

## **Neil Elshire - Defensive Coordinator**

**Neil is entering his third stint as a coach at Mountain View and his second as Defensive Coordinator. He has a total of 20 years of high school coaching experience, 9 of those at Mt. View. He began his football career at South Albany High School where he starred on the football field and the basketball court. In 1976, he was selected to the Oregon All-State team in both sports. After graduation he attended the University of Oregon where he played football for the Ducks and earned his BS degree in Political Science. In 1979 Elshire was named to the All Pac-10 team as a defensive end. After graduation he was signed by the NFL's Minnesota Vikings where he played six seasons as a Defensive End. Neil started for the Vikings in 63 regular season games and had 19 career sacks. During the 1983 season, he finished second on the team with 9 ½ sacks. He still has a share of the team record for blocked kicks in a game with two. Since retiring from the NFL following the 1986 season, Elshire has been trading lumber and commodities. He is married to his wife Hayley. They have five children - Molly 35, Erik 32, Elise 29, Adrienne 27 and Tatum 19.**