Senior rugby player overcomes family tragedy

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Senior Josh Harris pushes on toward graduation after death of brother in 2008

The evening of March 29, 2008, was sup- posed to be Josh’s night. The freshman from Orange, California, and his younger brother Jeremy, a sophomore, were going to propose to their significant others, either with a public gesture or a spontaneous declaration. The two had planned to do so earlier that day, but things didn’t go as planned.

Instead of taking time off from classes after
Sorrows, Jeremy was killed in a car accident
in North Carolina. The accident left Josh reeling, but he just got back up here and got back to work
here and at home really helped. I just kind of put
my head down and went.”

Although Josh’s heart was broken, his sorrows didn’t last long.

For the past three years, Josh has been helping his family work through the
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