

## Coach's Corner

Someone has said, "The power of *we* is stronger than the power of *me*," Maybe that's why Bill Walton said, "My whole life, my dream was to be part of something special. I never really had any interest in being a star. I just wanted to play on a great team."

### *\* The Difference that made the Difference*

*It was their 25<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. Ted and Joe hadn't seen each other since graduation. Ted, the star of the basketball team, had gone on to become a successful CEO of a huge corporation. Joe, the captain of their undefeated team, was now a minister in town.*

*"Joe, I want to thank you for making me the success I am today," the businessman said.*

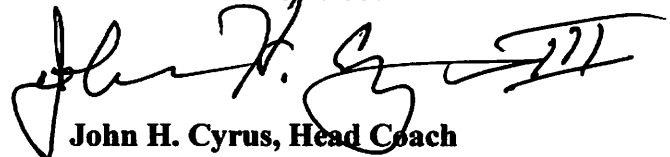
*"I don't think I had anything to do with it," replied the minister.*

*"Well, you probably never knew this, but it drove me crazy that I was never elected captain. So just before graduation, I asked Coach why the team voted for you and not me. Coach said something I've never forgotten. He said, 'Ted, you were the best player on the team while Joe wanted to be the best player for the team. You wanted to be the best player in the state while Joe worked to make us the best team in the state.'*

*"It's a lesson I've never forgotten. I now realize that the difference between us was that I was selfish and you were selfless. When I became more like you, I was voted captain of my college team, and it helped me quickly climb the corporate ladder. The 'old me' would have wanted my company to be the best company in the world. Now I strive to make it the best company for the world. That's why I want to thank you."*

This year our motto is "**Play Hard, Play Smart, Play Together.**" Joe understood this; this year we look forward to all Hawks being "Just another Joe."

One Heartbeat One Soul



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