules before the season begins and if the schedules change during the season which they do way to often, he sends me the updated schedules with results. The guy is relentless in pursuit of the scores of football games and the schedules. I am so glad he is on my team and he is

never taken for granted.

This week as he was writing me another email with schedules and scores of the KCAA as we start another football season I got to wondering about just who is Thomas 'Mike' Goddard? I knew that Mike had a website and he keeps track of a lot of scores but I had no idea of the extensive lists this man is keeping track of. Wait until you read further on down the line, you won't believe it. We are talking about a Guinness World Record type of extensive sporting lists. Okay are you ready for this? Maybe you better sit down to read this because I guarantee you are going to think I am telling stories and not telling the truth. Are you ready? Here we go.

I asked Mike to answer some questions for me and below each question you will find his answer in his words.

1. What exactly do you do? Like how many schools, states, and is it just football?

I GET SCORES AND HEAD COACH INFO FOR OVER 800 SCHOOLS (HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR COLLEGE, SMALL COLLEGE, PREP SCHOOLS) IN FOOTBALL.

ALSO I TRY AND GET FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS FOR ALL KANSAS HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUES, ALL NJCAA FOOTBALL LEAGUES AND 15 OTHER LEAGUES IN OTHER STATES EACH YEAR AS THE SEASON PROGRESSES AND RESEARCH ON PAST SEASONS.

I JUST DO 5 TEAMS IN BASKETBALL AND ALL SPORTS FOR FORT SCOTT HIGH. FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS FOR ALL SEK, CNC AND THREE RIVERS LEAGUES SPORTS.

I ALSO DO RESEARCH TO FIND INFO ON DEFUNCT SCHOOLS AND LEAGUES AND **EVERY STATE** CHAMPIONSHIP GAME (OVER 1,000 NOW **YEARLY**)

ALSO HAVE EVERY MYTHICAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR **EVERY STATE** BEFORE PLAYOFFS WERE STARTED.

HAVE ALSO DONE RESEARCH ON MINOR LEAGUE BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (PRO AND COLLEGE), DEFUNCT PRO FOOTBALL LEAGUES (MAJOR AND MINOR LEAGUES) AND DEFUNCT MINOR SPORTS LEAGUES.

CONTRIBUTED INFO TO THE PRO BASKETBALL RESEARCHES ASSOCIATION ON WOMEN'S PRO BASKETBALL AND WIN STREAK INFO AND SCHOOL ALL TIME WINS INFO TO THE KANSAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME RECORD BOOK.

2. When did you get started?

LATE 1970 AFTER FT SCOTT JUCO WON THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND I ASKED A COACH ABOUT WHAT THE TEAMS HISTORY WAS AND HE DIDNT KNOW. I ASKED A COUPLE OTHER PEOPLE AND AFTER GETTING THE SAME ANSWER I STARTED RESEARCHING.

3. How did you get started?

GOING TO THE LOCAL PAPER AND LOOKING THROUGH OLD MICROFILM FILES AND HIGH SCHOOL AND JUCO LIBRARIES LOOKING AT OLD YEARBOOKS. AS I ADDED SCHOOLS I WENT TO OTHER TOWNS AND DID THE SAME.

THEN I FOUND OTHER PEOPLE JUST LIKE ME AND WAS ABLE TO TRADE INFO.

AFTER I STARTED THE WEBSITE I GOT EVEN MORE PEOPLE SENDING INFO AND WAS ABLE TO GET INFO FROM THE LATE BARRY SOLLENBERGER OF ARIZONA WHO WAS A GREAT HELP IN ARIZONA HISTORY AND NATIONAL INFO.

I MADE A FRIEND OF THE LATE JACK HARRIS OF THE PARSONS SUN WHO HELPED ME GREATLY WITH ALL SEK AREA SCHOOLS AND IN RETURN I STARTED GETTING INFO ON ALL SEK LEAGUE SPORTS TO FILL IN THE GAPS HE WAS MISSING.

HARRY C. FRYE HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP, HE'S A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE NCAA FOOTBALL GUIDE AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOOTBALL EXPERT AND I CONSIDER HIM TO BE A GREAT FRIEND.

4. Do you feel overwhelmed at times?

YES DURING FOOTBALL SEASON, I'M A TV ADDICT AND WATCH 20+ HOURS OF SHOWS, TRYING TO WATCH 3-5 COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAMES, AT LEAST ONE NFL GAME AND SPEND 4-7 HOURS ON LINE DAILY ON THE WEEKEND GETTING SCORES.

I ALSO WORK MY REAL JOB WHICH USUALLY RUNS AT LEAST 45 HOURS A WEEK BUT OUR LONGEST WEEK WAS 67 HOURS.

PLUS ONE WEEKEND A MONTH I'M OUT OF TOWN VISITING MY DAUGHTER AND GRANDSON. SO I SPEND COUPLE DAYS CATCHING UP ON INFO AFTER THAT WEEKEND. I ALSO LOOK UP INFO (MOSTLY NON SPORTS) FOR OTHER PEOPLE HERE IN TOWN THAT DON'T HAVE THE TIME OR COMPUTER.

5. How much time do you spend on the computer?

USUALLY ON LINE AT LEAST 1-2 HOURS DAILY UP TO 2-4 HOURS ON THE WEEKENDS. DURING FOOTBALL SEASON MY DAILY STAYS CLOSE TO THE SAME BUT MY WEEKENDS WILL GO UP TO 4-7 HOURS A DAY.

6. Does anyone help you?

NOT REALLY, I TRADE INFO WITH OTHERS LIKE MYSELF AND ALSO GET INFO FROM FANS ABOUT THEIR LOCAL TEAMS.

7. Do you have other information not on the website?

YES MY WEBSITE CONTAINS **LESS THAN 10% OF ALL THE INFO** I HAVE.

I HAVE THE SCORE OF EVERY GAME PLAYED IN FOOTBALL FOR OVER 40 SCHOOLS.

I HAVE FOOTBALL INFO ON OVER 1400 SCHOOLS (incomplete) INCLUDING DEFUNCT SCHOOLS AND LEAGUE STANDINGS (ALSO INCOMPLETE) FOR OVER 60 HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUES **ACROSS THE U.S.**

ALSO HAVE INFO ON ALMOST ALL DEFUNCT PRO FOOTBALL LEAGUES, SMALL COLLEGE BASKETBALL CHAMPS (NCCAA, USCAA, ACAA AND DEFUNCT TOURNAMENTS). HAVE COLLECTED RECORD BOOKS FOR VARIOUS LEAGUES AND SPORTS (LACROSSE, HOCKEY,

SOCCER, ROLLER HOCKEY AND INDOOR FOOTBALL) AND NEED 25 MORE NCAA FOOTBALL GUIDES TO HAVE A COMPLETE COLLECTION.

8. Do you have one website or multiple websites?

MY WEBSITE IS THRU WEBTV AND THEY LIMIT AMOUNT OF INFO YOU CAN HAVE PER ACCOUNT, SO I HAVE 5 ACCOUNTS (THE MAX) AND IT'S SPREAD OUT OVER THEM. ONE IS JUST FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES, ONE FOR HIGH SCHOOLS, ONE FOR HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUES AND THE OTHER TWO HAVE VARIOUS INFO, LIKE HIGH SCHOOL MYTHICAL NATIONAL CHAMPS IN FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL, SMALL COLLEGE BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, KANSAS AND MISSOURI SMALL COLLEGE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS INCLUDING DEFUNCT LEAGUES. I MAY SHUT DOWN TWO OF THEM AS I REALLY DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO KEEP ALL UPDATED; ONE PAGE HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED FOR AT LEAST 6 YEARS.

HERE ARE THE MAIN 3 WEBSITES PAGES

<http://community-2.webtv.net/JCFOOTBALLFACTBOOK/JUNIORCOLLEGE/index.html>

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PAGE

[http://community-2.webtv.net/SEKSPORTS/HIGHSCHOOLCOMM/?](http://community-2.webtv.net/SEKSPORTS/HIGHSCHOOLCOMM/)

MY ORIGINAL PAGE

<http://community-2.webtv.net/tmgoddardsek/SPORTSHISTORY/>

SPORTS HISTORY PAGE (various info)

So I asked Mike if anyone had ever done a story in the newspaper or on a website about him and what he does. He informed me that he had a few mentions in the Parsons Sun back when Jack Harris was still alive. He also has received credit from the Fort Scott Tribune as a contributor. He also was mentioned as a contributor to the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame's Kansas High School Football Record book.

Well, I just wanted to bring your attention to a guy who works behind the scenes helping to find scores that most of you will never look at on the website to see, scores of the KCAA. Thomas 'Mike' Goddard thank you very much for what you contribute to kansasprepfootball.com because most likely the KCAA would not be covered without your relentless pursuit of their schedules and scores. May you truly 'Live long and prosper.'