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To the Members of the Union High Track and Field Alumni Association:

Frank Gifford, in his book *The Glory Game* (HaperCollens Publishers, © 2008), ends the book with a poem by one of his teammates, Kyle Rote. The poem is called "To My Teammates", and while it was written by a football player about a football team, I feel it pertains to all sports, and to our Alumni Association.

I wish I had said it as well as Kyle Rote.

*So many things I've wished I'd said
And wished much more I'd done
Back when we functioned as a team
Back when the game was fun.*

*So many times ----- I now recall
Those humid summer days
When we could barely practice through
Our list of basic plays*

*But then - - - - - someone among our group - - - - -
Would walk that extra mile
And lead us to complete the task
To exit with some style*

*The mind grows dim as years move on - - - - -
And details fade away
But essence of that band of boys
Is with me every day.*

*I've often thought that if we've learned
Some lessons during life,
The best of them at least were learned
Back then - - - - - on fields of strife.*

*I also feel the bonds we made
Did bind - - - -Solidify - - - -
Those careful, precious memories
Until the day we die.*

Hope you all are well, and we can meet again in June.

Have a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!!!

Coach and Wife.