

## Bits and Pieces

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I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. The weather in Oregon has been fantastic. I am guessing that the weather in Washington has also been terrific.

Our Group Training in Oregon has been a huge success. We have some excellent college players training with us everyday. Dominic Kegal, the outstanding senior to be quarterback at Greenville College (Illinois) is here for the entire summer. He is quite the leader and his positive personality has been an eye-opener for the younger players. Dominic grew up in Washington where he played 8-man football in high school. Eddie Stamm is an inside linebacker at Redlands College in California. Eddie is working hard and his goal is to be one of the top small college linebackers in the country as a senior. Eddie grew up in Beaverton, Oregon and went to Oregon State out of Beaverton HS. Eddie left OSU and started for Redlands last season as a junior. Tom Farinacci is competing for the starting QB job at Redlands this year as a sophomore. Tom is from Southridge HS in Beaverton, Oregon. Kyle Lavender is now a 230 pound fullback at Western Oregon University. Kyle played at Lake Oswego HS. Kyle is having a great summer of workouts. Another Western Oregon player to be is incoming freshman Kyle Warner, a quarterback from Centennial HS in Portland, Oregon. Tate Sanders is another incoming college quarterback who is having a great summer with us. Tate will be playing for Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana. Shawn Evans went to Sioux Falls College in South Dakota where he red-shirted. Shawn has transferred to Whitworth University where he will be playing tight end. Shawn was a QB at Clackamas HS and Portland Christian HS. He played high school football at 195 pounds. Today he is a 240 pound tight end and he is looking fantastic in our workouts. All of these guys grew up in the Barton Football Academy.

In addition to the college players, we have many others from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade working hard each and every day to get better. The Group Training is averaging 12 to 50 kids per night (Sunday through Friday) and on Saturday afternoon (from 12 noon to 2 p.m.).

Taylor Barton's Group Training in Washington has also been productive and fun. He has a great staff and they are teaching a lot of good football technique to players of all ages.

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A friend of mine sent me an email recently with some great things that I want to share with you. These are quotes from past gridiron legends that I got a big kick out of reading. Some of these quotes sure apply to the game that we play today.

*#1. 'Football is only a game. Spiritual things are eternal. Nevertheless, Beat Texas.' Seen on a church sign in Arkansas prior to the 1969 game.*

*#2. 'After you retire, there's only one big event left... and I ain't ready for that.' Bobby Bowden / Florida State*

*#3. 'The man who complains about the way the ball bounces is likely to be the one who dropped it.' Lou Holtz / Arkansas*

*#4. 'When you win, nothing hurts.' Joe Namath / Alabama*

*#5. 'Motivation is simple. You eliminate those who are not motivated.' Lou Holtz / Arkansas*

*#6. 'If you want to walk the heavenly streets of gold, you gotta know the password, 'Roll, tide, roll!' Bear Bryant / Alabama*

*#7. 'A school without football is in danger of deteriorating into a medieval study hall.' Frank Leahy / Notre Dame*

*#8. 'There's nothing that cleanses your soul like getting the hell kicked out of you.' Woody Hayes / Ohio State*

*#9. 'I don't expect to win enough games to be put on NCAA probation. I just want to win enough to warrant an investigation.'* *Bob Devaney / Nebraska*

*#10. 'In Alabama, an atheist is someone who doesn't believe in Bear Bryant.'* *Wally Butts / Georgia*

*#11. 'You can learn more character on the two-yard line than anywhere else in life.'* *Paul Dietzel / LSU*

*#12. 'It's kind of hard to rally around a math class.'* *Bear Bryant / Alabama*

*#13. When asked if Fayetteville was the end of the world. 'No, but you can see it from here.'* *Lou Holtz / Arkansas.*

*#14. 'I make my practices real hard because if a player is a quitter, I want him to quit in practice, not in a game.'* *Bear Bryant / Alabama*

*#15. 'There's one sure way to stop us from scoring-give us the ball near the goal line.'* *Matty Bell / SMU*

*#16. 'Lads, you're not to miss practice unless your parents died or you died.'* *Frank Leahy / Notre Dame*

*#17. 'I never graduated from Iowa, but I was only there for two terms - Truman's and Eisenhower's.'* *Alex Karras / Iowa*

*#18. 'My advice to defensive players: Take the shortest route to the ball and arrive in a bad humor.'* *Bowden Wyatt / Tennessee*

*#19. 'I could have been a Rhodes Scholar, except for my grades.' Duffy Daugherty / Michigan State*

*#20. 'Always remember... Goliath was a 40 point favorite over David.' Shug Jordan / Auburn*

*#21. 'They cut us up like boarding house pie. And that's real small pieces.' Darrell Royal / Texas*

*#22. 'Show me a good and gracious loser, and I'll show you a failure.' Knute Rockne / Notre Dame*

*#23. 'They whipped us like a tied up goat.' Spike Dykes / Texas Tech*

*#24. 'I asked Darrell Royal, the coach of the Texas Longhorns, why he didn't recruit me and he said: 'Well, Walt, we took a look at you and you weren't any good.' Walt Garrison / Oklahoma State*

*#25. 'Son, you've got a good engine, but your hands aren't on the steering wheel.' Bobby Bowden / Florida State*

*#26. 'Football is not a contact sport - it is a collision sport. Dancing is a contact sport.' Duffy Daugherty / Michigan State*

*#27. After USC lost 51-0 to Notre Dame, his postgame message to his team: 'All those who need showers, take them.' John McKay / USC*

*#28. 'If lessons are learned in defeat, our team is getting a great education.' Murray Warmath / Minnesota*

*#29. 'The only qualifications for a lineman are to be big and dumb. To be a back, you only have to be dumb.' Knute Rockne / Notre Dame*

*#30. 'Oh, we played about like three tons of buzzard puke this afternoon.' Spike Dykes / Texas Tech*

*#31. 'It isn't necessary to see a good tackle. You can hear it.' Knute Rockne / Notre Dame*

*#32. 'We live one day at a time and scratch where it itches.' Darrell Royal / Texas*

*#33. 'We didn't tackle well today but we made up for it by not blocking.' Wilson Matthews / Little Rock Central High School*

*#34. 'Three things can happen when you throw the ball, and two of them are bad. Darrell Royal / University of Texas*

*#35. 'I've found that prayers work best when you have big players.' Knute Rockne / Notre Dame*

*#36. 'Gentlemen, it is better to have died a small boy than to fumble this football.' John Heisman'*

My buddy who sent me these quotes was my high school receiver. Denny Moulton and I played together at Millikan HS in Long Beach, California. Denny moved on to Long Beach City College and then finished his college ball as a starting wide receiver at Fresno State University. Denny had a cup of coffee in the NFL and then coached with the Rams in the NFL for a number of years. It is always good hearing from one of my teammates.

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It seems like we are always talking about Jake Heaps and Gino Simone from Skyline High School. Guys, we are not trying to show any favoritism, believe me. Simply, they just keep doing wonderful things. First it's the scholarship offers and then their great performances at camps around the region. Now they join forces again and perform as teammates for the Seattle Seahawks High School 7-on-7 team that won the NFL's HSPD National Tournament Championships last weekend. They won the championship beating the New York Jets.

The Seahawks was comprised of 12 high school football players from around the State of Washington. They represented the Seattle Seahawks in the tournament competing against 15 teams from NFL markets across the country. The team finished with a perfect 11-0 record.

The 2008 National 7-on-7 Tournament took place at the New Orleans Saints training facility. The Seahawks team was coached by Mat Taylor, the Head Coach at Skyline HS and his assistant, Chad Barrett.

Jake Heaps was named the tournament MVP. Congratulations to Jake and his teammates for a job well done.

### **Seattle Seahawks 7-on-7 Team Roster**

D'Mario Carter, LB/RB, Kennedy High School  
William Chandler, WR/DB, Skyline High School  
Grant Gellatly, DB/RB, Issaquah High School  
Jake Heaps, QB, Skyline High School  
Jake Knecht, WR/DB, Skyline High School  
Casey Locker, S/QB, Ferndale High School  
Kirby Moore, DB/WR, Prosser High School  
Gino Simone, WR/DB, Skyline High School  
Nathan Tonani, LB/FB, Ferris High School  
Nolan Washington, DB/QB, Kennedy High School

## Gabe Linehan

Gabe Linehan is just under 6'4 and he weighs 205 pounds. He is a quarterback from Banks High School in Banks, Oregon. The senior to be has just been offered a football scholarship to Boise State University. After a lot of thought, Gabe verbally committed to the Broncos.

Gabe comes from an amazing football family. His father is Ron Linehan who is one of the all-time greatest high school football coaches in the history of Northwest high school football. Ron played his college football at the University of Idaho.

Gabe's two brothers are terrific football players. Josh who coaches the Barton Football Line Camps, started on the offensive line at Oregon State for a number of years. Cole started on the defensive line at the University of Oregon.

His uncle is Scott Linehan who is the Head Football Coach of the St. Louis Cardinals in the NFL. Coach Linehan also coached at the University of Washington.

Gabe Linehan has been training in the Barton Camps in the winter, spring and summer for over 6 years. He is a great young man. Gabe was recruited to Boise State University as "an athlete". Gabe will play QB and outside linebacker/standup defensive end for Banks this fall and now will also get action at tight end. The reason they will give him some time at tight end is because many at the college level see Gabe growing into a 6'4 – 245 pound tight end in college. Gabe is very athletic. He has the athletic tools to play lots of positions in the years to come.

The Barton Football Academy is proud of Gabe Linehan. We have seen him grow up over the past 6 years. He always has a great smile on his face, he is mature and a very kind person. His mother is a wonderful and supportive person. This is one of those "feel good" stories. We feel so good for Gabe, his family, and especially for his mom. **GREAT JOB GABE!!!!**

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Just a reminder – to the players in Washington, go to:  
[www.bartonfootball.com](http://www.bartonfootball.com) and click on the left border of the front page on  
“Camps” Then click on “Small Group QB/Skill Training with Taylor  
Barton”.....Don’t miss out of these workouts. **YOU WILL GET  
BETTER!!!**

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Remember, two-a-day practices are right  
around the corner. Now is the time to be working.

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