



NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION

Jack Grinold Eastern Massachusetts Chapter Chapter Newsletter

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It's hard to believe another season has passed for most in New England. Congratulations to those of you whose teams fared well and for those that didn't, we'll look forward to next year. Even though most seasons have ended, it remains an exciting time of year as all-star teams are announced and the high school championships take center stage.

Murphy , Kelley Take Collegiate Titles



Tom Kelley

Congratulations to Grinold Chapter members **Tim Murphy** and **Tom Kelley** for leading their teams to championships. Harvard earned one of three pieces of the Ivy League crown, while Kelley directed Framingham State to the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference title and a berth in the NCAA Division III Playoffs. Additionally coach **Jay Civetti** led Tufts to a third place finish in the New England Small College Athletic Conference with a 6-2 record, no small feat considering entering the 2014 season Tufts had been riding a four year losing streak. It was the Jumbos' best season since 2001.



Tim Murphy

Murphy was featured in an article in *Harvard Magazine* this fall entitled, "Tim Murphy is Harvard's Greatest Football Coach". You can access the article at this web address: <http://harvardmagazine.com/2015/11/murphy-time>

In addition, Chapter members **Don Brown** (Boston College) and **Dick Yule** (Curry College) were named the Division I FBS and the Division III Assistant Coaches of the Year respectively by the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston.

Gold Helmets & Other Honors

A pair of Grinold Chapter Scholar-Athletes from our class of 2013 were named the recipient of the New England Football Writers Weekly Gold Helmet Award during this past season. **Alex Jette** (North Attleboro), a wide receiver/kick returner from Brown University, and Tufts University running back **Chance Brady** (Haverhill) each received the honor which recognizes the outstanding performance by a player in Division I FBS/FCS and Division II/III each week. Both juniors, Jette earned the honor after making 16 catches for 216 yards against Holy Cross, while Brady rushed for 212 yards on 27 carries with two touchdowns in Tufts' victory over Colby. 2015 marked the first year that the Grinold Chapter has been the title sponsor of the Gold Helmet Awards.



Alex Jette



Chance Brady

Several members of the Grinold Chapter Class of 2013 had superb years at their collegiate institutions:

- Craig Anderson (Franklin/Endicott) – New England Football Conference first-team defensive line, CoSIDA Academic All-District
- Lucas Bavaro (St. John’s Prep/Dartmouth) – CoSIDA Academic All-District
- Chance Brady (Haverhill/Tufts) – New England Small College Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year, first-team running back
- Dakota Girard (Nauset/Brown) – Ivy League honorable mention offensive line, CoSIDA Academic All-District
- Alex Jette (North Attleboro/ Brown) – Ivy League first team wide receiver, honorable mention return specialist
- Mike Rando (Walpole/Tufts) – New England Small College Athletic Conference second-team return specialist

In addition from the class of 2012:

- Will Twyman (Lincoln-Sudbury/Brown) – Ivy League second-team linebacker

And from the class of 2014:

- Jon Baker (Millis/Boston College) – Started at center
- Connor Strachan (St. Sebastian’s/Boston College) – Started at linebacker

Xaverian Plays in Fenway and Other High School Happenings

Grinold Chapter second vice-president **Charlie Stevenson** led his Xaverian High School team on to the field at Fenway Park on Thanksgiving Day, the first day in 80 years that high school football had been played at the iconic park. The Hawks left the field with a 14-0 victory over St. Johns’ Prep of Danvers and the Catholic Conference title. They’ll next play for the Division I State Championship against Central Catholic at Gillette Stadium on December 5 with an approximate game time of 8:00 PM.

Chapter member **Tim Morris** has also led his charges to the state championship game. Morris’ Melrose Red Raiders have a 12-0 record and a date with Dartmouth High School in the Division 3 championship scheduled for 3:30 PM.

The complete schedule:

Division 5	East Bridgewater vs. Northbridge	9:00 a.m.
Division 6	Mashpee vs. St. Bernard’s	11:00 a.m.*
Division 4	Holliston vs. Chicopee Comp	1:30 p.m.*
Division 3	Melrose vs. Dartmouth	3:30 p.m.*
Division 2	Nashoba vs. Reading	6:00 p.m.*
Division 1	Xaverian vs. Central Catholic	8:00 p.m.*

**All game times approximate*



Tickets for the Gillette Stadium/MIAA Tournament experience are on sale via Ticketmaster, and will be available on game day at the Gillette Stadium Ticket Office, located outside the Patriot Place Gate, beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5. All fans will enter the stadium via the Patriot Place Gate in NRG Plaza, located near the ticket office.

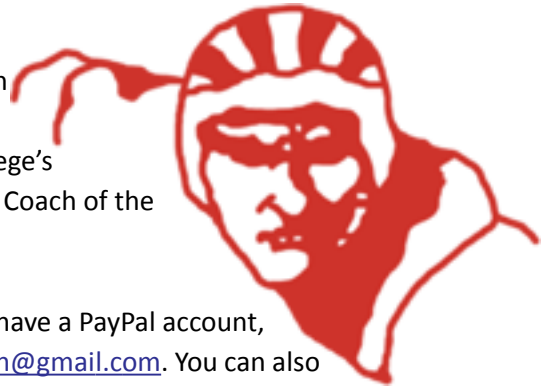
High School Happenings (continued)

Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$14 for students/senior citizens. Children 5 years old and younger will receive free admission. The ticket price includes parking, admission to all six MIAA state championship football games and a game day discount of \$3 at The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon. Also included in the price of each ticket is a \$2.55 Town of Foxborough User Charge.

For those who can't make the games, the entire slate will be cablecast on Comcast Sportsnet and 98.5 The Sports Hub.

Gridiron Club Event

The Gridiron Club of Greater Boston will host its annual Bob Whelan College Awards night on Thursday, December 17 at the Burlington Marriott Hotel. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, Boston College's Don Brown and Curry College's Dick Yule will each receive Assistant Coach of the Year Awards among the 17 Awards presented during the evening.



Tickets for the event are \$75 each or \$750 for a table of ten. If you have a PayPal account, you can purchase tickets by sending funds directly to gridclubboston@gmail.com. You can also order online at www.gridclubofgreaterboston.com, or call club secretary Dick Lawrence at (781) 929-3650. The social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:00.

Membership

Membership in the Chapter continues to creep ever closer to the century mark. As of November 24 our number stood at 98. Four years ago our membership was 46. We want to thank everyone who has joined and renewed memberships, and we encourage each member to go and solicit just one new member every year to help keep our chapter vibrant and strong.

