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It's the end of the game and it is tied with one second left. The snap was good, the hold was good, and the kick was good. The part that everyone cared about was the kick, the kicker was the hero and nobody remembers the good snap.

Every kid dreams to score a touchdown, make a tackle, or make a good block. But not many kids dream is to long snap the football. I was that kid growing up wanting to be the star of the team. My favorite team has always been Notre Dame and I was so excited in fourth grade when my dad signed me up for the Notre Dame football camp. At the camp there was almost every position except long snapping and I didn't care at the time, I didn't even know what long snapping was.

At the end of the camp,"they were selling these game worn undershirts that were really cool. I got one and the number was number 61. I thought it was sweet but didn't even look up who the player was."

The next year I went to the same camp and saw that they were selling game-worn jerseys that matched the undershirts they were selling the year before. I found number 61 and I got the jersey.

I went home and finally looked up this player. It was Notre Dame's long snapper Scott Daly. I watched some videos about long snapping and I fell in love with it.



I told my dad and he found a man named John Dach who coached his son who grew up to play in the NFL how to long snap. I would long snap with coach Dach every week to improve my snaps.

I have been long snapping ever since.

It is safe to say if I didn't get that shirt and jersey, I would have never gotten into long snapping. Now 6 years after the Notre Dame football camp I wear number 61 and I long snap for Grand Blanc JV football.

