

Rams 40th Team Makes History



The Highlands Golden Rams varsity football team finished a successful season on Friday, Nov. 14 at Martorelli Stadium in the North Hills.

While the team lost to Blackhawk with a score of 36-7 in the Class AAA semi-finals, the season record of 11-1 still made school history.

The team felt the pain of loss, but was welcomed home for the second week in a row with a parade of firetrucks, a police escort, fans lining Freeport Road and fireworks at the Golden Rams Stadium.

"The thing that I am really upset about is that I know I am never going to play for Highlands again," quarter-back **Jeff Sinclair** said in a Valley News Dispatch article.



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"I played my heart out. That's all I could do."

It was a sentiment many alumni can relate to.

The Rams only returned four offensive players and three defensive players at the beginning of the season. Under the coaching of **Mr. Sam Albert** and the rest of the staff, they built up a solid team that played well under pressure. The result? An undefeated streak leading them to the semifinals.



HFAA members formed the pre-game tunnel on Alumni Night and were announced prior to kickoff.



Next season is forecasted to be just as successful, if Super Bowl Party for alumni! Please email a RSVP if you would like to attend a Tailgating-theme Pre-Super Bowl Party on **Saturday, Jan. 31** in the local area. More details are to come after HFAA alumni respond to an interest. Please contact Misty Chybrzynski with an intent to attend by **Jan. 6, 2009** by calling 724-226-2400, ext. 250 or mchybrzynski@goldenrams.com. Dates are welcomed. Please let non-HFAA members know so they can RSVP also.

The community showed an outpouring of support, with one resident and Highlands football alum, **John Gillette**, bringing a live ram to the high school pep rally. "Nasty Ned" turned heads at the event, surprising students and helping hype them up for the big game.



Reunite with your teammates!

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Your contribution counts!

Donate to HFAA by mailing a check made to Highlands Football Alumni Association to **HFAA, 1330 Eleventh Ave., P.O.Box 288, Natrona Heights, PA 15065.**

- 🏈 Fund various high school football program projects
- 🏈 Assist hardship cases, assuring all players receive same benefits despite an inability to pay required assessments
- 🏈 Establish an Alumni Foundation Scholarship

HFAA can't do it without you!

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Alumni Cheer Golden Rams to Victory from Sidelines



OCT 3, 2008 -- Former gridiron greats gathered at the Highlands Golden Rams football game on October 3 to cheer the team on from the sidelines.

Football players that formerly bled brown and gold in the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and up until this year gathered at the Community Center to reunite before heading to the field. The alumni formed the pre-game tunnel, and watched the pre-game tunnel, and **Doug Hess** reunited after hitting the gridiron together in 1981.



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Recent graduates come home to the field after leaving the high school last year.

CALLING ALL ALUMNI!

If you know a former football great that isn't on the roster, please supply Misty Chybrzynski with his information for future mailings, or tell him to call:
724-226-2400, ext. 250
or email her at:
mchybrzynski@goldenrams.com.



Let's Go, Rams!

Just as the current Rams never want to let the former greats down, HFAA hopes you maintain your membership and support in not letting those who take the field today falter.

The goal of HFAA is to continue to support the students that pour their hearts and souls into winning, game after game, just as the members once did.

The members of the Highlands Football Alumni Association (HFAA) inspire those boys that night, and the organization hopes its members realize how much it meant to the current Rams to have their support.

The Rams went on to win against Indiana with a score of 21-14. "We didn't want to let the alumni down," Valley News Dispatch article. "We did- quarterback Jeff Sinclair later said in a gram is not fully possible with funds provided from Highlands School District alone. The Gridiron Boosters organization also provides some funding through fundraisers and drives, but there still are needs not meant that can improve this high school program to be one of the best in the state.