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To: Coach Allan Trimble
Jenks Trojans Football

Coach, I am sure you get a few of these type emails now and then but my pride just can't keep from sharing my story with you.

I graduated from Jenks in 1981, moved to California and now reside in Atlanta.

I have been back to Jenks only once, for my 20th reunion and we attended a Jenks football game (Bartlesville) in which my step brother Rich McGuire was the head coach of.... Strange? anyhow...

I have followed Jenks football via the internet for years and last year I think I only remembered to check and see who won the state championship...hummm Jenks

Here is my story:

I moved to Jenks in 7th grade and started every year, I remember standing in the south end zone along the chain link fence just looking at that fresh cut grass and imagining playing football on Friday nights when I was an eight grader (we lifted in the locker room, no AC - six pieces to work with).

We Lost to Duncan my Sophomore year and beat Ada my junior year for the 1st state championship in 1979. There were many great and not so great coaches throughout those days.

I now have a 7 year old son that suited up for the first time three weeks ago to play in a metro Atlanta league. It had been over 27 years since I put pads in pants or buckled up a chin strap...wow

Just tonight he looked out the window of my car at the varsity field and said "Daddy, I want to play on that field" It took me back to standing along that chain link fence on a hot Oklahoma August day.

So tonight I kissed him and his sister goodnight and came down to check up on Jenks Football, the stadium is amazing but what's more amazing is our legacy from '79 that has been carried on!

I am # 25 - Mike Brierley on the top left behind #38 (Mark Diebert), I was a strong safety and Kick returner. My letter jacket hangs in the closet with that state championship patch across from that "J"

Good Luck Coach and Thanks for remembering "those who came before"

Mike Brierley
Jenks 1981