



NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION

Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter

Chapter Newsletter

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Greetings and Happy 2017 from the Grinold Chapter! The holidays normally bring time for both reflection on the past and hope for the upcoming year. The Executive Committee and Board of Directors have taken time to celebrate our successes in 2016, seize areas of opportunity for the Chapter, and plan to make 2017 our best year yet.

Lupoli and Silva Named Award Winners

The recipients of two of the three major awards presented by the Grinold Chapter were selected last summer and announced at December's Annual Board of Directors meeting. The Chapter is pleased to present the 2017 Ron Burton Distinguished American Award to former Northeastern standout **Sal Lupoli**, and the Ed Schluntz Contributions to Amateur Football Award to Marshfield High School Head Coach **Lou Silva**.



Lupoli captained the Huskies his senior season, coming to Huntington Avenue from Chelmsford where he had also captained the football team. His football skills took him to England and Europe where he played professionally in the American Football League. Lupoli's love for the game never waned and he has spent the past 13 years as a coach at Chelmsford High. He also served for 10 years as a Pop Warner coach in Chelmsford, seven of which he was the league president.

In addition to his work with the youth of Chelmsford, Lupoli is the founder and president of Lupoli Companies, a multi-dimensional corporation including real estate and hospitality holdings, the most well know of which is Sal's Pizza. He serves on the boards of numerous community organizations and has been recognized with numerous awards for his community service and contributions.

Silva has led Marshfield since 1981, after serving as an assistant coach at the school for the prior eight years. Silva went to Marshfield after a strong career at Boston College where he started at outside linebacker from 1969-1971. In his time at Marshfield, where he was also the Director of Athletics, Silva has won 228 games and five MIAA Super Bowl Championships, the most recent of which came in 2014.

Prior to B.C., Silva was a three-sport athlete at Durfee High School. In addition to football, Silva was the center on the basketball team and threw the discus and shot put for the track & field team. His discus record at Durfee stands to this day.



Lupoli and Silva will receive their awards at the 2017 Chapter Scholar-Athlete Banquet which will be held at the Boston/Newton Marriot on Sunday, May 21.

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Scholar-Athlete Update

Many of our Scholar-Athlete alumni have gone on to extremely successful collegiate careers, and our recent classes are no exception. This past season four members of our recent classes were named to All-New England Teams by the New England Football Writers (NEFW). Named to the Division I team was **Alex Jette**, from our class of 2013, a wide receiver from North Attleboro who has starred at Brown University, Jette's teammate **Will Twyman**, a linebacker from Lincoln-Sudbury who was a member of the class of 2012, and 2014 class member **Connor Strachan**, a St. Sebastian's graduate who is a linebacker for the B.C. Eagles.



Perhaps the most successful of our recent alums is **Chance Brady**, a running back from Haverhill who re-wrote the Tufts University record books on his way to his second consecutive New England Small College Athletic Conference Player of the Year award. In addition, Brady earned two NEFW Weekly Gold Helmet awards in 2016 and was the season-long Gold Helmet recipient as the outstanding player in New England Division II/III. Additionally, he was named the winner of the Joe Zabalski Award given by the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston to the outstanding Division III Offensive Player in New England.

The Class of 2016 also had some impact players in their first year of college play:

- **Nick Allsop**, Xaverian Brothers, Brown — Played on offensive line for the Bears.
- **Nic Canal**, Hopkinton, Cornell — Played tight end for The Big Red.
- **Jay Carnevale**, St. John's Prep, Brown — Played on offensive line for the Bears.
- **James Cooke**, King Philip, Massachusetts Maritime — Played seven games on the offensive line for the Buccaneers.
- **Dom Cozier**, Milton Academy, Holy Cross — Played nine games at running back for the Crusaders, starting four. He had 50 carries for 219 yards and three touchdowns and also caught six passes for 29 yards.
- **Nat Deacon**, Milton Academy, Bowdoin — Played three games on the defensive line for the Polar Bears and made four tackles.
- **Connor Downs**, Foxborough, Bowdoin — Played linebacker for the Polar Bears.
- **Oliver Eberth**, St. John's Prep, Amherst — Played in three games for Amherst and was 2 of 4 passing for 13 yards and ran six times for 21 yards.
- **Robert Fitzgerald**, Central Catholic, Stonehill — Played 10 games at defensive back for the Skyhawks.
- **Matt Flanagan**, Lincoln-Sudbury, Bates — Played offensive line for the Bobcats.
- **Will Johnson**, BC High, Princeton — Played wide receiver for the Tigers
- **Arman Koul**, Andover, Johns Hopkins— Played eight games at defensive end and made four tackles.
- **Brendan Lynch**, BC High, Brown — Played on the offensive line for the Bears.
- **Kevin Lyons**, Weymouth, MIT — Played four games for the Engineers at defensive back and made one tackle.
- **Jack Masterson**, Marshfield, Merrimack — Played quarterback for Warriors.
- **Jack O'Brien**, Catholic Memorial, Bates — Played offensive line for Bobcats.
- **Elijah Pierre**, Xaverian Brothers, Brown — Played defensive tackle for the Bears
- **Sean Smialek**, Dartmouth, Massachusetts Maritime — Played linebacker for the Buccaneers and in seven games had six tackles.

Thanks to Chapter President **Bob Holmes** for doing the research on these student-athletes.

Coaches Corner



Steve Addazio

Congratulations to Chapter Board of Directors members **Steve Addazio**, **Brad Bates** and **Barry Gallup** for Boston College's strong finish to the season and big win over Maryland in the Quick Lane Bowl.

Tufts' **Jay Civetti** led the Jumbos to a 7-1 record and a second place finish in the NESCAC. In the past four years the Jumbos have gone from 0-8 to 4-4, then 6-2, and this year's 7-1.

Framingham State's **Tom Kelley**'s team captured the inaugural New England Division III Bowl as his Rams used a late goal line stand to defeat Salve Regina University 37-34 in Newport.

Chapter First Vice President and Clinic Coordinator **Charlie Stevenson**'s charges advanced to the Division I MIAA Super Bowl, although Xaverian bowed to Everett and 2012 Schluntz Award recipient **John DiBiao** 21-7.

Grinold Challenge

For the past five years, our Chapter's namesake **Jack Grinold** has pledged to match any donation to the Chapter from our members. In the five years of the Grinold Challenge, thanks to our members' generosity and most especially to Jack, we have added nearly \$18,500 to our coffers. Our sincere appreciation goes out to all who have contributed.



Membership

Our Chapter membership continues to hover just below the century mark, and one of the Chapter's goals in 2017 is to break that barrier. We have challenged every member of the Board of Directors to sign up just one additional member, and we would appreciate any recruiting efforts by our regular membership to assist in fortifying our numbers. Membership information is on line at <http://www.grinoldchapter.com/membership.html>

Scholar-Athlete/Daly Awards

Applications are available for the 2017 Class of the Chapter Scholar-Athlete Awards on line at <http://www.grinoldchapter.com/awards.html>. All coaches should nominate deserving senior student-athletes by February 2, and the nominations should be sent to Selection Chair **Bob Bancroft** in PDF format.

On the collegiate level, we are accepting nominations for the Jack Daly Award for Academics, Citizenship, and Football, our third major award. Nomination forms have been e-mailed to all college coaches and sports information directors in the Chapter footprint and are also available at <http://www.grinoldchapter.com/awards.html>. Daly Award nominations are also due February 2.

Scholar-Athlete Banquet



The Chapter's 42nd Annual Scholar-Athlete Banquet will be held Sunday, May 21, 2017, at the Boston/Newton Marriott. The 2017 Scholar Athlete Class of the chapter will be honored as will the Schluntz, Burton and Daly Award recipients. The banquet is one week later this year than in the past as the regular date conflicts with Mothers Day. A reception will begin at 5:00, with dinner to follow at 6:00. For further information go to <http://www.grinoldchapter.com/annual-scholar-athlete-banquet.html>.

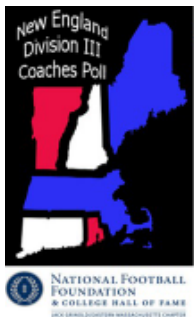
Coaches Clinic

The Annual Chapter Coaches Clinic will again be held at Boston College in 2017. The Yawkey Center is the location, with a date yet to be determined. Our thanks go out to Director of Athletics Brad Bates, Senior Associate Director Barry Gallup, and Head Coach Steve Addazio and his staff for all the work they put into making the Clinic the tremendous success it is every year. Please keep an eye on <http://www.grinoldchapter.com/chapter-coaches-clinic.html> for registration information.



Odds and Ends

For the second consecutive year the Grinold Chapter has partnered with the New England Football Writers to present the weekly and seasonal Gold Helmet Awards. During the season the awards are given to the Division I and Division II/III collegiate players who had the most outstanding performance in games of the previous weekend. At the conclusion of the year the NEFW presents season long awards to the best players in those Divisions. As mentioned before, Chance Brady of Tufts was the Division II/III recipient, and Boston College defensive end Harold Landry was the Division I selection.



In 2016 the Chapter took over the New England Division III poll. **Jim Seavey** volunteered to revamp, conduct and publicize the poll each week. Jim recruited 12 Division III coaches from all over New England representing each New England state and each Division III conference in the region. The poll was conducted each week from September 26-November 14. Western New England University of the New England Football Conference was ranked #1 from wire to wire in the poll. The Golden Bears won their first 11 games, before bowing out in the second round of the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament.

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