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OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL'S JIM ARTZ NAMED PATRIOTS HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE WEEK

Foxborough, Mass. – Oliver Ames High School's Jim Artz has been named this week's New England Patriots High School Coach of the Week in recognition of his team's 27-13 playoff victory over North Attleborough on Friday, Nov. 8, at Muscato Stadium in Easton. Taking a 7-7 tie into halftime, the Tigers outscored North Attleborough 20-6 in the second half to earn their first victory over the Rocketeers since 1994 and advance to the Division 3 Southwest finals. The New England Patriots Charitable Foundation will donate \$1,000 to Oliver Ames High School's football program in Artz's name in recognition of his Coach of the Week selection.

Patriots and Pro Football Hall of Fame linebacker Andre Tippett, the team's executive director of community affairs, visited Coach Artz's team on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Oliver Ames High School. The visit and check presentation will be featured on the Patriots weekly television magazine show, "Patriots All Access," which airs at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15, on WBZ-TV in Boston and will be available immediately after on Patriots.com.

This is the 18th year in which the Patriots join the National Football League in conducting the High School Coach of the Week program, which recognizes outstanding high school coaches and promotes youth football throughout New England. Tippett oversees the program as part of the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation's commitment to youth football initiatives.

"Congratulations to Coach Jim Artz and his team," Tippett said. "Oliver Ames kept its historic undefeated season alive by scoring 20 points in the second half to defeat North Attleborough for the first time since 1994. This was a great win for the Tigers."

At the conclusion of the season, one high school coach will be named the New England Patriots High School Coach of the Year and will receive an additional \$2,000 contribution toward the school's football program.

For the third straight year, Tippett will take the award on the road so he can visit the schools that benefit from the program. This year is also the third year the Patriots will accept nominations for High School Coach of the Week. Anyone who knows a high school football coach in New England who has a great week or reaches a personal career milestone is encouraged to submit a nomination to nominatecoach@patriots.com.

The New England Patriots Charitable Foundation is the non-profit through which the Patriots support charitable and philanthropic organizations throughout New England. This support comes in the form of direct grants, in-kind donations and player appearances. The foundation assists a variety of charitable organizations and programs throughout New England by supporting their educational, family and health initiatives.

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