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GET OFF YOUR SEATS!

After six years of existing, the Bellaire High School Sports Foundation, Inc. is ready to tackle a major project.

In the past, we have replaced the lighting and the sound system in the gym and painted Nelson Field. But now we're ready for some heavy duty stuff.

It is our plan to replace all the bleachers in the away stands at Nelson Field for the 1994 season. Since the stadium was built sixty years ago in 1934, the weather has taken its toll.

Last summer, as our athletes were running the steps, we had a boy crack one of the bleachers and nearly drive a slat through his leg. The maintenance crew has patched, repaired, and replaced as best they can, but the inevitable has arrived -- they must be replaced.

We plan on taking all the existing seats out, and, utilizing the current risers, replace them with a heavy duty aluminum seat that should last for years.

We have already received bids from three seating companies and realize that this project will cost close to \$22,000. But it's really not that bad. Here's our thoughts.

We are selling "seats" for \$10.00 each. That's all. If each person reading this letter buys one seat, they're replaced.

We are challenging teams to get involved and purchase rows. This would be an excellent way to have your team become a permanent part of Nelson Field. If any team captains or members would like us to supply them with a list of their team and the addresses we have available, just write us

and let us know. We don't have all the squads in our computer, but we do have a lot of them.

Any team, company, or individual who purchases a row of seats (30 seats or \$250.00, a savings of \$50.00) will have their name engraved on both ends of the row. We are placing these seats in the center reserved section.

Once these seats have been replaced, we have to turn to the present home stands, but that's another year, another project.

We hope that you'll pitch in and help out with this project so that our players and fans can continue to have some of the nicest facilities in the Valley.

If you're interested in participating, please fill out the form on the back page of this newsletter and send it in when you send in your dues. And while you're at it, call a few of your teammates and classmates and challenge them to get off their seats and pitch in.

"Remembering the past . . . while building for the future."

Congratulations. . .

For those of you out of touch with local news, the Sports Foundation would like to congratulate our president, Dave Liberati, on recently winning a seat on the Bellaire Board of Education, beginning in 1994.

After working with Lib since this organization began and before that as an officer in the Bellaire High School Alumni Association, we realize the dedication he has toward our school system. We feel that he will continue to exercise a fair and just approach to all problems facing our schools and help prepare our students to face the challenges that await them in the years to come.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Big Reds:

As you can see from this newsletter, Bellaire High athletics and the Bellaire High School Sports Foundation have both completed successful starts to the '93-'94 school year. Once again, we have attempted to convey to our supporters the value of each dollar they have contributed. Our scholarship funds are running strong, the Bippus Banquet was another success, and this year the Sports Foundation led the way in commemorating the 500th football victory in the school's history by handing out souvenir footballs and selling souvenir T-shirts.

What is most amazing about our success in our brief five-year history, however, is that we have managed to accomplish all of our projects with only a one-eighth response from our athletic alumni. For the past several years, we have sent out over 1600 newsletters to our athletic alumni, but each year we receive less than 200 individuals contributing to our program. The good news is that the 200 contributing have been very strong in their financial support. The bad news is, there are over 1400 of you out there not pulling your own weight.

Those of you who have participated in athletics and the knowledgeable fan all understand that teamwork is an absolute necessity for success. *Isn't it time we took action to follow this valuable concept?* If each one of you sent in the minimum contribution of \$5.00, simple math tells you we would have an additional \$8,000 to work with. As you can see, that would put us well on our way to completing the Nelson Field seat renovation project.

I know this is the holiday season and I know many of you intend to send in your membership, but you put this newsletter aside and somehow never get back to it. **PLEASE** take the time to remember your alma mater with a small contribution. Wouldn't it be great to receive this newsletter and know that you were a part of the successful projects and these successful young people that you read about in this newsletter?

I look forward to hearing from any of you with suggestions you may have, and I also hope that when I write this letter next year, I will be able to report an overwhelming response to this year's membership drive.

Very truly yours,
David K. Liberati '75

It Just Couldn't Get Any Better Than This

500 Wins, an OVAC Championship, and a First-Ever State Playoff Berth

The 1993 football season will go down as one of the most memorable in Bellaire High School. The season was marked by two milestones in BHS football history.

The first occurred on Friday, September 10, when the Big Reds notched their 500th win in school history. With this victory, we became only the second school in the Ohio Valley and one of only a dozen in the state to accomplish this feat.

The second milestone was reached on Saturday, November 13, when the Big Reds played in the first playoff game in school history. The Big Reds dropped a heartbreaker double overtime game to perennial state power Youngstown Ursuline by a 7-6 score.

Coach John Magistro and his staff began the season in August with a cautiously optimistic attitude. While feeling good about the ability of their squad, they realized that it would require quick development by several untested players in order to compete successfully with a demanding schedule.

The opening game saw the Big Reds facing a St. Clairsville squad that was rated in the preseason as the top big school in the Valley. The Big Reds came away from this game with a big 6-0 win. This game was followed by the 500th win, a 21-0 shutout victory over River. A thrilling last minute come-from-behind victory brought the Reds their third win over Edison Local by a 23-21 score. The last minute drive was highlighted by a Jose' Davis to Scott Coyne pass and was capped by a game winning 32-yard field goal by J.R. Hall.

After a hard-fought win over Wheeling Central, the Big Reds travelled to Cambridge for a much-anticipated contest against a big and powerful Bobcat squad. Everything fell in place for BHS and they routed Cambridge by a 44-13 count. Week six saw the Big Reds drop a tough 25-23 game against Division IV State Champion Steubenville Central. After driving 93 yards in less than a minute and a half to go ahead 23-22, the Big Reds couldn't hold off the Crusaders as they drove the ball downfield and won on the last play of the game with a 35-yard field goal.

This was followed by a 30-13 win over Linsly and a 28-6 win over Tyler Consolidated. Perennial state powerhouse Newark Catholic dealt the Big Reds their second loss by a score of 18-12 in week number 9 of the season.

Martins Ferry came to town for the annual finale and the Big Reds dominated the Purple Riders in a 30-6 win.

Despite losing the final game to Ursuline, the season ended on a very high note, as the Big Reds battled Ursuline to the end.

The season was marked by many outstanding performances. Following is a list of team leaders in various categories:

SCORING: Scott Pitts (11), 54 points; Scott Coyne (12), 48 points; Shawn Valloric (12), 42 points.

RUSHING: Scott Pitts, 1075 yards; Casey Coyne (11), 454 yards

PASSING: Jose' Davis (10), 115/215 for 1753 yards and 13 touchdowns

RECEIVING: Scott Coyne, 61 receptions for 967 yards; Scott Pitts, 24 receptions for 255 yards

TACKLES: Rich Mamie (10), 149; Hall (12), 104; Scott Pitts, 61; Valloric, 56

INTERCEPTIONS: Jason Tuttle (12), 4; Scott Pitts, 3; Scott Coyne, 2; Jeremiah Johnson (11), 2

SACKS: Chad Farmer (12), 4; Nick Marinelli (12), 4; Valloric, 4

The following school records were broken during the 1993 season:

Most Yards Rushing In A Season: Scott Pitts, 1075

Most Receptions In A Season: Scott Coyne, 61

Most Tackles In A Season: Rich Mamie, 149

Most Passes Completed In A Season: Jose' Davis, 115

Totaled, the Reds tied or broke 32 individual/team records, so next year's program will have to be rewritten a little!

The Big Reds are anxiously awaiting the 1994 season with an outstanding nucleus of returning lettermen as they attempt to repeat the success of the 1993 squad.

Mike Sherwood

Congratulations
are in order to **SCOTT**
COYNE for being named
First Team All-State

Second Consecutive Trip to Regionals

Lady Reds' Post Undeclared Season, Win OVAC AAA Title

The Lady Reds again played "November Volleyball," making its second appearance in Ohio Division II "Sweet Sixteen" Tournament play. The Lady Reds' spikers' many accomplishments included an unbeaten regular season, an unprecedented 5th consecutive regular season OVAC championship, 6th consecutive Sectional championship, and 2nd Eastern District championship.

Six Lady Reds' seniors - Danielle DeLong, Kim Kinder, Gina Magistro, Christy Miller, Jennifer Snider, and Alyson Taylor - led the team to its second unbeaten regular season in a row. The Lady Reds dominated the regular season, only going the maximum three games twice, culminating with the OVAC championship at St. Clairsville with straight set victories over Edison and Indian Creek.

The girls blew past New Concord John Glenn and Edison in the Sectionals and fought back challenges by Dresden Tri-Valley and Cambridge in District play before falling to Columbus Bishop Hartley in Regional play at Lancaster for the only blemish on its season, finishing 23-1 for Coach Maria Shipley, her 4th 20-win season in the last five years.

Led by Alyson Taylor, a 4-year starter, team MVP, and OVAC Player-of-the-Year, the Lady Reds' success was a result of teamwork and unselfish play, resulting in a four-year record of 87-9. Senior middle hitter, 6'1" Kim Kinder, dominated play at the nets and led the team in kills.

Senior Jennifer Snider led the team in digs, while senior universal hitter Christy Miller was outstanding for her back row passing.

Senior setter Gina Magistro confounded opponents with her hard knuckleball serves and consistent setting. Taylor's crushing spikes led the team in hitting percentage, as well as blocks, saves, and passes. Sophomore sensation Amy Magistro, already a two-year starter, sparkled with her terrific all-around play.

Over their four-year career at BHS, these seniors rewrote the record books setting many team and individual records. Taylor and Gina Magistro compiled well over a dozen individual school records, with Magistro receiving a plaque for breaking 8 records her senior year. Even more amazing is the fact that during their six years of organized volleyball, including 2 years at junior high, they compiled an incredible record of 116-14.

Post-season honors were bestowed upon several players. Both All-Eastern District 12 and All-OVAC First Team honors went to Taylor (3rd year) and Gina Magistro (2nd year), with Kinder receiving Honorable Mention laurels.

Although only one starter returns to next year's varsity squad, the reserve team again had an outstanding 13-4 season. The Lady Reds volleyballers seem poised to continue their success in the immediate future.

Ben Taylor

"Building For The Future..."

In keeping with our motto, the Bellaire High School Sports Foundation once again invested \$2300 into the future of our country by awarding its three annual scholarships.

The Claire Cribbs Memorial Scholarship (\$800) went to Mike Dunfee, son of Don Dunfee ('71), who is currently attending Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee. A strong candidate for the baseball team, Mike was the epitome of a Claire Cribbs' player. Although not a heavy contributor on offense, "Dunf" played defense like it was meant to be played, and often drew the assignment of watching the opponent's best or strongest player. Pure hustle, he made up in heart what he often gave up in size and we're sure he'll have four successful years in college baseball.

Another leader was Mike Call, the quarterback of the '92 football team and the recipient of the Mac Cara Football Memorial Scholarship (\$1000). Mike is currently on the football squad at Ashland University. The son of Ray and Karen Call ('68), Mike was also a member of the Reds' basketball and baseball squads. From a sophomore who wasn't looked at as exceptional to the third best passing quarterback in BHS history with 2115 yards in the air, Mike slowly developed into a solid athlete who many feel has his best years yet to come.

The Johnson & Johnson Student-Athlete Scholarship (\$500) went to Jeff Silverio, son of Gary and Mary Ann Silverio. As the criteria of the scholarship requires, Jeff was a member of the football, wrestling, and track teams, a solid student with a 3.4 GPA, and a member of several organizations, including National Honor Society and Student Council. Jeff is currently attending Ohio University working toward a degree in engineering.

Thanks to you, these student/athletes' financial loads are a little lighter. We realize that we can't offer them full rides, but we do know that they truly appreciate the support and recognition we are able to give them.

And we couldn't do it without you.

NOTE: The 1994 Football Memorial Scholarship will be named after Charles Rieves, Class of 1951, who recently passed away in Columbus, Ohio. Our respects go out to his family and teammates.

NOTE: We just thought you might be interested in the following list. These are the student/athletes we still have in college actively playing a sport.

FOOTBALL

Brian Adams '92, Allegheny College
Mike Call '93, Ashland University
Joe Galloway '90, Ohio State
Dave Ice '91, Mount Union
Mike Sechrest '92, Ashland College
Dirk Stolz '89, Fairmont
Scott Woods '89, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

BASKETBALL

J.R. Battista '92, West Liberty
Debbie Blazek '91, West Virginia
Ben Sabinsky '93, Ohio University Eastern
Amy Taylor '92, Muskingum
Missy Tiber '90, West Liberty

BASEBALL

Mike Dunfee '93, Carson Newman
Chad Magistro '92, Mercer

GOLF

Lisa Strussion '93, Mercer

This does not even begin to list the many former athletes who are still in college but not playing a sport.

Congratulations are also in order for Kim Kinder, Class of 1994, who recently signed a scholarship with Wheeling Jesuit College. The daughter of Curt ('66) and Sharon ('69) Kinder, Kim will become a candidate on the Lady Cardinal's squad next season.

Commemorative T's

When the Big Reds achieved their 500th win this season, the Sports Foundation was ready and waiting to commemorate the occasion by throwing out peewee footballs to the fans and giving each team member a shirt signifying 500 wins.

We still have about 50 of these shirts left over if there are any Big Reds who want one, as many people helped make up that 500 wins number.

The shirts are \$10 each and are available in limited quantities in medium, large and extra-large only. All sizes are men's sizes.

Send your check in today made payable to the Bellaire High School Sports Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box 497, Bellaire, OH 43906.

We Spend It Like It's Ours

For the past several years, our membership has stayed around the 175 member mark. But due to your generosity in giving (the average membership donation is \$25+), we have been able to accomplish some pretty impressive projects.

We treat your money like it's ours, and try to determine the best use we can for it. Here's what we've done with it so far:

Scholarships	\$8400.00
Repaint Nelson Field	\$2500.00
Lights in New Gymnasium	\$5400.00
Sound System for New Gym	\$3000.00
Video Camera	\$1200.00

This brings the grand total to over \$20,500.00 to date. And we think that's pretty impressive.

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We are in need of people throughout the United States to help us solicit new members. If you would be interested in being a more active member and help us recruit new members in Columbus, Miami, Chicago, etc., get in touch. We can supply you with people's names and possibly addresses in your area; we need you to locate them, call them, or get them to join our ranks. We would really appreciate your support. The more we have, the more we can do.

"Turn Up The Heat!"

To borrow a phrase from boys' varsity basketball coach Gene Ammirante, it's time to turn up the heat; basketball season has begun. And the Reds, defending OVAC AAA champions in both boys' and girls' basketball, don't plan on letting the gym get cold.

The girls have jumped out to 4 consecutive wins over Cambridge, Martins Ferry, River, and St. Clairsville.

Led by 4 veteran seniors, the Lady Reds will again be the team to beat. The center of the lane is dominated by Kim Kinder who is rewriting the record books for girls' basketball. Kinder entered the season with 732 points, 698 rebounds, 103 steals, and 109 blocked shots. And after four games, she is averaging 25+ points and 15+ rebounds.

Bringing the ball upcourt are seasoned veterans Alyson Taylor, Christy Miller, and Tara Paglia. Taylor enters the season with 632 points and 117 steals, while Miller leads the Reds in 3-point shooting.

Strong support comes from sophomores Amy Magistro and Katie

Bohus. Magistro's speed in pushing the ball upcourt and aggressive defense along with Bohus's ballhandling and sharpshooting will make the Reds a difficult team to handle.

The Lady Reds are coached by 7-year veteran Gregg Bonar and assisted by Raeanne Ponzo.

The boys' team is looking for their **third consecutive trip** to the Regionals in Athens. Coached by Gene Ammirante (the second winningest coach in BHS) and assisted by Kevin Roseberry, the Reds have more talent on the bench than most teams have on the floor.

Leading the cast is three-year letterman Scott Coyne. Coyne enters the season with 639 points, 60 assists, and 87 steals. His ballhandling and driving skills could be a strong asset as most schools will have to play Bellaire's two sophomores close out front.

Jose' Davis and Jerry Ammirante have the potential to light up the boards with their precision three-pointers. Both lettered last season as freshmen and have gotten bigger and

more poised. Both are Valley threats from three-point territory, with Ammirante capable of firing from downtown Bellaire.

Captain of the team is senior Jason Tuttle. No one plays defense with more heart than Tut, and his leadership skills could be the key to keeping the talent-laden team on track. Underneath the boards is returning starter Scott Pitts, who after becoming only the second player in BHS to gain 1000 yards rushing, is the strongest and biggest 5'8" forward to be found.

The bench returns all seasoned veteran players such as Mark Mason, Jeremiah Johnson, Correy Eimer, Keith Pitts, and John Farrier as well as some promising sophomores.

The only new team added to the boys' schedule is Linsly, while Edison South, who recently consolidated with Edison North, has changed to just Edison.

So if you happen to be in town or are looking for some exciting basketball, drop by.

And you shouldn't need a coat!

----- ✂ ----- **Tear off this portion and MAIL IN TODAY!!!** ----- ✂ -----

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_____ Sign me up for my 1994 membership (\$5.00)

_____ Enclosed is a contribution for the:

_____ Claire Cribbs Memorial Scholarship (\$800.00)

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