My Second Office

About our host

It didn’t take long for Lawrence (Kan.) CC superintendent BILL IRVING to become a fan of the local team. The Omaha, Neb., native bleeds Nebraska Cornhusker red (he graduated from the school in 1998), but being so close to the University of Kansas has allowed him to adopt the local Jayhawks. “Coach (Bill) Self was just out here. It’s hard not to be a fan when all of the basketball coaches play out here regularly,” Irving says. “It’s hard not to be a fan and root for them when they come out and root for you at the golf course. It’s a fair trade.” Irving has been at LCC for almost six years now. He arrived from Kearney (Neb.) CC, where he was the superintendent for four years.

A look around Irving’s office shows some of his favorite things — from his kid’s artwork to sports memorabilia of his favorite teams.

“I wasn’t a huge basketball fan until I moved here. You can’t help but to be a basketball fan living here.”

ROCK CHALK The autographed ball was given to me by a member who didn’t like all the Nebraska stuff in my office. It’s the best of both worlds — football season I get the Cornhuskers, basketball season I get the Jayhawks.

KIDS CORNER My daughter Caylee is 14, my son Cameron is 12. They come out to the course quite a bit. Caylee will go to the pool all day in the summer. Cam- eron likes the pool but he loves driving the golf carts.

BIG 12 HOST We hosted the women’s Big 12 Championship in 2012. We had no rain the entire spring, then the weekend of the tournament, we had three stoppages of play because of lightning and rain. The last day was a huge delay. We got the whole course ready in an hour. With not having a large volunteer corps, that was pretty cool.

GOLF DOG Ozzie is a Jack Russell terrier mix, named after (former Nebraska coach) Tom Osborne. Our previous dog passed away, and the kids and I couldn’t stand not having a dog. Against my wife’s wishes we went to the Humane Society. I walked past him twice, then I heard him jumping behind me and turned around — it was love at first sight.

FOUL BALL In the six years I’ve been going to the (Kansas City) Royals games, I’ve come home with a few foul balls. I kept one around just in case, and George Brett came out to play, so I had him sign it.

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