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The Pristine Daly Field Opens to Fanfare

BOSTON (September 12, 2016) – Hundreds of residents from Greater Boston flocked to Daly Field this weekend to celebrate the new athletics complex. After five years of planning and construction, the transformation of a derelict, unplayable field into a state-of-the-art community recreational facility was complete with a football game on Friday September 9 and a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday September 10.

Just prior to the first home football game for the Brighton High Bengals, pro football Hall of Famer and New England Patriots great Andre Tippett flipped the coin to signal the start of the game. The Bengals beat the O’Bryant Tigers 28-20.

The next day, Simmons College President Helen Drinan welcomed Undersecretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs Ned Bartlett, Senator William Brownsberger, Representatives Kevin Honan and Michael Moran, Boston City Councilor Mark Ciommo, and Boston Public Schools Athletics Director Avery Esdaile as the ribbon was cut.

“We are so proud of this amazing facility,” said President Drinan. “We have transformed a worn out, derelict, neglected field, unfit for play, into what you see today: A modern, environmentally sound athletics complex that will serve Simmons student-athletes, Brighton High School student-athletes, the Allston-Brighton Little League, the neighborhoods of Boston, Newton, Watertown and the general public for the next 30 years. It is truly a wonderful gift we give to the people of Massachusetts.”

For more information on Daly Field, including how to reserve the field, please visit www.dalyfield.org.

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