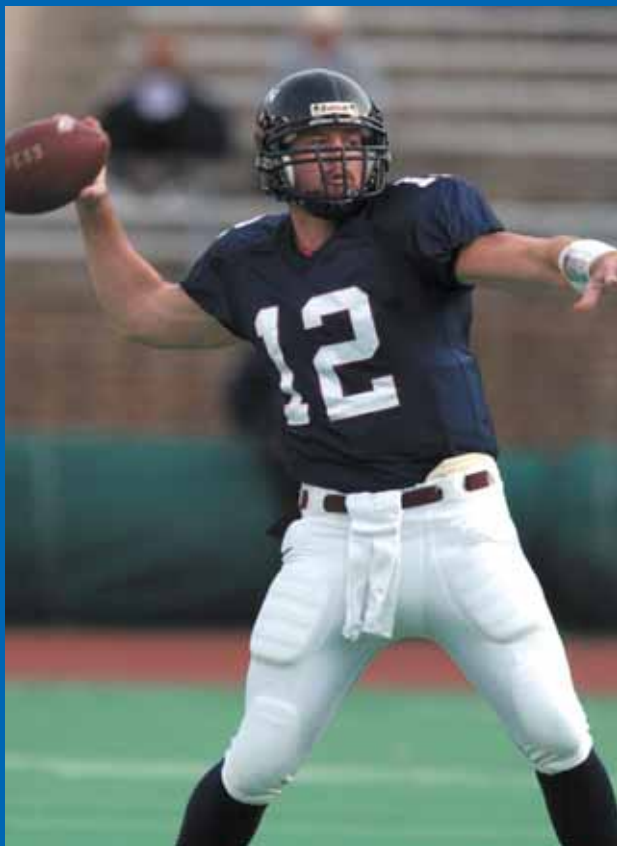


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# Chapter 1

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Clay was on his way to lunch. He thought about the next football game. It was on Friday night. Carter High would play Glen High.

Clay was the starting quarterback.

Clay saw Dan. Dan was at his locker.

Dan said, "Wait, Clay. I will walk to lunch with you."

Clay stopped walking. He waited for Dan.

Clay and Dan were good friends now. But they hadn't been good friends last year.

Dan put his books in his locker.

Then he came over to Clay. They walked down the hall.

Dan said, "I can hardly wait for Friday night to come."

Dan was on the football team too. He was a running back. He was also the back-up quarterback.

Dan had wanted the job as starting quarterback last year. But Clay had gotten it. Dan had helped him get it.

Clay was new to the school last year. And he didn't know all of the Carter High plays.

Coach Grant asked Dan to help Clay learn some of the plays. Dan didn't want to help Clay. But he did help Clay. Dan's help got Clay the job.

Dan said, "I hope we beat Glen High. But Glen High has a good team. And I am not sure we can beat them. What do you think?"

Clay said, "We can beat them. I feel good about this year. I think we will win all of our games. We will even win the Hillman game. It won't be easy. But I think we will be number one in the state this year."

Clay also thought he might make the All-State team.

Dan said, "I hope we will be number one. We haven't lost a game so far. But I am not sure we can beat Glen High and Hillman High."

"Don't worry, Dan. We will beat them," Clay said.

"I sure hope you are right," Dan said.

Clay saw Kim. She was walking down the hall.

Clay asked Kim for a date last year, but she wouldn't date him.

Kim smiled at Clay.