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The Bettendorf football program has experienced so much success that it's no surprise that someone has finally featured the Bulldogs in a book that recently was released nation-wide. "The 80-Yard Run" by Theron Hopkins is a 342-page book that examines high school football in America and one of its 16-page chapters is entire devoted to the Bettendorf Bulldogs.

Theron's novel took him nearly six months to research and five years to produce but the write has now brought Bettendorf's football program to the printing press as the author spent an entire week with the Bulldogs in 2003 as Bettendorf prepared for a Game 4 contest against Davenport North. Theron literally shadowed then-head coach Randy Scott and the rest of the Bulldog staff to get a glimpse of what football was like in the state's premier program. Theron also examined in detail Bettendorf's training during the season as well as the off-season program.

In 2003 the Bulldogs defeated North, 47-6, en route to a 8-1 regular season finish that not only saw Bettendorf win the M.A.C. title, but also advance to the Quarterfinals before getting beat by Muscatine, 3-10. The 2003 team featured All-Staters such as **offensive lineman Greg Reckman**, **punter Donnie Connor**, and **linebacker Pat Angerer**; Angerer is currently the starting middle linebacker for the Iowa Hawkeyes.

"It was a neat deal," Scott said. "He was a really good guy and was very easy to get along with." The recently retired Scott said that he received a copy of the book from Hopkins two years ago and was pleased with the outcome.

"Anything that you can do to promote your program, you don't think very much of it, but it makes a difference," said Scott, "our website—[www.bettendorffootball.com](http://www.bettendorffootball.com)—is something a lot of people are impressed with and has given us world-wide attention." Scott, who coached at Bettendorf from 1976-2008 also added, "You'd be surprised that if you go around the country, mention Bettendorf and people say, 'Yeah, I've heard of that.'"

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