



Rubick Run

Saturday, August 7, 2010

“Always be fair...do the best you can, and leave it at that.”

**Don Davey Letter to the Editor
Herald Times Reporter**

I have never been so proud to claim Manitowoc as my hometown as I have been in 2009. When my former coach, mentor, and good friend Ron Rubick died in January, I was amazed at the number of people who made the four hour drive through a blizzard to pay their last respects. In February, I was humbled and honored by our community's decision to induct Ron and I together into the first ever Lincoln High School Wall of Fame. Two months later, I learned I would be joining Ron in our prestigious Lakeshore Hall of Fame as well. And in July, I sat in our City Hall as our civic leaders boldly proclaimed that Manitowoc Ships football games would forever be played at Ron Rubick Municipal Athletic Field.

During all of this, I began inviting the city to join me in honoring Ron's legacy by participating in the First Annual 5K Rubick Run. Last Saturday, the Rubick Family watched through tear-filled eyes as over five hundred of Ron's former players, students, co-workers, and friends gathered in a rainstorm to pay tribute to their beloved husband and father. When BJ Rubick fired the gun, the sun chased the clouds away as if on cue. Participants young and old ran, walked, scooted, and strolled for 3.1 miles before enjoying the camaraderie of the post race party at Rubick Field. The smiles on everyone's faces led my oldest daughter to comment, “Coach Rubick sure must have been one special person.” He certainly was.

I am writing to publicly thank each and every one of our race organizers, sponsors, donors, volunteers, and participants who made the First Annual Rubick Run such a tremendous success. Through your generosity, we raised over \$20,000--every penny of which will stay right here in Manitowoc. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Kristen and I hope to see all of you back again on August 7th, 2010 for the even bigger and better Second Annual Rubick Run (www.rubickrun.com).