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RAISING A CHAMPION

How family, competition and love helped mold Tom Brady

(Editor's note: With Tom Brady being honored at his induction of the Hall of Fame at Patriot Place, we are re-running a story Bill Burt wrote in November of 2016 called "Raising A Champion." It was the first of a three-part series, in which Bill traveled to his old high school and met up with friends, former teammates and coaches. This is the first story about upbringing in San Mateo, Calif.)

By Bill Burt

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SAN MATEO, Calif. — You can't miss the sign atop the press box at the home football field of Junipero Serra High, an all-boys Catholic prep school.

"Brady Family Stadium."

A donation by legendary Patriots quarterback Tom Brady spearheaded the renovations at the picturesque stadium in San Mateo, a Silicon Valley suburb 15 miles south of San Francisco.

But those who know him best in this city of 100,000 say the wording of the sign is appropriate because of the role his family, including his parents and three sisters, played in raising one of the greatest professional



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The Bradys have several photo albums, here are photos of the entire family together on different vacations.

quarterbacks who ever lived.

"This is one special family," said Junipero Serra Athletic Director John Kirby, who caught Brady's first-ever touchdown pass on the JV team a quarter-century ago.

"One thing I always noticed," said Kirby, "is after every game you'd see

the entire family, all his sisters, parents and even some aunts and uncles. They really stuck together. Tommy is definitely a product of that environment. His support system was special."

Tommy, as he is known around here, has done and accomplished many things in the 22 years since he left

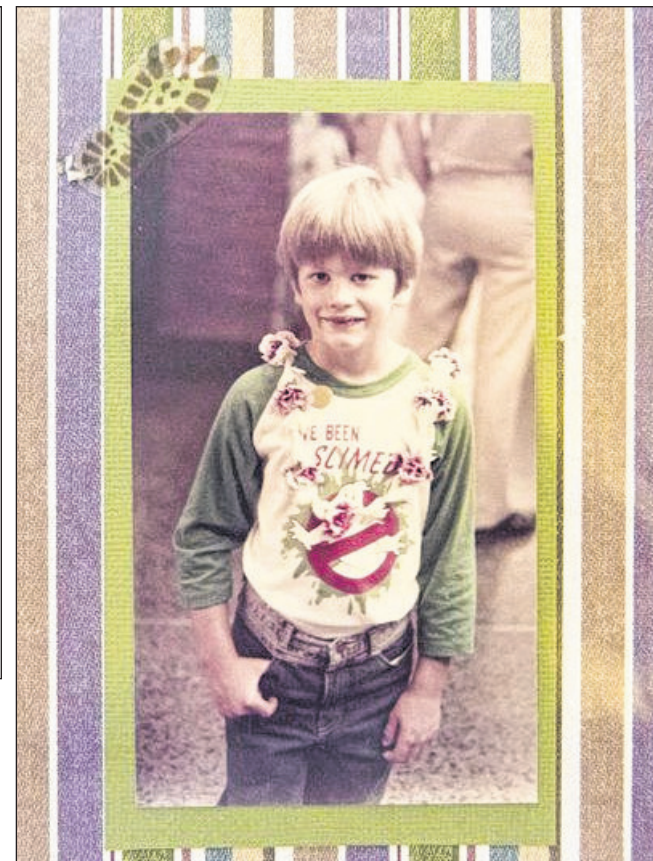
for Ann Arbor, Michigan, and later Foxboro, the kind of accomplishments that lead to statues being built.

But one thing he has never done since graduating from Junipero Serra High, is play a football game before his family and friends in the Bay Area, home of the San Francisco 49ers, whose legendary quarterback, Joe Montana, was Brady's boyhood hero.

Brady has played against every other NFL team in its home city except Tampa Bay — the last Buccaneers "home" game against the Patriots was played in London.

The one visit the Patriots made to San Francisco was in 2008, the year Brady was injured in the first half of the first game.

About three dozen of Brady's family and closest friends will be gathering tonight at a restaurant



A photo of Tom Brady when he was younger at his home in San Mateo, California. The photo is in a family album at the Brady household in California.

to celebrate the rare occurrence.

"It's crazy when you think about it," said Maureen Brady, Tom's eldest sister. "To play that many years and this being Tommy's first game back home ... It's special."

Young Tom Brady

Brady grew up on Portola Drive, a tree-lined, upper-class neighborhood where homes are built close together because the land is so expensive. His parents still live there.

Competition was as much a part of the Brady household as breathing and eating.

"My fault," said Tom

Brady Sr. "I started it. Everything we did, and I mean everything, like running home from church, throwing a rock the farthest ... Everything was a competition. I guess it made things really fun, at least for the winner."

Enter young Tommy Brady.

"He was 11 and we're playing golf before going to a San Francisco Giants baseball game," said Tom Sr. "And I've beaten him on every hole. We have these bets where I lose a dollar or he has to wash my car. and about the seventh hole, after several double-or-nothings,

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There is a legendary quote, which Jimmy Durante used in one of his songs:

"Fame if you win it, comes and goes in a minute."

While it may be true for most, Tom Brady is one of the outliers.

And while his career is officially over — probably — his track record of success lives on forever.

On June 12, it will be punctuated by his induction into the Patriots Hall of Fame.

The normal five-year waiting period after retirement has been waived. Brady, as all know, was far from normal.

This and his record honors are putting to bed some petty disagreements.

And there is no doubt anymore. The family squabbles, and there were a few, like most families endure, have officially been put to rest.

The three years in Tampa were special in their own way — the got him some freedom from bondage and a seventh title — lifting a dormant franchise.

But it was the previous 20 years that will define Brady and his illustrious career, one that might be the best ever in professional modern day sports.

In September, Brady put some bad blood between the franchise, his former owner and his long-time coach having his number "12" retired.

Well, this a little different and extra special.

Brady is going into the franchise's impressive Hall of Fame, aptly named the Hall of Fame at Patriot Place.

Thus assuring everyone: Tom Brady is a New England Patriot. For life.

Owner Bob Kraft said it back in September. More importantly, though, Brady



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Tom Brady is cheered by New England fans during the ceremony in his honor during halftime of a game against Philadelphia.



Tom Brady runs onto the field for the ceremony in his honor.

said it, too.

An emotional Brady spoke from the heart when he arrived, without a script, and basically exposed feelings that he has held, quietly, for nearly years.

"All our lives takes us on

different journeys, different places, and brings different people in our lives," said Brady. "One thing I'm sure of, that will never change ... I am a Patriot for life."

When Brady took off his "shell," underneath was a

Patriots home jersey, No. 12.

Then he did what he had done for most of his two decades here, when he took the field just before the game. He sprinted down the Patriots sideline, at the end of which he'd yell, "Let's

(BLEEPIN') go!"

Well, Brady used those same exact words throwing his fist as if he was throwing it 100 yards.

Brady touched on what made playing for the Patriots, and really Bill Belichick, different than other places.

"The core beliefs," said Brady. "Nothing significant in life happens as an individual. It's always about the team. We are built on a culture of teammates, each other and [we] cared about winning. If you didn't care about those two things, you didn't last long here."

Another special element were the horde of former teammates which stood together as a group, about 50 feet from where Brady was speaking.

While Kraft was speaking Brady kept waving to several different former teammates, including Matt Light, Kevin Faulk, Lawyer Milloy, Ty Law and even former

player personnel leader of the early dynasty, Scott Pioli.

Guess what? Multiply that time three or four, because this event on June 12 at Gillette Stadium is all about Brady and his career, not a half-time celebration.

The big announcement back in September, which really wasn't a surprise, was that the five-year retirement waiting period will be waived, and Brady would be inducted into the Patriots Hall of Fame on June 12, 2024.

Inside Gillette Stadium. Well, June 12 is finally here.

That means 68,000 people, more if they open the field, will be participating in one of the greatest ceremonies in New England sports history.

"It's another day [in this stadium] that I'll never forget," said Brady. "I love you all so much."

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'Congrats to Tommy Brady, my friend'

(Editor's note: Jay Flannery, of Andover, met Tom Brady while they were both in Ann Arbor, Mich. in the mid-1990s and their relationship has continued. Flannery pens this column on his pal, who will enter the Patriots Hall of Fame on June 12.)

By Jay Flannery

» Special to North of Boston Media Group

Thank you, Tom "Tommy" Brady.

Thank you for giving 7th string quarterbacks hope.

Thank you for turning Gillette Stadium into a House of Horrors.

Thank you for creating a new position: "The Open Receiver"

Thank you for helping take the Patriots franchise to an elite level, arguably the best ever.

Thank you for that amazing Combine workout video.

Thank you for turning "Loserville" into the City Of Champions.

Thank you for making four quarters matter.

Thank you for always passing me the ball in intramural hoops even I couldn't throw it in the ocean.

Thank you for listening to another Andover guy, Joe Marinaro, and staying at Michigan in 1995 after some questionable personnel decisions.

Thank you for being a part of many Gronk spikes.

Thank you for making short, fat guys the other headline grabbing story in my life.

Thank you for always taking the ball first.

Thank you for giving me

the opportunity to promote so many amazing people from my hometown: Andover. All of my teammates, friends, teachers, etc. Led by the late, great Coach Dick Collins and Michael Muldoon aka Mully. Not here today without them.

Thank you for making Gil and Geno laugh, cry and smile.

Thank you for 1,000 yards rushing ... barely.

Thank you for including me every step of the way during your career.

Thank you for recognizing and promoting how important Drew Bledsoe is to our franchise and its history.

Thank you for standing up to the Ravens and kicking their collective butts.

Thank you for calling the shots and sending "KTH" my way the next day.

Thank you for that "Birth-day" video. It still comes up from time to time.

Thank you for putting New England on the map.

Thank you for having enough arm strength.

Thank you for faking Brian Urlacher out of his jock strap at least once. That was awesome.

Thank you for staying strong and never giving up during your time in Ann Arbor when a lot of others would have quit and transferred.

Thank you for letting "Zo" be "Zo."

Thank you for always having your wingman's back.

Thank you for making people watch the entire NFL Draft now, always talking about the 199th pick.

Thank you for 20 seasons



Tom Brady, on left, is close friends with Andover native Jay Flannery, who attended the University of Michigan and still resides in Ann Arbor, Mich. The duo became pals during their times at the school.

in Foxboro. Wow. Time flies.

Thank you for your countless charity works and acts people have zero clue about.

Thank you for overcoming that first collegiate pass.

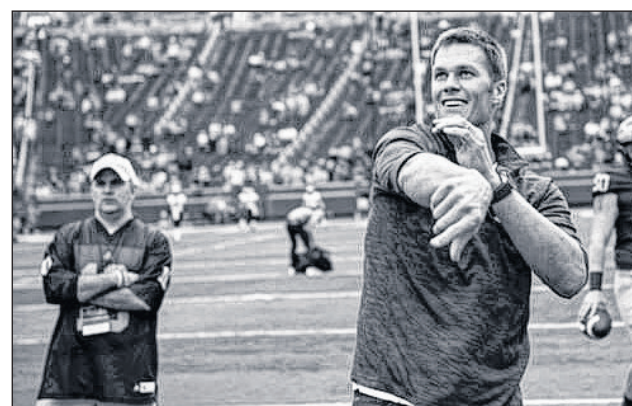
Thank you for being a great teammate and leader.

Thank you for helping us land Jim Harbaugh and save Michigan football from Ohio State's claws. Thank you!

Thank you for proving John Madden wrong ... not taking a knee ... then turning him into your biggest fan.

Thank you for calling my grandmother every week during the season in 2001 to tell her how much you loved her grandson. That meant a lot!

Thank you for helping me survive the "Chad Tough" experience. Honestly the



Tom Brady throws a pass during a visit to the University of Michigan while his pal, Jay Flannery, of Andover, on left, watches. Flannery still resides in Ann Arbor, Mich. and the duo oftentimes connect.

worst situation you and I will ever face.

Thank you for "28-3." Or should it be "3-28"?

Thank you for always facing the music – win or lose

Thank you for giving me the strength to overcome and discuss my own struggles with addiction and mental health.

Thank you for making

Flannery-Brady connection

Andover native Jay Flannery met Tom Brady in August of 1995 at the University of Michigan.

Early on Flannery remembered his as a tall, skinny kid with a big smile and "bigger heart." Also a good athlete, Flannery saw a leader with "old-school" manners who always went out of his way to say "Hi" and have a kind word.

According to Flannery, the duo hit it off from Day 1.

"I wish I could tell you I saw then what he became later, but I didn't. I did know he would become successful at whatever he wanted."

Over the net three decades Flannery they continued their friendship from afar, running into each other in Ann Arbor, Mich. when Brady would stop by.

"I have said this more than once," said Flannery. "If was the Captain of the Titanic, it would not have sunk. The 2016 Atlanta Falcons agree."

"I'm blessed to call him a friend and will always love him like a brother."

"LFG" a real, living thing.

Thank you for always being here for me – good and bad.

Thank you for the countless people who come up to me with Tom Brady stories and questions.

Thanks for yelling at me ONE TIME in our entire life

Thank you for putting up with two sewer mouths from Andover, Massachusetts.

Thank you for six wonderful Super Bowl Sundays.

Thank you for being a better guy than Football Player. and you are pretty good at Football.

Thank you for making the Patriots 199th pick the best decision that franchise ever made.

Most of all, thank you Tommy for being a friend I can count on.

No. 12 suits them just fine

North of Boston fans show off their Brady jerseys



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Paula Moore of Londonderry holds a Tom Brady signed game jersey while standing next to two cases she calls her in-home "shrine to the Patriots." Moore and her daughter, son and two grandsons went to see the New England Patriots take on the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl LII in Minneapolis in February of 2018.



Courtesy photo Patriots "super fan" Marie Provencher poses in her Lawrence office.



Sandi Seglin, 82, of Methuen., gears up for the "80 for Brady" event.



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Pentucket High School graduates dressed in Patriots' clothing took the Newburyport train to the parade in Boston in Feb. of 2017 after the comeback win over the Atlanta Falcons. From left, Jillian Terry, Alyssa Richardson, Olivia Kemper and Brandon Barlow.

Joe Cutrona of Salisbury holds his Super Bowl ticket and his daughter, Gianna, then 3. Lawrence native Joe Cutrona is a life-long die-hard Patriots fan and season ticket holder. He went to see the Patriots Super Bowl win over Atlanta in Houston.



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Antonio Gomez, 21, of Beverly vowed to go to every Patriots Super Bowl he can as he stood on the platform of the Beverly Depot waiting for the 9:42 a.m. train to Boston before the rally in 2017.



Lawrence firefighter Patrick Driscoll, Lt. Graeme Millar and former Lawrence firefighter Michael Armamo get ready to head inside Gillette Stadium to watch the New England Patriots take on the Miami Dolphins in Sept. of 2018. They are part of the GMT Tailgaters.

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2001	NWE	15	11-3	264	413	63.9	2,843	18	12	6.9	86.5
2002	NWE	16	9-7	373	601	62.1	3,764	28	14	6.3	85.7
2003	NWE	16	14-2	317	527	60.2	3,620	23	12	6.9	85.9
2004	NWE	16	14-2	288	474	60.8	3,692	28	14	7.8	92.6
2005	NWE	16	10-6	334	530	63	4,110	26	14	7.8	92.3
2006	NWE	16	12-4	319	516	61.8	3,529	24	12	6.8	87.9
2007+	NWE	16	16	398	578	68.9	4,806	50	8	8.3	117.2
2008	NWE	1	1	7	11	63.6	76	0	0	6.9	83.9
2009	NWE	16	10-6	371	565	65.7	4,398	28	13	7.8	96.2
2010+	NWE	16	14-2	324	492	65.9	3,900	36	4	7.9	111
2011	NWE	16	13-3	401	611	65.6	5,235	39	12	8.6	105.6
2012	NWE	16	12-4	401	637	63	4,827	34	8	7.6	98.7
2013	NWE	16	12-4	380	628	60.5	4,343	25	11	6.9	87.3
2014	NWE	16	12-4	373	582	64.1	4,109	33	9	7.1	97.4
2015	NWE	16	12-4	402	624	64.4	4,770	36	7	7.6	102.2
2016	NWE	12	11-1	291	432	67.4	3,554	28	2	8.2	112.2
2017+	NWE	16	13-3	385	581	66.3	4,577	32	8	7.9	102.8
2018	NWE	16	11-5	375	570	65.8	4,355	29	11	7.6	97.7
2019	NWE	16	12-4	373	613	60.8	4,057	24	8	6.6	88
2020	TAM	16	11-5	401	610	65.7	4,633	40	12	7.6	102.2
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The first California kid drafted out of the Big Ten Conference by the New England Patriots was Tony Eason in 1983, the “Year of the Quarterback,” in which six were chosen in the first round.

Eason had a decent career, but had a world championship-ish group around him, and other than one forgettable trip to the Super Bowl, he was a disappointment.

He turned out to be more of a nice-guy, surfer-dude than a franchise NFL quarterback.

Sure, his passes had a nice touch, but his personality was awkward to say the least. At least for us.

If you looked up the definition of “square peg in a round hole” in the dictionary, it was Eason and New England.

Well, the Patriots kicked those California-Big Ten tires again in 2000, and took a flier in the sixth round on a part-time starting quarterback out of Michigan, a skinny, unrefined young man named Tom Brady.

Nobody predicted anything on draft day.

In fact, if you believed what Basketball Hall of Fame coach Pete Carril, out of Princeton University, once said, you’d wonder why the Patriots wasted a 199th pick on the guy.

Carril said, “Never recruit a kid who lives in a house with a three car garage.”

The inference was said the kid was a fat cat, walking around with a silver spoon in his or her mouth.

Well, Brady grew up in a home with a two-car garage — in his hometown of San Mateo, Calif. His family was very well off, hailing from



Then-New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady waves to the crowd from atop a duck boat during the Patriots victory parade in 2015.

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one of the wealthiest counties in the U.S.

And he attended one of the top-flight private schools, Junipero Serra High, in the Greater San Francisco region.

But Brady was the antithesis of Carril’s “rich kid.”

Brady’s worth ethic, passion and desire to be the best was as blue collar as any “blue collah New Englandah.”

Brady’s college decision alone should be respected. He could’ve attended nearby

Cal-Berkley — the same school Aaron Rodgers later starred at — and would’ve started three or maybe four years.

Instead he goes to Michigan, where seven to eight quarterbacks are vying for playing time every spring and summer.

He got “screwed” once — maybe twice, arguably — by head coach Lloyd Carr, first losing out as the starting quarterback in the final week of the summer to Brian Greise and later having to split time with Michigan

high school phenom Drew Henson.

His family wanted him to transfer. But he decided he was a Michigan Man and wanted to fight it out.

By the time he got to Foxborough, Brady was NFL and New England-ready.

And New Englanders, particularly sports fans, needed a winner.

Bobby Orr owned the 1970s. Larry Bird owned the 1980s. and the 1990s remained vacant, other than a Bill Parcells-led run and

Mo Vaughn MVP Award, as it was not pretty rooting for our teams.

The 1996-97 year was easily the low point with the Bruins and Celtics finishing in last place and the Red Sox second to last place. Only the Patriots won a playoff game.

Coaches were fired. General managers were replaced. As the decade ended, our pro sport region was called “Loserville” by Boston Herald sports columnist Gerry Callahan.

It was deserved.

Brady could’ve been drafted by the San Francisco 49ers, the team he grew up adoring, but that wasn’t the right time or place.

The 49ers were still close enough to their 1990s dynasty-esqu run and had decided they wanted a Joe Montana-Steve Young clone, a.k.a. a guy who could move.

The local kid was a statue.

As New Englanders found out, a statue with a monster-sized heart and as passionate about winning as this region purports to be.

The bond he formed, with Bill Belichick proving to be one of the greatest that was ever made, out of the Red Auerbach-Bill Russell mold where winning superseded personal gain.

Come to find out, it was a great marriage while it lasted.

But New England and Brady were made for each other. We needed Brady and Brady needed us, both bringing out the best in each other.

Expectations are that Brady, with 20 family members in tow, will see his number “12” officially retired. Again, deserved.

But the best part is Brady is coming home, even if it’s a short visit, it will always be his home.

Patriots Hall of Fame inductees

► 2024

Tom Brady

► 2023

Dante Scarnecchia, coach
Mike Vrabel

► 2022

Vince Wilfork

► 2020

Richard Seymour
Tracy Sormanti, cheering

► 2019

Rodney Harrison
Leon Gray (SC)

► 2018

Matt Light

► 2017

Raymond
Clayborn

► 2016

Kevin Faulk
Houston Antwine (SC)

► 2015

Willie McGinest

► 2014

Ty Law

► 2013

Tedy Bruschi
Gil Santos, radio

► 2012

Troy Brown

► 2011

Drew Bledsoe
Jon Morris (SC)

► 2010

Sam Cunningham

► 2009

Jim Nance
Billy Sullivan, owner

► 2008

Ben Coates

► 2007

Stanley
Morgan

► 2001

Bruce
Armstrong

► 1999

Andre
Tippett

► 1995

Steve Grogan

► 1994

Mike Haynes

► 1993

Bob Dee
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he owes me about 50 car washes.

“He hit a bad shot and throws his club halfway down the fairway,” said Brady. “I was ticked off. I told him to get his club and go back the car and wait for me until I finished. I get to the car and he’s crying his eyes out.”

About four hours later, after they had gone to a San Francisco Giants baseball game, Tommy wanted to play golf again before they went home.

“I said we would only on the premise that he absolutely promise that he would be a good sport. and he did,” said Brady. “About seven holes later, he threw his club again and we left. His temper got better as he got older, but he hated losing at an early age.”

Tom Sr. said early on, he and his wife, Galynn, offered their four children many activities, including sports.

“Whether it was guitar, ballet, piano ... we wanted them to try everything,” said Tom Sr. “But all of them always seemed to move toward sports, which was fine with Galynn and myself. We were both sports nuts.”

Tom Sr. said in one year they counted 315 games on the calendar involving their children.

“And you know what? Me or my wife was at every one of them,” said Tom Sr. “That was always important to us ... to have someone there.”

The sisters

Brady, the youngest child, had some impressive role models before him in terms of talent.

Nancy, who is a year older than her brother, earned a scholarship to play softball at the University of California-Berkeley, later deciding to focus on school.

Julie, who was two years older than Nancy, has a story more like her brother’s, walking on to play for



Tom Brady's high school sports career was chronicled on this page of a family album shown off by his father at home in San Mateo, California.

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the soccer team at St. Mary's College, later earning a scholarship.

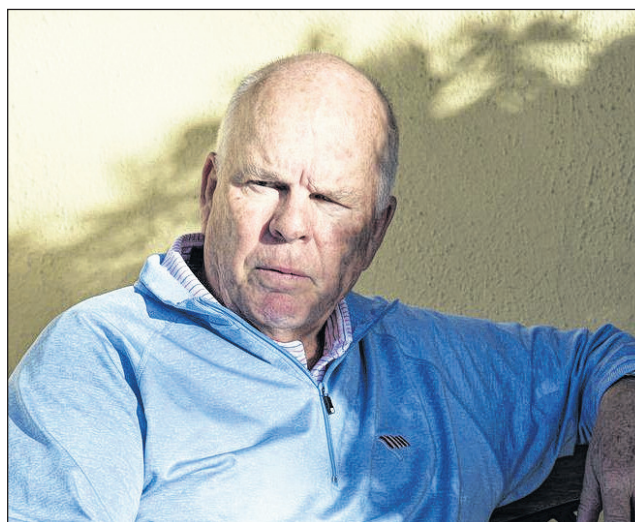
Last, but definitely, not least, is Brady's eldest sister, Maureen, who still owns records as a pitcher 25 years later. Maureen had a 111-10 career record at Hillsdale High in San Mateo with 29 no-hitters, 14 perfect games and two section titles.

She later became an All-American pitcher at Fresno State, leading the country in wins with 36 in her junior year. She was inducted into the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame with her plaque reading: “Maureen Brady set the standard for San Mateo County softball pitchers.”

“Tom was very good,” said his former teammate, John Kirby. “But in high school, Maureen was the best. She was incredible. I remember hearing so many stories about her dominance, game after game. Even after she was done playing, she was one of the best instructors around.”

Maureen, now a single mother of two girls, 16 and 9, said her kid brother was there for most of her greatest moments, soaking it all in.

“He was our little brother. It was normal, Tommy always tagging along,” said



Tom Brady, Sr., at his home in San Mateo, Calif.

Maureen. “I remember pitching so many times at the park near our house, our whole life was spent there. To this day I remember turning around and he’s up on a light post, doing cheers. They are special memories.”

Maureen said their block in San Mateo was loaded with about 70 kids within a quarter-mile of each other. Tommy, again, was one of the youngest.

“Tommy would try to fit in,” she said. “I remember one time some boys were throwing a football around our street and they told Tommy to go deep. He ran all the way down the street waiting for the football and

they turned around and left. They were such jerks.”

The parents

Maureen Brady said that when you really cut to the chase about her brother’s extraordinary success, really all of their family successes, it comes down to two people.

Mom and dad.

“Honestly, I believe all of us kids are pretty kind, sweet, caring people,” said Maureen. “You don’t lie. You don’t cheat. That comes from our parents. They set the foundation. They set our values.”

“We all went to Catholic school. We’d all go to church



Tom Brady, Sr. points at a picture of himself on a high school basketball team. Competition was as much a part of the Brady household on Portola Drive as breathing and eating. “My fault,” said Tom Brady Sr. “I started it. Everything we did, and I mean everything, like running home from church, throwing a rock the farthest ... Everything was a competition. I guess it made things really fun, at least for the winner.”

together,” said Maureen. “The way you treat other people is very important. Tommy is great that way. That started at home for us.”

Maureen said she was chatting with her eldest daughter, Maya, a few days about these same values.

“When you go over someone’s house for dinner, a party or a sleep-over, you don’t go over empty-handed,” said Maureen. “You always bring something whether it’s a wine or dessert. The point is you are thankful.”

Being a single mom, Maureen, a registered nurse in Los Angeles, said she thinks of her mother a lot and the decisions she would make as a mom.

“I was doing the laundry the other day and I was tired and not really into it,” Maureen recalled. “I was folding a shirt and it was inside out, but I folded it anyway. When I was about to put the clothes away I realized what I had done, which really wasn’t a big deal.”

“It hits me, my mom would never do that,” said Maureen. “She was special. Everything she did was done the best she could. I said, ‘Dammit, unfold it, take it out and do it right.’”

Tom Sr. is humbled hearing stories from his

children, almost to the point of tears. He says that all of his children have gone above and beyond as parents.

“On a Monday afternoon Maureen will drive her daughter, Maya, 75 miles, so she can get to work with the best hitting coach around,” said Tom Sr. “And then after the session is over, she drives 75 miles home at 11 o’clock at night. Talk about being proud? She’s a single mom. That’s incredible.”

Brady Bunch

For the first time since high school, the “Brady Bunch” will take up nearly 100 seats on Sunday. While most of the 100, particularly those from Portola Drive, grew up as 49ers fans, there is little doubt where their allegiances will be.

“We’ve always supported each other,” said Maureen. “Our family grew up living and dying with wins or losses.”

After the Patriots lost to Seattle on Sunday, “I felt like on crap on Monday. I couldn’t even turn on the NFL Network to watch the highlights or the analysts talking about it.”

“We still live and die with this stuff,” said Maureen. “It’s how we’re built. I know my little brother is.”

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