

J.D. Haglan

J.D. Haglan graduated from Freedom in 1974 and was quarterback for the undefeated 1973 team. His record as a starter was 18-3-1 while earning All-WPIAL and all-state honors. In track, he reached the PIAA Championships in the 120 yard high hurdles and held the Freedom and Beaver County records in the event.

After his career at Freedom, Haglan went to Clemson University to play football and played defensive back and special teams early in his career and wide receiver as a senior, alternating with future NFL star Dwight Clark (San Francisco 49ers). Haglan played in some memorable games as a Clemson Tiger - the 1977 Gator Bowl against Pitt and the 1978 Gator Bowl against Ohio State that marked the end of Woody Hayes' career as the Buckeyes coach.

After graduation from Clemson, J.D. coached at Clemson as a graduate assistant, then coached high school for three years, and college for another 10. He was head coach at Catawba College (NC) and led the team to as high as the 13th spot in the 1991 NAIA poll.

After leaving coaching and a career in sales, Haglan returned to education and is currently a school counselor and martial arts chief instructor at Mooresville High School. A second degree black belt in Chayon-Ryo martial arts, his martial arts class is the first and only known high school martial arts course offering elective course credit. J.D. and his wife Michelle have two sons.

