

# Make Something Happen

**L**egendary University of Alabama Crimson Tide football coach Bear Bryant had a single sign on the wall of his office behind his desk. It said, "Make Something Happen." The coach explained its significance by saying that this one principle tied together everything he tried to teach and instill in his team members. His remarkable success year after year for a generation hinged on teamwork and the ability of each player to consistently make something happen that would not have occurred had he not been on the field.

Bryant dwelled on the fundamentals: the key block, being in the right place at the right time to open or close a hole, and the



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anticipation of where the ball was going to be so it could be caught or intercepted. He encouraged his players to be proactive. He believed that was the only way truly remarkable things happened.

When was the last time you truly made something

happen? I don't mean the routine, "turning the crank" accomplishments of your day-to-day work. I mean the remarkable things about which you stand back and say, "Wow. Things are really different, *for the better*, because I took action." Isn't life rather boring unless you, from time to time, make it a point to make something happen?

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