

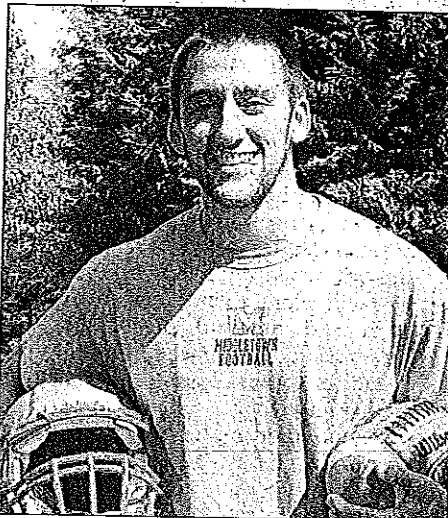
Football in Deutschland

by Barb Dye

Taking a year off and backpacking across Europe or traveling abroad—the dream of many. Or how about playing football past college—again, the dream of many. Middletown High alumnus Adam Dulberger is making those dreams a reality this summer by playing American style football in Germany and you can read about it on his blog “Football in Deutschland.”

“Life here is much more different than I had expected coming in,” wrote Adam, who is living in Cottbus, Germany, after graduating cum laude from Davidson College, in North Carolina, on May 19. “Everything from the landscape to figuring out prices in stores is totally new, and I am still getting used to it all.”

He said in an e-mail interview, “So far the biggest (and very pleasant) surprise has been the hospitality of many of the people here and their eagerness to show me the German culture and make



Adam Dulberg, of Myersville and a 2009 Middletown High alumnus, at home before heading to Cottbus, Germany to play American football this summer. Courtesy photo.

sure that I have a good time while I am here.”

And football is something of a surprise, too, he wrote: “As far as football goes, it is much different here. Everything is much more disorganized, and we American

players are basically the coaches of the team.”

The team is the Cottbus Crayfish, and how he got there was a long journey from Myersville.

Adam, the son of Kathy and Jeff Long from Myersville and Jack Dulberger from Bethesda, is a 2009 graduate of MHS. “I began playing football in the MVAA [Middletown Valley Athletic Association] when I was 7 years old,” said Adam. “At MHS, I played wide receiver and defensive back, and our team went to the Regional Championship in consecutive years. I was a captain both years and was named All-State for Defensive Back and All-Conference Receiver.”

Adam was named the Frederick County Male Scholar-Athlete of the year and West Region Winner for the National Football Foundation Scholarship before going on to Davidson, where he started as cornerback for two years and earned All-Conference honors in his senior year. He also was invited to play in the South Carolina College All-Star Bowl.