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YHS Athletic Director resigns, returns to teaching

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"Yosemite High School has a new assistant principal, Tom Fiormonti, who will double as athletic director."

That was how the Sierra Star introduced Fiormonte back in August of 2002.

Since then he has been everywhere. Like when he visited the Children's Hospital patients with the Freshman football team in October, "I get goose bumps just thinking about what I hope will be the impact on our students," he said.

He also was present at the signing of a Letter of Intent by senior Sharon Barr to attend a Division I school.

He submitted his resignation last Monday to coincide with the expiration of his contract tomorrow. Fiormonti has accepted a teaching job with the Porterville Unified School District.

"This has been the most difficult decision of my professional career," Fiormonti confessed.

"There are many, many things that I will miss here, but after sitting down with my family, I couldn't turn down the position."

After considering health issues and the stress of the job, "I'm going to return to my first passion, teaching," he said. "Being the athletic director and Assistant Principal here was fantastic, but teaching holds a different kind of passion for me."

Fiormonti will return to his old school district where he taught and coached. After spending six years at Porterville Unified, he moved on to Monache where he taught and coached. He has been an educator and coach for more than 25 years.

He began his coaching career in 1980 as an assistant football coach at McFarland High School. He was the girls' head coach in basketball and softball at Monache High School and Porterville.

Fiormonte said when he came to Yosemite he wanted to help maintain the excellent athletic and academic reputation of Yosemite High School.

The school has won the Ginsburg Award for athletic excellence the last two seasons.

He did what he set out to do.



Outgoing athletic director Tom Fiormonti. In his four years at Yosemite High School, Fiormonti the school earned two consecutive Ginsburg Awards for athletic excellence.
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