

Tiger LaVerde -- given name Philip -- has won six Ohio state championships at Kirtland High School near Cleveland.

LaVerde is a 1991 Oil City High School graduate, and was the Oilers' undersized, but effective starting quarterback in 1990. He was head coach at Franklin High School from 2001-03.

A math teacher at Kirtland, LaVerde has served as football coach for 14 seasons, compiling a 174-17 record. His teams have won six state titles in 2011, 2013 and 2015 and back-to-back-to-back championships from 2018-20. The first four were in Division VI and the last two in Division V.

Through 2020, his teams have appeared in the state title game in nine of the last 10 seasons. They've earned playoff berths in 14 of his 15 seasons at Kirtland.

He picked up his 200th coaching victory on Oct. 17, 2020, and now has 205..

LaVerde was named the Cleveland Browns High School Coach of the Year for the second time in 2018, putting him in line for the national award given by the NFL.

Most recently, he received the Paul Brown High School Coach of the Year Award March 3, 2020, at the Mike Cleary Northeastern Ohio Chapter of the National Football Foundation's 32nd annual banquet.