

# Masconomet (6-4) at Everett (7-3) for Thanksgiving game

Everett has only played Masconomet four times and is 4-0, including a 32-0 win on Thanksgiving last year. In 2017, the teams played at Fenway Park on Thanksgiving Eve, a 36-20 Crimson Tide win. On Thanksgiving Day 2016, the Chieftains led, 24-22, after three quarters before Everett scored twice in the fourth to take a 35-24 win. The teams also played in the 2012 playoffs, a game won by Everett, 42-14, at Manning Field in Lynn.

Everett is coming off only its second MIAA consolation round game ever, a 20-16 last-minute loss at Andover. The Crimson Tide have lost two games in a row for the first time since 2015, when they finished 5-5.

Everett qualified for the post-season for the 19th consecutive year, compiling a 35-9 post-season record in that span and 37-11 overall postseason record since 1996 (25-6 playoffs, 12-5 state final/Super Bowl). Everett lost to Central Catholic, 39-37 in OT, in the Div. 1 North semi-finals. The Crimson Tide

have won nine of their last 11 postseason games. Everett is 192-24 overall (.889) since 2001 -- 157-15 (.913) in the regular season.

DUKE OF HURL: Junior QB Duke Doherty, who left the Andover game in the first quarter with a shoulder injury, is 88-149 for 1257 yards with 13 TD and 7 INT. He is also the Crimson Tide's second-leading rusher with 570 yards. In his career, Doherty is 187-312 for 2945 yards with 37 TD and 13 INT.

MAKING HISTORY: With its win over Xaverian in the season opener, Everett became the first Massachusetts school to record 800 football wins. In its 126th season of football, Everett's all-time record is 816-376-79 (.673).

HOME COOKIN': Everett is playing at Everett Memorial Stadium on Thanksgiving Day for the first time since 2011. Everett did not have a Thanksgiving game from 2012-15 and the 2017 home game vs. Masco was played at Fenway Park.

(Compiled by Paul Halloran, Everett TV football analyst)

# DeMaria officially announces tree lighting ceremony

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the Everett Chamber of Commerce, are pleased to announce that the City's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Downtown Open House will be held on Friday, December 6th at 5 p.m.

Attendees will enjoy an array of activities, which will include a winter themed amusement area, with two Frozen attractions and one Toy Story attraction! All of your favorite characters will be there for photos, with two selfie stations for you to enjoy! Also two trains will ride down Norwood Street, the Norwood Express 1 and 2.

Attendees will also enjoy horse drawn sleigh and carriage rides through the square. There will also be Balloon Twisters, Face Painters and Art's & Crafts

This year, there will be a traditional Tree Lighting ceremony and Santa Claus will be there for pictures at, no charge, in a Christmas inspired room inside the Parlin Library starting at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor DeMaria stated, "Christmas is the most precious time of the year for many families. I want them to be able to capture those moments that will last for generations."

The evening will begin with Santa Claus arriving on an Everett Fire Truck. Residents will be entertained with traditional Christmas carols by local area groups, such as the Girl Scouts, Everett High School PopVox choir and the On Pointe Dance Academy, as well as holiday performances by Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and a live band performance from Angelina Hightower and the Unit and of course the lighting of the Tree.

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been operating in Anaheim the last 15 years, and is in his third location in Orange County over the 38 years.

"You have to have that love affair with the car -- that passion -- to wake up every morning and be obsessed with it," he said. "It consumes about every waking minute of my days -- the buying, selling, talking and texting with people all over the world about Corvettes."

"We have a great following and a great reputation and I worked hard at it," he continued. "You have to work harder at it now than I did in the beginning because there were no Yelp reviews online. Now, you have to work harder to keep every single person happy. It's not easy, but it's how I built my business."

These days, his favorite Corvettes are a 1963 black split rear-window with a 340 horsepower engine he bought from the original owner in Orange County.

He said he's also pretty excited about the 1967 yellow L88 with the original motor. It is one of only a few ever built, and the only one in the world that retains its original motor.

Such luxuries, however, are a far cry from the live Vietro led in Everett -- where he grew up poor, working hard for his money and only fantasizing about such cool cars.

"We grew up pretty poor in Everett," he said. "Early on, my dad had a donut shop in Everett Square that my grandfather had before him. He developed an allergy to the flour and had to sell it. Then he worked three jobs to raise five kids and was never the same."

"Early on, if I wanted money, I had to go out and earn it," he continued.

That included working construction, cleaning and stripping floors at the Ar-



Everett native 'Corvette Mike' Vietro with one of the rarest Corvettes in existence, a 1967 L88 Coupe with original engine, the only one that exists in the world.

mory in Watertown, washing dishes in restaurants, and even pumping gas for his father at the Mobile Station on the Parkway.

"My dad worked at the gas station there and it was so busy all the time," he said. "He made \$2 an hour and would give me 50 cents to help him out. That's really where I began to see Corvettes and wanted one for myself."

He said he also fell in love with them while hanging around Broadway in his neighborhood by the Shute Library.

"In the summer, the Corvettes would go up Broadway coming out of Revere or going to Chelsea," he said. "I remember being amazed by them at the age of 12 and thinking they were the coolest thing I had ever seen."

He said his life took a tremendous change in direction when, after graduating Everett High in 1973 and breaking up with his girlfriend, he got upset and joined the Marines. After being rejected for a childhood injury to his eye, he said he would not take 'no' for an answer -- a trend in his life. With an appeal, he

was able to enter the Marines, and had done well enough on his tests that they allowed him to go to basic training in San Diego.

"They owned you, and it was brutal, but it was the best thing that ever happened to me," he said.

He eventually trained to be an aerographic mate, which he said was basically a Marine weatherman. After traveling the world, becoming a great fit in the Marines, he finally left the service in 1978 and retired to California to finish his degree.

During that time, he accompanied a friend to a Toyota dealership to buy a new car, and while there, ended up getting a job at the dealership. That job led him to go for it all and try to buy his first Corvette -- a life-long dream. After a few roadblocks that he refused to let stop him, Vietro finally got that mocha-colored 1978 Corvette -- which changed his life.

Soon after, he decided to start a car show in California to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Corvette. He invited every car club west of the Mississippi and spoke to enthusiasts --

who were often confused about his thick Everett accent. That show led to more shows, and then he got involved in brokering the cars -- which eventually spawned Corvette Mike.

"It was total passion for the car," he said. "I was obsessed like nobody's business. I started buy, selling and doing Corvette auctions. I don't know anyone else that did what I did in this industry. That was 1978. I didn't know it, but I was a pioneer."

Now, this week, Vietro plans to return to Everett to visit his hometown and the new Encore Boston Harbor casino -- something he felt compelled to do while at a Corvette show at the Encore in Las Vegas.

"I just still can't believe we have an Encore casino in Everett," he said. "I was just at a big car show at the Encore in Las Vegas, and I kept thinking the next time I was in Everett, I had to stay at the Encore. I can't wait to see my hometown again and visit with family and friends. I'm also thrilled about the Encore Casino and look forward to checking out all that it has to offer."

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conservatively, that would be a strong number."

Cornelio said hitting 50,000 officially also is a big deal because it means Everett would become a "big city" in regards to federal community block grants.

"It's a larger number if we hit 50,000," he said. "A lot of that money -- 60 to 70 percent, goes back to our children in the public schools. It only serves to help the whole community if we can get a good count."

That's exactly what City and state officials were looking to do in a kick-off rally hosted by State Rep. Joe McGonagle at the Connolly Center on Nov. 14 -- where City, state and Census 2020 officials gathered to impress upon the importance of counting everyone no matter what their immigration status is at the moment.

State Rep. Paul Mark, who represents the Berkshires and is on the re-districting committee working with the Census 2020, said Everett only had a rate of about 67 percent response in 2010. That's what led to the low count of below 50,000.

"This is one of the hardest places in the entire state to count," he said.

He also said that Boston has grown by an estimated 11.8 percent, while Everett has grown about 12.5 percent at the same time -- which outpaces the average of Middlesex County (7.43 percent) by a long shot.

"In Everett itself...there was 12.51 percent growth," he said. "People want to live here and want to stay here. You're beating the state and Boston average in growth. When you look at what it means for the state, it's critical."

He said state representative seats, state senate seats



Mayor Carlo DeMaria talks about the importance of an accurate Census 2020 count for the City of Everett during a Census kick-off hosted by State Rep. Joe McGonagle Nov. 14. In the past, Everett has had a very low response rate and a severely undercounted population. And with every response worth about \$2,300 in federal funding, that undercount has become expensive. This time around, the City and state partners are working hard to get an accurate count.

and Congress seats will be growing in the numbers of people they represent from the 2010 numbers. It is possible, he said, to gain seats in Congress with a good count.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said it is important to note there is no citizenship question on the form as that was taken off by a ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court. He said people should not be afraid to fill out the Census, and that doing so will not lead to trouble.

"It doesn't matter where you were born or how you got here," he said. "It is only who is here on April 1, 2020."

To help with that, the mayor and Cornelio have formed a Complete Count Committee that is made up of community leaders from all ethnicities and immigrant groups. Those ambassadors to the Census will do their best in the coming months to begin to build trust in the Census effort, and to show that it is safe and helpful.

Georgia Lowe of the New York Regional Census Center -- which is part of the U.S. Department of

Commerce -- said the Census information is protected, and all workers swear to that under oath.

"The information you provide is safe and cannot be released, even to law enforcement," she said. "Our workers take an oath sworn for life to protect data."

This time, she said, the questions are also a lot less specific, focusing on getting an accurate count rather than on other demographic information.

The Census 2020 effort will begin on March 12, when mailings go out to

each household inviting them to respond to online or by phone to the Census. A paper copy of the Census will then go out, and if there is still no response, employees from Census 2020 will begin canvassing the neighborhood and knocking on doors to get a count.

"We're trying to avoid having to go out knocking on doors as much as possible," said Cornelio. "We're trying to make it as easy as possible to fill out the Census in 2020."

By order of the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. Department of Commerce is required every 10 years to do a full count to the extent possible of every person in the United States as of April 1.

The Census 2020 effort will be making history this time around as it plunges into the digital age.

For generations, the Census has been a paper or face-to-face operation, but in 2020, respondents will be able to go online to fill it out for the first time in history.

Georgia Lowe of the US Census 2020 said this is the first time they have added an online component and they hope it helps to count hard populations -- such as newly arrived immigrant groups and those who don't necessarily trust government and government buildings.

In Everett, that will likely mean that people can fill out the Census using their phones, or they may have laptops at non-profits or places of worship to help allay fears and build trust.

All of that will hopefully equal a higher rate of responses this time for Everett.

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