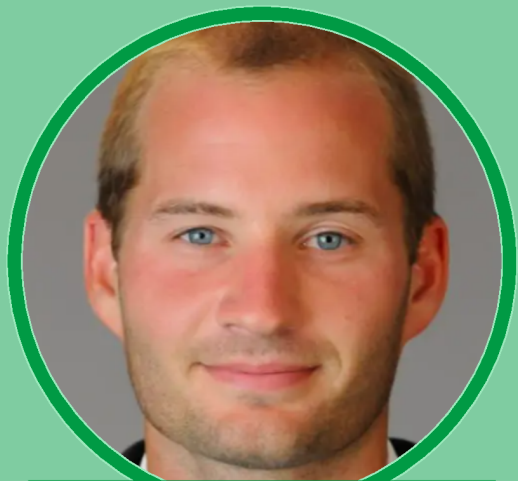


2024 Hall of Fame INDUCTEE



Class of 2000

Niel Loebig

During his high school career at South Fayette, Niel Loebig made a lasting impact on both the football and basketball programs.

As a three-year starter in football, he earned first-team All-State honors and was named to the Post Gazette Fabulous 22 in his senior year. He led his team to a conference championship and the WPIAL Semifinals, finishing his career ranked #2 on the All-Time WPIAL passing list with 5,553 yards and 65 touchdown passes. In basketball, Niel was a three-year starter and achieved first-team All-Conference recognition in both his junior and senior years, contributing to an undefeated conference championship in his junior season. For his exceptional performance in both sports, he was honored as the 1999-2000 *Almanac* Player of the Year.

Niel continued his education at Duquesne University, where he was able to leave a lasting mark on the football program. A four-year starter, he became the only player in school history to be named first-team All-Conference four times and was integral to securing four conference championships and one national championship. He earned the distinction of Conference Offensive MVP three times and was one of only five players in Division I-AA football to surpass 10,000 passing yards and 100 touchdowns, amassing 10,359 yards and 103 touchdowns over his career. His 34-9 overall record as a starter and perfect 23-0 conference record are testaments to his leadership and skill. Niel also set 13-15 Duquesne passing records, including being the only QB in school history to throw for over 2,000 yards and 20 touchdowns in four seasons. In recognition of his outstanding college career, he was inducted into the Duquesne University Sports Hall of Fame in 2016.

Following his collegiate career, Niel transitioned into coaching and education. As an assistant football coach at Duquesne University, he contributed to three conference championships. He was recognized as the Nike Coach of the Year Clinic Speaker in 2009 and was named the Middle School Teacher of the Year for the 2021-2022 academic year, reflecting his commitment to both sports and education.

