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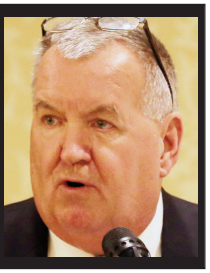

By Lyle Dixon

I would like to thank the US Army and Turning Stone Resort for helping to sponsor our NYS Elite Skills Showcase and our NYS 7-on-7 Passing Tournaments that were held at Utica College in July.

The entire weekend was a first-class event.

Also, 'thank you' to all the college coaches that helped provide instruction to all the athletes that participated in the skills showcase. We had over two hundred athletes from all over the state working hard and interacting with each other.

Congratulations to Canastota from Section 3 for winning the Small School Division and to Canisius from the Buffalo-area in winning the Large School Division.

A special thank you goes to Blaise Faggiano, head coach at Utica College, and his staff for also making the weekend such a huge success.

It was a top-shelf exhibition for our state's players and a great event that our members can be proud to have hosted.

Without the hospitality of Blaise, all the Utica College staff and such great facilities, we would not have been able to put on a major event like this.

It was a top-shelf exhibition for our state's players and a great event that our members can be proud to have hosted.

Clinic News: Our 2020 Coaches Clinic at Turning Stone will be held February 6th through February 8th.

This will be the 20th year of our clinic and we are working on having another great line up of speakers covering all areas of the game.

If you have something specific or someone who you think would be a valuable speaker, please contact me. My contact info is on the NYSHSFCA Directory, which is on page 3 of this issue.

Communication News: We are continually trying to upgrade our website (www.nyshsfca.org). We will be providing more news and information and we are trying to highlight various coaches.

If you have a topic that you would like to write about, please send it to me and we will publish it on the website.

We are also utilizing twitter much more for updated information and you can follow us at NYSHSFCA.

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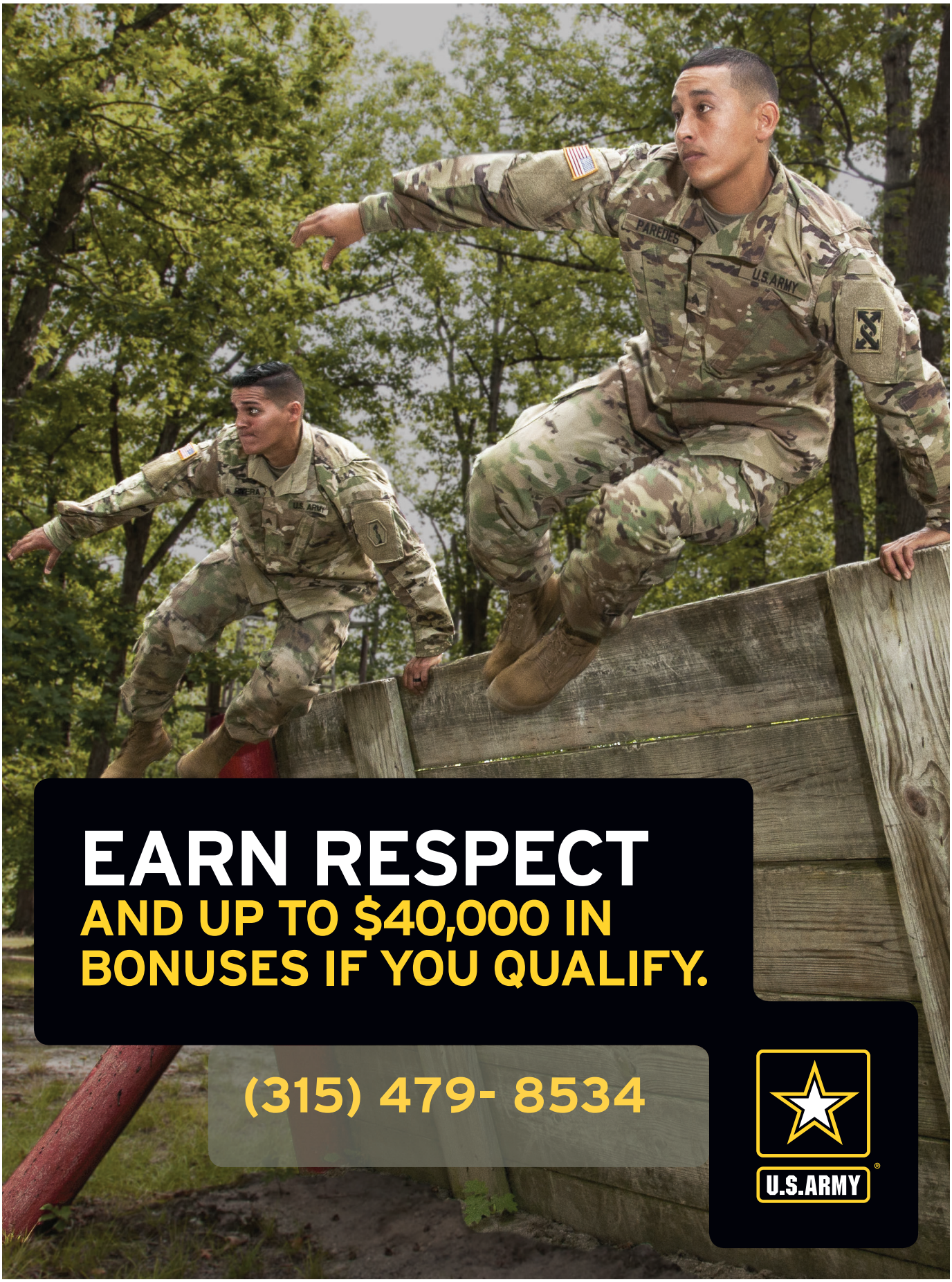
Final Words: As the summer winds down and fall approaches, there is so much to do, and just a few weeks until the first kickoff. Equipment must be handed out to the players, rosters have to be updated and finalized, parent meetings have to be held, meetings with your Section Administration will be scheduled.

But, despite all of the off-field duties, it is one of the most exciting times of the year.

I hope that everyone has a great pre-season and a successful season.



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Utica Steps Up for NYS

By Mark Adair

The NYSHSFCA held it's annual NYS 7-on-7 Passing Championships and the NYS Elite Skills Showcase at Utica College in July.

Utica was a new venue for the event after several summers at Ithaca College.

Last February, while attending the Coaches Clinic, Utica Pioneers head coach Blaise Faggiano heard that the NYSHSFCA was looking for a new venue for the annual summer event. He immediately threw Utica's hat in the ring.

"We knew that the coaches were considering a change in location," Faggiano said, "and I wanted to make sure they knew we were interested."

Faggiano has always gone above-and-beyond to help the high school association.

"I've always been one that wants to help promote the game," he said. "Whether that is locally, here in the Mohawk Valley, or across the state, or even at the national level. It's important to promote the sport of football."

Faggiano also felt he had a lot to offer the Coaches Association.

"I knew that they would like our location," he said. "I guess we had more Long Island families come than ever before, just because we are easy to get to."

Photo Submitted

Utica head coach Blaise Faggiano was thrilled to host the NYSHSFCA Elite Showcase and the NYS 7-on-7 Passing Championship in July.

Faggiano also offered manpower to help run the two events.

"We had the full involvement of our coaching staff," he said. "Our entire staff was on call to help the high school coaches with anything they needed. If the association needed anything, we were there."

Even some Utica College players participated in the event.

"Our players served as the game officials for the 7-on-7 tournament," he said, "which everyone seemed to like."

And, while Faggiano is sincere about wanting to help high school football across NYS, he also saw a golden opportunity to promote his own program.

"A lot of people don't know about the growth of Utica College and the city of Utica, NY," he said. "There is no better way to find out than to see it for yourself. When we can have 500 families from across the state come to our campus, it's a huge positive."

Faggiano was at the ready with fun facts to promote his campus.

"Our sports dome is the largest air-supported structure in the United States," he said, "and the 2nd largest in North America. It's the backdrop of our stadium and it looks pretty cool."

On the side of the practice bubble is an enormous caricature of a moose.

"We are the only moose in the country," Faggiano said. "We are the Utica Pioneers but Trax the Moose is our mascot."

Faggiano is driven to promote his program, his college and his sport.

"There are other programs in the state that have the name recognition," Faggiano said, "but there is a new name in the state. It's Utica."

Faggiano is also hoping that the Coaches Association will continue to bring their big summer event back to Utica.

"As successful as this events gets, we will always stay involved with the Coaches Association," Faggiano said. "Any way we can, we want to make a positive impact on the sport of football."

Faggiano played high school football at Rush-Henrietta for longtime coach Gerry Everling, who is in the Syracuse University Hall of Fame for both football and wrestling.

Everling played in the 1965 Sugar Bowl for the Orange.

"Coach Everling was a very good teacher and really taught the skills that you needed to be successful," Faggiano said. "He enjoyed teaching, coaching, fishing and hunting."

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Faggiano said that, under Everling, specializing in one sport was never encouraged.

"He was also the head wrestling coach," he said. "We all played three sports and the guys on the football staff all coached three sports."

Faggiano also said that Everling accepted no excuses for, well, anything. Just because you were involved in a winter sport, did not mean you could slack off in the weight room.

"He used to say that there's always a reason that you can't do something," Faggiano said. "Don't tell me why you can't do something. Find a way to do it and get it done."

Everling pushed Faggiano to become a better athlete.

"Coach Everling would pick me up at 6am," Faggiano said, "and drive me to the weight room so I could lift before school started."

Faggiano was named an all-Greater Rochester defensive lineman. After graduating from Rush-Henrietta he went on to the play at Ithaca for legendary coach Jim Butterfield, who is in the National College Football Hall of Fame.

"Jim Butterfield was a great motivator and instilled a real sense of family in his organization," Faggiano said. "Everyone that touched his program, from custodians to trainers, players and professors on campus, was welcome to have a role with the program. You just loved playing for the guy."

Faggiano, who started at DT, helped the Bombers win the 1991 Stagg Bowl when he recovered a fumble that led to the go-ahead TD. The Bombers beat the University of Dayton 34-20 to win the national championship.

"That's still one of the highlights of my life," Faggiano said.

The entire week was the experience of a lifetime for Faggiano and his teammates.

"We got on the plane to fly to the game which was held in Florida," Faggiano said, "and it was one of Donald Trump's planes. It said 'Trump' in big letters on the side."

While he was on the plane, Faggiano and a teammate had to take a chemistry final exam.

"Ari Forgosh and I both had to take a chemistry final and Ithaca said we had to take it at the same time as everyone else in class," Faggiano said. "They wouldn't let us take it early, so, we had to take it on the plane."

The situation was so unusual that the two players were written about in the Florida newspapers.

"I got a C-plus on the exam but a B in the class," he said.

Two days before the game, the Bombers attended dinner.

"Otto Graham spoke to us at the dinner," Faggiano said. "That was pretty incredible. It was also the only time I have ever eaten alligator."

The game was televised in ESPN, which was a huge deal in 1991.

"Gary Danielson did the play-by-play," Faggiano said. "At halftime, George Steinbrenner suddenly opened the door to our locker room and wished us luck. It was just an incredible week."

Faggiano graduated from Ithaca in 1993 with a degree in Biology Education. He immediately started coaching as a Grad Assistant under yet another legendary coach, Albany's Bob Ford.

"Coach Ford taught me how to recruit and how to be a professional," Faggiano said. "How to have your resume, how to dress, how to act in your office. It was just a great 2-year course in how to be a professional football coach."

After two seasons with Albany, Faggiano was hired back at Ithaca as a part-time assistant coach. He also married his wife Alison.

"I was coaching under Mike Welch," Faggiano said, "and I was a high school biology teacher at Spencer VanEtten during the day."

During his 4 seasons at Ithaca, Faggiano settled on his professional path.

"I knew I wanted to coach football full-time if I could," he said. "I really wanted to be a college coach."

He landed his first full-time job at St. John Fisher under Paul Vosburgh.

"We weren't very good when I first got there," Faggiano said, "but the school improved the facilities and the program just took off. I got to Fisher just as they were building the new stadium. The Bills moved their training camp there. Things were really happening at Fisher."

While Faggiano was at Fisher, the Cardinals won several Empire 8 titles. In 2006, SJF finished 11-2 and lost to Mount Union in the national semifinals. The Cardinals were named the ECAC team of the year after the season.

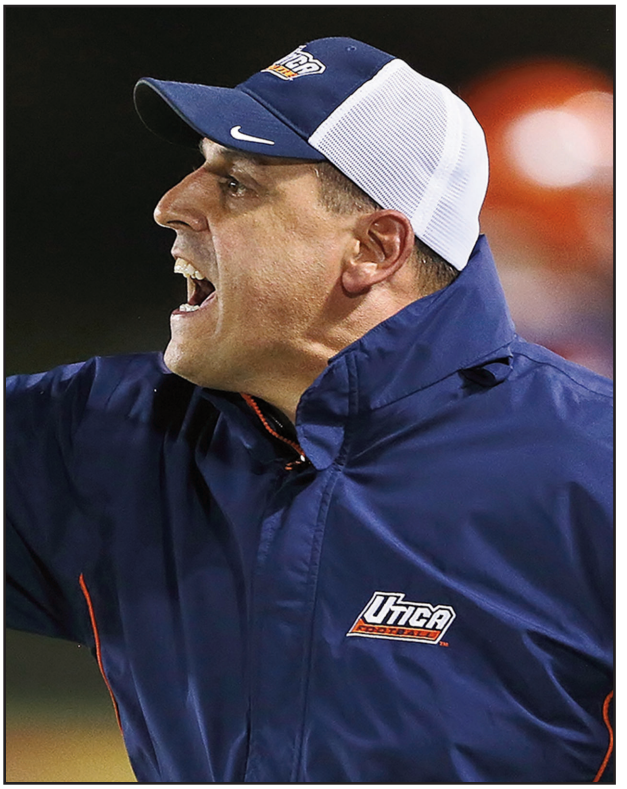
Faggiano received his first head coaching job when he was hired at Utica in December of 2007.

Last fall, Faggiano led Utica to the school's first Bowl victory, a 44-42 win over his alma mater, Ithaca.

He says he has never focused on what's next.

"What I'm doing now is next," he said. "I want to win games here and get young coaches into the sport. That would be so cool that I could have a program like Coach Butterfield, Coach Vosburgh and Coach Ford did."

Alison and Blaise Faggiano have 2 children; James is 13 and Josephine is 5.



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Blaise Faggiano led Utica College to the school's first Bowl win last fall.

Higgins has the Key

By Mark Adair

Justin Higgins, the head coach at Keystone College, attended the NYSHSFCA 7-on-7 championships and the Elite Skills Showcase that was held at Utica College in July.

"NYS does a great job putting these on," Higgins said. "I attended last year. I enjoy working with the kids and watching them. The whole thing is very well organized."

Higgins, a NYS native, is in the position of trying to find players, perhaps more than any of the other college coaches that were in attendance.

His school, Keystone College, reinstated the football program in 2018 after a long absence and will play their first game this coming fall.

"We are a new program," Higgins said. "We went into this past recruiting season with a roster that was pretty close to zero."

However, despite the need to find players, Higgins was adamant that he would not "over-recruit" just to fill a pre-determined set of numbers.

"It's important to get the right kids," Higgins said. "Obviously, there is a numbers component to it, but we need kids that are the right fit for Keystone College."

Keystone College is about 15 miles north of Scranton, in Factoryville, Pennsylvania. The school has not played football since 1948. This fall, the Giants will field a team for the first time 71 years.

"I don't know why they dropped it, it was so long ago," Higgins said. "It was the World War II era and I think a lot of the smaller programs around the country had trouble finding enough men to field a team."

Today, with a nationwide shortage of high school graduates who are college-eligible, many schools are turning to football to increase their enrollment.

"Bringing football back is two-fold," Higgins said. "Enrollment is certainly a part of it. We can consistently bring in 100 kids to the school every year."

Improving the campus-wide mood is also a benefit.

"There is such a great atmosphere on a Saturday when you have a football game on campus," Higgins said. "It is such a huge benefit to having football at your school. The experience of your students is important. You want your students to have a positive experience."

That 'experience' is also part of the reason that Higgins was so insistent on keeping his recruiting numbers somewhat low.

"I know we need players," he said, "but we could not lose focus of getting the right kind of kids that fit our program. Our coaching staff did a great job finding those kids."

Higgins says while talent was important, character weighed more into the equation.

"They have to be hard-working and have high character," Higgins said. "If we feel that a kid will come in and be a positive influence and be a positive part of our culture, we would recruit him."

Building a football program is such a huge task, Higgins said, that he wanted to start with the right people.

"We got some very talented players this past year," he said, "but character and work ethic came in much higher for us."

Higgins also benefitted from a head start (sort of) as he was hired as the program's head coach in March of 2018.

"That was necessary." Higgins said. "Having the administrative year to build the infrastructure to have football on campus was important."

The college was truly starting from scratch.

"We had no football at all," Higgins said, "so when we talk about upgrading facilities, we actually needed a field. We also

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Photo by Mark Adair

Justin Higgins was named the head coach of the new football program at Keystone College in March, 2018. This fall, the Giants will play their first game since 1948.

needed a new weight room and a locker room. We needed a coaching staff and we needed helmets and we needed equipment. We were really going from zero."

Which is why, Higgins said, this he is ecstatic about the recruiting job that his coaching staff did.

"We didn't have those physical things that recruits usually look at," Higgins said. "We had nothing. We had one helmet with a logo on it - and it wasn't even our logo. Our jerseys came in this past June. We had our school and a vision and that's all we had to recruit this class. We didn't have anything to show the kids and that's why I am so proud of our staff. They did a tremendous job while not having the same tools as other schools had to work with."

Higgins said that his staff needed to approach recruiting season differently than a lot of established schools do.

"There are a few programs that try to bring in 150 freshman every year," Higgins said, "and if they lose 90 of them, they end up with the 60 kids they really want."

The attrition doesn't generally hurt an established program like it might hurt a fledgling operation.

"I wanted to bring in 65 freshman," Higgins said. "We could be more hands on to give them a good experience. We want to retain a higher percentage of our recruits. We want to keep them at Keystone and we want them to like being here."

Higgins does have a few players that were already students at Keystone.

"We had 10 current students who will also be on the team," Higgins said. "We had a handful who had already chosen Keystone before football was even announced. We had a couple of kids that heard about our program and came here knowing that they would be doing no football in 2018. And one kid transferred in. We also have two kids who will be seniors that competed in track and just decided to come out for the team. They get one more shot at playing football."

Despite having to build the program from, literally, the ground up, Higgins says that he remains excited about the job in front of him.

"Any time someone gets an opportunity to put their mark on something, it's exciting," he said. "I've always enjoyed challenges and this is one of the biggest."

Higgins, in fact, may be one of the few coaches who actually understood exactly what was in front of him when he applied for the job.

"I've been a part of rebuilds before," he said, "and I think that gave me a unique perspective. That perspective is going to be huge for this."

Not only was he a part of rebuilds, but he was on staff with Terry Dow at Morrisville State when that college started it's football program in 1997.

"I had three different stints at Morrisville" Higgins said. "I really admire Terry Dow for what he had to do to get that program started. It was an incredible amount of work."

Not only was Higgins with Dow for the infant stages of the Morrisville program, but he returned to the Mustangs as they were making the jump from a 2-year school to a 4-year Division III program.

Photo Submitted

Justin Higgins, a NYS native, served three stints at Morrisville College.

"Both of those moves were just an incredible amount of work," Higgins said. "So, I fully understand what is in front of us at Keystone."

This coming fall, Keystone will be playing a "sub-varsity' schedule.

"We will have a mix of games against JV, varsity and junior college opponents," Higgins said. "When we play against the junior college and JV teams, our kids will be competing against kids that are the same age as they are. I also wanted our kids to get experience playing against an actual varsity team. I want a combination of both experience and development for our kids."

And, while the excitement on campus is high for the first game in September, Higgins is also getting his team ready for 2020.

"The emphasis can not be on a win or a loss each week," Higgins said. "This is a year to set the foundation of our program and we can not take shortcuts. We need to be looking at the big picture of the many years to come, rather than just one Saturday in 2019."

Higgins played WR and LB at Warrensburg (Section 2) High School, a 40-minute drive north of Saratoga Springs.

After graduating, he played one season of football at Ithaca College.

Higgins started his coaching career as a grad assistant at Ithaca in 1999 for head coach Mike Welch. He also had stops at Kean University in New Jersey, Lehigh, Utica and even coached a year of high school football at Richfield Springs in Section 3. He also coached at Seton Hill, a Division II program in Pennsylvania.

"I've been to a few places along the way," he said.

Higgins and his wife Korrie have four children; three daughters Averie (9), Kacie (7) and Emilie (2) and a son, Rhett (5).

"I met Korrie at Ithaca so she has been with me the whole way," Higgins said. "She has dealt with it all."

‘E’ is for Elite

By Mark Adair

Erasmus Hall finished 11-1 in 2018 and won the NYC PSAL Championship with a solid win over South Shore at Yankee Stadium in early December.

E-Hall, as the team is known, had lost three title games in a row and the win was a bit of relief for coach Danny Landberg.

“It was definitely a monkey off my back and was some vindication,” Landberg said. “It was a relief.”

The Dutchmen have played in 7 PSAL title games in the last 8 years, winning 2 championships.

“I really felt I had to deliver a championship,” Landberg said, “for the kids who were great players I’ve had in the past. They gave me their all but didn’t get a championship. I felt that I had to win this for them.”

The win also gave Erasmus Hall a place at the table when debating the state’s best programs.

In fact, E-Hall may be the top public-school program in all of NYS.

“I don’t know every other program,” Landberg said, “but I know we have done pretty well the last ten years or so.”

In fact, since 2009, Erasmus Hall has sent 40 *(forty!)* players to Division I-A scholarship programs.

“It’s about that many,” Landberg said. “We have quite a few playing now.”

Photo by Mark Adair

Behind players like William Mohan, Erasmus Hall is maing the case that the Dutchmen are the top program in new York State. Mohan will play at Michigan after high school.

Coaches like Urban Meyer, Greg Schiano, Dabo Sweeney, James Franklin and Dino Babers, among others, are making annual trips to the school to talk to players.

The list of E-Hall alumni is headlined by Curtis Samuel, a WR who went on to Ohio State and is now playing for the Carolina Panthers in the NFL.

Deonte Roberts, a LB who just graduated from Rutgers, is trying to win a roster spot with the San Francisco 49ers.

The Dutchmen also have a number of players who are competing in Power 5 Conferences at the moment.

Matthew Jones, who started at center for the Dutchmen, is playing for Ohio State. Jahsen Wint is starting at safety for the Buckeyes.

Aron Cruickshank, who plays WR and returns kicks, is competing for a starting role as a sophomore at Wisconsin.

Another WR, Sean Ryan, is playing for West Virginia.

Christian Izien and Kessawn Abraham are both playing safety at Rutgers.

This years team has at least three more players who will move on to big-time programs after graduating in 2020.

The Dutchmen will be headlined by strong safety William Mohan, a senior, who is verbally committed to Michigan.

Senior RB Andre Hines, Jr. has committed to play at Boston College while WR Justin Bellido has committed to play at Minnesota.

Despite the extensive list of elite players, some people point out that, in a school district with more than 10 million residents, it’s a lot easier to find players.

While that is true, Erasmus Hall has just 2,000 students (both boys and girls), making E-Hall one of the smallest football-playing schools in New York City.

“We’re proud of what our kids have done,” Landberg said, “and we’re proud of what they are doing.”

It wasn’t always like this at E-Hall, which is situated on Flatbush Avenue in the heart of Brooklyn.

Landberg took over the program in 2001.

When he was hired, the program was one of the most awful football programs in the state. In fact, the Dutchmen had not won a single game in the entire decade of the 1990s. It was an inner-city school with a large population of kids who would be termed “at-risk” students.

“At that time, the coaches were more concerned with tak-

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ing care of the boys and keeping them off the street," Landberg said. "The head coach was a very kind man and he did a great job of doing that. He really did turn a lot of those kids in a more positive direction."

But the football program was barely functional on the field.

"They didn't score a single point in 3 years from 1997 to 1999," Landberg said. "In 2000, the program was taken away. No one wanted the job."

It was less than certain that the program could be revived.

"I don't think they knew for certain if they would bring it back or not," Landberg said. "There were a lot of famous alumni from the school who were really upset about the situation."

Landberg, who was an assistant coach at the successful Bronx JFK program, watched the situation unfolding from across the City.

"I know people were upset," he said, "but I think the administration wanted to get it right before they brought it back."

The Erasmus Hall football program was reinstated for the 2001 season. Landberg, who had just been a part of the PSAL Championship at JFK, applied for the job and was hired as a Phys Ed Teacher and football coach at the school.

Photo by Mark Adair

Head coach Danny Landberg has led Erasmus Hall to 7 PSAL title games in the last 8 years.

But... why in the world would any coach want to sign up for the building job that lay ahead?

"I really wanted to be a head coach," Landberg said. "I had the idea that there were good players in the building. They were just natural athletes and I wanted to take a chance on these kids."

Landberg had to implement new ideas in every aspect of the football program.

"We had to start from scratch," Landberg said. "We were at the very bottom of the barrel and we moved up gradually."

The first thing he did was change the school colors, from the traditional Cream-and Blue to the now widely-recognized Blue-and-Red.

"I needed some sort of an attraction for kids to come out for the team," he said, "and your uniform is an advertisement. I wanted kids to be excited about joining."

Photo by Mark Adair

Erasmus Hall's Justin Bellido is committed to play at Minnesota after his senior season.

While kids started to come out for the program, the results were slow in coming. In 2001 the Dutchmen finished 3-5 before falling to 1-6 in 2002.

But in 2003, the efforts of Landberg and his coaching staff started to show up on the scoreboard.

"We finished 9-1 in 2003," he said. "We finished ranked #7 in the City."

Erasmus Hall lost in the first round of PSAL, but the feeling was that the Dutchmen had turned the corner.

"No one likes to lose in the playoffs," Landberg said, "but at that moment it was a really good feeling just to make it there."

But, just at the point that the program was becoming a force, word came out that the school was going to be closed.

"In 2005, they said they were closing the school so I left for a year," Landberg said. "they were going to break the school into smaller academies so they told me I wouldn't have a team."

Landberg moved over to Brooklyn Tech, but after just one season, Landberg got a phone call.

"Right after the 2005 season the Principal called me," Landberg said. "They had worked things out to save the school and he asked me to come back."

Landberg returned in time for the 2006 season, but, had to start over... again.

"There wasn't a lot of kids left," he said. "They had all thought the school was closing so they transferred to another school."

After two seasons of being a .500 program, the Dutchmen began to soar.

In 2009, E-Hall joined the PSAL's top division and finished 10-2, losing in the NYC semifinals.

"I felt really good about where we were going," Landberg said. "We had reached the top level of football in the city."

And the Dutchmen have stayed there.

In 2011 they made their first title game but lost to Abraham Lincoln 20-12 in Yankee Stadium. E-Hall returned the following year to win their first PSAL title with a win over Tottenville.

The Dutchmen lost title games in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 - before winning their second title last fall.

"Winning the championship is always a goal," Landberg said, "but the more important goal is to get these kids into college and prepare them for the world."

And, despite the large number of players who have gone on to play at Division I programs, Landberg takes as much pride in the many who have gone on to play at Division III programs.

"We just want to get these kids out to see the world and experience a different environment," he said. "The City can be a very tough, angry place to live sometimes. I want to give our kids the best opportunity at the other options that are out there."

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The NYSHSFCA, along with the U.S. Army and the Turning Stone Resort
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On the left: Canastota (from Section 3) won the Small School tournament on Saturday.
On the right: Canisius (from the Buffalo-area) won the Large School tournament on Sunday.

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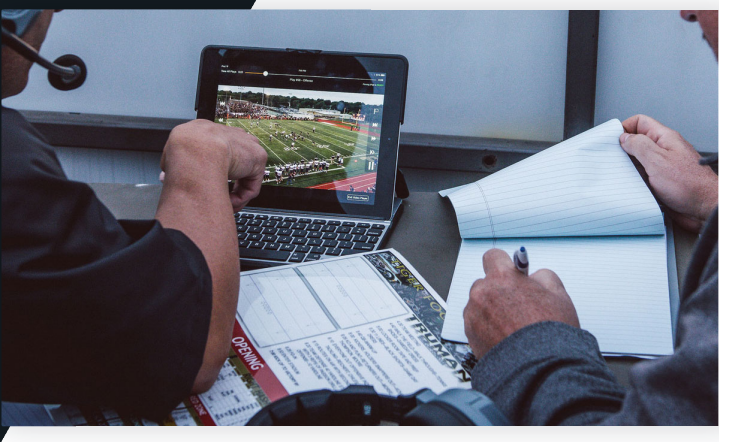

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About our Watch List...

In January of 2014, the NYS Football Coaches Association embarked on an ambitious project.

We wanted to publish a "Recruiting Watch List" for high school players from across New York State.

We hoped to accomplish two things with our list.

First, we wanted to create some excitement about high school football - create some "buzz", so to speak. For almost a century, the "Hot Stove Talk" has generated excitement about baseball in the dead of winter. Talk about the NFL Draft comsumes fans of the NFL in April. Campuses across the country hold spring football games.

We thought that we could do the same for high school football.

The second thing we wanted to accomplish was to get our kids names out into the public so that college coaches will take a look at them.

Let's be honest... New York State lags far behind Texas, Florida and Ohio when it comes to getting football scholarships - or even exposure - for our own kids.

We thought that if we could just get a "semi-official" list into the hands of the college coaches, it would help them in their pursuit of kids that have the talent to play after high school.

The approach has changed somewhat since we started - we now release this list in August as a "preview" of the coming season.

Inside this issue of *From The Sidelines*, is our 6th Watch List. We have listed every high school football player who was nominated to be on the New York Recruiting Watch List.

On this Watch List are the names of more than 1,500 players from schools from across the state. These are kids that college football coaches should take a look at.

We have broken the list down into geographical sections and broken them down further by school. Kids are listed by position with their heights, weights and their current grade in school.

Eligible players include incoming freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors.

What does this list mean?

This list does not mean a single player named will receive a scholarship to play football. In fact, most of the kids on this list will not play football after high school - at any level, never mind earn a Division I football scholarship.

The fact is, New York State had just 34 players earn scholarships to play football last year.

So, this is not a list of 4- and 5-star recruits.

It is simply a list of players that, right now, are talented enough to be looked at by college coaches... and nothing more.

This is a guide to help college coaches get started in requesting film, doing their background checks and making inquiries about grades on players that might be able to play for them.

Hopefully, college coaches will find our Recruiting Watch List a help in finding players from our state.

If my player is not on the list, does that mean he's not good enough to play college football?

Not necessarily.

It means that right now, he is not being recruited. But, some kids grow an incredible amount between their freshman and sophomore years. Kids can start hitting the weight room. Kids can start working hard at camps. Some kids, who are less than impressive as sophomores, surprise everyone during their junior season and become stand outs.

The best advice a player could get is... if you are not on the list this year, work hard so you can be on the list next year.

How did we go about getting the information?

An email was sent to every high school football coach in the state. We included the Athletic Director in the email. The email was followed-up with a 2nd email.

If your school is not listed, it's because neither the school's coach or Athletic Director replied to our inquiries.

We have listed every nominated player from 9th grade to the 12th grade. Hopefully, college coaches will find our Recruiting Watch List a help in finding players from our state.

New York State Recruiting Watch List

Section 1

**elite prospect; a-academic standout*

Clarkstown North
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
ILB-TE... Brandon Michael (5-10, 195... 2020)
QB... Frankie Ross (5-11, 190... 2020)
RB-CB... Chris Jean Paul (5-8, 165... 2020)
RB-SE-SS... Winchell Louis (6-3, 190... 2020)
SE-DE... Mikenly Pierre (6-5, 210... 2020)
RB-SS-OLB... Trevor Coughlin (5-8, 165... 2020)
RB-FS... Christian Budnick (5-9, 170... 2020)
ILB... Tristan Lebson (5-10, 190... 2020)
OL-ILB... Adam Lenn (5-11, 190... 2021)
SE-HB-OLB... Mike Farnan (5-9, 170... 2021)
RB-SS... Cameron Lee (5-11, 190... 2021)
RB-OLB... Eric Gilzeume (5-11, 175... 2022)

Greeley
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
RB... Mike Meringolo (5-8, 170... 2021)
OSLB... Danny Meringolo (6-1, 200... 2020)

Our Lady of Lourdes
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OT-DT... Jake Timm (6-4, 295... 2020)*
C-DE... Max Majak (6-1, 210... 2020)
FB-LB... Mario Hickey (6-0, 210... 2020)
RB-LB... Connor Gioia (5-11, 200... 2021)*
WR-DB... Joe Krauza (5-11, 180... 2021)*
RB-DB... Patrick Holze (5-8, 180... 2021)
QB... Brandan Jorgensen (6-2, 180... 2021)
TE-OLB... Kaleb Delvanthal (6-1, 185... 2021)
TE-DE... Andrew Rappleyea (6-2, 190... 2022)*
RB-LB... Angelo Salotto (5-8, 180... 2022)
WR-DB... Zach Barber (5-9, 165... 2020)

Pleasantville
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-DB... Jared Wilens (6-1, 170... 2020)
OL-DL... Dylan Hoxhaj (5-11, 220... 2021)
OL-LB... Jack Collins (6-2, 205... 2021)
RB-LB... Harrison Halesworth (5-8, 175... 2021)
QB-DB... Michael LaCapria (5-9, 155... 2022)
OL-DL... Jude Safieh (6-3, 210... 2021)

Suffern
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
RB-OLB... Clevmer Lubin (6-3, 215... 2021)*
OL-DL... Eric Genua (6-1, 250... 2021)*
QB-WR-DB... Dennis DeBellis (6-0, 195... 2020)*a
QB-WR-DB... Casey Sullivan (6-1, 185... 2020)*a
WR-DB... Rashid Hopson (5-10, 175... 2020)
OL-DL... Jimmy Lee (5-11, 250... 2021)
RB-WR-DB... Samson Joseph (5-8, 165... 2022)
RB-ILB... Johnny Chau (5-9, 185... 2021)
OL-DL... Eric Newmeyer (6-2, 215... 2021)
TE-DE... Dylan Yang (6-2, 185... 2022)
WR-OLB... Mike Ryan (5-11, 185... 2020)
WR-DB...Matt Moise (5-9, 165...2020)
WR-OLB...Nick Rogers (5-11, 170...2021)
QB-DB...Andre Risko (5-11, 165...2022)
OL-DL... Will Krebs (5-11, 210... 2022)

Woodlands
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
LB... Omari Kendrick (6-3, 230... 2020)*
WR... Tashaan Lewis (5-10, 165... 2020)
DB-LB... Chaka Davis (5-9, 160... 2020)
DL-OL... Rashard Brown (5-11, 295... 2020)
LB... Janeil Joseph (6-0, 205... 2020)
WR-DB... Amir Young (5-10 165... 2021)
DB... Isaiah Hargett (5-11, 165... 2021)
OL-DL... Darien McLean (5-8, 230... 2021)
LB/DE... Almandy Acosta (5-10, 190... 2021)

Section 2

**elite prospect; a-academic standout*

Albany CBA
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OLB-RB... Isaiah Scarlett (5-11, 195... 2020)
LB-FB... Nick Mattice (6-0, 205... 2020)
LB-FB... Nick Guzi (5-11, 215... 2020)
OL-DL... Jack Leach (6-3, 265... 2020)
OL-DL... Anthony Carroll (6-0, 235... 2020)
C-NG... Dane DeGregory (6-0, 265... 2020)
QB-DB... Fred Smith (5-9, 160... 2020)
QB-DB... Tyler Fort (6-0, 175... 2020)
WR-DB... Dylan Jones (6-2, 180... 2021)
WR-OLB... Colby Dodson (6-2, 175... 2021)
LB-FB... Savion Blunt (6-0, 225... 2021)
OL-DL... Anthony Clement (6-5, 255... 2021)
DB-RB... JaMeer Austin (5-9, 170... 2021)
DL-OL... Jacob LaPlante (6-0, 255... 2021)
QB-RB-DB... Drew Pemrick (6-2, 175... 2022)
TE-DE... David Clement (6-5, 235... 2023)

Amsterdam
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
RB-DB... Peyton Ausfeld (5-9, 175... 2020)*
WR-DB... Rein Desbeins (5-10, 180... 2020)
FB-LB... Kye Desbeins (5-11, 190... 2020)
QB-DB... Tommy Ziskin (6-0, 175... 2021)
OL-DL... Alex Simon (6-0, 240... 2022)
OL-DL... Christain Robinson (6-0, 270... 2022)*

Bethlehem
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Chris Ramundo (6-1, 240... 2020)*a
QB-DB... Derek Martelle (5-10, 180... 2020)
RB-DL... Nick Gicewicz (6-2, 190... 2020)
RB-DB... TJ Moore (5-10, 165... 2020)
RB-DB... Joey Harvey (5-9, 170... 2021)
TE-LB... Frank Haight (6-1, 185... 2021)
OL-LB... Evan Pastino (5-10, 180... 2021)
OL-DL... Hunter McAuliffe (5-11, 225... 2021)
OL-LB... Ryan Teplitzky (5-10, 190... 2021)

Cambridge
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
LB... Jordan Dean (6-0, 185... 2020)
LB... Hunter Day (6-0, 185... 2020)
WR... Soybean Mattson (6-3, 185... 2020)
OL... Rylie Burr (6-2, 200... 2022)

Glens Falls
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-LB... David Barclay (6-0, 180... 2020)*
OL-DE... Nick Danahy (6-6, 220... 2020)*
WR-DB... Aalijah Sampson (5-7, 160... 2021)*
RB-LB... Griffen Woodell (6-0, 175... 2022)

Green Tech
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
TE-LB... Clifton Manns (6-3, 235... 2020)*
OLB... Nasirre Holder (6-2, 220... 2020)*
OLB-SS... Anthony Ruddock (5-10, 225... 2020)
CB-S... Musa Majid (5-9, 165... 2020)
OL-DL... Naki Hayes (6-4, 365... 2021)*
OL... Solan Oliver (6-2, 345... 2021)
RB-CB... Jahzanear Pointer (5-11, 180... 2021)
RB-S... Pharoah Clark (5-11, 185... 2021)*
OLB... Duwanyne Ooft (6-2, 190l... 2021)
OL-DL... Jamar Brown (5-11, 240... 2020)

Helderberg Valley
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB-WR-DB... Jesse Waddell (6-0, 170... 2020)*
FB-MLB... Ben Boone (5-10, 190... 2020)
WR-S... Jakob Stahl (6-0, 180... 2020)

Ichabod Crane
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
TE-DE... Haydon Broockmann (6-4, 215... 2020)*a
RB-LB... Marcus George (5-11, 205... 2020)
QB-DT... Austin Walsh (6-0, 220... 2020)

Lansingburgh
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB-DB... Jacob Lapham (6-2, 170... 2020)
QB-WR-LB... Vincent Tario (6-1, 180... 2020)*
WR-DB... John Waters (5-8, 160... 2020)
OL-DE... Izayah Bashford (6-0, 245... 2021)
OL-DL... Jah'san Broomes (6-2, 240... 2021)
OL-DL... Michael Fitch (5-9, 200... 2021)
WR-DB... Daniel Riley (5-8, 150... 2021)
OL-DL... Kaleb Tucker (6-2, 245... 2021)
RB-DE... Xevi Wilson (6-1, 185... 2021)
RB-DE... Jovan Been (6-1, 205... 2022)
WR-DB... Andrew Lyman (5-9, 135... 2022)
TE-LB... Michael Wilmott (5-9, 145... 2022)

Lasalle
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Joe Caldara (5-11, 255... 2019)
WR-OLB... Nick Pino (5-10, 170... 2019)
OL-DL... Anthony Madonia (5-10, 255... 2019)
RB-S... Traydon Laurence (6-1, 202... 2019)*
WR-S... Brady Fenton (5-11, 170... 2020)
WR-CB... Nassir Young (5-10, 170... 2020)*
RB-LB... Colden Ottati (5-9, 185... 2020)*
C-LB... Eddie McDonough (5-10, 200... 2020)
Ath-QB-S... Bo Catherwood (6-1, 185... 2020)
WR-S... JJ Thompson (5-9, 175... 2021)
QB-S... Eddie Yamin (6-3, 185... 2021)
WR-CB... Damani Canty (5-11, 165... 2021)
OL-DL... Blessing Jackson (6-3, 270... 2021)*
TE-OL-DE-DL... Dan Amasha (6-2, 215... 2021)*

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Mechanicville
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-LB... Shawn Farrell (5-7, 180... 2020)
K... Jake LaFountain (6-1, 195... 2020)
RB-LB... Joseph Sanchez (6-0, 180... 2021)
RB-LB... Russell DelosSantos (5-6, 160... 2022)
QB-LB...Luciano D'Ambro (6-2, 200...2021)

Shaker
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
LB... Nathan Ratigan (6-0, 200... 2020)
LB... Jake Notarino (5-11, 225... 2020)
WR... Riese Ninstant (5-10, 160... 2020)
OL... Andrew Morrison (6-5, 250... 2020)
TE/H-Back... Roy Kippins (6-2, 205... 2020)
RB-DB... Jake Nelson (5-9, 175... 2020)
LB... Brendan Rafferty (5-11, 190... 2020)
OL-DL... Liam Alaxanian (6-0, 225... 2020)
DE... Tyler Kruegler (6-0, 195... 2020)
DE... William Lapham (6-1, 182... 2020)
NT... Maurice Moore (5-9, 258... 2020)
WR... Zack Shapiro (5-5, 145... 2020)
LB... Michael Vanwormer (5-10, 170... 2020)
RB-DB... Jovani Wiggs (6-2, 190... 2021)*
OL... Emmitt Harris (6-5, 245... 2021)*
OL... Dylan Conroy (6-3, 310... 2021)**a*
QB... Joey Mirabile (5-11, 175... 2021)
RB-DB... Alanzo Barrett (5-8, 160... 2020)

Shenendehowa
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
RB-SS... Billy Beach (5-9, 175... 2020)*
Slot-FS... Josh Szwarcberg (5-9, 165... 2020)
TE-DE... Patrick McCane (6-3, 235... 2020)**a*
QB... Michael Decker (6-2, 170... 2020)
OL-DL... Billy Marchewka (6-2, 265... 2020)
OL-DL... Kevin Fobare (6-2, 270... 2020)
OL-DL... Zach Trump (5-10, 265... 2020)
QB-SS... Brody Vincenzi (6-0, 180... 2021)
WR-CB... Dyvante Terrelonge (6-0, 160... 2021)*
RB-LB... Eli Bruhns (6-1, 175... 2021)
RB-LB... Dom Ianniello (5-10, 180... 2021)
OL-DL... Sam Standaert (6-3, 240... 2021)
OL-DL... Collin Cook (6-2, 250... 2021)
OL-DL... Mason Hayes (6-2, 255... 2021)

Stillwater
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Brian McNeil (6-2, 240... 2020)*
QB-FS... James Galarneau (6-1, 190... 2020)*
RB-OLB... Mason Seymour (5-8, 180... 2020)
RB-DB... Luc Lescault (5-5, 165... 2020)
OL-DL... Justyn Kovalsky (6-2, 230... 2020)
OL-DL... Max Hems (6-0, 200... 2020)
OL-DL... Cody Hagadorn (5-11, 300... 2020)
OL-DL... Rhett Mercier (6-0, 200... 2021)
WR-K... Isaac Cutler (6-2, 175... 2021)

Troy
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
RB-CB... Xavier Leigh (5-10, 190... 2021)**e*
WR-DB... Nasir Dawud-Soto (6-1, 170... 2021)**e*
RB-DB... Xavier Ward (5-8, 160... 2021)
WR-FS... Makai Cruel (5-9, 155... 2020)
RB-LB... Tyrell Penalba (5-10, 192 ... 2021)
OL-DL... Deandre Butler (6-4, 237... 2021)**e*

Watervliet
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
RB-LB... Kareem Duncan (5-10, 205... 2020)*
WR-DB... Dominic Rogalo (6-1, 160... 2020)
QB-DB... Thomas Gordon (6-2, 165... 2020)
RB-LB... Alex Santiago (5-9, 185... 2020)
OL-DL... Ricardo Domena (5-10, 280... 2021)
RB-DB... Mike Griffin (5-9, 155... 2021)
RB-LB... Kendryek Flynn (5-9, 165... 2022)
OL-DL... Dan Baughn (6-0, 270... 2022)
OL-DL... Shane Darmetko (6-0, 245... 2022)
RB-LB... Diogenes George (5-11, 220... 2022)

Section 3

**elite prospect; a-academic standout*

Beaver River
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Collin Edick (6-2, 250... 2020)
QB... Samuel Bush (6-2, 160... 2021)
WR... Noah Zehr (5-9, 155... 2021)
OL-DL... Evan Houppert (6-0, 220... 2022)

Carthage
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
DB-WR... Thomas Albright (6-2, 165... 2020)**a*
RB-DE-LB... Fombo Azah (5-8, 185... 2020)*
QB-DB... Nick Cavellier (6-0, 165... 2020)
TE-DE... Miguel Blunt (6-1, 198... 2020)
LB-DB-WR... Ryan Gates (5-10, 165... 2020)
OL-DL... Collin Null (6-0, 275... 2020)**a*
OL-DL... Gaige Orton (6-2, 290... 2020)
OL-DL... Scott Soules (6-1, 220... 2020)

Lowville
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
FB-LB... Isaac Lyndaker (5-8, 195... 2020)
LB... John McCollum (6-0, 210... 2020)
RB-DB... Jared Beyer (5-10, 175... 2020)
QB-LB... Chad Bach (6-3, 205... 2020)*
WR-DB... Gavin Macaulay (6-3, 185... 2021)*
QB-WR-DB... Aiden Macaulay (6-3, 180... 2021)*
OL-DL... Gavin Moyer (6-1, 250... 2021)*
OL-DL... Colt Lyndaker (6-4, 270... 2021)*
OL-DL... Ty Davis (6-1, 270... 2021)
RB-DB... Michael Hamburg (5-9, 165... 2021)
FB-LB... Trent Nortz (6-0, 185... 2022)
OL-DL... Daniel Fayle (6-0, 205... 2022)
RB-LB... Hayden Beyer (5-10, 165... 2022)
RB-LB... Dalton Myers (5-9, 145... 2023)
RB-DB... Ryan Myers (5-6, 130... 2023)
LB... Levi Hartle (5-10, 155... 2023)

New Hartford
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
TE-DE... Vinny Broccoli (5-11, 185.... 2020)
TE-DE... Logan Kraft (6-2, 210... 2020)
WR-DB... Colin Oczkowski (5-10, 155... 2020)
OL-DL... Nate Shipley (6-2, 290... 2020)
OL-DL... Kerry Campbell (6-1, 275... 2021)
WR-DB... Anthony Campola (5-10, 160... 2021)
RB-LB... Paul Circelli (5-10, 200... 2021)
WR-DB-K... Tyler Cole (5-9, 165... 2021)
RB-DB... Vinny Fanelli (5-10, 185... 2021)
OL-DL... Colin O'Connor (5-10, 270... 2021)
QB-DB... Tyler Potocki (6-0, 170... 2021)
RB-LB... Matt Voce (5-9, 170... 2021)
OL-DL... Rocco Macera (5-10, 260... 2022)

Thousand Islands
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DE... Colby Stewart (6-2, 216... 2020)
OL-DL... Christopher Wetterhahn (6-4, 318... 2020)
QB-LB... Connor MacKay (6-1, 163... 2021)
XX-XX... Nicholas Gokey (6-1, 237... 2021)

Watertown
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL... Brennan Lynch (5-10, 235... 2020)
OLB... Darin Vandewater (5-11, 185... 2020)
DL... Andrew Cisco (6-2, 235... 2021)
WR-RB... Jude Converse (5-8, 170... 2021)
RB... Deante Hall (5-8, 180... 2022)

West Canada
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DE-DL... Kaleb Pohleven (6-3, 250... 2020)*
RB-LB... Andrey Shubich (6-0, 205... 2020)
OL-DL... Chase Youngs (6-5, 306... 2020)*
RB-WR-DB... Logan Valerio (6-1, 175... 2020)
WR-DB... Nate Rath (6-3, 175... 2020)
QB-DB... Connor Lynch (6-2, 180... 2020)
FB-LB... Trenton Dedicke (6-0, 275... 2021)

Section 4

**elite prospect; a-academic standout*

Chenango Forks
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
TE-DE…Matthew Paske (6-4, 220... 2020)*
OL-DL…Hunter Gibbore (5-11, 280…2020)
FB-LB…..Lucas Scott (6-4, 245…2021)*
OL-DL…Tyler Truesdail (6-2, 295…2021)
QB-DB….Ray Austin (6-2, 190…2021)
RB-DB…Ryan Joseph (5-11, 170…2021)
RB-DB…Jay "Dubbs" Haqq (6-0, 185…2022)
OL-DL…Matt Brewster (6-1, 210…2022)

Greene
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB-DB... Nate Erickson (5-11, 205... 2020)**a*
TE-DE... Noah Kennedy (6-3, 220... 2020)
RB-WR-LB... Tristan Austin (6-4, 195... 2021)

Susquehanna Valley
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OT... Connor Brown (6-4, 255... 2020)
OG... Patrick Enright (5-10, 210l... 2020)
DT... Mitchell Enright (5-10, 215... 2020)
ILB... Mitchell Knapp (5-11, 200... 2020)
DE... Trevor Frable (6-0, 205... 2020)
DB... Jahreed Isles (5-10, 165... 2020)
RB... Hayden King (5-10, 170... 2020)
RB... Logan Haskell (5-10, 175... 2021)
DT... Nate Burns (6-2, 280... 2021)

Unatego
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Owen Reed (6-3, 255... 2020)
TE-DL... Jacob Marshall (6-4, 265... 2020)
DL... John Jordan (6-5, 285... 2020)
RB-LB... Leo Temple (6-0, 215... 2021)
QB-DB... Shea Barber (6-0, 170... 2022)

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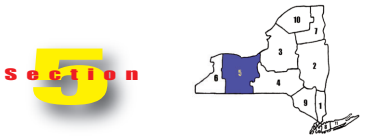


**elite prospect; a-academic standout*

Batavia
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB-LB... Alex Rood (5-11, 200... 2020)
G-LB... Josh Barber (5-9, 250... 2020)*
OT-DE... Camden White (6-2, 235... 2020)*
DT... Cody Eisenberger (5-7, 235... 2020)
WR-CB... Zack Anderson (5-11, 160... 2020)
OL-DE... Matt Beach (5-10, 190... 2020)
RB... Terrez Smith (5-9, 175... 2021)*

Brighton
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Sam O'Hora (6-1, 260... 2020)*
WR-DB... Jack Carl (6-2, 175... 2020)
OL-DL... Sebastian Hariram (5-11, 255... 2020)
LB-FB... Sam Zarkowsky (5-10, 190... 2020)
WR-DB... Brady Johnson (6-5, 185... 2020)
RB-LB... Jayden Pope (5-9, 170... 2020)
WR-RB-DB... Sam Tourangeau (6-0, 180... 2021)*a
DE-OL... Tyler Ortiz (6-3, 200... 2021)
WR-DB... Aidan Lazenby (6-4, 165... 2021)
OL-DL... Alex Heininger (6-3, 230... 2022)*
RB-DB... Tahj Jackson (5-10, 180... 2022)*
QB-RB-DB... Brennan Clasgens (6-0, 175... 2022)*
LB-RB... Elijah Lomonaco (6-0, 170... 2022)

Bolivar-Richburg
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB-DB... Riley Danaher (6-2, 175... 2020)
OL-DL... Isaac Scott (6-4, 235... 2020)
FB-LB... Tyler Smith (6-0, 215... 2020)
WR-LB... Logan Bess (6-0, 180... 2021)
RB-DB... Alex MacDonnell (6-1, 175... 2021)
RB-LB... Hudson Evingham (6-2, 185... 2021)
OL-DL... Lloyd Kinnicutt (6-0, 230... 2022)

Cal-Mum
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
TB... Bryce Yockel (x-x, xxx... 2020)
QB... Joe Laursen (x-x, xxx... 2020)
WR-FS... Vinny Molisani (x-x, xxx... 2020)
TE-LB... Troy Kolb (x-x, xxx... 2020)
C... Alex Dean (x-x, xxx... 2020)
WR-CB... Evan DiLiberto (x-x, xxx... 2020)

Canisteo-Greenwood
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
RB-LB... Jacob Houghtaling (5-11, 165... 2020)
QB-DB... Roque Santiago (5-11, 160... 2021)
RB-LB... Chase Weeks (5-10, 185... 2021)
WR-SS... Andrew Morling (6-4, 165... 2021)*
OL-DL... Nathan Button (6-0, 220... 2021)
OL-DL... Jacob Mullen (5-7, 255... 2021)
FB-LB... Jon Cox (5-9, 180... 2021)
WR-DB... Dale Houghtaling (5-8, 150... 2021)
NT... Ryder Slayton (6-0, 185... 2021)
TE-DE... Owen Chaffee (6-0, 190... 2021)

Clyde-Savannah
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB-DB... Camden Chance (6-0, 192... 2021)*
RB-DB... Noah Rattray (5-11, 162... 2020)
TE-DL... Hunter Donselaar (6-6, 227... 2020)
OL-DE... Chris Reed (5-8, 168... 2022)
OL-LB... Tanner Brown (5-11, 247... 2020)
OL-LB... Isaiah Lorrena (6-0, 230... 2020)
OL-DL... Alex Davis (6-2, 317... 2020)

Eastridge
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-Slot... Sher'Ron Davis (5-9, 155... 2020)*
OL... Austin Shaffer (6-2, 318... 2020)*a
RB... Matthew Brantley (5-10, 167... 2020)*
WR-Slot... Jalen Rose Hannah (5-10, 166... 2020)*
DE... Aries Holt (6-0, 215... 2020)
WR... Tony Arnold (6-0, 163... 2020)
OL-DL... Najm Dowdell (6-4, 311... 2020)

Edison Tech
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
CB-WR... Edgar Bass (5-9, 150... xxxx)
CB-WR... Shawn Benard (5-10, 150... xxxx)
Mike Cathy (5-7, 165... xxxx)
LB-FB... Nate Peppard (5-11, 200... xxxx)
WR-RB-SS... Christon Jean (5-9, 175... xxxx)

Dansville
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB/DB... Tanner Dettman (5-9, 175... 2020)
OL-LB... John Wilkinson (6-0, 200... 2020)
OL-DL... Shane Crandall (6-1, 230... 2021)
WR-DB... Ryan Carnevale (5-6, 150... 2021)

Gates Chili
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-DB... Samuel Wright (5-8, 175... 2020)
OL-TE-DE... Zach Piecuch (6-1, 255... 2021)
RB-LB... Nazier Jones (5-6, 165... 2021)
WR-DB... Adam Williams (6-2, 175... 2021)*
TE-DE... Andrew Newcombe (6-2, 225... 2021)

Honeoye Falls-Lima
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Jon Kabes (6-3, 275... 2020)*a
RB-S... Mason Ferrara (6-0, 185... 2020)
QB-TE... Turner Wilson (6-3, 215... 2020)

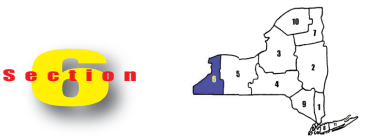
Letchworth-Warsaw
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
DL-TE... Nate Degroff (6-2, 210... 2020)
LB-TE... Mason Johnson (5-10, 190... 2020)
DL-OL... Ethan Woodward (6-3, 220... 2020)
LB-RB... CJ Hallopeter (5-8, 180... 2020)
FS-RB... Dalton English (5-9, 160... 2020)
LB-RB... Josh Andrews (5-10, 195... 2020)
QB-OLB... Austin Williams (6-2, 215... 2021)

Red Jacket
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR... Chase Rizzo (6-4, 190... 2020)*
RB-DB... Jarrett LeGault (5-9, 170... 2020)
OL-DE... Trenton Coyne (6-2, 270... 2020)

Wayne
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
ILB-HB... Jonah Pullen (5-11, 225... 2020)*
OL-DL... Caleb Crandall (6-0, 255... 2020)

Webster Schroeder
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB-LB-S ... Travis Dear (5-10, 160... 2020)
WR-DB... Ethan Fame (6-2, 185... 2020)
RB-TE-LB... Darius Johnson (6-1, 200... 2020)
OL-LB... Matthew Lippa (5-11, 230... 2020)
RB-LB... JoJo Plummer (6-2, 200... 2020)
TE-DE... Austin Riesenberger (6-3, 215... 2020)*a
OL-DL... Matteo Sementa (5-9, 245... 2020)
WR-DB... Jack VonAhnen (5-10, 160... 2020)
OL-DL... Jettalin Buffum (5-10, 220... 2021)
WR-DB... Kaden Leonard (5-9, 150... 2021)
OL-DL... James Lill (6-5, 250... 2021)*a
OL-LB... Mason Mascari (6-0, 190... 2021)
WR-DB... Ky'Mere Meeks (6-3, 180... 2021)*
QB-DB... Braden Pumputis (5-10, 160... 2021)
WR-DB... Victor Snow (5-8, 150... 2021)

Webster Thomas
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB-Ath... Kelsey Carter (6-3, 190... 2020)
WR-DB... TJ Leverett (5-10, 160...2020)
OT-LB... Ian Henry (6-1, 225... 2020)
RB-SS... Tyler Langley (5-10, 180... 2020)
TE-DE... John Talen (6-1, 185... 2020)
RB-LB... Dannie Palmer (6-0, 205... 2020)
OL-DL... Matt Brown (6-4, 285... 2020)
WR-FS... Tristan Altobelli (5-11, 170... 2020)
WR-DB... Daniel Card (x-x, xxx... 2021)
TE-DE... Shea Widell (6-4, 200... 2021)
OL-DL... Logan Grow (x-x, xxx... 2021)
RB-LB... Tyler Vandermark (x-x, xxx... 2021)
QB... Eli Adams (x-x, xxx... 2023)



**elite prospect; a-academic standout*

Akron
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Logan Leeds (6-1, 265... 2020)
OL-DL... Bryce Jerge (6-3, 250... 2020)
QB-FS... Adam Mietz (5-9, 155... 2021)
OL-TE-LB... David Kalinowski (6-0, 195... 2021)*a
WR-TE-DE... Jacob Mazza (6-3, 190... 2021)
OL-DT... Mitch Dugan (6-0, 205... 2021)
RB-LB... Aidan Smith (5-8, 155... 2022)

Alden
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Joe Hammer (6-1, 250... 2020)

Albion
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
RB-DB... Brillance Johnson (5-7, 135... 2020)
QB-DB... Thomas Furmanski (5-11, 195... 2020)
RB-DE... Farley Deyonci (6-1, 220... 2020)
WR-DB... Kevin Hillman (5-9, 135... 2020)
WR-DB... Tyray White (5-9, 140... 2020)
WR-DB... Anthony Freeman (5-11, 155... 2021)
WR-DE... Chris Shabazz (6-2, 160 ... 2021)
FB-LB... Michael DiCureia (6-0, 185 ... 2020)
OL-DE... Cody Wilson (6-7, 270... 2020)

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Allegany-Limestone
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-DB... Ben Giardini (5-11, 160... 2020)
G-LB... Connor Walsh (6-0, 210... ... 2021)
FB-DE-LB... Dan Stayer (5-10, 200... 2020)
C-DT... Griffin Klice (5-9, 190... 2020)
WR-DB... Jayden Gustafson (6-0, 175... 2021)
G-DE... John Giardini (6-0, 215... 2020)
RB-LB... Kyle Herbert (5-9, 180... 2020)
RB-DB... Logan Klice (5-9, 170 ... 2020)
QB-DB... Thomas Calleen (6-0, 175... 2020)
WR-DB... Alan Wildfire (5-9, 150... 2020)
TE-DE-LB... Chad Carlson (6-4, 195... 2020)
OT-DT... Dylan George (6-2, 275... 2020)
WR-DB... Ryan Kellogg (6-0, 170... 2020)

Amherst
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Ryan Bitka (6-1, 265... 2020)*
WR-DB... Ronald McCarley (5-10, 165... 2020)*
WR-DB... Rashawn Allen (5-10, 155... 2020)

Burgard
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
RB-OLB... Brandon McNeil (5-10, 175... 2021)
QB-DB... Leon Donaldson (6-1, 170... 2020)
OL-DL... Sincere Jefferson (6-3, 290... 2020)
OL-DL... Damon Virgil (5-11, 275... 2021)
OL-DL... Deonte Henry (6-3, 280... 2021)
QB-DB... Kire Eaglin (5-10, 160... 2022)
HB-OLB... Nazir Zinerman (5-10, 165... 2021)
WR-DB... Lafario Ross (6-0, 170... 2021)
OL-DL... Jahmere Davis (6-0, 250... 2021)
OL-DL... Noah Velez (6-0, 250-... 2021)
TE-DE... Kaden Speakes (6-1, 180... 2020)
WR-DB... Dymon King (5-10, 150... 2020)
WR-OLB... Jaizhon Knox (5-9, 155... 2022)
OL-LB... Miree Harris (6-1, 175... 2021)
OL-DL... Larell Jemmison (6-1, 280... 2021)
RB-OLB... Lamar Hampton (5-7, 145... 2022)
WR-DB... Daquian Sweat (5-7, 155... 2021)

Canisius
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
LB... Jack Boras (6-0, 205... 2020)
DB... Mike Cashatt (5-11, 175... 2020)
OL-DL... Donovan Cornelius (6-0, 270... 2020)
RB-LB... Nigel Dabney (5-11, 185... 2020)
RB-LB... Elijah Haqq (6-1, 180... 2020)
WR-DL... Eric Kegler (6-4, 210... 2020)
OL-DL... Mike Lewis-Myree (6-1, 350... 2020)
LB... CJ Ozolins (6-1, 220... 2020)
TE-LB... Grant Taylor (6-1, 185... 2020)
OL-DL... Jake Troup (6-3, 280... 2020)
WR-DB... Nate Weinstein (5-11, 165... 2020)
LB... Hugh Wolf (5-10, 170... 2020)
OL-DL... Malachi Charleston (6-2, 210... 2021)
RB-DB... Joe Dixon (5-10, 175... 2021)
WR... Max Dowling (6-5, 200... 2021)
QB... Gabe Fisher (6-1, 170... 2021)
RB-DB... Antwain Gandy (5-7, 150... 2021)
TE-DL... Hunter Glaser (6-4, 200... 2021)
TE-LB... Marlo Johnson (6-1, 180... 2021)
OL-DL... Andrew Kerwin (6-2, 230... 2021)
RB-DB... Amier Mohammad (5-11, 175... 2021)
RB-DB... Freddie Pagan (5-7, 155... 2021)
OL-DL... Drevon Shaw (6-1, 320... 2021)
WR-DB... Riley Simpson (5-9, 170... 2021)
WR-DB... Wisken Whited (5-9, 160... 2021)
QB... Austin Williams (6-3, 210... 2021)
QB... Tyler Baker (5-11, 170... 2022)
TE-DL... Nolan Falk (6-1, 190... 2022)
ATH... Nate Henrich (6-3, 170... 2022)
OL-DL... Connor Kerl (6-1, 280... 2022)
WR... Nik McMillan (5-11, 155... 2022)
RB-LB... Rod Miller (5-10, 160... 2022)
RB-LB... Lamar Thomas (5-9, 160... 2022)
LS-LB... Braydon Vandenberg (5-10, 180... 2022)

Cardinal O'Hara
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Nigel Williams (6-2, 300... 2020)
OL-LB... Andrew Murphy (5-11, 180... 2020)
WR-DB-P... Dominic Luce (5-9, 160... 2021)
QB-DB... Aiden Masters (5-10, 150... 2021)
OL-DL... Sam Torrie (6-2, 280... 2021)*
RB-DB... Dalen Dixon (5-10, 175... 2021)
FB-LB... Luke Martinez (5-8, 200... 2021)
OL-DL... David Motten (6-3, 350... 2021)
WR-DB... Stephen Barbera (5-10, 190... 2022)*

Cheektowaga
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-DB... Quantrail Moss (6-0, 155... 2020)
RB-LB... Deon Burnett Jr (5-10, 230... 2020)
RB-LB... Des Lowe (5-10, 215... 2020)
RB-DB... Imani Reed (5-8, 170... 2020)
RB-DB... Davon Hughes (5-8, 170... 2020)
OG-DE... Tamario Bass (6-3, 260... 2020)
WR-TE-DE... Jayden DuBard (6-4, 250... 2021)*
WR-LB... Jacorey Haynes (6-3, 180... 2021)
TE-OLB.. Isaiah Sharpe (6-2, 215... 2021)
OL-DL... Treviyon Slaughter (6-3, 245... 2021)
RB-DB... Kendrick Hampton (5-8, 170... 2021)

Clarence
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
LB... Mason Davis (6-1, 215... 2020)
TE-DE... Ryan Culhane (6-2, 230... 2020)
OL-DL... Slade Murphy (6-0, 250, 2020)
RB-DB... Zach Norton (5-11, 190... 2021)
TE-LB... James Brooks (6-3, 215... 2021)
OL-DL... Jacob Joerger (6-3, 285... 2020)
QB-DB... Julius Perry (5-11, 170... 2022)

Clymer-Sherman-Panama
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-CB... Cameron Barmore (6-5, 200... 2020)
QB... Gerrit Hinsdale (6-0, 165... 2020)
WR-DB... Zavon Overton (5-11, 170... 2020)
OL-DL... Lucas Rater (6-1, 235... 2020)
ATH-DB... John Swabik (5-11, 165... 2020)

Depew
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB-FS... Nathaniel Kulesz (6-2, 180... 2020)
TE-LB... Zach Tominich (6-4, 190... 2020)

Dunkirk
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
FB-OG-DT... ... Joel Burgos (5-11, 282... 2021)
QB... Phil Messina (5-11, 183... 2021)
HB-FL-CB... Alex Ahlstrom (5-11, 170... 2022)
DT... Adrien Washington (6-0, 360... 2020)
OG... Devin Land (6-1, 375... 2020)
SE-CB... Sam Texidor (6-1, 160... 2022)
OT-DE... Gavin Cave (6-3, 250... 2021)

East Aurora
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
TE-DE... Connor Boss (6-3, 220... 2020)
RB-MLB... Shane MacSwan (6-1, 225... 2020)*
RB-S... Jack Rogers (5-7, 165... 2020)
G-OLB... Jonathan Stanisewski (6-0, 225... 2020)
TE-DE-OLB... Owen O'Brien (6-3, 170... 2020)
WR-S... Ryan Maloney (6-0, 170... 2020)
QB-LB... Lucas Juliano (5-10, 200... 2020)
WR-CB... Joseph Ferrara (6-2, 155... 2020)
RB-WR-CB... TJ Marsh (5-8, 150... 2021)
G-DE... Jared Montgomery (6-1, 200... 2021)
WR-CB... Cam Pierot (6-3, 160... XXXX)
OT-DT... Ethan Egloff (6-3, 250... 2023)
QB-CB... Max Frier (5-7, 160... 2023)

Eden
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-DE... Tyler Robinson (6-5, 183... 2020)
OL-DL... Josh Rice (6-1, 265... 2020)
QB-RB-DB... CJ Sroda (5-10, 150... 2021)
WR-DB... Hunter Stetz (6-2, 170... 2021)
OL-DL... Charlie Paszek (5-9, 205... 2021)
RB-DB... Austin Sroda (5-10, 145... 2022)
QB-LB... Quinn Harrington (6-0, 160... 2022)
TE-WR-DE... Mike Teoro (6-1, 163... 2022)
RB-LB... Matt Sweet (5-9, 140... 2023)

Grand Island
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
FB-LB-DT... Blake Bielec (5-9, 230... 2020)
QB-WR-FS... Ben Moskala (5-10, 170... 2020)
RB-CB... Jack Dlugokinski (5-9, 165... 2021)
K... Sean Rustowicz (6-2 175... 2020)

Hamburg
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Logan Garza (6-0, 235... 2020)
OL-DL... Geno Bruce (6-1, 260... 2020)
RB-DE... Spencer Dix (5-10, 240... 2020)
OL-DL... John Haberman (6-2, 240... 2020)
OL-DL... Alan Beyer (5-11, 230... 2020)
OL-DL... Joe Reitebach (6-3, 225... 2020)
RB-DB... Dominic Manzella (5-11, 180... 2020)
TE-LB... Josh Hine (6-2, 215... 2021)
RB-DB... Tyler Siwek (6-0, 175... 2021)
OL-DL... Jon Bennett (6-2, 220... 2021)
RB-DB... Devin Collins (5-8, 165... 2022)
RB-LB... Noah Gallagher (5-9, 170... 2022)

Jamestown
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Chase Jones (6-3, 260... 2020)
OL-DL... Avante Hicks (5-9, 210... 2020)
RB-DB... Joshua Tonkin (5-10, 175... 2020)
OL... Ben Schrader (5-10, 180... 2020)
RB-LB... Savon Vansickle (6-2, 200... 2021)*
WR-DB... Elijah Rojas (6-2, 180... 2021)*
WR-DB... Simeon Leeper (6-2 175... 2021)
RB-LB... DeMarri Jones (6-2, 180... 2021)
RB-LB... Takye Branch (5-9, 175... 2021)
DB... Markell Carter (5-11, 178... 2021)
RB-DB... Camron Mays (5-7 165... 2021)
OL-LB... Drayce Garland (5-9, 205... 2022)
OL-DL... Julian McGaughy (6-2, 255... 2022)
RB-DB... Jaylen Butera (6-2, 180... 2022)
QB... Trey Drake (6-2, 165... 2023)

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JFK
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB-S-ATH... Jax Lighten (5-10, 165... 2020)
OT-DT... DaRell Dabney (6-0, 275... 2020)
OG-DE... Stuart Mcloud (5-10, 185... 2020)
RB-LB... Santino Aramini (5-6, 155... 2021)

Kenmore East
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Joseph Crimi (5-8, 170... 2020)
OL-DL... Angelo Ducato (5-8, 185... 2020)
WR-DB... Millard Ellis (5-9, 170... 2020)
RB-WR-LB... Dominic Ferguson (5-9, 210... 2020)
OL-TE-DL... Dalton Gaughan (6-4, 200... 2020)
OL-DL... Mike Haynes (6-0, 235... 2020)
RB-DB... Emery Lange (6-0, 185... 2020)
OL-DL... Lucas Mack (6-2, 195... 2020)
RB-LB... Kyle Marsha (5-10, 182... 2020)
WR-DB... Kenny Nyberg (6-0, 170... 2020)
RB-LB... Nestor Hernandez (5-9, 171... 2022)
RB-LB... Jamarion Robertson (6-2, 234... 2021)
OL-DL... Landon Williams (6-4, 248... 2021)

Kenmore West
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB… Zac Boyes (6-0, 170… 2020)
OT-DT… Matt Chimera (6-2, 230… 2020)
WR-OLB-P… Eddie Vona (6-0, 180… 2020)
WR-DB… Pat Gerbec (5-11, 160… 2021)
OT-DT… Eric Nicotera (6-3, 250… 2020)
OT-MLB… Diego Butler (5-8, 225… 2020)
DB-WR… Malaki Gilsey (6-0, 160… 2021)
RB-LB… Hunter Gore (5-9, 175… 2022)
LB… Noah Michael (6-4, 205… 2022)
RB-DB… Custer Miller (5-8, 148… 2021)
DE… Caleb Saxnury (6-2, 203… 2020)
FB-LB… Dosyear White (6-2, 195… 2020)
RB… Kenneth Mosley (5-11, 177… 2021)

Lackawanna
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-DB... DeMarion Johnson (5-9, 165 2020)
TE-DE... Edrick Steward (6-0, 195... 2020)
OL-DL... Roquille Rice (6-2, 320... 2020)
RB-LB... Jermia'yha Presley (5-9, 181... 2021)
OL-LB... Javion Morales (5-10, 230... 2021)
RB-LB... Mohamed Alshawai (5-7, 155... 2022)
WR-DB... Shyheim Smalls (5-10, 145... 2023)
RB-LB.. Jermia'yha Presley (5-9, 181... 2021)
WR-DB... DeMarion Johnson (5-9, 165... 2020)
TE-DE... Edrick Steward (6-0, 195... 2020)
WR-DB... Shyheim Smalls (5-10, 145... 2023)

Lancaster
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
LB... Conor Mahony (6-0, 200... 2020)*
LB-FB... Matt Marschner (6-1, 225... 2020)*
WR... Shawn Davis (5-9, 165... 2020)
WR-DB... Ethan Jurkowski (5-11, 180... 2020)
QB... Jason Mansell (5-10, 165... 2021)
DL... Alex Hejna (6-0, 220... 2021)
DE... Joe Podraza (5-11, 190... 2022)
OL... Ian Behrens (6-0, 240... 2022)
OL-DL... Tom Carlsen (5-11, 248... 2023)

Maple Grove
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OT-MLB... Jake Tomlinson (6-2, 190... 2020)
QB-WR-DB... Ayden Reagle (5-9, 155... 2020)
OL-DL... Kyle Trim (6-3, 195... 2020)
WR-DB... Cade Egan (5-8, 160... 2020)
RB-LB... Carter Martin (5-9, 165... 2021)

Maryvale
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OG-DE... Paul Donohue (6-1, 235... 2021)
QB... Connor Desiderio (6-1, 170... 2020)
RB-LB... Donovan McCoy (6-0, 200... 2020)
OT-DT... Jaedon Bice (6-1, 240... 2020)
RB-DE... Deondre Rice (6-3, 190... 2020)

Medina
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-DB... Brian Fry (6-0, 180... 2021)*
WR-DB... Tyler Chinn (6-0, 190... 2021)
QB-DB... Jarin Rhim (6-2, 205... 2022)
TE-DE... Joe Cecchini (6-1, 180... 2022)
RB-DE... Emmanuel Taylor (6-0, 205... 2022)
RB-LB... Rodney Davis (6-0, 190... 2021)
WR-DB... Dontea Rhim (6-0, 165... 2021)

Newfane
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
RB-LB... Jaden Heers (6-0, 240... 2020)
TE-DE... Dylan Finsh (6-3, 220... 2020)
OL-DE... Michael Carmer (6-4, 200... 2021)
WR-DB... Dakota Baker (5-11, 165... 2021)
WR... Justin Edmister (5-11, 165... 2021)

Niagara Wheatfield
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
TE-LB... Griffin Cornwell (5-11, 190... 2020)
DE... Bobby Zito (6-2, 215... 2020)
QB-DB-P... Chris Gordon (5-10, 165... 2020)
WR-DE... Cole Janowsky (6-2, 190... 2020)
K... Preston Dolan (5-8, 190... 2020)
QB... Evan Stickney (6-0, 160... 2021)
WR-DB... Joey Kiszka (5-11, 160... 2021)
WR-DE... Andy Klebaur (6-2, 210... 2021)
OT-DE... Joey Ambrosia (6-3, 270... 2021)
C-DT-LS (Anthony Lucinski (6-1, 285... 2021)
DE... DeMarie Hilson (6-1, 195... 2021)
HB-DB... Jaden Baker (5-10, 155... 2022)
HB-DB... Jessie Thomas (5-9, 155... 2022)
OL-DT... Andre Clause (5-10, 225... 2022)

Olean
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
LB... Nick Fraterangelo (5-7, 185... 2020)
WR... Gavin Kulp (6-0, 165... 2020)
SS-LB... Cole Anastasia (6-0, 185... 2020)
OL... Sam Mest (6-2, 215... 2020)
OL... Arhum Rabbani (5-10, 190... 2020)

Pioneer
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
RB-DB... Tra'e Hill (5-8, 160... 2020)
RB-DB... Tyler Ely (5-10, 175... 2020)
FB-LB... Josh Oun (5-8, 205... 2020)
C-DL... Andrew Payne (6-1, 245... 2020)
OL-DL... Aaron Doyle (6-2, 260... 2020)
OL-DL... Clay Tingue (6-2, 240... 2020)
K... Karson Hurlburt (5-7, 145... 2020)
OL-DL... Talon Lake (6-1, 220... 2021)
QB... Brody Hopkins (6-3, 180... 2022)

Portville
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OT-DT... Austin Babb (6-3, 325... 2020)
TE-LB... Roland Thompson (6-0, 185... 2020)
WR-DB... Dalton Tobola (5-11, 170... 2020)
QB-DB... Mike Stillman (5-7, 170... 2020)
C-DE... Julian Morales (6-0, 195... 2020)
OT-DT... Hunter Saltsman (6-3, 250... 2020)
OG-DE... Jared Zenner (6-1, 225... 2021)
RB-LB... Jayden Lassiter (5-9, 175... 2021)*
WR-DB... Hunter Griffin (6-1, 165... 2021)
Ath-DB Brandon Cornelius (5-6, 140... 2022)
RB-LB... Zander Keim (5-9, 150... 2023)
RB-DB... Kaedon Holcomb (5-5, 145... 2024)

Roy-Hart
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
C... Edward Hahn (6-1, 230... 2020)
RB-DB... Mark Sanders (6-0, 185... 2021)
WR-DB... Gavin Boyle (6-2, 165... 2022)

Silver Creek
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-DB... Sam Braidich (6-2 175... 2021)*
RB-LB... Angel Caraballo (5-9 190... 2020)
RB-LB... Hunter Larson (5-9 160... 2022)

Springville
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB-DB... Nick Emmick (6-4, 185... 2020)
WR-DB... Masin Field (5-11, 180... 2020)
OL-DL... Aaron Keyser (6-3, 255... 2020)
FB-DE... David Thompson (6-1, 215... 2020)
OL-LB... Jake Cieszynski (5-11, 230... 2020)
RB-DB... Andrew Slippy (5-8, 170... 2021)
TE-LB... Eric Pruitt (6-2, 195... 2021)
RB-DB... Alex Elkins (5-11, 175... 2021)
OL-DL... Max Milbrand (6-0, 250... 2022)
QB-LB... Thomas Orndorff (6-3, 190... 2022)

Starpoint
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-DB-K-KR... Joe Carlson (5-10, 175... 2020)
OL-DL-LS... Dave Meyer (6-0, 275... 2020)
RB-WR-DB-KR... Riley Simpson (5-7, 175... 2021)
QB... Carson Marcus (5-10, 170... 2022)
LB... Cole Harrington (5-11, 170... 2021)
LB-WR... Jake Dean (5-7, 165... 2020)

Williamsville South
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB... Will Girzone (6-0, 190... 2020)
RB-OLB... Jeremy Turner (6-2, 195... 2020)
RB-LB... Mike Masecchia (5-11, 185... 2020)
WR-FS... R-Son Stone (6-2, 170... 2020)
OL-DE... AJ Urbaniak (6-4, 255... 2020)*
WR-FS-Ath... X'Zavion Galarza (5-9, 175... 2020)*
LB... Vinny Campana (5-11, 180... 2020)
OL-DE... Ethan Tong (5-10, 190... 2020)
DE... Demetrius Walls (6-2, 195... 2020)
SS-WR... Jon Clifford (5-11, 175... 2021)
OLB-TE... Zach Sutton (6-3, 195... 2021)
LB-OL-TE... Aidan Ostrowski (6-0, 200... 2021)
WR-CB... Jeremy Matute-Avila (6-1, 185... 2021)
C-LB... Caleb Kruziki (6-0, 190... 2022)
WR-CB... Brett Johnson (6-1, 175... 2022)
QB-CB... Max Graves (6-1, 170... 2022)
C-DE... Matt Murphy (5-11, 195... 2022)

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Wilson
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB... Bobby Atlas (5-9, 155... 2020)
RB-MLB... Drew Westmorland (5-11, 170... 2020)
TE-DE... Declan Faery (6-5, 220... 2020)*
RB-SS... Brayden Dunlap (5-10, 180... 2020)
K-P... Thomas Baia (6-1, 180... 2020)
WR-DB... Josh Lougen (5-7, 140... 2020)

Section 8

**elite prospect; a-academic standout*

East Meadow
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
RB-QB-DB... Patrick Spinola (5-8, 155... 2022)
DT-OG... Marc Aguirre (5-10, 245... 2021)
RB-DB-OLB... Chris Barry (5-8, 165... 2021)
RB-LB... Billy Christoforatis (5-9, 175... 2021)
RB-LB... Joseph Giambald (5-7, 150... 2021)
RB-FB-LB-DE... Marc Giraud (5-10, 220... 2021)
QB-FS... James Saragossi (5-9, 150... 2021)
RB-FS... Brandon Love (5-9, 150... 2020)
OT-DT... Kevin Moreno (6-0, 315... 2020)
QB-DB... Jaheim Perry (5-9, 160... 2020)
WR-DB... Josh Reynoso (6-1, 150... 2020)
OG-DT... Jason Staunton (5-7, 215... 2020)

Hewlett
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-DB... Zion Blackman (5-8, 155... 2020)
RB-LB... Sean Geotina (5-9, 180... 2020)
WR-DB... Naim Lynch (5-8, 145... 2020)
WR-OLB... Evan Greenberg (6-1, 190... 2022)
OL-DL... Ronald Ilyach (6-3, 290... 2022)
OL-DL... Jacob Maiorano (5-10, 185... 2022)
QB-DB... Mark Winkler (5-9, 175... 2022)
OL-DL... Anthony Yakush (5-10, 185... 2022)
RB-LB... Jon Zenny (5-8, 185... 2022)
QB-DB... John Cusumano (5-6, 160... 2023)
RB-LB... Frank Ruta (5-8, 175... 2023)
OL-DL... Yuval Paz (5-9, 180... 2023)

Jericho
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
K... Christopher Aaron (6-0, 180... 2020)

Mepham
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
TE/HBack-LB... Matt Hegi (6-0, 200... 2020)*a*
OL-DE... Ryan Hegi (6-0, 210... 2020)
RB-SS... Kenny Franquiz (6-0, 175... 2020)
OL-DL... Nicholas Liese (6-0, 280... 2020)
QB... Sean White (5-11, 175... 2020)
WR-DB... James Murray (6-1, 165... 2020)
RB-DB... Kevin Kazokas (5-8, 160... 2020)

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**elite prospect; a-academic standout*

Marlboro
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-S-KR... Giovanni Frisenda (6-0, 200... 2020)*
OL-DL... Matt Brown (5-10, 255... 2020)
WR-DB-KR... Armani Banton (5-10, 180... 2020)
DT-NT... Dylan TenEyck (5-10, 280... 2020)*
OL-DL... Anthony DiMeglio (6-4, 200... 2020)
QB-DB... Christian Diorio (6-1, 200... 2020)*
OL-DL-LB... Caden Cabrera (5-9, 205... 2020)
WR-LB... Troy McEwen (5-11, 185... 2020)
OL... Caden Ceriello (6-0, 245... 2020)
RB-LB... Austin Laird (5-10, 185... 2020)
TE-DE... Shawn Evans (6-3, 265... 2021)

Sullivan West
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
RB-LB... Henry Peters (5-10, 185... 2020)
TE-LB... Ryan Kocher (6-0, 210... 2020)
QB-LB... Gabe Campanelli (6-3, 215... 2020)
RB-LB... Enouch Peters (6-0, 210... 2020)
RB-CB... Terrel Spencer (6-0, 205... 2022)
QB-S... Jason Lowe (6-0, 185... 2021)
OT-DT... Frank Decker (6-2, 275... 2021)
TE-LB... Owen Sager (6-2, 220... 2021)

Valley Central
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB-FS... Nate Depew (6-0, 160...2020)
RB-LB... Chase Toth (5-10, 170...2020)
RB-DB... Matthew Blackwell (5-7, 150...2020)
WR... Tyler Villani (6-3, 165...2020)
WR-DB... Connor Fitzgibbons (6-0, 160...2020)
DL... Loyal Hoffman (5-11, 350...2020)
WR-LB... Randy Rosario (5-10, 175 ...2021)
LB... Scott Sledzianowski (5-10, 201...2021)
OL-DL... Daniel Laudati (5-11, 239 ...2021)

Section 10

Potsdam
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB-LB... Zach Kirka (5-11, 200... 2020)
RB-LB... Will Varney (6-0, 205... 2021)

Section 11

**elite prospect; a-academic standout*

John Glenn
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Eddie Fatscher (6-0, 220... 2020)
TE-LB... Ian Fratarcangeli (6-1, 190... 2021)
QB-LB... Thomas Giaramita (5-9, 175... 2020)
WR-LB... Justin Vega (6-2, 220... 2020)*
K... Tom Zabransky (6-0, 180... 2021)

Kings Park
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
K-P... Dylan Squillacioti (5-10, 175... 2020)
WR-SS... Mark Ingraffia (6-5, 170... 2020)*
QB-WR-CB... Michael Ingraffia (6-3, 175... 2020)
TB-ILB-OLB... Jack Quaranto (5-9, 185... 2020)
C-OT-DT-DE... Ryan Bosak (6-1, 210... 2020)*a*
OG-DT... Brandon Carmino (6-0, 270... 2020)
TB-ILB-OLB... Kiernan Derway (6-1, 175... 2020)
OT-OG-ILB... Joe Garvey (5-10, 220... 2020)
WR-FS... Greg Mantekas (5-11, 175... 2021)
OL-DL... Joe Degnan (6-0, 280... 2021)
QB-WR-FS... Jonathan Borkowski (5-9, 140... 2022)
TB-OLB... Nico Laviano (5-9, 160... 2022)

Mount Sinai
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
RB-DB Matt Lomanocca (5-8, 165... 2020)*
OL-DL Matt Schreiber (6-5, 270... 2020)*
OL-LB Antonio Palmiotto (5-9, 225... 2020)
OL-DL Joseph Tacopina (5-10, 260... 2020)
RB-LB Ryan Jones (5-10, 185... 2021)
QB-FS Brandon Ventarolla (5-9, 160... 2021)
OL-DL Chris Kit (5-11, 255... 2022)
RB-LB Joey Spallina (5-11, 175... 2022)
RB-LB Mike Trepetta (5-10, 175... 2022)

Sachem East
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL-DL... Mark Kmiotek (6-2, 280... 2020)
RB-LB... Ryan Paolella (5-8, 175... 2020)
WR-DB... Craig Ash (5-9, 160... 2020)
RB... Adriel Robinson (5-9, 160... 2020)
RB-LB... Jason Bruno (5-9, 155... 2020)
WR-DB... Dom Detto (5-10, 160... 2020)
FB-DL... Justin Nelson (6-0, 180... 2020
WR-DB... Sawyer Matlat (5-9, 155... 2020)
OL-DL... Chris Villano (6-1, 230... 2020)
WR-DB... Mike Curreri (5-11, 170... 2020)
OL-DL... Lucas Santoriello (6-2, 280... 2020)
OL-DL... Dan Pearo (6-0, 260... 2021)
OL-DL... Anthony Cacuzzo (6-0, 250... 2021)
WR-OLB-DB... Corey Cimino (5-10, 150... 2021)
WR-DB... Joe Glasson (5-7, 140... 2021)
RB-DB... Brian Johnston (5-6, 140... 2021)
OLB-WR... Dan Banks (5-10, 160... 2022)
OL-DL... Matt Lane (5-11, 240... 2022)
OL-DL... Amir Gharbi (5-10, 230... 2022)
QB-WR-DB... Rob Garcia (6-0, 160... 2022)

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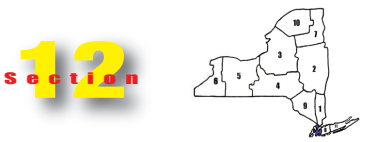
Sachem North
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-DE-OLB... Nick Davide (6-3, 185... 2020)
OL-DL... Peter Engel (6-2, 210... 2020)
RB-LB... Jayden Gonzalez (5-6, 165... 2020)
QB... Tyler Kohn (6-0, 180... 2020)
TE-DE-OLB... Dylan Reilly (6-0, 220... 2020)
OL-DL... Nicholas Savage (5-11, 240... 2020)
WR-DB... Josh Walker (5-7, 155... 2020)
RB-DB... Sam Walker (5-8, 160... 2020)
RB-DB... Justin Wank (5-8, 175... 2020)
WR-DB... Ian Wollman (6-0, 160... 2020)

Sayville
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB-WR-DB... Brock Murtha (6-0, 185... 2020)*
OL-DL... Trevor Hotis (6-3, 255... 2020)*
OL-DL... Jake Maha (6-3, 260... 2020)
WR-DB... John O'Roarke (6-1, 175... 2020)
TE-DE... Jayson Gensch (6-3, 185... 2020)
WR-DB-LB... Nate Casaburi (6-2, 185... 2021)*
WR-RB-DB... CJ Messina (5-10, 170... 2021)*
OL-DE... Max Llewellyn (6-0, 235... 2021)*
RB-DB... Alex Millwater (5-7, 180... 2021)
WR-DB... Nick Buffardi (6-0, 180... 2021)
QB... Jack Cheshire (6-2, 170... 2021)



CHSFL

Archbishop Stepinac
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB... Joseph Carino (6-1, 194... 2020)*a
RB-LB-SS... Kevin McKenna (5-11, 190... 2020)
OG... Ajani Cornelius (6-4, 320... 2020)*
RB-SS... Mekhi Green (5-8, 175... 2020)
WR-CB... Corey Richards (5-10, 169... 2020)
WR... Matt Halas (6-1, 170... 2020)*a
LB-SS... Zach Barnes (6-0, 176... 2020)*a
LB-SS... DA'Vaine Cushnie (5-11, 190... 2020)
OG... Michael Tartaglia (6-2, 265... 2020)*a
CB... Jamel Fleming (5-10, 160... 2020)
OT-DT... Amari Broady (6-3, 280... 2020)*
WR... Quentin McCauley (6-1, 180... 2020)*
WR... Gianni Cardenas (5-10, 165... 2020)
WR... Nazir Hibbert (5-11, 165... 2020)
OG... Chris Peller (6-0, 260... 2020)*a
OLB... Brendan Wilkins (5-9, 180... 2020)
DE... Darius Underwood (6-1, 235... 2020)
WR... Myles Walker (6-0, 175... 2020)
LB... Jaylin Montgomery (5-11, 205... 2020)
DT... Justis Brunson (5-11, 240... 2020)
RB-WR... Matt Edwards (5-10, 160... 2020)
RB... Chance Wilson (5-7, 150... 2020)
WR-S... Peter Thompson (6-0, 170... 2020)
DE... Nick Tulipano (6-0, 190... 2020)

Chaminade
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR... Donavan Wood (6-1, 180... 2020)
LB... Brandon Coward (5-11, 190... 2020)
C... Liam Brown (6-0, 230... 2020)
WR... Thomas Petrucci (6-2, 180... 2020)
OL... Michael Mooney (6-2, 285... 2020)
SB... Paul Maggio (5-8, 160... 2020)
DE... Robert Booth (6-3, 230... 2020)
DB... Dylan Lomello (5-10, 170... 2020)
RB... Mario Fischetti (5-8, 170... 2021)
SB... Parker Warantz (5-9, 175... 2021)
DB-LB... Jake Borgia (6-0, 190... 2021)
SB... Anthony D'Agostino (5-9, 175... 2021)
LB... Vincent Fowler (5-10, 190... 2021)
OL-DL.. Aidan Lang (5-10, 210... 2021)
DE... Liam McKormick (6-1, 235... 2021)

Mount St. Michael
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
RB-DB... Matthew Marquez (5-8, 160... 2020)
DT... Delano Muir (5-9, 215... 2020)
C-DT... Theodore Fraser (5-11, 260... 2021)*
G-DT... Henderson Alcantara (5-10, 260... 2021)
G-DT... Alfred Baido (5-9, 195... 2021)
TE-LB... Stefan Bucaj (6-3, 190... 2021)*a

St Francis Prep
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB-WR-DB... Omarion Jones (5-10, 170... 2020)
OL-DL... Christian Gooding (6-2, 275... 2020)
WR-S... Robert Padavona (6-1, 185... 2020)
OL-DL... Juan Burnet-Merlin (6-1, 255... 2020)
OL-C... Eric Terrano (6-1, 250... 2020)
OL... Justin Jean-Francios (6-5, 320... 2020)
DL... Thomas Darcy (6-5, 325... 2020)
OL-DL... Flauderson Fergilus (6-0, 235... 2020)
DE... James Owens (6-2, 235... 2020)
DL... Dean Bair (6-1, 270... 2020)
LB... Daniel Chung (6-0, 215... 2021)
OL... Patrick Russo (6-0, 250... 2021)
OLB-DB... Justice Allah-Byrd (5-10, 170... 2021)
RB-DB... Nick DeStefano (5-9, 165... 2021)
RB-DB... Dylan Denicker (5-11, 165... 2021)
QB... Mathew Gozalez (5-10, 170... 2021)
OL-DL-TE... Jeremy Grant (6-2, 235... 2021)
OL-TE... Stephen Bracco (6-1, 250... 2021)
DL-OL... Kaleb Artis (6-5, 260... 2022)
OL-C... Neil ODonnell (5-11, 225... 2022)
WR... Steffon Green (5-11, 165... 2022)

Xaverian
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
LB-RB... Shane Greene (x-x, xxx... xxxx)
OL-DL... William Graham (x-x, xxx... xxxx)
TE... Justin Wolf(x-x, xxx... xxxx)
WR-RB-DB... Thomas Resker (x-x, xxx... xxxx)
WR-RB... Jordan Murrell (x-x, xxx... xxxx)
DL-LB... Derrin Hansen (x-x, xxx... xxxx)

PSAL

Automotive
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
WR-FS... Jayden Noel (5-11, 170... 2020)*
OT-DL... Ethan Riche (6-3, 275... 2020)*
RB-SS... Morris John (5-7, 165... 2020)
OL-DL... Anthony Jeanty (6-4, 300... 2020)

Eagle Academy (Queens)
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
OL... Temitope Ajirotutu (6-4, 305... 2020)*
RB-LB... Nathan Simmonds (5-11, 225... 2020)*
RB... Shawn Vassell (5-8, 180... 2020)*
CB... Denzil Jackson (5-7, 175... 2020)

Fort Hamilton
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
TE-DE... Hashim Brisard (6-0, 230... 2020)*
DT... Joshua Fraser (6-5, 310... 2020)
G-DT... Alex Levitsky (6-5, 285... 2020)
WR-OLB... Muyiwa Akinleye (6-2, 200... 2020)

John Adams
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
QB... Jose Abreu (5-11, 230... 2022)*
OLB... Emgels Agramonte (5-10, 165... 2020)
RB... Belle Dwight ((5-7, 155... 2021)*
WR... Elijah Birchwood (6-0, 200... 2020)
CB... Ashaun Booker (5-3, 135... 2021)
TE... Matthew Brown (6-1, 190... 2020)
OT... Chris Colon (6-0, 240... 2020)
QB... Gil Brandon (6-1, 170... 2021)*
OT... Lawson Jean Charles (6-6, 265... 2021)*
RB... Weedly LeBlanc (6-2, 190... 2020)*
LB... Donell Lucien (5-9, 188... 2020)
C... Keymallah Osias (5-9, 260... 2020)
CB... Amari Patterson (6-1, 162... 2020)*a
DB... Johnnel Quigley (5-6, 155... 2021)
G... Samuel Reyes (6-0, 258... 2020)
WR... Jaaspal Singh (5-11, 160... 2020)*a
LB... Elijah Suggs (6-1, 230... 2020)
DT... Calvin Tam (6-1-207... 2020)a
LB... Marston Trotz (5-11, 185... 2020)

Lehman
Pos... Player (Ht, Wt, yr)
Ath-DB... D'Ante Nelson (5-11, 168... 2020)
OL-DL... Darius Dejesus (5-9, 270... 2020)
OL-DL... Jaheim Scott (6-0, 263... 2020)
Ath-LB... Zhaquon Brown (5-10, 215... 2020)
Ath-DB... Froylan Reyes (5-7, 180... 2020)
WR-DB... Tony Windley (6-1, 171... 2020)*
RB-DB... Elijah James (5-6, 148... 2020)
FB-RB-LB... Malik Matthew (6-2, 205... 2021)*
WR-DB... Diostene Baret (5-11, 195... 2021)
OL-DL... Justice Olivares (6-1, 290... 2021)*
OL-DL... Wesley Awkei (6-2, 300... 2021)*
RB-LB... Xavier Ricketts (5-8, 197... 2021)
RB-DB... Adamou Guessongo (5-8, 142... 2021)
Ath-LB... Isaiah Hudson (5-9, 170... 2021)
OL-DL... Miles Young (6-0, 280... 2021)*
WR-DB... Malik Kelly (5-11, 150... 2022)
QB... Malakai Taylor (5-10, 158... 2022)

A Coaching Legend

THE EXTRA POINT

By Mark Adair

The football community in Western New York was stunned when legendary Sweet Home coach John Faller died unexpectedly in July at the age of 70.

The news tore through the Sweet Home family - and the wider Western New York football community. Cell phones all over the area overheated from the texts and phone calls.

Members of Sweet Home's Class of 1984 were in town celebrating the group's 35-year reunion and the news cast a pall over the festivities.

Faller's friend Mike Faulks, who served as Faller's line coach for 32 seasons, was devastated.

"I'm still shocked," Faulks said at this week's WNY All-Star game. "I still have a hard time believing it."

Faller is best known for leading the Panthers to back-to-back state championships and unbeaten seasons in football in 2008 and 2009.

However, Faller actually built two Sweet Home athletic programs into WNY powerhouses.

He also built the school's lacrosse program - even though he never had played the sport. He guided the Panthers to six Section VI championships during his 39-season run, amassing 373 wins, second in WNY history to retired Orchard Park coach Gene Tundo (543).

Faller's teams at Sweet Home recorded a combined 14 Section VI titles and 590 wins.

He led the football program for 32 seasons, eventually building the Panthers into one of the best programs in Western New York history.

In addition to leading the football team to three NYS championship games, winning two titles, Sweet Home had a 69-game winning streak against WNY competition - a span of almost 7 years without a loss. The only losses they incurred in those 7 seasons were to private-school powerhouse Aquinas in the NYS tournament.

Sweet Home won back-to-back NYS titles in 2008 and 2009, winning 36 straight games.

Faller guided the Panthers football team to 16 division titles, including a run of 11 straight from 2004-14, and eight Section VI championships.

Despite being perceived as "old-school' he was actually quite innovative and creative.

His offense used both the Spread and the Double Wing (known widely as 'Big Bird'), sometimes switching back and forth during the same offensive series. And, all of this was done using no-huddle - many times leaving the defense gasping for air as the Panthers moved down the field.

Faller forged a record of 217-84-1 and was inducted into the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame last year.

Despite being a giant on the WNY football scene, Faller was always remarkably soft-spoken and low key. He commanded respect and attention, without ever demanding it.

People feared John Faller... but they weren't afraid of him. Mostly they feared disappointing him. Coach Faller was someone you just did not want to let down in any way.

In all the games I watched him from the sidelines, I rarely heard him raise his voice. He never yelled at a player or a referee. Never.

He would firmly and quietly make his point - and his players got the message and took it to heart.

In 2008, Sweet Home was in a tough battle with Aquinas in a Far West regional that was being played at UB. Aquinas had beaten Sweet Home the previous two seasons and went on to win NYS titles each year.

When they met for a third straight season, the Panthers players were hyped up to the point of stupidity - trash talking, finger pointing and pushing after the whistle.

After a third flag for unsportsmanlike conduct, Faller called timeout and gathered his players in a huddle on the sidelines.

No one spoke as Faller looked each player in the eyes. Finally, he quietly said, "You guys here to play football? Or are you here to run your mouth?"

That was all... but the players got the message.

Sweet Home went on to beat Aquinas 23-6 that night. It was a thorough physical pounding and the Panthers would win their first NYS title three weeks later.

The following season, as the Panthers celebrated a second straight NYS title at the Carrier Dome, I spoke to Faller before the Trophy presentation.

"Hey Coach, be sure to hold that trophy up so I can get a photo of you," I said.

He was handed the trophy, but, instead of holding it up in triumph, he gave it a quick wave and walked away.

"Take photos of the kids," he said. "No one wants to see me."

Oh, Coach Faller... How wrong you were about that.