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Sprinting Forward at West Point

By Sean Bruso

Army Football is long renowned for its tradition the rushing tandem of Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard that won three consecutive national championships for Army in the 1940s, or the game-day experience of a Saturday at West Point, Army football is always mentioned for its commitment to excellence.

There is however another tradition of Army football that is not known by many fans.

After losing the season opener to Navy in the 7th Annual Allegiance Bowl in Saratoga Springs, Army went on a 5-0 run in the league, setting them up for a rematch against Navy in the season finale, for the league title. Navy won the second meeting 28-6 while rushing for over 300 yards and shutting down Army's high-powered offense.

Sprint football is no different than Division I-A football except for the size of the players.

The league consists of seven teams each player must come in under the 172-pound weight limit.

The Collegiate Sprint Football League was formed in 1936 for Ivy League students that were too small to play at the varsity level.

"Sprint football is a very unique," Head Coach Lt. Col Mark West said. "It is the only league of its kind in the country. The league continues to grow. It is a very competitive league and the kids are not doing it for national recognition or for the NFL. They are playing for the love of the game."

Army joined in 1948 and has won 32 league titles. The league now counts Navy, Princeton, Penn, Cornell, Mansfield, and CW Post as members. Franklin Pierce (New Hampshire) will become the league's eighth member

when they will join the league this fall.

"To play sprint football it really is a way of life," West said. "For kids who weigh 180 to 185, they really have to watch their diet or they will outgrow the team. Most of the

kids that make our roster played a skill position in high school, a defensive back or linebacker can become a lineman. What we do in the process is basically form a team so the best players play at all the positions."

The players weigh in Monday, and Wednesday nights to make Friday's weight limit. Players can add weight back on after Wednesday's measurements.

"A lot of kids cut weight, similar to wrestlers," West said. "It is a fast-paced game, it is interesting where you will see defensive linemen running down backs, everyone is the same size and same speed."

The structure of the program is completely backwards from what a conventional varsity program follows. Players must cut weight and follow a leaner diet, where varsity players look to add muscle and weight year round.

Sprint Football prohibits

coaches from working with the team in the off-season.

"There is no spring ball," West said. "We put together a program that the incoming senior class executes. They basically take the workout program and they oversee it. It's an opportunity to build leadership skills."

Lt. Col West acknowledges the differences between the school's varsity program and the Sprint program but maintains the same high standards West Point follows. Students are not recruited to play sprint football. They are preparing for their five-year military commitment following



Photo by Mark Adair

Lt. Col. Mark West, head coach of the Army Sprint Team, started at QB for the Sprint Team from 1988 until 1990. West also played one year of varsity football at West Point.

Army Sprint Football

graduation.

West also is not impartial to the lessons football teaches for life, and for serving the country.

"There is no other sport that prepares a cadet for combat like football," he said. "For one, they have to go through adversity and weight-loss to play a physically demanding sport where you are hitting someone every day. It is a testament to their perseverance and dedication."

The perseverance is crucial on the battlefield.

"There are times in combat where you backs will be against the wall where you're tired and hungry," West said. "In football you're going through those same adversities. It's a team sport and when you're in the Army you will be working as a team in your platoon and battalion. It prepares you for what you will face."

West played one year for Jim Young and the Division I team, then I dropped the weight and started for 3 years as QB for the 150-pound football team (now known as the Sprint team) from 1988 until 1990.

Lt. Col West returned to West Point in 2008 as Head Coach and has drawn on his playing experience to make Army Sprint Football a first-class experience. He played in the late 1980's to early 1990s. While the



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Army uses a fast-paced, no-huddle offense.

varsity runs a triple-option attack, West brought in a wide-open, no-huddle offense that has Army averaging 44 points and more than 500 yards of offense weekly. The Cadets run a play every 12 seconds.

He learned the offense from his old high school coach at Murray High School in Kentucky, Tony Franklin.

Murray, Kentucky is the home of the Murray State Racers, who also run Franklin's offensive system at the collegiate level.

During high school, West started at QB for four seasons, from 1983 until 1986, before graduating in the spring of 1987.

He now runs the same offense for Army.

"Tony was my head coach," West said. "When I got the job at Army, I called him up because I wanted to run his offense."

Franklin now serves as the Offensive Coordinator at Louisiana Tech University.

The premise of West's offense is to get the ball to athletes in open space. That's an essential concept for sprint football.

They also hold an annual alumni game where sprint football alumni compete against the current team. It is a week that includes banquets, and a golf tournament serves as a great learning experience for the team.

"I want them to come back to see the program they helped build," West said, "and give players a chance to show them our success."

The sport of Sprint football is the game at it's purist form; no cameras, no drama, just football.

"If there is a young man who has a desire to serve, play football but is too small. We have a great program and they play for the love of the game."



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Clinic News and Classic Coaches



I hope your off season is relaxing and enjoyable.

The clinic season is winding down. Our 12th annual clinic is in the books! The speakers were outstanding.

It was also great to meet up with some old friends of New York State football, including Paul Pasqualoni (UConn), George Deleone (UConn), John Anselmo (Syracuse), and Jerry Azzinaro (Oregon).

Unfortunately, our attendance was down.

Why? Was it the economy? It's your clinic NYS coaches. As we prepare for next year, if you can send us an email answering these questions, or give us suggestions that would be greatly appreciated.

The awards banquet added a nice touch to the clinic weekend. Our NYSHSFCA sponsored awards were presented; the Scholar Athlete Awards, Players of the Year, Coaches of the Year, the 12th Man Award, the Hunter Lowe Media Award and the Skip Pardon Contribution to

Football Award were all given to very worthy recipients.

Mark your calendars for the next Big Event. The Upstate-Downstate All Star Classic.

The coaches are Bob Campese (Upstate) and CT Chatham (Downstate), who have been working feverishly to assemble their teams.

Any deserving players should be nominated by their coaches. The game will be played June 10th at the Carrier Dome on the Syracuse University campus. Part of the festivities includes a banquet on Saturday evening and an underclassman combine.

The 250 invited athletes will be previously tested at sites throughout the state. The combine will take place the morning of the game.

As you can see, the NYSHSFCA is working diligently to promote football. The sections reps should be commended in the wonderful job they do of representing the players and coaches from their areas.

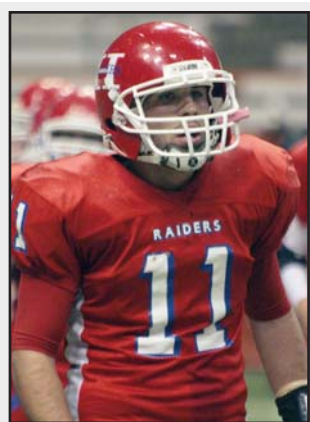
If you haven't renewed your membership, or if you would like to join, please go to our website, www.NYSHSFCA.org; it is a valuable resource for continuous updates of all football related issues.

Also, I just finished reading *The Mentor Leader* by Tony Dungy. It is a "must read" for all coaches.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Syracuse Carrier Dome on June 10th for the Classic.

An advertisement for Riddell football helmets. At the top left, the Riddell logo is in large red letters, with 'PROTECT. PERFORM.' below it. On the right, a 'REVOLUTION CRT' logo is shown with the text 'FEATURING REVOLUTION® CONCUSSION REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY'. Below these are six football helmets in different colors: silver, gold, red, maroon, blue, and grey. Each helmet has a 'Riddell REVO' logo. At the bottom left, it says 'The Leaders in Concussion Reduction Technology'. At the bottom right, it says 'For more information contact your Riddell® sales representative: 1-800-275-5338 or visit www.Riddell.com'.

Players of the Year



Class AA

Akeel Lynch - St. Francis (CHSFL)
Chad Kelly - St. Joe's (CHSFL)
Alvin Cornelius - Tottenville (NYC)

Class A

Tyler Johnson - East Syracuse-Minoa (3)
Ryan Fredericks (8)

Class B

Dominic Scavo - Hornell (5)
Erin Parker - Roosevelt HS (8)

Class C

Tanner Williams - Hoosick Falls (2)

Class D

Saxton Smith - Chester (9)
Chris Nevinger - Letchworth (5)



Cornelius



Fredricks



Johnson



Parker



Nevinger



Smith

Coaches of the Year

Class AA

Gene Tundo - Orchard Park (6)
Shawn O'Connor - Abraham Lincoln (NYC)

Class A

Matt Gallagher - Maine-Endwell (4)
Robert Hoss - Sayville (11)

Class B

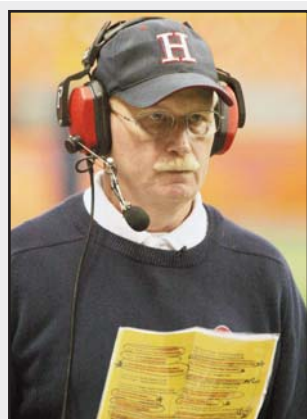
Gene Mastin - Hornell HS

Class C

Jim Moran - Dobbs Ferry (1)

Class D

Tim McMullen - Letchworth (5)



O'Connor



Gallagher



Moran



McMullen



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12th Man Award

Bryant Williams - Kingston (9) • Shaun Porter - Auburn (3)

Hunter Low Media Award
MSG Varsity Cablevision

Skip Paridon Service Award
Doug Erickson - Mohonasen HS (2)

2012 Scholar Athletes

Class AA

Dan Rittenhouse - Saratoga Springs (2)

SAT: 1430 **GPA:** 98

Ranked 2nd in his class of 504

3-Sport Athlete: Football, Skiing & Baseball

All-State Skier in 2011

Section 2 All-Star in Football

Rushed for 340 yards and 8 TDs

Also made 78 tackles, 7 QB sacks

Considering Boston College, Dartmouth and Harvard



Class B

Vincent Molinari - Cold Spring Harbor (8)

SAT: 1490 **GPA:** 3.97

Takes 5 Advanced Placement classes

Football

National Honor Society, Nation French Honor Society,
Mathletes, Debate Team & Varsity Leaders Club,

AP Scholar Award,

Volunteers with the Huntington Homeless

Will attend Williams College



Class C

Ricky McBride - Stillwater (2)

SAT: 1280 **GPA:** 94

Ranked in the Top 10 of his class

2-Sport Athlete: Football & Basketball

High Honor Roll in 9th through 12th grade

National Honor Society, President's Education Award

RPI Medal Scholarship for

outstanding achievement in math & Science

Volunteers for Catholic Youth Council



Class D

Lucas Nelson - Warrensburg (2)

SAT: 1300

Ranked in Top 5 in class

3-Sport Athlete: Football, Wrestling & Baseball

National Honor Society, Elmira Key College Award

American Legion Award, St. Michael's Book Award

Member of the Drama Club, Jazz Band, Master Singers,

Lead in the School Play, is a Jr. Volunteer Fire Fighter

Will attend the Albany School of Pharmacy



Next In Line

Jim Moran is the 3rd coach to win a NYS title with Dobbs Ferry

By Mark Adair

Dobbs Ferry coach Jim Moran was named the Class C Coach of the Year at the recent NYSHSFA Awards Banquet.

Moran led Dobbs Ferry to the NYS Championship at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse last fall.

Dobbs Ferry has been one of the state's most successful programs in recent years. The Eagles have made six appearances in the Carrier Dome since 2002.

And while there are other programs that can boast of successful runs, the Eagles have played in six title games with *four different* head coaches. In fact, three different Dobbs Ferry coaches have won NYS championships.

Dobbs Ferry is just a 20-minute train ride from New York City. In some parts of the town, you can see the Manhattan skyline and the George Washington Bridge.

However, the town is not like other towns in the shadow of the Big Apple.

"When it comes to football, Dobbs Ferry is like a small town in Texas," Moran said. "I was prepped about Dobbs football during the interview process. Some of the stories were crazy."

Dobbs Ferry Athletic Director Jim Lindsay says that football has always been important to the community.

"It's always been a football town," he said, "even in years when we struggled. We weren't always very good but football was always important here."

In 1968 Dobbs finished an abysmal 1-7... and then proceeded to lose the next 42 games!

In 1974, Frank Violanti was hired and won 2 games.

"In his second year, we went 7-1 and that's when things started really rolling," Lindsay said.



Photo by Mark Adair

Jim Moran became the fourth coach since 2001 to lead Dobbs Ferry to the Syracuse Carrier Dome and the third coach to win a NYS title for Dobbs Ferry.

Moran says that Violanti is the person most responsible for Dobbs Ferry's success.

"It all starts with Coach Violanti," Moran said. "He set the tone in this town. They won 42 straight games with him. If there had been a state tournament back in the 1970s, he would have won a bunch of state titles."

The last 10 years have been glorious for Dobbs Ferry as the Eagles won NYS championships in 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2011. The Eagles lost NYS title games in 2005 and 2007. They also lost in the NYS semifinals in 2001 and 2003.

Violanti led the program to the first two titles before retiring.

Violanti's long-time assistant Jim McKenzie took over and led the Eagles to a berth in the NYS title game in 2005. The Eagles lost but were set to make another run under McKenzie the following season.

Sadly, the coach died from a sudden heart attack in the spring.

Chris Wagner took over and led the Eagles to a NYS title in 2006. And, while Wagner did lead the team to several winning seasons, the program had begun to struggle, finishing 5-3 in 2009 and 4-4 in 2010.

Lindsay didn't wait and brought Moran in.

"When we interviewed candidates, I knew that Jim was the guy," Lindsay said. "He was very confident. He knew the way he wanted to do things and, as it turned out, he was up for the challenge."

Amazingly, Moran won his state championship in the first season of his very first head coaching job.

He also says that Dobbs is different from other towns

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near New York City... especially when it comes to high school football.

"The atmosphere in Dobbs is different," Moran said. "In recent years, a lot of Westchester towns have become quite affluent. There is still a large amount of blue-collar, lunch-pail people here and high school football is a priority for them. The town is all-in when it comes to football."

Moran admits that he was initially intimidated when he accepted the position.

"Most places ask when the big rivalry game is," Moran said. "Here, they were asking when the team was playing in Syracuse. They were already planning on a trip to the state championships."

Adding to Moran's apprehension was a roster loaded with talent.

"The team I inherited was loaded with talent," he said. "Everyone said that this senior class was going to win a New York State title since those kids were in the 3rd or 4th grade. In the back of my head I thought, 'Wow, this town expects a lot.' They are supposed to win it all and that was a bit daunting."

However, Moran says, while football is big in Dobbs Ferry, the craziest stories he heard were simply local legends - and nothing more.

"Once I was into the program," he said. "I found that they are just good people who want their boys to be successful. It really wasn't as crazy as people think."

And, despite the fact that Moran was in his first head coaching position, he was hardly a wide-eyed rookie who was learning on the fly.

Moran had spent 16 years as an assistant coach, the last four at Archbishop Stepinac, one of the top programs in the New York City-based CHSFL. Moran also coached for four years at Rye Country Day (Rye, NY) and at Horace Mann (Bronx) for eight seasons.

"I was really happy at Stepinac," Moran said. "The head coach is the coach I played for in high school."

Moran also had a solid teaching position at New Rochelle and really wasn't looking to go anywhere else.

"I was married with three kids," he said. "I had never really considered being a head coach anywhere. It never bothered me that I wasn't a head coach. I was an offensive coordinator and I was perfectly happy with that."

But then, Stepinac's QB coach Kevin Kearns mentioned to Moran that the Dobbs Ferry position had opened up. Kearns, a childhood friend of Moran's, suggested that he should apply.

"At first I said, 'No way,'" Moran said, "but Kevin kept

pushing. He asked me if I wanted to be 80 years old and never have taken a shot at being a head coach. So, I applied."

Lindsay says that Moran was just the coach to shake the program up.

"Jim was exactly what we needed at that time," Lindsay said. "He put us back in the right direction."

The first thing Moran did was talk to his new players.

"My pledge to the kids was that we would be the top team in Section 1 again," Moran said. "We had a big senior group and they didn't want to leave Dobbs Ferry without making a run at a state title."

Lindsay says that any success that Dobbs has, starts with support from the community.

"We don't have a lot of kids on the team," he said. "But these kids grow up idolizing the high school players in town. They get a lot of support from the community and they put in the time to make themselves good."

Support also comes from alumni. Every year, the

Eagles have a reunion and every player who ever suited up for the school is invited.

"We have guys who played here in the 1950s that come back," Lindsay said. "They do it to help raise money for the Youth Football league. The youth players want to grow up and play for the high school team."

And, even though it's still just February, the Eagles are already focused on competing for another state title in 2012.

"It's what the kids talk about," Moran said, "and it's what the community expects us to do."

Moran says that, despite the expectations, he enjoys the atmosphere in Dobbs Ferry.

"I'm very fortunate," Moran said. "The teams that I was coaching with were successful, so winning is not foreign to me. But I was at private schools, so we had a school district with no borders or limits. To come here and have an entire town so into football is incredible."

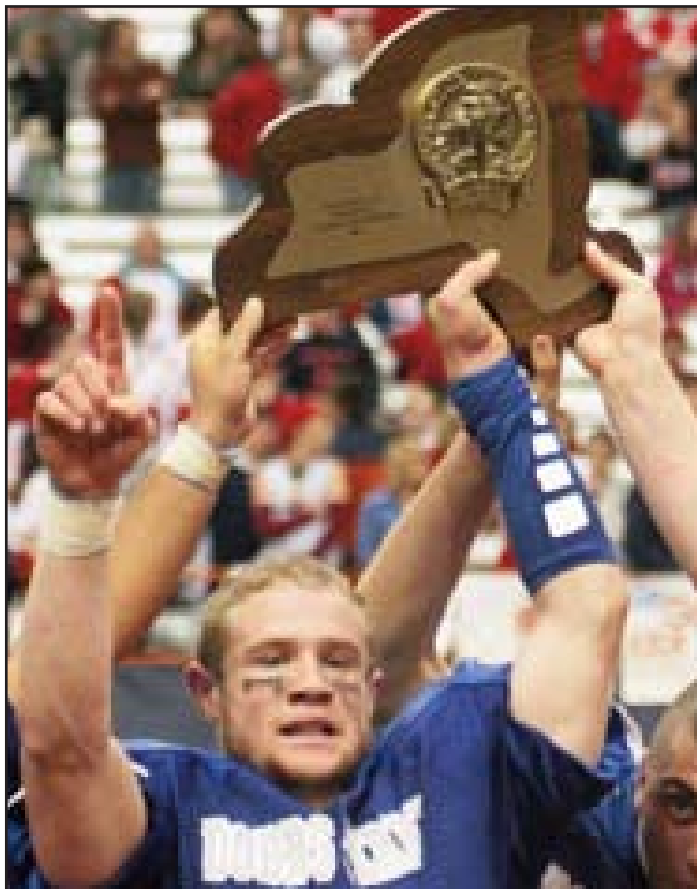


Photo by Mark Adair

Dobbs Ferry has advanced to the NYS semifinals every year from 2001 until 2007. This past fall, the Eagles won the schools fourth 4th NYS title.

Player of the Year

St. Joe's QB Chad Kelly honored by Sportswriters in Class AA

By Mark Adair

St. Joe's QB Chad Kelly has completed his high school career with almost every award imaginable.

Shortly after his season ended, Kelly was named the Western New York Player of the Year by the *Buffalo News*.

The same day the article in the *News* was published, he was named the 40th recipient of the Connolly Cup, given to the "best high school football player" in Western New York.

And finally, in early January, the New York State Sportswriters named Kelly the NYS Class AA Player of the Year.

Kelly certainly posted some eye-popping numbers in his two seasons at St. Joe's in Buffalo.

In 2010, Kelly became the first player in New York State history to pass for more than 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in the same season.

He almost posted another state-first in 2011 when he passed for 3,050 yards and rushed for 991... falling just 9 yards short of the 1,000-yard mark.

"I'm excited for him," St. Joe's coach Dennis Gilbert said. "He put an incredible amount of hard work into his God-given talent and he's done a tremendous job. We asked a lot of him and he's worked his butt off."

Gilbert said that Kelly had more to learn than football when he showed up in Western New York.

"He had to deal with a heck of a lot more than a lot of high school kids around here," Gilbert said. "Because of his name and the hype that comes with that. He's under an incredible amount of media scrutiny and he's learning what it means to live in a fishbowl."

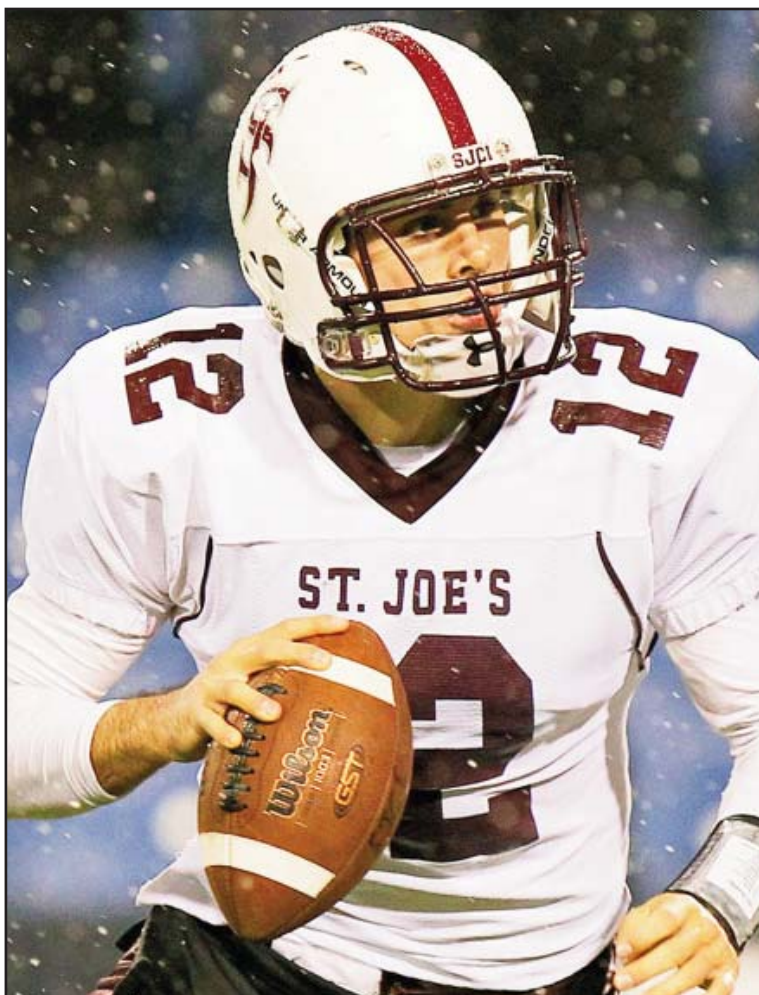


Photo by Tim Frank

St. Joe's QB Chad Kelly became the first player to rush for 1,000 yards and pass for 2,000 yards in the same season in 2010. He passed for 3,050 yards this past season.

Kelly moved to Western New York and entered St. Joe's after two difficult seasons at Red Lion High School in Pennsylvania.

His trials at Red Lion High School are well-documented on the internet... and not all of it is pleasant.

He started on the varsity as a freshman and was suspended... and was suspended for the final five games of his sophomore season.

After the second suspension, Kelly's name was all over the media.

"No one knows what really happened," Kelly said. "Nothing that has been on the internet is true. No one but me and my wide receiver really know what happened."

Kelly does not want to talk about the incidents that led to his suspensions, but does say he did not fit in at Red Lion.

"It just wasn't a right fit for me," he said. "Halfway through my sophomore year, I moved up here with my grandparents and started at St. Joe's."

Gilbert found out that

Kelly was entering St. Joe's in the early spring of 2010.

"I saw some film when he played at Red Lion," Gilbert said. "In the spring of his sophomore year we worked him out and I saw he was competitive. I saw his mechanics and attention to detail. When he threw the football... it was a 'Wow' factor."

Kelly has been in the spotlight since he was very young.

He won the national Punt, Pass & Kick competition four times by the time he was 13 years old. People were talking about him as far back as the sixth grade, when he would practice with the varsity team.

However, entering a private, all-boys school was more of

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a shock than appearing on ESPN.

"I had never gone to a private school," Kelly said. "Everybody was dressed up and there were no girls. It was very different than anything I was used to."

Gilbert was also aware that there was some tension at Red Jacket, though he did not know the exact details.

"Chad was told from Day 1 that he would get no special treatment at St. Joe's," Gilbert said. "He never once tried to big-time anybody in two years. If anything, he was humble about everything. He was just one of the guys."

However, this was unlike any other transfer student. The fact that his uncle, Jim Kelly, had led the Buffalo Bills to four consecutive Super Bowls in the early 1990s only intensified the media interest in Buffalo.

"From the day he came there were enormous expectations," Gilbert said, "and he was just a 17-year-old kid. But even with all the expectations, he blew it all out of the water. Florida State called out of the blue and offered a full-ride scholarship. That just doesn't happen around Western New York very often. He was that good."

Kelly was invited to participate in an elite Regional camp at Ohio State University. Many of the top high school quarterbacks in the nation attended.

While many players would be intimidated by such competition, Kelly wasn't.

"You can't go into a place like that and be intimidated," Kelly said. "I want to be the best. If you want to be the best, you can't ever run from competition."

After the camp, Kelly was named one of the top five quarterback recruits in the nation... and then things really heated up.

He was recruited by almost every college in the country. He also made appearances on ESPN and ESPNU as a part of a made-for-TV passing competition for Elite-level recruits that included the top 11 QBs in the nation.

Before his senior season started, Kelly chose Clemson in the ACC.

"I just loved everything about Clemson," Kelly said. "Everything from the coaches, to the players, to the people in the Pancake House. Everyone down there was great."

After the season, Kelly was chosen to play in the Under Armour All-American Game and threw a pair of TD passes in a 49-16 loss.

Gilbert stopped short of calling Kelly the best player he has ever coached.

"I've been coaching for 25 years so there have been a lot of good ones," Gilbert said. "But Chad is so competitive and such a hard worker. Nobody worked harder than him in practice. He was a workaholic in the off-season. When you have a competitive edge and you work your tail off, good things are going to happen."

Kelly has benefitted tremendously from his transfer to St. Joe's. He especially appreciates the efforts of his coach in making the move to Western New York.

"Coach Gilbert gave me a full opportunity to play here," Kelly said. "He said that I was starting new and he gave me that opportunity. He told me to just work hard and play hard. He's always looking out for me."

And Kelly more than took advantage of his opportunity.



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NYS Sportswriters All-State Football Team

Class AA

Co-Player of the Year

Chad Kelly (QB)

St. Joe's-CHS/6

6-3 215 Sr.

First Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB.....	Isaiah Barnes.....	Freeport-8.....	6-3.....	195.....	Sr.
RB.....	Okoya Anderson.....	Orchard Park-6.....	6-1.....	200.....	Sr.
RB.....	Stacey Bedell.....	William Floyd-11.....	5-10.....	175.....	Sr.
RB.....	Akeel Lynch.....	St. Francis-CHS/6.....	6-1.....	200.....	Sr.
OE.....	Michael Richardson.....	West Babylon-11.....	6-1.....	165.....	Sr.
OE.....	Alvin Cornelius.....	Tottenville-PSAL.....	6-2.....	183.....	Sr.
OL.....	Ben Barrett.....	Syracuse CBA-3.....	6-4.....	255.....	Sr.
OL.....	Devon Leach.....	Orchard Park-6.....	6-3.....	290.....	Sr.
OL.....	Mikal Myers.....	Newburgh Free-9.....	6-1.....	305.....	Sr.
OL.....	Omar Palmer.....	Longwood-11.....	6-3.....	310.....	Sr.
OL.....	Kameron Tedder.....	Iona Prep-CHS.....	6-3.....	235.....	Sr.
AP.....	Brandon Griffin.....	Corning-4.....	5-8.....	160.....	Sr.
PK.....	Austin Reese.....	Orchard Park-6.....	6-1.....	200.....	Sr.

Second Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB.....	John Garcia.....	Warwick-9.....	6-2.....	205.....	Sr.
RB.....	Dom Delucia.....	Pittsford-5.....	5-9.....	200.....	Sr.
RB.....	Dalton Crossan.....	Sachem North-11.....	5-11.....	185.....	Sr.
RB.....	Kareem Folkes.....	Lincoln-PSAL.....	5-9.....	160.....	Sr.
OE.....	Ben Johnson.....	Orchard Park-6.....	6-3.....	200.....	Sr.
OE.....	Jere Brown.....	Freeport-8.....	5-10.....	170.....	Sr.
OL.....	Joe Graen.....	Pittsford-5.....	6-2.....	270.....	Sr.
OL.....	Michael Senn.....	Orchard Park-6.....	6-3.....	277.....	Jr.
OL.....	Brandon Lathrop.....	Kenmore West-6.....	6-6.....	260.....	Sr.
OL.....	Matt Morganelli.....	Newfield-11.....	6-1.....	290.....	Sr.
OL.....	Matt Biscardi.....	St. Anthony's-CHS.....	6-2.....	275.....	Sr.
AP.....	Marcus McGill.....	Gates Chili-5.....	6-2.....	200.....	Sr.
PK.....	Jeremy Stinson.....	Newburgh Free-9.....	6-2.....	200.....	Sr.

Third Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB.....	Ryan Spelman.....	Monroe-Woodbury-9.....	6-2.....	200.....	Sr.
RB.....	Tyler Rouse.....	Baldwinsville-3.....	5-8.....	185.....	Jr.
RB.....	Derrick Peters.....	Rush-Henrietta-5.....	6-2.....	215.....	Sr.
RB.....	Mercer Timmis.....	Canisius-CHS/6.....	6-1.....	210.....	Sr.
OE.....	Sean Howard.....	West Genesee-3.....	6-1.....	180.....	Sr.
OE.....	Jake DeCicco.....	Kingston-9.....	6-1.....	190.....	Sr.
OL.....	Mark Thomas.....	Shenendehowa-2.....	6-4.....	260.....	Sr.
OL.....	Alex Daines.....	Corning-4.....	6-1.....	280.....	Sr.
OL.....	Mitch Smith.....	Hilton-5.....	6-2.....	270.....	Sr.
OL.....	Ken Berryhill.....	Freeport-8.....	6-2.....	275.....	Sr.
OL.....	Aaron Thompson.....	Deer Park-11.....	6-4.....	240.....	Sr.
AP.....	Mark White.....	Arch. Stepinac-CHS.....	5-10.....	175.....	Jr.
PK.....	Przemyslaw Popek.....	Arch. Stepinac-CHS.....	6-0.....	175.....	Sr.

Fourth Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB.....	Matt McDaniels.....	Kellenberg-CHS.....	5-10.....	170.....	Sr.
RB.....	Tony Fusco.....	Shenendehowa-2.....	5-10.....	190.....	Sr.
RB.....	Spencer DeCinque.....	Jamestown-6.....	5-7.....	165.....	Sr.
RB.....	Andrew King.....	Flushing-PSAL.....	6-1.....	215.....	Sr.
RB.....	Caleb Gilligan-Evans.....	Arch. Stepinac-CHS.....	6-1.....	240.....	Sr.
OE.....	Josh Callahan.....	Niskayuna-2.....	6-1.....	160.....	Sr.
OE.....	Carter Twombly.....	Baldwinsville-3.....	6-2.....	207.....	Sr.
OL.....	Noel Young.....	Binghamton-4.....	5-8.....	190.....	Sr.
OL.....	Michael Arcuri.....	Clarence-6.....	6-1.....	235.....	Sr.
OL.....	James Manginelli.....	Newfield-11.....	6-2.....	250.....	Jr.
OL.....	Mike White.....	East Islip-11.....	6-3.....	250.....	Sr.
AP.....	Ryan Slane.....	North Babylon-11.....	5-9.....	150.....	Sr.
PK.....	Shane Cronin.....	Clarkstown South-1.....	6-1.....	172.....	Jr.

First Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL.....	Lance McDowdell.....	Mount Vernon-1.....	6-4.....	290.....	Sr.
DL.....	Pancho Barnwell.....	East-5.....	6-4.....	220.....	Sr.
DL.....	Darius Greene.....	Longwood-11.....	6-2.....	275.....	Sr.
DL.....	Austin Taps.....	Arch. Stepinac-CHS.....	6-4.....	225.....	Sr.
LB.....	Jim Fitzgerald.....	Orchard Park-6.....	6-2.....	225.....	Sr.
LB.....	Evan Kappatos.....	Syosset-8.....	6-1.....	235.....	Sr.
LB.....	Ron Denig.....	Newfield-11.....	5-11.....	220.....	Sr.
LB.....	Joe Smith.....	St. Francis-CHS/6.....	6-1.....	210.....	Sr.
DB.....	Frank Tucek.....	Clarkstown South-1.....	5-10.....	185.....	Sr.
DB.....	Wayne Morgan.....	Erasmus Hall-PSAL.....	5-11.....	188.....	Sr.
DB.....	Justin Combs.....	Iona Prep-CHS.....	5-9.....	165.....	Sr.

Second Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL.....	Dom Morales.....	East Meadow-8.....	6-1.....	265.....	Sr.
DL.....	Robert Kitching.....	Lincoln-PSAL.....	6-3.....	310.....	Sr.
DL.....	Oluwatoba Akinleye.....	Fort Hamilton-PSAL.....	6-4.....	194.....	Sr.
DL.....	Pat McHugh.....	St. Anthony's-CHS.....	6-2.....	250.....	Sr.
LB.....	Bobby Henderson.....	John Jay (EF)-1.....	6-1.....	215.....	Sr.
LB.....	Kemet McLean.....	New Rochelle-1.....	6-1.....	185.....	Sr.
LB.....	Brandon Miller.....	Shenendehowa-2.....	6-2.....	200.....	Sr.
LB.....	Robbie Healy.....	East Meadow-8.....	5-9.....	165.....	Sr.
DB.....	Richard Guinyard.....	Campus Magnet-PSAL.....	5-10.....	155.....	Sr.
DB.....	Vincent Narog.....	Arch. Stepinac-CHS.....	6-2.....	170.....	Sr.
DB.....	Tu Shaun Plummer.....	Xaverian-CHS.....	5-7.....	160.....	Sr.

Third Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL.....	Anthony Caldararo.....	New Rochelle-1.....	6-4.....	220.....	Sr.
DL.....	Joe Liable.....	North Rockland-1.....	6-1.....	255.....	Sr.
DL.....	Nick Cleveland.....	Albany CBA-2.....	6-2.....	205.....	Sr.
DL.....	Cortland Haines.....	Jamestown-6.....	6-2.....	260.....	Jr.
LB.....	Billy Pichura.....	Binghamton-4.....	5-9.....	175.....	Sr.
LB.....	Alec Dietsch.....	Clarence-6.....	5-11.....	180.....	Jr.
LB.....	Devonte McFarlane.....	HH Hills West-11.....	6-1.....	195.....	Sr.
LB.....	Kenny Coughlin.....	Tottenville-PSAL.....			Sr.
DB.....	Kevin Joceyn.....	Ramapo-1.....	5-10.....	180.....	Sr.
DB.....	J.J. Jones.....	Binghamton-4.....	5-8.....	180.....	Sr.
DB.....	Jalen Williams.....	Newburgh Free-9.....	6-2.....	175.....	So.

Fourth Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL.....	Tom Hagan.....	John Jay (EF)-1.....			Sr.
DL.....	Mike Esposito.....	Newburgh Free-9.....	6-1.....	195.....	Sr.
DL.....	Tyler Rigo.....	East Islip-11.....	5-11.....	205.....	Sr.
LB.....	Ben Whitney.....	Jamestown-6.....	6-1.....	210.....	Sr.
LB.....	Reggie Robinson.....	West Babylon-11.....	6-1.....	245.....	Sr.
LB.....	Miguel Brennin.....	William Floyd-11.....	5-11.....	180.....	Jr.
LB.....	John Dapolito.....	North Rockland-1.....	6-0.....	210.....	Jr.
LB.....	Cody Buchanan.....	St. Francis-CHS/6.....	5-10.....	185.....	Sr.
DB.....	Christian Harris.....	Rush-Henrietta-5.....	6-1.....	206.....	Sr.
DB.....	Chris Cooper.....	Iona Prep-CHS.....	6-1.....	180.....	Jr.
DB.....	Tim Stackpole.....	St. Anthony's-CHS.....	5-10.....	165.....	Sr.

NYS Sportswriters All-State Football Team

Class A

Co-Player of the Year

Steven Ferreira (QB)	Sayville-11	6-1	180	Sr.
Billy Lombardi (RB)	Aquinas-5	5-7	192	Jr.

First Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB.....	Josh Oliver.....	Poughkeepsie-1.....	5-6.....	157....	Sr.
RB.....	Ke'Shaun Stallworth.....	Pelham-1.....	6-1.....	180....	Sr.
RB.....	Nick Sorrenti.....	Maine-Endwell-4.....	6-1.....	223....	Jr.
RB.....	Juwan Douglas.....	Sweet Home-6.....	5-11....	185....	Sr.
OE.....	Jahmahl Pardner.....	Aquinas Institute-5.....	5-11....	170....	Sr.
OE.....	Nick Wagner.....	John Glenn-11.....	5-10....	180....	Sr.
OL.....	Derrek Dalton.....	Indian River-3.....	6-2.....	245....	Sr.
OL.....	Jake Haddock.....	Maine-Endwell-4.....	6-1.....	244....	Jr.
OL.....	Mike Gilbert.....	Garden City-8.....	6-3.....	275....	Sr.
OL.....	Sean Karl.....	Eastport-S.Manor-11.....	6-6.....	300....	Sr.
OL.....	Ricky Comis.....	Xavier-CHS.....	5-11....	235....	Jr.
AP.....	Jordan Johnson.....	Sweet Home-6.....	5-11....	191....	Sr.
PK.....	Conor O'Sullivan.....	Pearl River-1.....	6-1.....	190....	Sr.

Second Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB.....	Tyler Johnson.....	E.Syracuse-Minoa-3.....	6-1.....	175....	Sr.
RB.....	Danny Caiola.....	John Jay (CR)-1.....	5-9.....	190....	Sr.
RB.....	Matthias McKinnon.....	Bishop Maginn-2.....	5-10....	170....	Sr.
RB.....	Diamond Williams.....	Watertown-3.....	5-10....	205....	Jr.
RB.....	DeQuan June.....	Cardinal Hayes-CHS.....	5-9.....	170....	Sr.
OE.....	Bob Campese.....	E.Syracuse-Minoa-3.....	6-1.....	165....	Sr.
OE.....	Eddie Robinson.....	Lawrence-8.....	6-1.....	185....	Jr.
OL.....	Brandon Weir.....	Poughkeepsie-1.....	6-3.....	218....	Jr.
OL.....	Cullen Casey.....	McQuaid Jesuit-5.....	6-4.....	270....	Jr.
OL.....	Marquel Foster.....	Bennett-6.....	6-1.....	290....	Sr.
OL.....	Kyle Ruiz.....	Cornwall-9.....	6-4.....	.....	Sr.
AP.....	Luis Uceta.....	Maine-Endwell-4.....	5-9.....	147....	Jr.
PK.....	Ryan Norton.....	Garden City-8.....	6-1.....	175....	Sr.

Third Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB.....	Justin Ciero.....	Horace Greeley-1.....	6-1.....	200....	Sr.
QB.....	Eric Wellmon.....	Wallkill-9.....	5-7.....	165....	Sr.
RB.....	Steve Almond.....	Whitesboro-3.....	5-9.....	180....	Sr.
RB.....	Tyler Fredericks.....	Lawrence-8.....	6-1.....	215....	Jr.
RB.....	Devon Mitchell.....	Bishop Ford-CHS.....	5-11....	175....	Sr.
OE.....	Cody Stumpf.....	Williamsville South-6.....	6-1.....	165....	Sr.
OE.....	Anthony Gray.....	Monticello-9.....	.....	.....	Sr.
OL.....	Ryan Sanders.....	John Jay (CR)-1.....	6-4.....	240....	Sr.
OL.....	Nick Marschesiello.....	Burnt Hills-2.....	6-1.....	240....	Jr.
OL.....	Bob Ali.....	E.Syracuse-Minoa-3.....	6-2.....	270....	Sr.
OL.....	Dan Rice.....	Cornwall-9.....	.....	.....	Sr.
AP.....	Nic Ketter.....	Queensbury-2.....	6-4.....	210....	Sr.
PK.....	Brandon Diorio.....	Union-Endicott-4.....	5-10....	185....	Sr.

Fourth Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB.....	Joe Capobianco.....	Lawrence-8.....	5-10....	190....	So.
QB.....	Rich Czezotka.....	John Glenn-11.....	6-2.....	210....	Sr.
RB.....	Joe Letizia.....	Tappan Zee-1.....	5-8.....	175....	Jr.
RB.....	Matt Felitto.....	Whitesboro-3.....	6-1.....	215....	Jr.
RB.....	Miles Young.....	Eastridge-5.....	6-2.....	205....	Sr.
RB.....	Da'Relle Hatcher.....	Amityville-11.....	6-1.....	205....	Sr.
OE.....	Billy Jacobbi.....	Williamsville South-6.....	5-7.....	155....	Sr.
OE.....	Eddie Krecisz.....	Grand Island-6.....	5-11....	175....	Sr.
OL.....	Steve Link.....	Wayne-5.....	6-1.....	230....	Sr.
OL.....	Matt Netto.....	Watertown-3.....	6-2.....	275....	Sr.
OL.....	Adam Shelepak.....	Maine-Endwell-4.....	6-1.....	239....	Jr.
AP.....	Ryan Fredericks.....	Lawrence-8.....	5-8.....	195....	Sr.
PK.....	Damon Neil.....	Cornwall-9.....	.....	.....	Jr.

First Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL.....	Jarron Jones.....	Aquinas Institute-5.....	6-7.....	305....	Sr.
DL.....	T.J. Scammura.....	Williamsville South-6.....	6-1.....	280....	Sr.
DL.....	Jon Haggart.....	Sayville-11.....	6-2.....	205....	Jr.
DL.....	Jay Hayes.....	Poly Prep-AIS.....	6-4.....	270....	So.
LB.....	Lawrence Featherston.....	Poughkeepsie-1.....	6-2.....	201....	Sr.
LB.....	Dylan Wydrankowski.....	Burnt Hills-2.....	5-11....	215....	Sr.
LB.....	Javon Fogan.....	Bennett-6.....	6-1.....	205....	Sr.
LB.....	Marquis Artis.....	Amherst-6.....	5-9.....	180....	Sr.
DB.....	Declan Myer.....	John Jay (CR)-1.....	5-10....	175....	Sr.
DB.....	Stephon Johnson.....	McKinley-6.....	5-11....	175....	Jr.
DB.....	Mark Ellis.....	Garden City-8.....	5-10....	165....	Sr.

Second Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL.....	Robert Johnson.....	Poughkeepsie-1.....	5-11....	290....	Sr.
DL.....	Sean Spath.....	Bishop Maginn-2.....	5-7.....	210....	Sr.
DL.....	Nick Crocetto.....	Burnt Hills-2.....	6-3.....	250....	Sr.
DL.....	Alex Officer.....	Eastridge-5.....	6-4.....	290....	Jr.
LB.....	Darrell Woolfolk.....	Maine-Endwell-4.....	5-8.....	187....	So.
LB.....	Marc Pettrone.....	Aquinas Institute-5.....	5-10....	195....	Sr.
LB.....	Rashaad Rogers.....	Sweet Home-6.....	6-1.....	230....	Sr.
LB.....	Peter Catal.....	Cornwall-9.....	.....	.....	Sr.
DB.....	Jeff McDuffie.....	East Syracuse-Minoa-3.....	6-1.....	165....	Jr.
DB.....	Ralph Caccavale.....	Plainedge-8.....	5-10....	150....	Sr.
DB.....	Rob Myers.....	St. Francis Prep-CHS.....	6-1.....	170....	Sr.

Third Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL.....	Quincy Vassar.....	Nyack-1.....	6-4.....	225....	Sr.
DL.....	Chris Groton.....	Somers-1.....	6-1.....	245....	Sr.
DL.....	Frank DeNome.....	Cornwall-9.....	.....	.....	Sr.
LB.....	Joe Simolacaj.....	Rye-1.....	5-11....	195....	Sr.
LB.....	Matt Gallineau.....	Amherst-6.....	5-10....	175....	Sr.
LB.....	Luke Falzone.....	Williamsville South-6.....	5-7.....	160....	Sr.
DB.....	Mike Bunal.....	Whitesboro-3.....	6-2.....	185....	Sr.
DB.....	Cory McNamara.....	Wayne-5.....	5-9.....	165....	Sr.
DB.....	Tim Oaks.....	Sweet Home-6.....	5-11....	185....	Sr.
DB.....	Tom Hannan.....	Sayville-11.....	5-8.....	175....	Sr.

Fourth Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL.....	Tanner Meloyer.....	Whitesboro-3.....	6-1.....	250....	Sr.
DL.....	Keith Robinson.....	Gorton-1.....	6-2.....	315....	Sr.
DL.....	Tylor Hubbert.....	Union-Endicott-4.....	5-9.....	215....	Sr.
LB.....	Ronald Lewis.....	Nyack-1.....	6-1.....	190....	Sr.
LB.....	Rayshan Clark.....	Indian River-3.....	6-1.....	185....	Sr.
LB.....	Troy Beddoe.....	Union-Endicott-4.....	6-1.....	220....	Sr.
LB.....	Paul Bitetti.....	Bethpage-8.....	6-1.....	205....	Sr.
DB.....	Chris Carbone.....	Amsterdam-2.....	6-1.....	180....	Sr.
DB.....	Derek German.....	New Hartford-3.....	6-4.....	200....	Sr.
DB.....	Denzel Knight.....	Brockport-5.....	5-11....	180....	Jr.
DB.....	Tom Forsberg.....	John Glenn-11.....	6-1.....	210....	Sr.

NYS Sportswriters All-State Football Team

Class B

Player of the Year

Dom Scavo (QB)

Hornell-5

6-3, 210 Sr.

First Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB...	Jesse Mainiero.....	Croton-Harmon-1.....	5-10..	185...	Sr.
RB...	Scott McKibben.....	Hornell-5.....	5-7....	165...	Sr.
RB...	Corey Vail.....	Pioneer-6.....	5-10..	175...	Sr.
RB...	Erin Parker.....	Roosevelt-8.....	5-8....	170...	Sr.
RB...	Devon Willis.....	Schalmont-2.....	6-0....	160...	So.
SE...	Luke Weaver.....	Beekmantown-7.....	5-10..	165...	Sr.
TE...	Alex Rawa.....	Locust Valley-8.....	6-4....	205...	Sr.
OL...	Tom Whalen.....	Nanuet-1.....	6-6....	282...	Sr.
OL...	Devlin Brennan.....	Our Lady of Lourdes-1..	6-4....	270...	Jr.
OL...	Mike Prevorse.....	Pioneer-6.....	6-1....	300...	Sr.
OL...	A.J. Wolf.....	Hackley-AIS.....	6-4....	240...	Sr.
AP...	Manny Johnson.....	McKee/SI Tech-PSAL..	6-1....	195...	Sr.
P...	Ryan Sosnowski.....	Alden-6.....	6-1....	210...	Sr.

Second Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB...	Carter Frechette.....	Beekmantown-7.....	5-10..	195...	Sr.
QB...	Kevin Cox.....	Chenango Valley-4.....	5-11..	175...	Sr.
RB...	Bryce Wooden.....	Oneonta-4.....	6-3....	205...	Sr.
RB...	Corvonte Jones.....	Burgard-6.....	6-1....	175...	Sr.
RB...	Keith Taggart.....	Lackawanna-6.....	5-8....	160...	Sr.
RB...	Mark Walsh.....	Country Day-AIS.....			Sr.
SE...	Jon Marrero.....	Briarcliff-1.....	6-1....	170...	Sr.
SE...	Dillon Greene.....	Cskill-Rich-2.....	6-1....	155...	Sr.
OL...	Andrew Burgio.....	Depew-6.....	6-2....	292...	Sr.
OL...	Alex Szlamczynski.....	Cazenovia-3.....	6-1....	190...	Sr.
OL...	Tommy Hopkins.....	Westlake-1.....	6-6....	282...	Jr.
AP...	Doyle Judge.....	Cazenovia-3.....	6-1....	170...	Sr.
P...	Erik Goslar.....	Marlboro-9.....			Sr.

Third Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB...	Ben Weightman.....	Saranac-7.....	6-0....		Sr.
QB...	Dan Stein.....	Ardsley-1.....	6-1....	180...	Sr.
RB...	Zach Dubois.....	Elba/Byron-Bergen-5.....	6-1....	170...	Jr.
RB...	Kevin Degnan.....	Irvington-1.....	5-10..	190...	Sr.
RB...	Nick Imburgia.....	Moore Catholic-CHS.....	5-9....	200...	Sr.
RB...	Justin Bacon.....	Tonawanda-6.....	6-0....	180...	Sr.
SE...	Ryan St. Clair.....	Saranac-7.....			Sr.
OL...	Mike Steffan.....	Alden-6.....	6-2....	223...	Sr.
OL...	Kyle DiPirro.....	St. Mary's-CHS/6.....	6-4....	255...	Sr.
OL...	Charles Eshenour.....	Waterloo-5.....	5-10..	165...	Jr.
OL...	Erik Provost.....	Peru-7.....	6-2....	274...	Sr.
AP...	Conner Hartigan.....	Albany Academy-2.....	6-1....	190...	Sr.
PK...	Ryan John.....	Eden-6.....	6-0....	190...	Sr.

Fourth Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB...	Shane Sweeney.....	Geneva-5.....	6-1....	205...	Sr.
QB...	Thomas Ferranola.....	McKee/SI Tech-PSAL..	5-8....	170...	Jr.
QB...	Russell Johnson.....	Country Day-AIS.....	6-6....	220...	Sr.
RB...	Peter Nesbitt.....	Albion-6.....	5-10..	170...	Sr.
RB...	Laurent Dure.....	Susquehanna Valley-4...	5-9....	190...	Sr.
RB...	Joe Miller.....	Depew-6.....	5-9....	170...	Sr.
RB...	Joseph Henry.....	Petrides-PSAL.....	5-8....	180...	Sr.
SE...	Dante Burnett.....	Cheektowaga-6.....	6-0....	180...	Sr.
OL...	Alex Soutiere.....	Ravena-CS-2.....	6-1....	290...	Jr.
OL...	Connor Johnson.....	Pioneer-6.....	6-5....	310...	Sr.
OL...	Matt Raggi.....	Hudson Falls-2.....	6-3....	295...	Sr.
OL...	Troy Studd.....	Springville-6.....	6-4....	270...	Sr.
AP...	Shane Lyon.....	Schuylerville-2.....	6-4....	175...	Jr.

First Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL...	John Brennan.....	Croton-Harmon-1.....	6-4....	235...	Sr.
DL...	James Merritt.....	Owego-4.....	6-1....	275...	Sr.
DL...	Josh Chase.....	Alden-6.....	6-1....	250...	Sr.
DL...	Michael Morganstern.....	Cheektowaga-6.....	6-2....	240...	Sr.
LB...	Kyle Ricciardi.....	Croton-Harmon-1.....	6-2....	215...	Sr.
LB...	Aaron Jones.....	Chittenango-3.....	6-5....	225...	Jr.
LB...	Zack Bacon.....	Hornell-5.....	5-11..	215...	Jr.
LB...	Ivan Cooper.....	McKee/SI Tech-PSAL..	5-10..	180...	Sr.
DB...	Adam Greene.....	Chenango Valley-4.....	5-8....	150...	Sr.
DB...	Corey Barczykowski.....	Alden-6.....	6-1....	190...	Jr.
DB...	Sam Stern.....	Rye Country Day-AIS..	5-7....	165...	Sr.

Second Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL...	Larry Wright.....	Lackawanna-6.....	5-8....	210...	Sr.
DL...	Jaden Cotton.....	Depew-6.....	6-6....	331...	Sr.
DL...	John Libretti.....	Cold Spring Harbor-8...	6-4....	280...	Sr.
DL...	Dennis O'Connell.....	Croton-Harmon-1.....	6-1....	270...	Sr.
LB...	Jean Gomez.....	Schalmont-2.....	5-8....	170...	Sr.
LB...	Richie Harkenrider.....	Hornell-5.....	5-11..	170...	Jr.
LB...	Tony Lock.....	Pioneer-6.....	5-11..	190...	Sr.
LB...	Andrew Miller.....	Rye Country Day-AIS..	5-9....	175...	Sr.
DB...	Alex Hildebrand.....	Schalmont-2.....	6-0....	180...	Sr.
DB...	Derek Bishopp.....	Livonia-5.....	6-1....	175...	Jr.
DB...	Garrett Washington.....	Rye Country Day-AIS..	5-10..	180...	Sr.

Third Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL...	Mike Paparian.....	Albany Academy-2.....	6-5....	250...	Sr.
DL...	Allnear Rosario.....	Frank Lane-PSAL.....	6-0....	295...	Sr.
DL...	Chris Martin.....	Marcellus-3.....	6-2....	240...	Sr.
DL...	Nick Fehrman.....	Fieldston-AIS.....	5-11..	235...	Sr.
LB...	Josh Riley.....	Spackenkill-9.....			Jr.
LB...	Ian Bennett.....	Albany Academy-2.....	6-0....	215...	Sr.
LB...	Dan Guerrieri.....	Penn Yan-5.....	5-10..	192...	Sr.
LB...	Tyler Windheim.....	Our Lady of Lourdes-1..			Sr.
DB...	Devin Parker.....	Johnson City-4.....	5-9....	170...	Sr.
DB...	Dustin Greene.....	Chenango Valley-4.....	5-8....	140...	Sr.
DB...	Khafiff Laboy.....	New Paltz-9.....			So.

Fourth Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL...	Mike Famalaro.....	Schalmont-2.....	6-0....	260...	Jr.
DL...	Dylan Gordon.....	Johnson City-4.....	6-2....	175...	Sr.
DL...	Austin Porter.....	Peru-7.....	6-3....	246...	Jr.
DL...	Tim Remillard.....	Peru-7.....	6-0....	203...	Jr.
LB...	Justin Ortiz.....	Moore Catholic-CHS.....	5-10..	180...	Sr.
LB...	Grant Brightman.....	Norwich-4.....	5-11..	215...	Jr.
LB...	Kyle Utegg.....	Dunkirk-6.....	6-2....	200...	Sr.
LB...	Armando Perez.....	Country Day-AIS.....			Jr.
LB...	Jason Decker.....	Marcellus-3.....	6-1....	210...	Jr.
DB...	Shaquille Brooks.....	Lackawanna-6.....	6-3....	190...	Sr.
DB...	John Gallo.....	Marlboro-9.....			Sr.

NYS Sportswriters All-State Football Team

Class C

Player of the Year

Christian Conway (RB)

Bronxville-1

5-10, 202 Sr.

First Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB....	Troy Green.....	Skaneateles-3.....	6-0....	201....	Sr.
RB....	Eddie Ritch.....	Dobbs Ferry-1.....	5-10....	170....	Sr.
RB....	Colin Hulser.....	Notre Dame-3.....	5-8....	165....	Sr.
RB....	Josh Forster.....	Catt-Little Valley-6.....	5-10....	180....	Sr.
SE....	Koree Reed.....	Skaneateles-3.....	5-11....	163....	Sr.
SE....	Ryan Hewitt.....	Waverly-4.....	6-3....	175....	Sr.
OL....	Don Case.....	Voorheesville-2.....	5-8....	245....	Sr.
OL....	Levi Wormuth.....	Wayland-Cohocton-5.....	5-10....	185....	Sr.
OL....	Peter Trathen.....	Southwestern-6.....	6-2....	210....	Jr.
OL....	Isaiah Webb.....	Greene-4.....	6-3....	301....	Sr.
OL....	Nick Nocek.....	Fredonia-6.....	6-0....	195....	Jr.
AP....	Sean Crandall.....	Herkimer-3.....	6-0....	219....	Sr.
PK....	Tanner Hoose.....	Southwestern-6.....	5-11....	165....	Jr.

Second Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB....	Connor Farnham.....	Fredonia-6.....	6-0....	180....	Sr.
QB....	Jesse Moore.....	Marcus Whitman-5.....	6-0....	195....	Sr.
RB....	Tim Soave.....	Dobbs Ferry-1.....	6-0....	225....	So.
RB....	Malcolm Downey.....	Woodlands-1.....	5-10....	190....	Sr.
RB....	Wally Kowalski.....	Fonda-Fultonville-2.....	5-10....	195....	Sr.
SE....	Jake Cooney.....	Skaneateles-3.....	6-1....	175....	Jr.
SE....	Dylan Cassidy.....	Fredonia-6.....	6-0....	160....	Sr.
SE....	James Cole.....	Woodlands-1.....	6-0....	160....	Sr.
OL....	Sean Callahan.....	Bronxville-1.....	6-0....	265....	Sr.
OL....	Dan Austin.....	Southwestern-6.....	5-9....	205....	Sr.
OL....	Joe Duermeyer.....	Pembroke-5.....	6-4....	350....	Sr.
AP....	Spencer Avalos.....	Dobbs Ferry-1.....	5-9....	175....	Sr.
PK....	Sam DeCelle.....	Mechanicville-2.....	5-7....	145....	Sr.

Third Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB....	Tony Giroux.....	Greenwich-2.....	5-10....	160....	Sr.
QB....	Matt Phelan.....	Saranac Lake-7.....			Jr.
RB....	Brad Burns.....	Hoosick Falls-2.....	5-8....	160....	Jr.
RB....	Tom McQuillen.....	LeRoy-5.....	5-10....	160....	Sr.
RB....	Jerry Nasi.....	James O'Neill-9.....			Jr.
RB....	Oliver Mould.....	Pawling-1.....	6-1....	195....	Sr.
SE....	Clay Wilson.....	Marcus Whitman-5.....	6-0....	195....	Sr.
SE....	J.D. Springer.....	Voorheesville-2.....			Sr.
OL....	Tyler Cranker.....	Fonda-Fultonville-2.....	6-4....	250....	So.
OL....	John Kolankowski.....	Attica-5.....	6-0....	220....	Sr.
OL....	Jordon Baskerville.....	James O'Neill-9.....			Jr.
AP....	Nick Casale.....	Tamarac-2.....	5-10....	180....	Sr.
P....	Jeff Mastrantuono.....	Waverly-4.....	5-11....	155....	Sr.

First Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL....	John Yozzo-Scaperrotta.....	Dobbs Ferry-1.....	6-2....	200....	Sr.
DL....	Jon Duvall.....	Waverly-4.....	6-0....	210....	Sr.
DL....	Ricky Carbone.....	Greene-4.....	6-3....	255....	Sr.
DL....	Devonte Davis.....	Cleveland Hill-6.....	6-0....	215....	Sr.
LB....	Darien Bica.....	Dobbs Ferry-1.....	5-11....	180....	Sr.
LB....	Mike Berardi.....	Wellsville-5.....	5-10....	190....	Sr.
LB....	Dan Petruccello.....	Southwestern-6.....	5-11....	190....	Sr.
DB....	Tanner Williams.....	Hoosick Falls-2.....	5-9....	165....	Sr.
DB....	Zach Cooney.....	Waverly-4.....	6-0....	160....	Jr.
DB....	Evan Englert.....	Wayland-Cohocton-5.....	6-0....	175....	Sr.
DB....	Jake Swan.....	Southwestern-6.....	5-11....	160....	Sr.

Second Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL....	Sean Triandis.....	Bronxville-1.....	5-11....	240....	Sr.
DL....	Chris Hatalsky.....	Mechanicville-2.....	6-1....	200....	Sr.
DL....	Chris Harris.....	Wellsville-5.....	6-6....	302....	Sr.
LB....	Jackson Conway.....	Bronxville-1.....	5-10....	200....	Sr.
LB....	Jeremy Sosa.....	Albertus Magnus-1.....	6-0....	205....	Sr.
LB....	Tyler Uber.....	Southwestern-6.....	6-0....	215....	Sr.
LB....	Zach Buckley.....	Fredonia-6.....	5-9....	184....	Jr.
LB....	Marcus Warner.....	Tully-3.....	6-2....	190....	Sr.
LB....	Santino Alteri.....	Immaculate Heart-3.....	5-10....	170....	Sr.
DB....	Daryl Spencer.....	Cleveland Hill-6.....	6-2....	196....	Sr.
DB....	Ben Haas.....	Salamanca-6.....	5-10....	175....	Sr.

Third Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL....	Ricky McBride.....	Stillwater-2.....	6-2....	195....	Sr.
DL....	Jeremy Barss.....	Hoosick Falls-2.....	5-9....	180....	Sr.
DL....	Josh Blair.....	Notre Dame-3.....	6-2....	260....	Sr.
LB....	Billy Koelmel.....	Immaculate Heart-3.....	5-10....	170....	Sr.
LB....	Austin Jasper.....	Sherburne-Earlville-3.....	6-2....	205....	So.
LB....	Zach Zupan.....	Canastota-3.....	5-10....	200....	Jr.
LB....	David Couch.....	Hoosick Falls-2.....	5-10....	205....	Jr.
LB....	Pat Walch.....	Wilson-6.....	5-11....	175....	Sr.
DB....	Pat Ebenhoch.....	Watervliet-2.....	5-11....	145....	Sr.
DB....	Thomas Dolan.....	East Rockaway-8.....	5-11....	160....	Sr.
DB....	Tyler Butler.....	Unatego-4.....	6-0....	190....	Sr.

NYS Sportswriters All-State Football Team

Class D

Player of the Year

Chris Nevinger (RB)

Letchworth-5

5-7, 175 Sr.

First Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB....	Alex Grace.....	Maple Grove-6.....	5-9....	165....	Sr.
RB....	Saxon Smith.....	Chester-9.....	5-8....	155....	Sr.
RB....	Cody Bennett.....	Tioga-4.....	6-0....	175....	Sr.
RB....	Zeddie Williams.....	Silver Creek-6.....	6-2....	190....	Jr.
RB....	Brent Robbins.....	Randolph-6.....	5-9....	180....	Sr.
SE....	Will Bromirski.....	Cambridge-2.....	5-9....	169....	Sr.
SE....	Dalton Peterson.....	Frewsburg-6.....	6-2....	190....	Sr.
OL....	Shawn Stover.....	Chester-9.....			Sr.
OL....	Justin DiJulio.....	Walton-4.....	6-4....	263....	Sr.
OL....	Jake Remington.....	Letchworth-5.....	6-2....	200....	Jr.
OL....	David Waterman.....	Maple Grove-6.....	5-11..	215....	Sr.
AP....	Thad Johnson.....	Frewsburg-6.....	5-9....	165....	Sr.
PK....	Jason Pembridge.....	Maple Grove-6.....	6-0....	180....	Sr.

Second Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB....	Xavier Copeland.....	Geneseo-5.....	5-11..	170....	Sr.
RB....	Bryant Dain.....	Haldane-1.....	5-10..	200....	Sr.
RB....	Skyler Saunders.....	Cambridge-2.....	5-10..	190....	Sr.
RB....	Paul Wonka.....	Oxford-4.....	5-8....	195....	Jr.
RB....	Josh Hoagland.....	Whitehall-2.....	5-10..	185....	Jr.
RB....	Ryan Phelps.....	Clymer-6.....	5-10..	195....	Sr.
SE....	Skyler Liddle.....	Maple Grove-6.....	6-3....	185....	Sr.
SE....	Wes Smith.....	Geneseo-5.....	6-0....	175....	Sr.
OL....	Zach Diekel.....	Whitehall-2.....	6-0....	195....	Sr.
OL....	Cody Graczyk.....	Sherman-6.....	6-4....	220....	Sr.
OL....	Nick Talcott.....	Tioga-4.....			Sr.
AP....	Elias Lopez.....	Haldane-1.....	6-0....	165....	Sr.
P....	Robbie Stearns.....	Frewsburg-6.....	5-10..	180....	Jr.

Third Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB....	Colt Lowe.....	Portville-6.....	5-8....	150....	Sr.
QB....	Tom Manzella.....	Oakfield-Alabama-5.....	6-0....	175....	Sr.
RB....	Devon Walton.....	DeSales-5.....	5-10..	185....	Sr.
RB....	Chris Sampson.....	Chautauqua Lake-6.....	5-7....	155....	Sr.
RB....	Mike Beers.....	Walton-4.....	6-0....	186....	Jr.
RB....	Aaron Mulready.....	Cambridge-2.....	5-6....	141....	Sr.
SE....	Ben Langdon.....	Oakfield-Alabama-5.....	5-11..	165....	Sr.
SE....	Ryan Porter.....	Bainbridge-Guilford-4...6-4....	210....		Sr.
OL....	Dan Ognibene.....	Alexander-5.....	6-2....	283....	Sr.
OL....	Ben Dye.....	South Seneca-5.....	6-3....	350....	Sr.
OL....	Zach Schrader.....	West Canada Valley-3...6-3....	270....		Sr.
OL....	Derrek Jorgensen.....	Tioga-4.....			Sr.
PK....	Henry Heintzman.....	Haldane-1.....	6-3....	210....	Sr.

First Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL....	Jordan Andrews.....	Letchworth-5.....	6-5....	235....	Sr.
DL....	Gary Moss.....	Tuckahoe-1.....	5-11..	215....	Sr.
DL....	Dan Lictus.....	Clymer-6.....	6-3....	270....	Jr.
LB....	Clifton Bacon.....	Letchworth-5.....	6-2....	215....	Sr.
LB....	Jon Cappelletti.....	Caledonia-Mumford-5...5-6....	180....		Sr.
LB....	John Nickerson.....	Maple Grove-6.....	6-0....	210....	Sr.
LB....	Billy Holden.....	Bainbridge-Guilford-4...6-2....	225....		Sr.
LB....	Ryan Borho.....	Ticonderoga-7.....	5-9....	185....	Sr.
DB....	Anthony Baxter.....	Onondaga-3.....	5-8....	155....	Sr.
DB....	Brandon Fuentes.....	Avon-5.....	5-8....	162....	Sr.
DB....	Ryan Owens.....	Letchworth-5.....	6-4....	180....	Sr.

Second Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL....	Jeremy Stevens.....	Cambridge-2.....	6-0....	246....	Sr.
DL....	Marley Vil.....	Chester-9.....			Sr.
LB....	Nick Mitchell.....	Frewsburg-6.....	6-1....	180....	Sr.
LB....	Tyler Spires.....	Tioga-4.....			Jr.
LB....	Max Gorton.....	Dundee-5.....	6-0....	215....	Sr.
LB....	Mike McTarnaghan.....	Geneseo-5.....	5-9....	175....	Sr.
LB....	Chandler Baker.....	Chautauqua Lake-6.....	5-11..	175....	Fr.
DB....	Austin Ashby.....	Weedsport-3.....	6-2....	180....	Sr.
DB....	Nick Shiels.....	Walton-4.....	5-10..	141....	Sr.
DB....	Zack Pumputis.....	Avon-5.....	5-10..	146....	Sr.
DB....	John Jimerson.....	Silver Creek-6.....	5-9....	150....	Sr.

Third Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DL....	Nick Fisher.....	Chautauqua Lake-6.....	6-3....	285....	Sr.
LB....	Jared Frederick.....	Dolgeville-3.....	5-9....	178....	Sr.
LB....	James Moss.....	Haldane-1.....	5-7....	190....	Sr.
LB....	Ryan Murling.....	Westmoreland-3.....	6-2....	175....	Sr.
LB....	Ikeem Lyons.....	I-Prep-6.....	6-0....	240....	Sr.
LB....	Tyler Bishop.....	Rensselaer-2.....	5-8....	200....	Sr.
DB....	Marvin Sherman.....	Westmoreland-3.....	6-0....	170....	Jr.
DB....	Ray Ruggerio.....	Dolgeville-3.....	6-0....	203....	Sr.
DB....	Derek Fera.....	Lyons-5.....	5-10..	170....	Sr.
DB....	Paul Puddington.....	Beaver River-3.....	6-1....	210....	Sr.
DB....	Andrea Marsh.....	Panama-6.....	5-8....	145....	Sr.

FINAL 2011 New York State Rankings

AA New York State

Team	W-L
1. (tie) St. Anthony's (CHSFL)	10-0
1. (tie) Orchard Park (6)	13-0
3. Newburgh Free Academy (9)	10-2
4. Rush-Henrietta (5)	9-2
5. Shenendehowa (2)	11-1
6. Abraham Lincoln (PSAL)	13-0
7. North Rockland (1)	9-2
8. Pittsford (5)	9-1
9. William Floyd (8)	10-2
10. St. Francis (MMA)	8-3
11. East Meadow (8)	10-2
12. John Jay East Fishkill	8-2
13. Binghamton (4)	8-3
14. West Genesee (3)	10-1
15. Arch. Stepinac (CHSFL)	9-3
16. New Rochelle (1)	7-2
17. St. Joseph's (MMA)	8-3
18. Freeport (8)	9-2
19. Newfield (11)	9-3
20. Sachem North (11)	9-2
21. Syracuse CBA (3)	8-2
22. Jamestown (6)	8-2
23. Xaverian (CHSFL)	7-3
24. Monroe-Woodbury (9)	7-2
25. Erasmus Hall (PSAL)	9-4

A New York State

Team	W-L
1. (tie) Maine-Endwell (4)	12-0
1. (tie) Sayville (11)	12-0
3. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake (2)	11-2
4. Aquinas (5)	10-2
5. Garden City (8)	11-1
6. Cornwall (9)	10-2
7. Sweet Home (6)	10-1
8. East Syracuse-Minoa (3)	10-1
9. Poughkeepsie (1)	10-1
10. Williamsville South (6)	9-1
11. Whitesboro (3)	9-1
12. Amsterdam (2)	9-1
13. Wantagh (8)	9-2
14. John Glenn (11)	11-1
15. Lawrence (8)	10-1
16. John Jay Cross River (1)	8-2
17. Wallkill (9)	8-2
18. Union-Endicott (4)	6-2
19. McQuaid (5)	7-3
20. Troy (2)	8-1
21. Brockport (5)	8-1
22. Amityville (11)	9-2
23. Eastridge (5)	7-1
24. North Tonawanda (6)	7-2
25. Plainedge (8)	7-4

B New York State

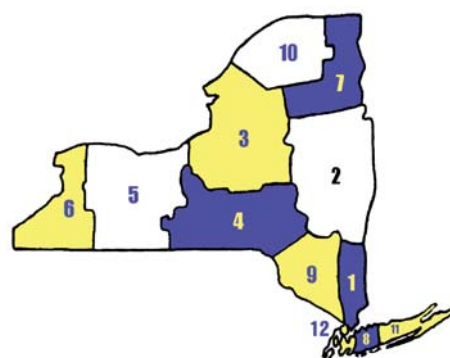
Team	W-L
1. Hornell (5)	13-0
2. Alden (6)	10-1
2. Croton-Harmon (1)	11-1
4. Schalmont (2)	11-1
5. Rye Country Day (AIS)	11-0
6. Chittenango (3)	10-2
7. Peru (7)	10-1
8. Depew (6)	8-2
9. Pioneer (6)	8-1
10. Riverdale Country Day (AIS)	8-0
11. Roosevelt (8)	9-3
12. Marlboro (9)	9-2
13. Cheektowaga (6)	7-2
14. Cazenovia (3)	8-1
15. Spackenkill (9)	8-2
16. Locust Valley (8)	8-2
17. McKee Tech (PSAL)	11-0
18. Our Lady of Lourdes (1)	6-3
19. Beekmantown (7)	7-3
20. (tie) Babylon (11)	7-3
20. (tie) Moore Catholic (CHS)	9-0

C New York State

Team	W-L
1. Dobbs Ferry (1)	11-1
2. Hoosick Falls (2)	11-1
3. Southwestern (6)	11-2
4. Waverly (4)	10-2
5. Bronxville (1)	8-1
6. Herkimer (3)	9-1
7. Wellsville (5)	8-3
8. Saranac Lake (7)	8-2
9. Cleveland Hill (6)	8-2
10. James O'Neill (9)	8-3
11. Burke Catholic (9)	9-1
12. Fonda-Fultonville (2)	8-2
13. Fredonia (6)	8-1
14. Wayland-Cohocton (5)	8-2
15. Greene (4)	9-1
16. Utica Notre Dame (3)	7-3
17. Tully (3)	7-2
18. Watervliet (2)	6-2
19. Tamarac (2)	7-2
20. Marcus Whitman (5)	7-2

D New York State

Team	W-L
1. Letchworth (5)	12-1
2. Tioga (4)	9-1
3. Chester (9)	12-1
4. Cambridge (2)	11-1
5. Walton (4)	8-1
6. Maple Grove (6)	9-1
7. Westmoreland (3)	10-1
8. Frewsburg (6)	7-3
9. Haldane (1)	8-2
10. Chautauqua Lake (6)	9-0
11. Dolgeville (3)	8-2
12. Tuckahoe (1)	6-3
13. Onondaga (3)	7-2
14. Avon (5)	7-2
15. Rensselaer (2)	8-2
16. Bainbridge-Guilford (4)	6-2
17. Weedsport (3)	7-2
18. Randolph (6)	5-3
19. Geneseo (5)	7-3
20. Batavia Notre Dame (5)	6-3



Section 1: W'chester, Rockland
Section 2: Capitol District
Section 3: Central New York
Section 4: Southern Tier
Section 5: Genesee Valley
Section 6: Western New York
Section 7: Champlain
Section 8: Nassau
Section 9: Orange, Ulster
Section 10: St. Lawrence
Section 11: Suffolk
Section 12/PSAL: NY City
CHSFL: Catholic Football

Just Trying to Survive



Auburn senior Shaun Porter was named a recipient of the 12th Man Award at the recent NYSHSFA Banquet.

The award is given to a player who has overcome severe hurdles in life and Porter certainly qualifies.

Porter came out for football in the 9th grade with more hurdles to overcome than most people. He was homeless, was raising himself and weighed an incredible 580 pounds.

Auburn coach Dave Moskov says that Porter provided challenges that most coaches never see in their entire career.

"His family life was just brutal," Moskov said. "His family had basically just disintegrated. He really had no family, in what you would normally think a family is."

Moskov said that the emotional toll that being homeless on a 14-year old was enormous.

"He was very sedentary and was suffering from extreme depression," Moskov said. "When he came in, we didn't know what to do with him. Where do you put a kid that weighs 600 pounds?"

Moskov also knew that football was going to be more important for Porter than for most kids.

"Football was all about his health," Moskov said. "We just needed to get him healthy."

So, Moskov and the other coaches simply required one thing from Porter... start walking.

"We gave him equipment," Moskov said, "but he couldn't do any of the drills that the other kids were doing. When all the other players were doing sprints or running hills, we told Shaun to start walking. So he would walk."

The first few days of practice, Porter spent most of his time in the training tent, sucking on oxygen and icing his shins. But, after a few days, he determined that he would not go to the tent again.

"Shaun made the decision that he was going to make it," Moskov said. "He came to us and said that he was not going to the training tent again."

And, as the Auburn team practiced, Porter kept walking.

"We set up special drills for him," Moskov said. "We set up a perimeter for him so he would walk around that perimeter. The older kids would stop practicing and start applauding for

him but he never stopped. He would just keep walking."

High school can sometimes be a brutal place for kids with difficulties but Moskov says that the other players in his program fully accepted Porter.

"The kids understood the situation," Moskov said. "They saw him here everyday, working to the best of his ability. They accepted him and cheered for him. Without those kids embracing him like that, I don't think he stays with us."

Incredibly, in the first game of football that he ever played, Porter scored a touchdown.

"He couldn't play in a lot of games," Moskov said. "He really wasn't mobile enough to play. So, the coaches put him in at nose guard. On his first play from scrimmage, he fell on a fumble in the end zone."

Eventually, Porter stopped being a special charity case

and became a player that everyone in the program rallied around.

"He became an icon for us," Moskov said. "He just kept trying harder. The other kids really respected the fact that he kept coming back."

Along the way, Porter picked up the nickname 'Stacks.'

"We call him Stacks after the old WWF wrestler Haystacks Calhoun," Moskov said. "He even started signing his test papers 'Stacks'."

Slowly but surely, weight began to drop off of Porter's 5-11 frame.

"He really seemed to hit a plateau when he reached 310 pounds," Moskov said. "It was quite a while that he would weigh 308, 307, 309, 305. He just couldn't seem to get below 300."

Then, one day, Porter stepped on the scale and it read 299.

"The room just exploded," Moskov said. "Every kid in that room was giving him a standing ovation. You would have thought he just won a state title. It was

really a special moment... a life-changing moment for me."

Stacks eventually got down to 235 pounds. He is still hoping to reach his goal of 202 pounds by graduation, which would make him eligible to join the United States Marine Corps.

"He wants to join the Marines," Moskov said, "but I hope he's open to any branch of the military."

Moskov also says that the Porter's 12th Man Award is just as important to him as the NYS Championship Trophy his team won in 2006.

"I'm going to put those trophies right next to each other," Moskov said. "Each one of these is special to me. Shaun has strength that I have never seen in a kid. He was doing a lot more than coming out for the football team. This kid was just trying to survive."



Photo by Mark Adair

Auburn senior Shaun Porter.

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