WARRIOR FOOTBALL



KEEPERS OF THE FLAME



Warrior Football NATION @MHSGRIDIRON

Dear Warrior Nation:

Football connects people in a number of ways. A few months ago Millis football player Taylor Sack was injured in a skiing accident and is now partially paralyzed. There has been an outpouring of support from a number of surrounding towns to help the Sack family transition financially and emotionally to this devastating news.

I have always believed that the best parts of Medfield come out in the worst of times. In partnership with the Millis football program and the Norfolk/Millis/Medfield Pop Warner program we are planning to add Millis-Hopedale to our scrimmage schedule for this fall.

Medfield plans on scrimmag-

ing at Millis on FRIDAY,

AUGUST 30th in the evening. We are planning on making this scrimmage free of charge with the hope that people will donate money in support of the Sack Family Trust.

There is a positive, communal and competitive relationship between the Medfield and Millis football programs. With the new statewide scheduling taking over this fall, Coach Olmsted and I thought it was imperative that we keep the Medfield/ Millis rivalry burning bright. We know the competition will be alive and well on Friday, August 30th and we hope that the community shows up as well to help support the Sack Family Trust.

With the season a few short

months away, the coaching staff is gearing up for an active summer preparing for the fall of 2013.

This month we take time to wish our seniors well as they transition to the next phase of their lives.

In an attempt to be more savvy with social media I have set up two Twitter accounts.

You can follow the football program @MHSGRIDIRON and you can follow a grassroots, student-driven club called The WARPATH. You can find out more about Medfield High's version of a SADD club on page 2. And you can follow us there @WARPATH66.

-Coach Ormberg

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HELP SUPPORT TAYLOR SACK



Sack Family Support
Trust
Middlesex Bank
36A Milliston Road
Millis, MA 02054



SOCIAL MEDIA

We hope that you will follow the team and the WARPATH club on twitter. Work is under way to begin an MHS Football Website. Journalistically, we are looking to have a beat writer on staff next fall. I'd like to thank the Writing Center's Mrs.

Farrarhar for her help with this initiative.



Shameless pluq...My old college roommate and former WEEI radio personality Jon Meterparel started up his website. own Please visit it at www.jonmeterparel.co m. Jon has been a fan of the football program and dropped the MEDFIELD name on-air a few times in his career.

@WARPATH66 @MHSGRIDIRON www.jonmeterparel.com

THE WARPATH CAMPAIGN

In December of 2012 a number of our captain-elects visited the MIAA headquarters in Franklin for a leadership summit. Staff members in attendance that day were amazed at the honest discussions that took place after the training. The current juniors, and one

sophomore, in attendance came up with the idea to start Medfield's version of a SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) group. Not wanting to emphasis the negative our group came up with the WAR-P.A.T.H (Warriors Proactively Advocating for Teen

Health). The group is under construction right now, but moving in the right direction. We are planning to kick off our mission with the BLUE & WHITE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. More information will be available in future newsletters.

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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.

Good luck to:

Paul Adams Connor Barrett
Patrick Buscone Matt Casieri
Aaron Cohen Brian D'Amore
Arthur D'Angelo Chris Faro
Brian Gerson Will Giggi
DJ Holman Joe Marie
Caleb Minsky Joey Ouimette
Jack Papadinoff John Pendergast
Connor Quinn Ryan Spillane



Good luck to our soon-to-be alumni

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....One Last Thought....

Too much has been read and written regarding the Boston Bombings for me to succinctly paraphrase anything of any importance....but I will say this. THANK YOU TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS. My brother is an FBI agent who was supposed to come visit us over April vacation. Had he come, NO ONE would have kept him from going to Boston to help out the selfless souls who, when the bombs went off, turned and ran TOWARDS the chaos to help people. To all of our first responders:

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO.



SPRING CONDITIONING TESTS

Most Improved Bench: Most Improved Squat:

Walsh +75 LBS Walsh +170 LBS

Wong +70 LBS Wong +110 LBS

Zlevor +70 LBS Boyarnick +95 LBS

Most Improved Clean:

Wong +60 LBS

Taylor +60 LBS

Jackson +50 LBS

Congratulations to these Warriors for the most documented weight lifting improvements in the past calendar year.

A Medfield Football Legend

"Huck Finn, Medfield's Football Legend"

He was the closest thing a high school can have to a legend. Forty-seven years after he first came to Medfield High School from Hingham, in 1966 as a junior, his name is still being talked about in town. This past week he died in Florida at the age of 62. He was, of course, Greg Finn, known to everyone as Huck Finn. He was without a doubt one of the best football players ever to play for Medfield High School.

As Tim Flarity said about him in an article written in the *Medfield Hometown Weekly*, "while intense on the field, he was free and easy off of it. He definitely carried himself with a swagger. Since he was blessed with good looks, he was often compared to Elvis Presley, from the way he combed his hair, to the way he performed his gun slinger dance on the dance floor of Medfield High. He was also a very loyal friend to all." He was the anchor of the Medfield High '66 and '67 varsity football teams. Medfield won the championship in 1966 and 1967, the first two years of the new Tri-Valley League, under Finn and would go on to win the next two years as well, giving the Warriors the first four TVL Championships. Together, Finn and his teammates comprised the heart and soul of those championship teams. He instilled toughness and persistence in all team members by reminding all, 'Never give up and enjoy each day as if it were your last.'

After graduating from Medfield High in 1968, Finn went on to McCook Junior College in Nebraska, where he played the guard and linebacker positions. He was selected on the All American Junior College Conference Squad by the Grid-Wire rating service.

In 1970, when it came time to transfer to another college for his junior year, he chose Marshall University in West Virginia over Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide at the University of Alabama. Finn's choice of Marshall, with a full scholarship, allowed him to start immediately on the varsity squad. As number 64, he continued to make the football headlines. Finn was even considering a career in the pros. "His near mythic life was so successful, it almost seemed as if he was Superman leaving the phone booth."

It was while playing for Marshall that a bad knee injury prevented Finn from joining the team for a game against East Carolina University. Suddenly, on the return trip from North Carolina, the Marshall plane crashed in which the entire football team, coaches, boosters and family members were killed in a fiery crash. Finn was devastated, just as if he lost his family. He also began to question a higher power as to why he was spared in life.

With that plane crash, Finn underwent a life and career change. Due to his bad knees, his football days ended. He tried to enlist in the U.S. Army but due to the damaged knees was turned down. The Vietnam War was ending. He wanted to serve his country but was now unable to. He began an ocean fishing business in Florida. When Hollywood became interested in the Marshall story for a movie, he become an adviser to the movie crew for the hit movie, *We are Marshall*. His love for his friends, ocean fishing and his willingness to always be available to help out the underdog were his hallmarks.