Ex-player’s return to The Citadel fulfills dream of family reunion

Buoniconti’s visit first step toward healing 21-year rift with school

Marc Buoniconti steers his high tech wheelchair by pulling into a new position just in front of his mouth. On Saturday afternoon, he wheeled himself up to a railing overlooking the green grass at Johnson Hagood Stadium, where 21 years ago he ran on the field as a starting linebacker for the Citadel.

“My first start was the Davidson game,” Marc Buoniconti said, recalling the 1985 state. “I started and had a good game, season. “It was just one of those games you remember. I started and had a good game.”

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