HOLD THE ROPE

Every year a college team wins the NCAA title. Every year a high school team wins the state crown. All these teams have one thing in common. No matter how tough it becomes throughout their season, they did one thing—

THEY HELD THE ROPE.

What is holding the rope? Imagine that you are hanging from the edge of a cliff with a drop of twenty thousand feet. The thing between you and a fall to your death is a rope, with the person of your choice on the other end. Who do you know that has the guts to pull you to safety? Who will hold the rope? Who do you know that is going to let that rope burn their hand and not let go? How many people you know are going to withstand the burning pain and watch the blood drip from their hands for you?

If you can name two people, that’s not good enough because those two might not be around. The next time your team is together, look around and ask yourself, who could I trust to hold the rope? Who is going to let their hands bleed for me? When you look at every member on your team or coach and say to yourself that they would all hold the rope, you are destined to win a lot of tournaments. You see, the team that holds the rope when the going gets tough are winners. When you are several strokes over par toward the end of the round, don’t give up. Remind your teammates to hold the rope, let it burn but don’t let go.

Every year there are winners and losers in sports. Every year the winners hold the rope. You don’t have to be the best team in the field to win the tournament. If you play with poise and do what your coach ask of you, and most of all—HOLD THE ROPE, you will be successful. No matter what sport you play, in order to win, you have to make a commitment to your team. If you are supposed to run three times a week, do it. If you have to lift three times a week, don’t miss. Once you start letting up at practice or start missing your workouts, you killed the team because you didn’t hold the rope.

Don’t let your team down. You’ve got to hold the rope? You must do everything possible both on and off the course to make sure that your teammates know that they can count on you to "HOLD THE ROPE."