



## DEL VAL FOOTBALL - 2014 State Finalists

Every year an NFL team wins the championship. Every year a college football team wins the NCAA title. Every year the best high school team from Group IV on down wins the state crown.

All these teams have one thing in common. No matter how tough it became throughout their season, they did one thing - *they held the rope!*

What is "holding the rope?" Imagine that you are hanging from the edge of a cliff with a drop of twenty thousand feet. The only thing between you and a fall to your death is a rope, with the person of your choice on the other end. Who do you know that has the guts to pull you to safety? Who will hold the rope? Who do you know that is going to let that rope burn their hand and not let go? How many people that you know are going to with stand the burning pain and watch the blood drip from their hands for you?

If you can name two people, that's not good enough, because those two people might not be around. The next time your team is together, look around and ask yourself,

*"Who could I trust to HOLD THE ROPE? Who is going to let their hands bleed for me?"*

When you can look at every member on your team and say to yourself that they all would hold the rope, you are destined to win a lot of ball games. You see, the team that holds the rope when the going gets tough are winners. When you are down by four points with thirty seconds to go, don't give up. Yell at your teammates to "HOLD THE ROPE - let it burn but don't let go!" Every year there are winners and losers in all sports. Every year the winners hold the rope. You don't have to have the best team on the field to win the game. If you play with poise and do what your coaches ask of you, and most of all "HOLD THE ROPE" you will be successful.

No matter what sport you play, in order to win, you have to have a commitment to your team. If you are supposed to run three times per week, do it. If you have to lift weights three times per week, don't miss. Once you start letting up at practice or start missing your workouts, you've killed the team because you didn't "HOLD THE ROPE!"

**DON'T LET YOUR TEAM DOWN!  
YOU'VE GOT TO "HOLD THE ROPE!"**

*"Del Val Football taught me perseverance to strive for excellence and to inspire others to strive for theirs. Working together to achieve common goals turns I into team."*  
MATT CARR, 2005, New Jersey State Trooper

*"Being a Del Val Football Player means being part of a family that teaches young men how to find the strength and mental toughness within themselves to get the job done, no matter what the cost."*  
BRIAN BLOOM, 2008, Montclair State University Football, Ensign, United States Navy

*"Being a Del Val Football Player means being part of a brotherhood. Having a group of guys coming together with a common goal knowing everyone else will put it on the line to get the job done and **HOLD THE ROPE**. It also means you break the mold and do more than impact the game of football but you impact your school, family and community."*  
WILL BRITT, 2012, Muhlenberg College Football

*"Being a Del Val Football Player means you carry a legacy of the young men that came before you. It means you play every play as hard and as passionate as you can. You are not an individual in the Del Val Football program, you are part of a team and a winning tradition."*  
CHRIS FENNEL, 2011, US Naval Academy Lacrosse

*"Three words explain what Del Val Football is all about, **HOLD THE ROPE**. Each player has your support when adversity strikes on and off the field. Knowing you have a foundation of brothers on your side is an experience like no other."*  
MIKE COLUMBO JR., 2011, Fairleigh Dickinson Football

*"Being a Del Val Football player is about sacrificing your time and effort for the betterment of the team. Its about being there for each other and pushing one another to be the best."*  
TIM BILL, 2013, WPI Football

*"Being a Del Val Football player has not only taught me about the game of football, but about life lessons like accountability, reliability, honesty and loyalty. These are values that I will carry with me for life. That is the goal of Del Val Football, which I will always be a part of. I am proud to call myself a Del Val Football player for life."*  
DOMINICK BENEDETTO, 2014

*"Being a Del Val Football player means a lifetime of memories that were gained through experiences with my teammates. The four years I had the pleasure of playing for Coach Columbo not only enhanced my football skills, but developed skills that I use to overcome adverse situations off the field. After experiencing the camaraderie of Del Val Football, I am certain that past, present and future players will forever "**HOLD THE ROPE**"*  
SEAN HOGAN, 2012, Susquehanna University Football



*Helping Them...*

# HOLD THE ROPE!





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**BLUE** (2 free tickets to 3 home games) ..... \$75

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**Gridiron Club**

**% Del Val Football**

**19 Senator Stout Road  
Frenchtown, NJ 08825**

**3 MONTHS** ..... \$250

**6 MONTHS** ..... \$400

**1 YEAR** (2015-2016 school year) ..... \$750

**Non-Profit tax # is: 27-0326533**

Del Val Football Website has over 90,000 visitors.  
Visit [www.delvalfootball.com](http://www.delvalfootball.com) for examples.

*Thank you for your support and helping them...*  
**“HOLD THE ROPE”**



*The Del Val Football Gridiron Club supports the team in a variety of ways and includes players, parents, alumni, and friends of DEL VAL FOOTBALL. The primary purpose of our non-profit organization is to help the team financially and logistically. From feeding the team, to helping them get equipment, to training, the Gridiron Club is ready to help. Thanks to our corporate and local sponsors for their generous support and commitment to our program.*

**The Gridiron Club will have it's general meetings on the second Tuesday of each month excluding the months of April, June and February. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Del Val Cafeteria. All members and sponsors are welcomed and encouraged to attend.**