



NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION

Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter Chapter Newsletter

Fall, 2014

It is difficult to believe that we're about halfway through the 2014 football season. So far it's been a great one in New England with generally good weather and some quality football being played at all levels.

CONCUSSION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Concussion Committee, formed at last December's Chapter Board of Directors meeting, has been working diligently on finding ways to reduce the incidents of this ever more troubling blight on the sport of football. The Committee has decided that the best way for our Chapter to approach the topic is to do what we can to educate coaches and players as to proper tackling techniques. Studies have shown that the majority of concussions sustained in the sport are from improper tackling.



The Concussion Committee found three instructional videos on proper tackling fundamentals, including one featuring Seattle Seahawks coach Pete Carroll. We have had the videos edited together into one presentation and the finished product has been placed on the Chapter website at <http://www.grinoldchapter.com/chapter-safer-tackling-instructional-video.html>.

We encourage all coaches at all levels to watch the videos and incorporate these safer tackling techniques in the instruction of their players.

GRIDIRON CLUB NFL MAN OF THE YEAR DINNER



On Thursday, October 30, the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston will hold the first of its three annual award nights. The 19th Annual NFL Legends Dinner will honor former Ohio State and New England Patriot's defensive back **Tim Fox**.

The evening at the Burlington Marriott will begin with a social hour at 6:00pm followed by dinner at 7:00. Tickets are \$60 each or \$600 for a table of nine hosted by a former NFL player. To order, call club secretary **Dick Lawrence** at 781-929-3650.

GRINOLD CHALLENGE UPDATE

The third **Jack Grinold** Challenge has officially ended. Thanks to donations from a number of our members, between the donated money and Jack's generous match, we've added \$4,120 to our treasury. Thanks again to all of you who contributed, and special thanks to Jack for his generosity.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE BANQUET

Following the unanimous excellent reviews of last year's Scholar-Athlete Banquet, we have again contracted with the Boston/Newton Marriott to host the 2015 Banquet. The date will be Sunday, May 3, 2015. Save the date!

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SCHOLAR-ATHLETE UPDATE

Earlier this fall the National Football Foundation released the names of the 2014 high school student –athletes from every chapter that planned on playing college football. Our Chapter led the list with the greatest number of players that intended to continue their football careers in college. Here’s how some of them are doing through games of October 18:

- **Jon Baker**, Millis/Boston College – A back-up offensive lineman for the Eagles (they start five graduate students)
- **Sam Benger**, Hingham/Carnegie Mellon – Has rushed for 216 yards in six games on 31 carries including a 19 carry 139 yard effort against Grove City College
- **Zach Duguid**, Beverly/MIT – Back-up offensive lineman
- **Daniel Fulham**, St. Sebastian’s/Middlebury – Four receptions in five games for 41 yards
- **James Hendren**, Dexter/Boston College – A back-up offensive lineman for the Eagles (they start five graduate students)
- **Drew Jacobs**, Milton Academy/Middlebury – The Panther’s leading rusher with 276 yards on 85 carries in five games
- **Shayne Kaminski**, Xaverian/Wesleyan – Has appeared in two of five games
- **Grant Kramer**, Duxbury/U.S. Military Academy – Back-up offensive lineman
- **Eric Kushner**, Sharon/Colgate – Backup linebacker
- **Dylan Oxsen**, Plymouth South/Assumption – Appeared in the last two games with five carries for 36 yards
- **Connor Strachan**, St. Sebastian’s/Boston College – Has appeared in seven games making seven tackles including a half sack
- **Marcus Urann**, Duxbury/MIT – Appeared in two games making one tackle



Drew Jacobs

GORMAN HONORED FOR SPORTS INFORMATION WORK



Grinold Chapter Executive Board member and Treasurer **Bill Gorman** has recently received the Irving T. Marsh Award given by the Eastern College Athletic Conference - Sports Information Directors’ Association. Gorman, the Associate Director of Athletics at Wentworth Institute of Technology, is also the Director of Athletic Compliance, Intercollegiate Athletics Scheduling Coordinator and in charge of financial operations for WIT’s athletic department. The inscription on his award reads, “For dedication and contributions to, and excellence in, the field of collegiate sports information”. Congratulations, Bill!

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