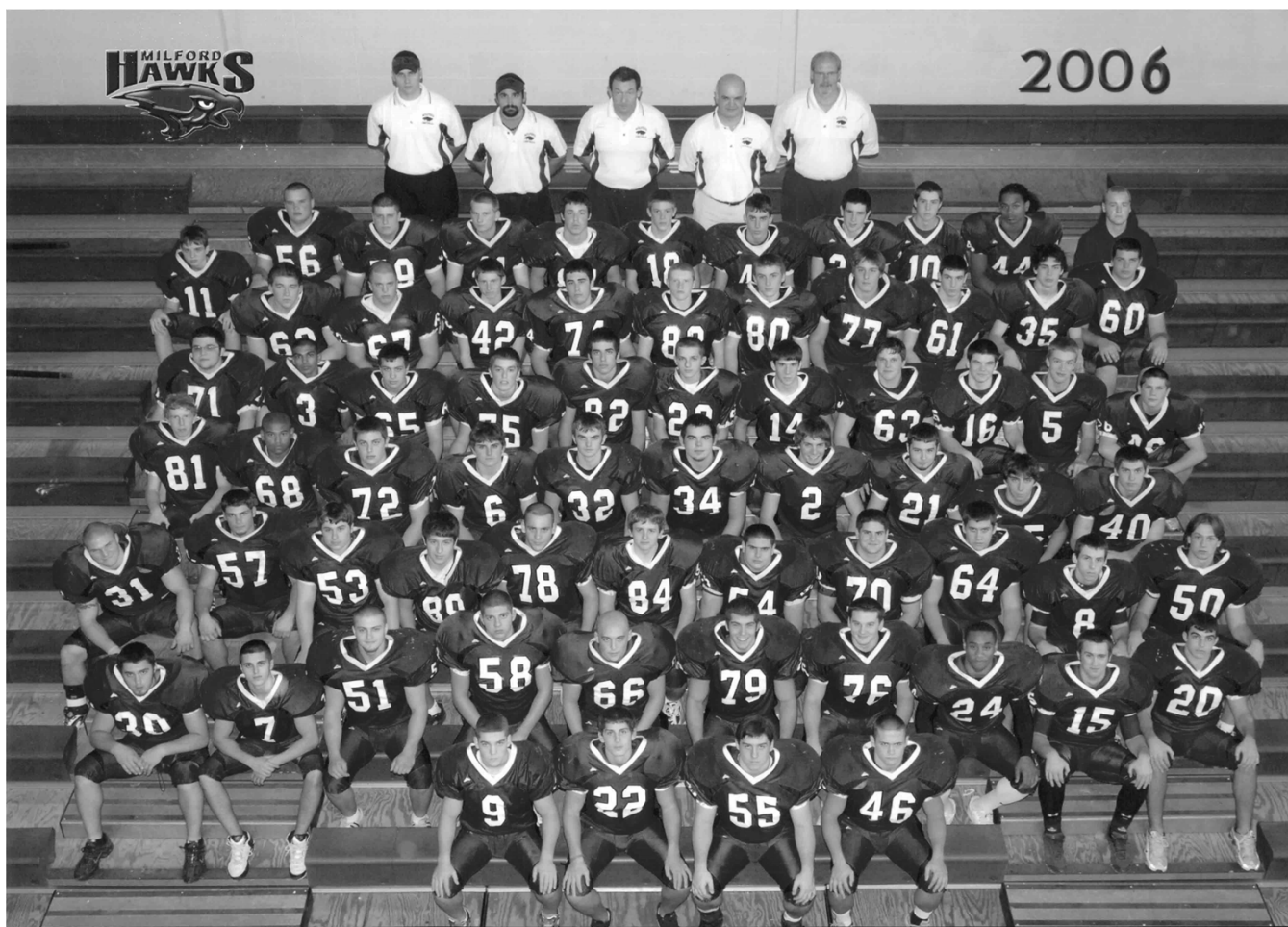




Midland-Wachusett League Champions
Div. 1A Central West Super Bowl Champions
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The 2006 Scarlet Hawks football team embarked on the season with lofty goals and high expectations. After finishing as runner-up to South Hadley in the 2005 Div. 1A Super Bowl by a score of 18-0, that team of mostly underclassmen was determined to avenge that difficult loss.

The offseason commitment of this group of young men, led by senior captains Brian Flumere, Dan Hulyk, Bryant Johnson and Mike Oliveri, was obvious, as they embarked on a weight training and conditioning program not seen in many years. It was obvious that this team was determined to take that "Stairway to Heaven."

The season opened with a convincing win over Bellingham, followed by an eye-opening 20-14 loss to Franklin. With a renewed determination by the team, and the work ethic of Head Coach John Dagnese and his staff- Nick Zacchilli, Tom Cullen, PJ Boccia, Paul Agnese, Steve Matos, John Mainini and Mike Plichta- they would go undefeated in their last nine games. This included a dramatic win against Marlboro with a Bryant Johnson to Matt McDonough touchdown pass with 1:10 left in the game, and a Tom Kane field goal with 3 seconds remaining to defeat Div. 1 Super Bowl representative Leominster.

This memorable season concluded with a 20-0 rematch victory over South Hadley in the Super Bowl. This game featured an outstanding defensive effort, and, on a very cold and windy day when Milford's passing attack stalled, Brian Flumere rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns.

This team became Milford High's 5th Super Bowl Champion in school history. The success of the team can be attributed not only to the hard work of the coaching staff and its star players, but to all the teammates who contributed so much effort in the trenches, in practice, on scout teams and in the weight room- these unsung heroes were the backbone of the team!