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Brady Long

Brady is an eleven year old with the heart of a champion. Always with a smile on his face, Brady is the spirit of our team. He has been active in youth sports throughout his young life, until this past year when he was diagnosed with cancer. Doctors at Johns Hopkins removed a tumor from the base of his skull, which was determined to be malignant. Although the outlook was dire there were two things working in Brady's favor: (1) Brady's spirit and personality, and (2) doctors informed the family that they successfully removed the entire tumor. Brady, however, is not out of the woods as he has begun a twelve week regimen of radiation treatment that will be followed up by several months of chemotherapy. Brady's teammates could always rely on him to be there for them and he continually and successfully locked down his cornerback position and defended the biggest vulnerability on the football field – the outside edge. No one beat Brady on his side of the field and he met everyone challenge head on without fail. When Brady's dad, Rich, told him of his prognosis his first reaction was to say, "Dad, what about football? Football is my life." His first thoughts were about the sport, game, and team that he loves. Rich told him that it just meant a year on the injured reserve list, which a lot of players do during their careers, and he could get back to LANCER football after his treatments. Brady will still be there for his teammates as he has accepted a coaching position on the team. But right now is the time when Brady needs his teammates the most as he faces the biggest battle of his young life. So we ask that each of you join our team, BRADY'S TEAM, and help him and his family during this difficult time. Now is the time we can all unite together as Lancers for one of our own -- #56 Brady Long. Donate or learn more at: <http://www.ppfinc.org>. For Donations indicate "Long Family" in the appropriate section.