

## Nash says Weatherford is more than an assistant coach

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Winning a state championship will bring out a number of different emotions. That was true for Borden's Doc Nash.

Two questions brought emotions to the surface for Borden's head coach.

The first time he held back tears was when he reflected on what the championship meant to him. The other was when he was asked about what it means to have an assistant coach with the experience that Ray Weatherford has.

"I can't say enough good things about Ray Weatherford," Nash said. "He was in on the interview committee that gave me my start, so he believed in me. I think he is still believing in me."

Besides being co-workers and colleagues, Nash said a lot of times Weatherford has multiple job descriptions.

"Ray is like my dad," Nash said. "He tells me when I get too crazy. He picks me up when I am down. He is a father figure -- a great Christian man. He won't lose his faith over anything. He has been a very good influence on me as a person."

He also said Weatherford's contribution to the program's success is also evident.

"From the coaching standpoint I've learned a wealth of knowledge from him, as well," Nash said. "He makes suggestions during games and does a great job with in-game adjustments. He is one heck of a man."

The glowing words Nash says about Weatherford are not just given. Weatherford, who started coaching at Borden in 1973 under coach Wes Porter, speaks just as highly of Nash.

"I've adopted him," he said. "Brent (Weatherford) is my son, but I've got two because I've adopted Doc."

Weatherford calls being part of the group who hired Nash as head coach at Borden his biggest contribution to the community and the program.

"I think he just fit our program," Weatherford said. "He fit our community because he was from a small town, too. I felt like he was a perfect fit -- his demeanor -- there wasn't any falsehood to him. He was honest and sincere."

Weatherford remembered him as a player at New Washington.

"He was exactly what we were looking for," he said. "He is a special coach and person."

"There is more to coaching than Xs and Os and Doc is the total package and the results prove that. We've been very successful under him and will continue to be. He is a special coach."

Over the years, Weatherford has been part of some good and bad Borden teams, but he said as you would expect this was a magical season.

"It's a dream come true," he said. "I couldn't be more proud of the team and community."