



Transforming Communities Through the Power of Sports

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2024 REPLAY

WELCOME

Welcome to the first issue of *Replay*, your courtside view into the action at Bigger Than Sports. Just like a game's best highlights, this newsletter captures the key moments, milestones, and victories that drive our mission forward. Stay tuned as we share the plays that make a difference in our community.



Ian Waite, President/CEO

OUR MISSION

Empowering underserved students to reach their full potential by providing educational resources and guidance to create and execute comprehensive plans during the pivotal transition to life beyond high school - shaping futures and breaking generational cycles.

IN 5 MONTHS WE HAVE



\$8951

TOTAL
AMOUNT
RAISED



84

ATHLETES
TOUCHED
THROUGH
TOURNAMENTS



40+

HOURS OF
COLLEGE AND
CAREER
PLANNING
PROVIDED

PARTNERSHIP WITH EJS AND MILAGRO CENTER

In partnership with the Emanuel Jackson Sr. (EJS) Project and the Milagro Center, two nonprofits providing after-school programs for underserved youth, Bigger Than Sports works directly with their high school seniors to ensure each student has a well-defined plan for life after graduation. By offering support with resume building, college and job applications, and goal alignment, we help these students confidently transition to their next steps, providing them with the tools to break generational cycles and unlock their full potential.



STAY
ENGAGED
WITH US



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FACEBOOK



BIGGER
THAN SPORTS

At Bigger Than Sports, our events are more than just competitions - they are community-building experiences that unite students, local businesses, colleges, and community organizations. Our sports tournaments, the cornerstone of our events, serve as a platform to bring together a network of support for young students.

Gallery: [Massachusetts 3v3 Basketball Tournament](#)

Gallery: [Florida 3v3 Basketball Tournament](#)



IN THE NEWS

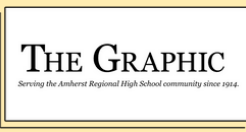
There is no better feeling than when an idea turns into a plan, and that plan comes to fruition. Ian Waite would be the first to co-sign that.

[Read the article](#)



Bigger than Sports: ARHS grad Ian Waite starts non-profit to help high school athletes move to the next phase of their lives

[Read the article](#)





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Our mission is to empower underserved students to reach their full potential by providing educational resources and guidance during the pivotal transition to high school. All proceeds go to Bigger Than Sports.



BIGGER THAN PICKLEBALL



2v2 PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

ProWorld Sports Complex
651 EGRET CIR, DELRAY BEACH, FL 33444
January 18, 2025
Registration starts at 8:00 AM • Games start at 9:00 AM

Beginners • Intermediate • Advanced

Registration fee: \$30 per player
Students: \$30 for 2 players

**Community Pop-Up Tents
Raffles • Snack Bar • Music**

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UPCOMING

7V7 FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

**Spring 2025
Details TBD**



**YOUR SUPPORT
CAN CHANGE LIVES**

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**Help us create an
even BIGGER impact in 2025**



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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

~ Margaret Mead



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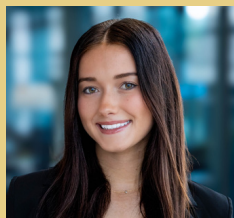


**Tiger
DiMillo**
Dir. of Finances

MEET THE TEAM



“If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.”
- African proverb



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