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2008 CD Football Highlights

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East-West All-Star Game

Senior Wide Receiver Kyle Jackson was selected to play in the Pennsylvania East-West All-Star Game which is scheduled for Friday June 19 at Mansion Park in Altoona. Kickoff is set for 6 pm and it will be televised live on the Pennsylvania Cable Network. The Ram Family congratulates Kyle and wishes him the best!

Who's Going to College? Class of 2009

Name	College
Chas Evans	Widener
Dan Fisher	Bloomsburg
Jason Harfman	Penn State University (Behrend College)
lan Isaac	Geneva
Kyle Jackson	Bloomsburg
Rees Judge	Millersville
Eric Leach	Harrisburg Area Community College
Jack Lippert	Pittsburgh
Colin O'Connor	Duquesne
Justin Shirk	Bloomsburg
Matt Snell	West Chester
Tyler Thompson	Moravian
Matt Whitlock	Devry College

Chas Evans, Dan Fisher, Kyle Jackson, Rees Judge, Justin Shirk, Jack Lippert, Tyler Thompson, and Ian Isaac plan on playing football in college.

Who's Going to College?



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L-R: Earl Hoffman & Steve Straining





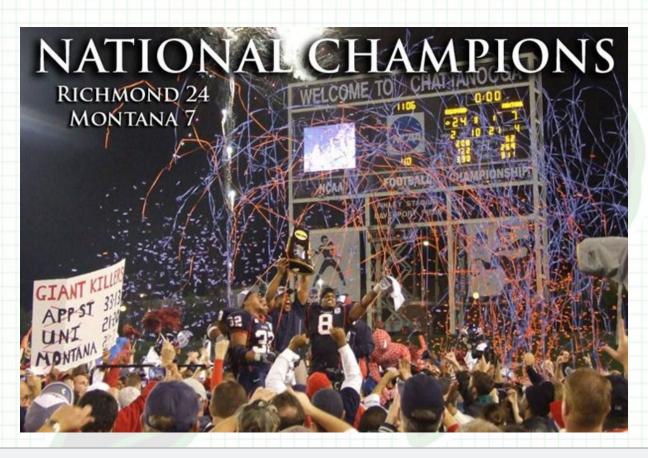


The drawing was held on Monday, March 9, 2009, at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Speed Ebersole Weightroom Expansion at Central Dauphin High School. Winning tickets were drawn by Earl Hoffman, Owner of Hoffman Fordland, assisted by Steve Straining, CD Rams Club President.

Thank you again for your support of our student athletes and the Central Dauphin Football program.

Additional information available at <u>www.cdramsclub.com</u> Direct questions to <u>carraffle@cdramsclub.com</u> or (717)418-3338.

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Jordan Mitchell 2008 National Champions

We are so happy for Jordan Mitchell and his teammates at Richmond. It is a great accomplishment to claim the title of national champions. We are very proud to claim Jordan as a member of the Ram Football Family because he continues to represent our program in such a positive way, not only through his performance on the field but also his personality. He is a testament to what hard work and dedication can do for an athlete. I want to congratulate him and wish him the best of luck in the future.





Big 33 PA Team Announced

Jack Lippert was named Second Team All State on Defence for AAAA. The Pennsylvania Football Coaches Association had named Tim Janocko, the head coach of Clearfield High School, as the head coach of the 2009 PNC Big 33 Pennsylvania High School All-Star football team that will play Ohio on June 20th, 2009 at Hersheypark Stadium. The Association also appointed five other head coaches to assist Janocko. They are Assistant Coach Frank Gay, Red Land; Glen McNamee, Central Dauphin; Mike Ricci, Granet Valley; Jim Wells, General McIane; and Brian Fluck, West Catholic. The Pennsylvania team will be introduced at the PA Governor's Mansion in Harrisburg on February 16th at 10:30 AM. Founded in 1957, The Big 33 Scholarship Foundation had since provided 3,288 academic scholarships to college-bound students. The Big 33 is the producer of the annual PNC Big 33 football Classic. The nationally acclaimed and televised PNC Big 33 Football Bowl has provided at least one player in each NFL Super Bowl Roster since the Super Bowl was founded. Currently the Big 33 had representation on 11 or the 12 NFL 2008 playoff teams. Our philosophy is to make sure the PNC Big 33 Football Classic is much more than just a game. We institute and build activities around events involving Big 33 players, Big 33 Cheerleaders, buddies, host families and scholarship winners. The organization's primary mission is to showcase excellence in youth.



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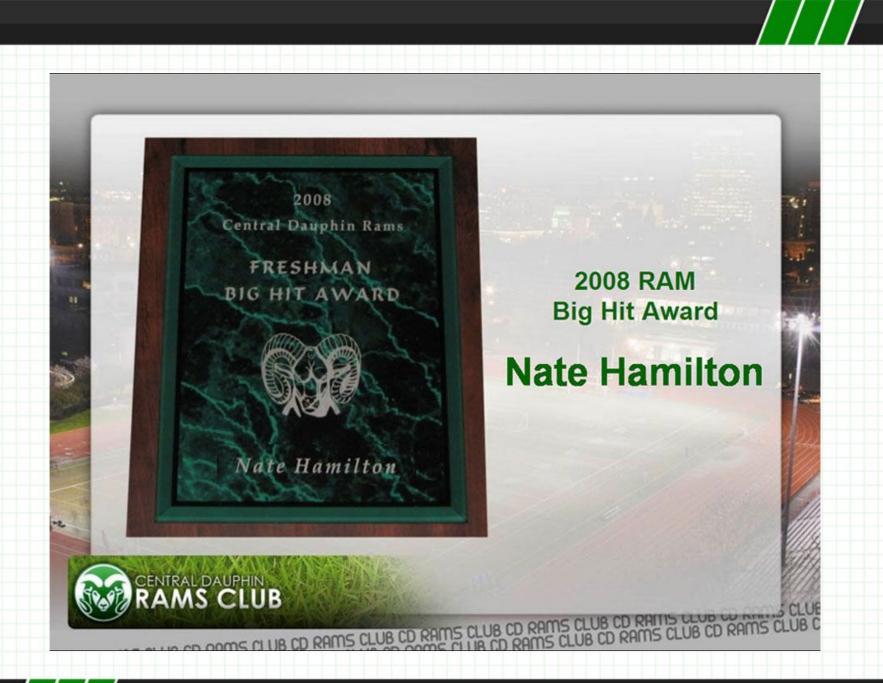
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2008 RAM MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

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Justin Shirk

Offensive Most Valuable Player

Jack Lippert Defensive Most Valuable Player

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Gift for Coach Mac



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The mysterious history behind the pasta parties has finally been pieced together, thanks to the help of a few interested football parents with very good memories.

As Coach Denny has said, the pasta parties started back in 2002 by Mrs. Dottie Bernatos, and her son, Tony.







"It happened by chance, really" said Mrs. Bernatos as she recalled how it all began. "One of my son's friends, Nick Austin, came home with him after practice one night and we happened to be having spaghetti. It's one of Tony's favorites. His dad's family is Italian and they make their own sauce, so I was never 'allowed' to buy spaghetti sauce. They like it a little spicier than normal. Nick loved the spaghetti and I told him he could come over any time. Within a day, the word had spread and Tony asked if I minded if 'a few of the guys' came next week....and so it started."

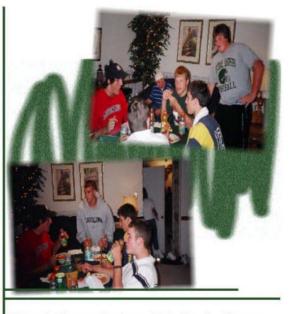
This tradition brought the team closer as it does now, through many enjoyable memories and good food. It took longer than it does now becaue Mrs. Bernatos was doing all of the cooking from scratch by herself, but she did often have help from other parents and coaches with serving and cleaning.

"We had coaches in the kitchen," she said, "and Coach Denny was often found doing dishes." Of the many memories that these parties created, Mrs. Bernatos remembers one party in particular when the team decided to play a little prank on one of their friends.

"One of the players was claiming how he 'really liked his sauce spicy hot'. He went out to his car to get something and the other boys put more hot peppers in his sauce and stirred it up. I think he sweated for days, but he didn't let on he finished it all."

As many parents have said, this is really where they have time to bond and become more than a team. This is where the memories are created and friendships are begun. Years after, it is almost comical to think that such a unique and favorite tradition among the team started from something as simple as inviting a friend over to diner, yet that is the reason behind the madness.





"It's actually very nice to see that other families are continuing what started simply as a friend staying for dinner. Things like that really do turn a team into a family," said Mrs. Bernatos. She continued to say that, "I think the best ideas come from simple, practical ideas. You can't start out to "make a tradition" - they just happen."

Since so much time has passed since the tradition was started, Mrs. Bernatos says that, "I definitely miss it. Every now and then I'll run into one of the players at the grocery store and get a big hug. They threaten to come back for pasta and I tell them that they're always welcome. That truly was a special time. Now that Tony's been deployed with the Army National Guard as a combat medic and headed to Iraq, it really makes you want to go back and stop the clock."

Special thanks to Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Bernatos for all of their help with finding pictures and relating the history For the past four years, the class of 2008 has put in the time and the work. They've studied hard in school to stay off the ineligibility list and on the team. They have gone to practice and worked even harder to be able to play in the game every Friday night. This year alone, they have stepped up and become the leaders of the team for the younger players, teaching them to become better players under their guidance. In their final year of high school, they are now looking towards graduating and deciding what they want to do next. For many, they are receiving college acceptance letters and hopefully a scholarship as the year progresses. Others are going to join the army or do ROTC training.

This past Friday's game against Lower Dauphin was dubbed Senior Night, only a small tribute to everything they have accomplished and worked painstakingly hard towards these past four years. Next spring they are graduating, an event that most are looking forward to anxiously.





"I'm really excited for it, and I can't wait for it to happen," said wide receiver Rees Judge. "It'll be emotional because I'll be leaving many of my friends behind, but I can't wait to graduate."

Even though it will be a bittersweet moment for many, and they are eager to be moving on to bigger and better things, they'll be leaving with many fond memories of their high school days.

"I think my favorite moment of high school was in tenth grade when my chemistry teacher made this huge explosion and caught something on fire," said lineman Jason Harfmann with a smile.

"I loved going to team camp. Just messing around with the team, and then going up to Knobles," said Judge of his favorite football memories.

Lineman Colin O'Connor said, "My junior year when we beat Bishop McDevitt has to be my favorite moment as a member of the football team. That was a great win. I mean the whole team was just amazing. It was great when everyone said we weren't going to win, and then we came out on top. It was really amazing."

"The thing I'm going to miss the most about the team is the team work, everyone coming together and having fun. I'm going to miss some of these team mates too," O'Connor continued to say.

Coach McNamee has said time and time again that one of his most important goals in coaching this team is to establish team unity. That is the leading motivation behind many of his team programs, such as Community Connections and the pasta meals. Having said that, there can be no greater pleasure than to hear that it is one of the factors many of the guys will miss the most about the team. The second would have to be the honor they feel from being a part of it.

O'Connor said, "I feel special, even privileged to be going out on the field every Friday and having all those people watching me."

"It's pretty amazing, because when I was a freshman I would be out there in the stands watching the game," said Judge. "I know that there are probably other kids like me watching, that want to join the team once they get to high school too."

As they graduate this spring and make their next steps into the world, they all have advice for the freshman that seems to echo one another: Do the work.







"Work hard, keep up your grades in school, and just have fun with it," answered Judge. "Academics first," replied Harfmann, "then go to all the spring and summer work

"Keep trying, because it changes every week. Just because you're not starting one week doesn't mean that you won't start the next," said O'Connor. "Do your best and the coaches will see and put you in more."

With these words of wisdom, there is only one thing left to be said and Rees Judge does it quite nicely with these two words: Go Rams!













"It's time to rack in the cash," said Steven Brandes in his speech to the team this Thursday. He was talking, of course, about the Williamsport Millionaires and how he had hopes of demolishing them this Friday. His prediction for the game was 38 to 9, Central Dauphin. The team exceeded his expectations as they went on to score 45 points against the Millionaires' 14. We racked in the cash alright, and then we threw it in the air and danced around in it too.

Steve's favorite play of the game:

It was during the third quarter of the game when Justin Shirk pulled a quarter back sneak and ran the ball 64 yards into the end zone for a touch down.

"The corner tried to tackle me and I made a miss," said Justin on the bus ride home after the game. "I just started running down the sidelines as fast as I could. Once I got around the corner I knew I was going to make it. The line was blocked real well during that play. Everything just worked out real well."



Coach Bushong's favorite play of the game:

Right after Justin scored his touchdown, running back Kyle Wolfe felt the need to out do him. Once he got the ball he ran it 67 yards down the field for a touchdown, as the crowd jumped out of their seats with excitement.



Coach Duttenhoffer's favorite play of the game:

Before the first half ended, Dan Fischer took the field to make a field goal kick that he has only made once before. 41 yards from the goal posts, he made the ball soar through the air for three points more points.

"It was a tough one because I missed the field goal drive before that," said Dan. "It was a good hold by Tyler Thompson and a good snap by Matt Hielig, all I did was the easy part."





Kasey Varner's favorite play of the game:

Shortly after Dan Fisher punted the ball for the kick off, wide receiver and defensive back Rees Judge snatched the ball out of the air as the Williamsport quarterback threw the ball to one of his own wide receivers. Not only did this interception get the Rams possesion of the ball, but it also set Justin Shirk up close to the end zone when he scored a touchdown two downs later.



With their less than encouraging record for away games, the Central Dauphin football team hit the road once more, to play Carlisle High School at their homecoming game. Unfortunately, there was no stop at Hoss's this time, butthere were many other high notes during the night's game. As Steve Brandes said the day before the game, "We've had a solid practice all week, and it is important to have a strong ending practice." With these encouraging sentiments, and a large group of loyal fans, the Rams took the field.





"Usually the home field advantage has to do with sounds from the fans," said Doug Fisher, Dan Fisher's father, as he watched the game from the stands. "We go to a lot of away games where we have as many or more fans than the home team. We take busses full of fifty people, and I bet we have two thirds as many fans as Carlisle does right now, and its their homecoming. We have a very loyal fan base."





Another one of the bigger challenges of playing an away game? The differences in the field. From small, almost unnoticeable things to the crowd such as turf versus grass, or the way the field was designed to drain when it rains, all of these things add up to create minor difficulties for a visiting team.

"As a rule, I think our guys play hard at every game, no matter the obstacles," said Tina Thompson, Tyler Thompson's mom.

"I don'treally see a difference in the way the team plays. I think, if anything, they play even harder at away games." said Matt Lapkowicz, one of the team's managers. "I think they're biggest challenge is going to another field, and playing against the other team's crowd, especially if they're loud."

No matter the difficulty, the team managed to put their away game record behind them as they blew Carlisle's team away. By the end of the first half, the score was 28 to nothing and the coaches started to send in the second string.

Moved to quarterback for this game, Justin Shirk scored two touchdowns, and ran the ball 133 yards. Earning more points than anyone else during that game, linebacker Kyle Wolfe scored 18 of the 38 points. Last but not least, Running back Matt Snell scored a touchdown during



the third quarter, ending the third quarter, ending the game with a score of 38 to 7, not a homecoming that Carlisile will want to remember.





"One of my favorite quotes is from Barack Obama," said senior captain and running back Matt Snell in the locker room after the game on Friday. At this, a few guys tried to laugh, or even smile through the tears that were silently falling. Matt even stifled a laugh, but managed to continue with a smile on his face as he glanced around the room at his teammates. "He said, 'People will say not to give false hope, that your doubters will grow louder and more disciplined. But in this unlikely story that is America, there is nothing false about hope.' Well guys, there isn't anything false in what we believed in this season, and I just want to say thank you for never stopping to believe.'

It was definitely an emotional game on Friday, for more reasons than one. After being down 24 - 7 at half time, Central Dauphin had an inconceivable comeback, bringing the possibility of a victory within arm's reach. With some impressive plays made by both the offense and the defense it would make even the biggest doubters think that maybe, just maybe, this team had a chance.

The team was believing, and they were praying, and they brought the score to 31 - 28, with six minutes left on the board. Governor Mifflin had possession of the ball, and as our defense fought to regain it, nothing happened. With a minute left on the board, Governor Mifflin just let the clock run without giving us a shot to do much of anything. We never got the ball, and as the clock ticked out the final seconds of the game, the other team began to walk off the field when our guys were ready for a fight.







"You guys should be really proud of yourselves," said one of the fathers as he embraced his son. "You showed a lot of character out there. There were plenty of times when you could have given up, but no one did."

Through all of the tears, the guys met in the locker room for the last time to say their final good-byes to the coaches and the team. The captains managed to pull themselves above of the melancholy to give their thoughts to the team. It's the end of the season, and for many, the last time they might ever see some of these guys, let alone play football with them. As hard as Coach McNamee has strived to build bonds between these teammates, it is even more difficult to watch when the realization hits that it's all over.

Eric Leach, a linebacker, said, "This is my first year playing for Central Dauphin, and it was a little sad watching all of the friends I made this year as we lost the game."

"The thing that I'm going to miss the most is the players, and joking around in the locker room together."











Coach McNamee talked with each player as they walked out of the locker room that night, giving everyone a few fond parting words, only adding to the emotion. Players hugged and brought up favorite memories together. It was enough to make anyone standing nearby choke up, as the guys walked around with watery eyes that threatened to leak at any given moment.

Wide receiver Marcus Armstrong said it best when he talked with the team in the locker room. "I just wanted to thank the coaches for not only making me a better player, but a better person too. They've done so much for me, for all of us this season, and I just want to say thank you. I'm going to miss you guys. You're like my brothers, my family, and I love all of you."

In the end, we might have lost the game, but we walked away with something even more special: a bond, a loving, caring respect for one another that will remain in our hearts forever, even as life moves us apart.





Food, Friends, and Festivities Where Pasta and Players Unite By. Kasey Varner

Although the weekly pasta parties are a time honored tradition and a favorite among the players, no one seems quite sure how it all started.

"I heard it was one of the parents who held them in a garage for the entire season," said Mrs. Harfmann as she and a few other parents tried to solve this mystery. "After that year, a few other parents decided to help out. The team liked it and we've been having them ever since."

One coach, who preferred to keep a low profile but is notorious for attending every event, replied, "I think it might've started around 2002. And it just kept growing"

"It was the Italians," joked a player walking by, "It all started with the Italians."









However it started, the idea has really taken off. Every Thursday before a game, one family will volunteer to host the event at their house and cook for the entire team. The goal is to load the players up with carbohydrates so they will have enough energy to last them throughout the game without getting tired. Either way, the guys use it as an excuse to have fun.

"This is where they have time to be friends," said Mr. Rowell, Artie Rowell's father, as he watched the guys playing a bean bag game. "They're off the field and they're not working. It's where they really get to bond, have fun, and relax before the big game." The coach said, "This is the best place that they can really get together. I mean, they get together on the field and at practices and everything, but the camaraderie that they get here is what really makes the team grow. I've never seen any other school do this. The football field is one thing but this here, this is something else."

Wide receiver and defensive back Gary Flythe has been coming to the parties since he joined the team. "Chilling with the rest of the football team is one of my favorite parts of these parties," he said. "It's the biggest reason why I come."

"All I know is I come here and I get free food," replied wide receiver Marcus Armstrong as he and a few other players formed teams in their own distinctive bean bag toss game. "Free food is where it's at."



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* Pictures taken are of the freshman football team at Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer's home.*

"Just being with the team, eating free delicious food, watching Tyler play Manning and kick everybody's butt, those are just a few of my favorite things about this. I love these guys. And without these parties, we would probably suck the entire season," quarter back Lewis Correale and Kyle Wofle said together in a group effort.

As the parents and coaches have said, anyone can go to these parties for the first time and sense the unique bond that the players share. It's obvious from the way they hang out and compete with one another to the way they can eat like complete pigs without caring what the other guys think. They've formed their own family in the football team, their own distinctive connection that could last a lifetime, all through a tradition that no one can remember the history.







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Coaching Youth Flag Football

Starting on January 20th and ending on March 9th, 6 of our players volunteered to coach flag football on Sundays at Sports City. The league was for local 6th – 8th graders. These guys collectively contributed 48 volunteer hours and enjoyed working with the younger players. The boys that participated were: Ricky Cirilo, Derek Day, Dan Fisher, Marcus Fuller, Tom Norman, and Kyle Wolfe.



Easter Egg Hunt

On Sunday, March 16th, 4 players helped with the 72nd annual Capitol Easter Egg Hunt that was sponsored by the Volunteers of America. They helped with set up which included carrying boxes, setting up tables, sorting books into age group, filling candy bags, roping off specified areas, hiding eggs, hanging signs and putting up the inflatable bunny -- this was Tony Rozzi's favorite part. Once the event started, they boys helped to ensure that everyone was in the right age group and that everything went smoothly. At the end of the, event they handed out the candy bags and books. They also helped with tear down and clean up.

The boys did a good job and they all said that it was fun. The Volunteers of America fed the boys donuts, pizza, and Easter candy. The boys that participated were: Lee Reynolds, Tony Rozzi, Justin Shirk, and Tyler Thompson

Many thanks to Jan and Dave Thompson who coordinated the logistics for this event and who also volunteered their time. Sarah Shirk demonstrated that volunteering isn't just for football players and their parents. Siblings can contribute too.





On Sunday, February 3rd, 14 players participated in the first Community Connections event for 2008. The event was the Chocolatefest in Hershey to raise funds for Keystone Human Services. Our guys volunteered with setup, ticket-taking/greeting, passing out programs, handing out mugs as guests left the event, working at confectioner stands, trash pick-up, and clean-up/tear-down.

The guys collectively contributed 42 volunteer hours to the event and while the worked they also were permitted breaks to enjoy the chocolate. They certainly took advantage of those breaks. The boys that participated were: Michael Allen, Ted Brandes, Paul Coleman, Chas Evans, Dan Fisher, Jason Harfmann, Rees Judge, Jack Lippert, Artie Rowell, Justin Shirk, Matt Snell, Tyler Thompson, Kyle Wolfe, andT. J. Zimmerman.



Reading Program @ Elementary Schools



Back by popular demand is the "Rams Return to Read Program" in which our boys have the opportunity to visit Central Dauphin Elementary Schools and read to the students. So far this year, the boys have read at West Hanover Elementary, North Side Elementary, a Life Skills Class at the Central Dauphin Middle School, and Mountain View Elementary. Tom Norman was our player who read at Central Dauphin Middle School. The support teacher, Ms. Ash wrote to Coach McNamee, "Thomas was a HIT with my students. They haven't stopped talking about his visit." Check out the pictures below from CD Middle School and Mountain View Elementary.

So far, the guys have contributed 35 volunteer hours to this program. Coach Mcnamee is looking into additional reading opportunities at the remaining elementary schools that feed into Central Dauphin High School. The boys who have participated so far are: Lewis Correale, Kyle Enterline, Chas Evans, Dan Fisher, Matt Heilig, Jack Lippert, Tom Norman, Colin O'Conner, Anthony Ogden, Artie Rowell, Jon Schnaars, Marcus Simpson, Shawn Smith, Matt Snell, Donald Stahlnecker, Matt Whitlock, Zach Wierman, Kyle Wolfe and TJ Zimmerman







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Dear Steve and Kathy,

Please extend our sincere thanks to Coach Glen and everyone involved in the Central Dauphin Rams Booster Club toy drive. We know that the orchestration of this event and the tremendous effort put forth by everyone involved was above and beyond your already busy and stressful schedules.

On behalf of the Volunteers of America organization and all of the families that will be served through this holiday season, thank you for caring enough to put forth this effort. It is uplifting and encouraging to see young men and women getting involved in community service projects and we realize that this would not take place without strong leadership from the mentors and strong adult role models in their lives.

Being at the game was a trip down memory lane for me. The sound of the band, the cheers of the crowd, the social gathering of the students and of course, the smell or French Fries and Hot Chocolate in the air transported me back in time with very pleasant memories.

I also enjoyed and very much appreciated the support and companionship of the J. V. players who helped us man our boxes. They were helpful, and their enthusiasm about each toy put in the box was fun to watch.

Throughout 2008, your club has stepped up and helped us at several of our functions. Whether it was our Capitol Easter Egg Hunt, our I Remember Mama event or the Toy Drive, you can be proud of your club and know that the students represented themselves as individuals and your club as an organization in a very positive way.

We hope to continue our relationship with the Central Dauphin Rams Booster Club and that you will continue to reflect the positive things that the youth of today as the leaders of tomorrow are doing.

Sincerely,

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Diana Faust Special Events Coordinator

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Dodge Drugs Dodgeball

On Sunday, March 30th, 36 of our players participated in a Dodgeball Tournament at CDHS. This was a fundraiser for the CD Foundation who teamed up with the Drug, Alcohol and Safety Education Team to raise drug awareness. It was called the Dodge Drugs Dodgeball Tournament. Each player contributed \$10 to play dodgeball from 11am to 5pm. Our guys had lots of fun and made contributions to a great cause.

The boys who participated were: Jordan Bair, Tyler Barrick, Scott Benkovic, Da Laine Beverly, Lewis Correale, Derek Day, Matt Egenreider, Kyle Enterline, Chas Evans, Jordon Fletcher, Marcus Fuller, Alec Gonzalez, Matt Heilig, Seidu Issah, Kyle Jackson, Rees Judge, Jack Lippert, Tom Lippert, Shawn Minor, Adam Obaya, Colin O'Conner, Anthony Ogden, Branden Pae, Joe Peters, Artie Rowell, Jon Schnaars, Marcus Simpson, Shawn Smith, Matt Snell, Christian Spriggs, AJ Sweigard, Tyler Thompson, Abin Thottakara, Charles Walak, Kris Weikel, and Kyle Wolfe.





CD Rams Club's Community Connections helping with the Possibility Place Build Week.

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Community Connections by Coach Glen McNamee

Participating in the sport of football as a player or coach is truly a privilege. Football is a sport that attracts attention like no other and has the ability to capture the imagination of people of all ages and backgrounds. As a result, those that participate have the opportunity to experience something truly special and unique.

But with this privilege comes a responsibility. It is incumbent upon all of us who are involved in this great game to give back to the community that gives so much to us, either directly or indirectly.

Serving the community is one of our top priorities because it is simply the right thing to do. By making community service a priority, we will be promoting humility, respect, selflessness, and a belief that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves.

The intrinsic rewards associated with helping others can even surpass the emotional highs experienced on Friday nights, and the lessons learned can last a lifetime.

And lastly, by engaging in community service together, we will be strengthening our football family.

We are very excited about the Community Connections Program and believe that it must be an integral part of the Central Dauphin Rams Football culture.

Should you have any questions,

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Community Connections by Kasey Varner

"It's fun to help out little kids," said sophomore Lewis Correale, a quarterback for the Central Dauphin football team "They're all excited, they want our signature and our autograph and everything. We're just high school football players but to them we're stars. Really, it's a motivator and it's fun. It feels good to give back."

Correale was talking about a recent trip he took to his elementary school when he read to a class of first graders. He and several other members of the team volunteered to participate in this and many other activities through a program called Community Connections. Created by Coach Glen McNamee and directed by Kathy Harfmann, this program is designed to promote community service among students and, primarily, to give back to the community.

"When Coach McNamee was appointed head coach two years ago this was his idea and this has been his special project since then," said Mrs. Harfmann. "Coach McNamee not only created the program but single handedly coordinated the activities during the first two years."

"I got involved when I offered some ideas to expand the program. Currently the committee is made up of Jan Thompson, Randy Brandes, Sue Rowell and myself," she continued to say.

Many members of the team have taken advantage of the opportunities made available to them through this program.

"It's good for the community, and it's good for the team because it makes people want to come out and support us," said freshman Artie Rowell, the team's offensive and defensive lineman.

By supporting community service, Coach McNamee believes that, "we will be promoting humility, respect, selflessness, and a belief that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves."

The program helps out with a variety of events, such as the Hershey Chocolatefest, the Capitol Easter Egg Hunt, the Reading Program, and coaching youth flag football. As if they aren't busy enough with school and football practices, most of these guys are racking up community service hours as well.

"Whoever has the most community service hours at the end of the season gets an award," said linebacker Kyle Wolfe. Another sophomore, he helped coach flag football and read to an elementary class. "But really, that's not what it's all about. It's about teaching the little kids football and helping out where we can."

Just about everyone's favorite part had to be going back to their elementary school and reading

to the classes.

Tight end Shawn Smith said, "It surprised me how much they look up to us, and it made me remember how much I looked up to the players when I would go to the games. I liked when the older people would talk to me, and come into my class and read to us. That's most of the reason why I decided to help out."

Dan Fisher, the team's kicker and punter, said, "They think we're superstars, when really we're just normal kids. I went to a second grade class this year and I had to sign about twenty five autographs."

What most of them didn't expect was the motivational and awe inspiring feeling they would get from not only helping the kids, but helping the community. As Coach McNamee has said, "The intrinsic rewards associated with helping others can even surpass the emotional highs experienced on Friday night [football games], and the lessons learned can last a lifetime."

As the team has learned, helping out in the community gives one a great sense of pride and accomplishment unmatched by any other feeling in the world.

Wide receiver Matt Snell agreed with this, and continued to say, "I would just like to thank the Community Connections program for allowing us this opportunity to give back to everyone."

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