

## No animosity between Jordan and Spartans

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**OCT. 24:** The much anticipated showdown between Carl Jordan and his old team proved much to do about nothing.

Jordan, who lost his job as Steinert football coach amidst some drawn out controversy two summers ago, was given the Trenton job this year. His Tornadoes met the Spartans today, and both sides said it was just another football game.

“That was something maybe in the community or maybe the media,” Steinert coach Dan Caruso said. “For us, we’re here to play a football game. We had a lot to lose and they really didn’t have anything to lose. That makes them a dangerous team.”

Jordan was not happy when he was dismissed from his coaching duties by the Hamilton School Board, but when asked if a win over Steinert would have been a little extra special, he shrugged.

“We’re 0-7 and we’ve lost 18 in a row,” he said. “Any win possible we can get right now is a special win. My first win as a Trenton coach would be special.”

Jordan says there was nothing personal, at least where his ex-players were concerned.

“Not on my end,” he said. “I like those kids, I’m really proud of the seniors at Steinert. Those are the kids I coached and brought up. I feel like those are my guys and it’s just great to see them being successful and the roll that they’re on. My hat’s off to Steinert.”

The Spartan players felt the same way.

“We weren’t really focused on the whole coach thing, we were just focused on winning,” Nick Maciolek said. “Mr. Jordan’s a great guy. He had a bad situation, it was unfortunate and the papers turned it into something else.

“We didn’t even look at that. We just looked at it as another game, Trenton High. We just wanted to give it all our all and have a nice fight.”