# WARRIOR FOOTBALL



#### KEEPERS OF THE FLAME



# Warrior Football NATION

Dear Warrior Nation:

As spring sports wind down and teams gear up for the tournament we realize that football season is not that far away. This is a great time of year with alumni returning from college and our seniors looking to prepare to leave for the next chapter in their lives.

I have had the chance to spend time with some MHS graduates like Drew Donnelly, Mike Lane, Kevin Lynch, Josh Minsky, Greg Kilcommons and Jake Kramer. Each of them express how much the Medfield experience has impacted them in their lives beyond high school. As they are entering new phases of their lives they remain thoughtful enough to stay connected to the community of Medfield.

Josh worked with us this year on the sideline and was recently accepted into medical school. Greg and Jake



Kevin Lynch, '06, airing it out for Poland's Warsaw Eagles.

are looking to launch a mentoring program (see page 2). Drew just returned from a semester in Scotland. Mike is joining us on the sidelines this fall and Kevin is experiencing football in another country. All

of them remain commonly tethered to Medfield as they continue to lead successful lives beyond the 02052.

Enjoy the summer.

Coach Ormberg

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Special Points of Interest

KEVIN LYNCH IN
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MENTORING
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Warrior Nation looks to welcome an old friend in Mike Lane. Mike graduated from Medfield in '07 and led the '06 squad to a Super bowl win over Whittier.

Mike will be a part of our football staff this fall. He

graduated from Endicott College this May and will be working with our ninth and tenth grade teams.

While at Endicott Mike had a phenomenal career helping lead the Gulls to the Division III tournament.



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## MENTORING PROGRAM IN THE WORKS

2009 MHS graduates, Jake Kramer and Greg KilCommons approached me with a great idea for our players and alumni.

Their goal is to put together a mentoring program for Medfield alumni and current players.

We are asking any of you that played for Medfield and have since graduated contact Jake or Greg with your email address, cell phone and college where you are or have graduated from.

We hope to share this list with current players and families so when they navigate the future planning landscape they have access to a Medfield player's perspective.

Jake has a similar program in place where he attends school and it has helped with networking, recruiting for jobs and securing internships.

Those of you willing to be on this list can contact either Jake or Greg at:

Jbkramer@colby.edu

or

gcommons76@yahoo.com

### Good Luck To Coach Bill O'Brien



It's not everyday we see a moving truck like this one.

Bill O'Brien took over the reins at Penn State and we wish him the best as he sets out on a new challenge. Coach O'Brien forged a relationship in town with a number of Medfield families.

He added direct outreach to the football program meeting with the staff and the team on two separate occasions. Bill was the offensive coordinator for the Patriots this past year helping lead New England to yet another Super bowl appearance.

# Staff Updates

Here is who you will see on the sidelines this fall....

Head Coach: Erik Ormberg: LBs, RBs, Special Teams Coordinator.

Brian Gavaghan: DBs, WRs, Defensive Coordinator.

Mark Rose: QBs, DEs, Offensive Coordinator.

Kevin Gavaghan: DL/OL

Mike Lane: JV/Freshmen Coach

Matt Marenghi: JV/Freshmen

Coach.

Brian Frazier: Volunteer Scouting

Coordinator.

George Chung: Eighth grade foot-

ball coach.



# WHERE THEY WERE THEN....



# Special Thanks to our Graduating Seniors

We want to extend a special thanks to all of our graduating seniors. We wish them well as they move on to the next phase of their lives.

Thank you for your years of commitment to the Warrior Football

Program.

You may find a few of these guys Doug Nelson in the above picture.

Good luck to:

Ife Adebayo Alex Opiela
Tim Bernard Greg Rose
Conor Davis Joe Shebertes
Cam Donnelly Reece Steever
David Landy Sam Tawa
Warren Lent TJ Valente
Jake Mintz Kevin Wang



Good luck to our soon-to-be alumni

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#### ....One Last Thought....

I want to personally thank Mr. D'Angelo, Mr. Patry and Mr. Adams for volunteering the past few months. Tuesday nights the three of them have been offering a non-mandatory football skills clinic at the high school. This dedication of time and commitment to football is what makes Medfield a special place.

At a coaching clinic last winter one college coach explained to us how he walks around campus asking his players, "When was the last time you were in a stance?" All of us understand how consumed and scheduled kids can be. To be able to offer a voluntary, free clinic for high school kids is a gift not afforded at every high school.

So, thank you to these three dedicated parents who have volunteered in an effort to get our players in a better position to succeed.

# Varsity Schedule for 2012



"In cooperation there is unity, in unity there is purpose, in purpose there is strength."

-Unknown

9/7 7pm @Oliver Ames 9/14 7pm King Philip 9/21 7pm Ashland 9/28 7pm @Holliston 10/6 7pm @Westwood 10/12 7pm @Bellingham 10/19 7pm Norton 10/26 7pm Medway 11/2 7pm @Hopkinton 11/9 7pm Millis 11/22 10am D/S

#### Warrior Calendar

June 12th:

Parent/Player information session, grades 8-11. 6:30pm MHS Auditorium

> <u>July 9th:</u> First day of GUT CAMP

> July 23rd—26th: Junior Warrior Football Academy

August 16th-18th:
Bay State Football Camp
(forms available on Edline)

August 20th: FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE

# A History Lesson from Richard DeSorgher

Medfield High Football; the six-man football years 1938-1943

In 1938, with the senior class of Medfield High School totaling just 21 students and only 6 of them boys, the decision was made to drop regular 11-man football and instead play six-man football. High School Principal Alton Hartford reasoned that "the expenses were less, the danger of injury is slight and the game is faster and more open." According to the 1938-39 Medfield High School Year-book "six-man football is a fast and exciting game played with three men in the line and three men in the backfield. Unlike regular football, the ball must be passed twice before it may be rushed. This and other rules make six-man football more complicated than regular 11-man football, Such features as rubber-cleated shoes, a smaller field and less body contact, make six-man football a safer and faster game than regular football. For these reasons and because of a shortage of players, as well as lack of equipment, Medfield High School in 1938 adopted six-man football.

During the first 6-man football season, Medfield played six games; winning four and losing two. Medfield played The Cambridge School, Acton, Dover twice and Kingston twice. Medfield victories included 33-6 and 26-6 wins over Dover High, a 35-6 win over Acton and a 35-6 victory over The Cambridge School. The highlight was the 33-6 win over Dover. The game started with Medfield receiving and after two pass plays, carried the ball for ten consecutive rushes for the first touchdown. That first score came when Enrico Iafolla took a handoff and scored on a wide end run. The second touchdown was completed on a long pass to John Lyons who pulled in a shoe-string catch in the left corner of the end zone. Medfield would score twice more before the end of the first half. Beginning the second half, the Medfield six carried the ball on consecutive downs for the fifth touchdown. Medfield would later add a field goal before Dover scored late in the forth quarter, missing the point after. Final score Medfield 33- Dover 6.

The following year, 15 boys came out for the team, as Medfield entered its second year of sixman football in 1939. Medfield again compiled a 6-2 record. Game highlights included a 20-6 victory over Dover. Bill Alley scored two touchdowns and John Finase one. Extra points were scored (at the time worth 1-point no mater if it was kicked, passed or rushed) by Robert Chick on a pass from Tom Terrenzi and Bill Alley on a rush over the middle. The victory over the Natick Freshmen team featured touchdowns by Finase and Alley along with two place kick extra points by Terrenzi, making the final score Medfield 20- Natick Freshmen -6.

The match game against Dover again went to Medfield. Dover opened the game with a quick score and held Medfield scoreless going into the locker room at the end of the first half. But three minutes into the second half, John Finase went coast to coast for the score with Bill Alley catching a pass for the point after and tying the game, 7-7. The score remained tie going into the final quarter. Medfield opened the fourth quarter with back-to-back touchdowns; first by Robert Chick then by Tom Terrenzi. Then, with just minutes remaining, James Sproul scored with Pret Bryant rushing in for the point after and giving the blue and gold from Medfield a 26-7 victory over Dover.

Medfield would continue playing six-man football until the fall of 1944 when Medfield High School returned to 11-man football, which we have played ever since.

-Richard DeSorgher