

If YOU believe deep in your heart and soul that Hofstra football helped to provide all that it truly did for you as a student/athlete, I want you to listen to my mid winter plea from this old coach during these doldrum days of a cold winter ...

Now men, whether you are from the early Howdy era, or from the latter Howdy era of my beloved contemporaries like my brother Harry Royle, et al, or from Bill Leete's crew, my beloved and wonderful gang or Joe's and/or Dave's guys, I simply want - and feel the NEED! - to reach out to each and every one of you today and stoke our embers and/or fires that already have begun to burn, and to foment any new and more intense efforts on behalf of Saving Hofstra Football. Men, we need to stay the course!!!!

Like all football games that are preceded by a fiery and convincing pre-game speech, the battle of a long game can chip away at that intensity as the game goes on. We all realize this fact. But the great teams, the committed teams, and the devoted to a single purpose teams remain vigilant, strong and on fire until the final gun goes off. These winning teams most certainly can get battered, get weary and yes they may even want to quit at times. BUT MEN, WE ALL KNOW THAT GREAT TEAMS NEVER QUIT, NEVER GIVE UP AND NEVER LOSE THEIR STRENGTH OF PURPOSE!!! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE GREAT ONES TO DO SO!!!! My point? Are YOUR internal fires still burning? What have YOU done to keep this all going? Are YOU in contact with leaders of our effort to get Hofstra football back? Are YOU still contacting all of YOUR friends from all of those wondrous Hofstra teams and asking them to join the fight? Are YOU reaching in YOUR wallet and demonstrating at least a financial commitment? Are YOU committed to remain on board for the long haul? Do YOU stand firm for the time it will take to meet our goal to bring back Hofstra football? If not - like any other former Hofstra football coach - I would be greatly disappointed. Men I believe and KNOW that we are more than that. We are Hofstra men. WE MUST STAY IN THE GAME. And certainly, each and every one of us needs to keep standing tall and to keep being counted.

Now folks, if you ever want to re-new your juices on any or all of this, go to the "Save Hofstra Football" website and re-listen to Brad Gerstman's interview on the WFAN. No person I know or have spoken to has articulated this issue better than Brad. If I "know" the men of Hofstra football, I'd be shocked if YOU didn't stay fired-up about all of this after listening to that wonderfully articulated interview. Rise up my brothers. RISE UP! STAY IN THIS FIGHT! It's the way we won in the past. It's the way we will win NOW.

Love and loyalty to you all,

Mickey Kwiatkowski