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VS

Week 6: St. Joseph Cadets @ New Canaan Rams
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October 24, 2009 at 1:30pm
Dunning Stadium – New Canaan

Cadets 25  ***Rams 35***

Cadets “Weathered” by Rams

It was a battle of the undefeated, under the “wet-full” eye of Mother Nature as our St. Joseph’s Cadets battled the New Canaan Rams for the right to remain perfect during Week 6.

On an afternoon of swirling winds and heavy rains, the SJ Cadets found themselves face to face with an equally matched adversary. In front of a Rams home crowd of thousands and with the MSG Varsity crew in attendance labeling it the game of the week. There were camera men and sports columnist’s looming in every corner with the possibility of staking claim to the states number one ranking.

The Cadets won the coin toss opting to defer possession putting the Hogs on defense to start the game. Led by middle linebacker and captain, Tony Civitella who had 14 tackles on the day, while junior's Sean Chinova (10 tackles, 1 sack & 1 interception) and Tyler Matakevich (10 tackles & 1 sack), these Hogs gave all that they had. St Joseph's defense held strong allowing the Cadets to take the field for their first offensive series, but the Rams defense much like the Hogs returned the favor, forcing tri-captain and senior punter Nick Pulaski to boot the ball 56 yards. The Hogs held New Canaan again forcing them to punt. SJ Quarterback Joseph Della Vecchia completed a pass to wide receiver, Quinn Irwin who was stripped of the ball by a Ram defender and returned for a New Canaan touchdown for the first score of the afternoon. The stadium erupted, but the Cadets would counter. The Rams missed the extra point. Cadets 0 * Rams 6

On St Joseph's next series Della Vecchia completed a 7 yard pass to wide receiver Jerry Kramer. Matakevich then carried the ball for 8 yards and caught a pass for an additional 9 more. Ty's next 3 carries were for a combined 21 yards. Della Vecchia completed another pass for 15 yards to Kramer which helped set up a Matakevich touchdown on a 4 yard run. The Cadet's were right back in it. Casey Olayos attempted the extra point, but missed wide right. Cadets 6 * Rams 6

The Hogs D took the field once again, closing out the 1st quarter and beginning the 2nd on a long, hard fought drive by New Canaan with both teams battling the elements. Senior and strong safety Kevin Nichols along with Civitella and Matakevich each had 3 tackles on the series, with Tyler sacking the Rams quarterback. Hogs seniors Shane O'Brien and Nick Pruting had 2 tackles and junior safety Patrick Mulligan added 2 of his own. But New Canaan managed to find the end zone again taking the lead and scoring a 2 point conversion for the extra point. Cadets 6 * Rams 14

On what seemed to be every St. Joseph's offensive possession, the winds would pick up and the rains would fall even harder. The Cadet's weren't just battling the Rams each down, but the torrential downpours as well. Forced to punt once again, New Canaan's passing attack found the end zone 4 plays later. Cadets 6 * Rams 21

Della Vecchia put the team on his shoulders by completing 8 of his 11 passes in the first half. He connected with Kramer for 13 yards, Matakevich for 10 yards, while sophomore running back Joe Burns broke free for a 15 yard rush. Joe then hit Mulligan for a 28 yard touchdown. The Cadet's were back in the thick of things. Olayos attempted another extra point, but missed.

Half Time: Cadets 12 * Rams 21

The start of the 3rd quarter and the weather conditions still playing a big factor, both teams exchanged punts and field positions several times. Seniors Pat Magee and Kevin Belgrade both impacting special teams play. However, New Canaan managed to score again making the score 28 to 12. Minutes later the Rams intercepted a SJ pass putting them in perfect field position as they tacked on 1 more touchdown. Cadets 12 * Rams 35

St. Joseph's began the 4th quarter knowing they had their work cut out for them. After an interception by Chinova, the Cadet's put one heck of a drive together. Della Vecchia completed 4 passes (Matakevich - 2/31 yards & Kramer - 2/13 yards) for 44 yards. Matakevich had 3 carries totaling 21 yards before scoring on a 1 yard run. Olayos kicked the extra point. Cadets 19 * Rams 35

Now with time playing against them, the Hogs needed something to happen to give them any chance to get back in the game. That something happened! Matakevich and junior defensive back LJ Hunt stuffed a Rams player while senior safety, Erik Cranston stripped the ball causing a New Canaan fumble. Mulligan scooped up the ball and turned on his jets, racing down the sidelines for a 60 yard touchdown. A small glimmer of hope, on this monsoon of an afternoon. On the ensuing kick off Olayos attempted an on-sides kick. Senior George Nation and Matakevich both appeared to be in possession of the football, but it was over ruled by the referees giving the ball to New Canaan. The Hogs took the field one last time forcing the Rams to punt after a Chinova sack. St Joseph's gave everything they had, but in the end victory fell in the hands of the home team.

The Final Score: Cadets 25 * Rams 35

*****Our Next Varsity game will be held at Tetreau/Davis Field in Fairfield on Friday October 30th at 7:00pm vs Fairfield-Warde Mustangs**



SJ Scoring:

Qtr 1 – 6 Points: *Matakevich – Run (4 Yards) *Olayos – Kick - Missed Extra Point
Qtr 2 – 6 Points: *Della Vecchia – Pass – *Mulligan (28 Yards) *Olayos – Kick - Missed XP
Qtr 4 – 7 Points: *Matakevich – Run (1 Yard) *Olayos – Kick - Extra Point
Qtr 4 – 6 Points *Mulligan – Fumble Recovery (60 Yards) * 2 Point Conversion - Failed

SJ Statistics:

Team Captains: **Tony Civitella **Nick Pulaski **Russ Renfer

Leading Passer: (Completions / Attempts / Yards) *Della Vecchia – 14/24/130 - **1 TD**

Leading Rusher: (Rushes / Yards) *Matakevich – 19/91 - **2 TD**

Rushing: (Attempts / Yards) *Burns – 3/16 *Della Vecchia – 4/10 *Mulligan – 1/3 *Civitella – 1/1

Leading Receiver: (Catches / Yards) *Matakevich – 5/51

Receiving: (Yards) *Kramer – 5/48 *Mulligan – 2/28 - **1 TD** *Irwin – 1/2 (Fumble) *Burns – 1/1

PAT / Extra Points: (Kicks / Attempts) *Olayos – 1/3

Field Goals: (Kicks / Attempts / Yards) *N/A

Leading Defensive Tackler: *Civitella (14)

Defensive Tackles: *Chinova (10) *Matakevich (10) *Prutting (10) *Nichols (8) *Renfer (7)
*Hunt (6) *Mulligan (6) *Pulaski (4) *Walczyk (4) *T. Izzo (3) *Magee (3) *Nation (3)
*S. O'Brien (3) *Belgrade (2) *Dalling (2) *Della Vecchia (1)

*****Please Note:** All tackles are recorded from the first player making the initial contact with references of assisting tacklers. Every player may not be accounted for on team tackles.

Sacks: *Chinova (1) *Matakevich (1)

Interceptions: (Picks / Yards) *Chinova – 1/0

Fumbles: (Recovered / Yards) *Mulligan – 1/60 – **1 TD**

Caused Fumble: *Hunt (1)

Kick Offs: (Attempts / Yards) *Olayos – 5/ 39, 49, 40, 20, 20 (33.6 Avg)

Kick Off Returns: (Attempts / Yards and/or Fair Catch) *Kramer – 1/22 *Prutting – 3/15
*Nichols – 1/FC

Punts: (Attempts / Yards) *Pulaski – 5/ 56, 45, 50, 48, 51 (50 Avg)

Punt Returns: (Attempts / Yards and/or Fair Catch) *Kramer – 4/ 15, 18, FC, 0 (11 Avg)

Penalties: 5/35

New Canaan football tops St. Joseph in battle of unbeatens



St. Joseph's running back Tyler Matakevich (44).

St. Joseph's linebacker's Sean Chinova (43) & Matakevich (44).

St. Joseph's defensive linemen Tim Izzo (76).

The battle between two of the FCIAC's three remaining unbeaten teams was not as close as the final score indicated, though the Cadets (5-1) put forth a spirited effort.

St. Joseph ruined New Canaan's homecoming celebration two years ago, but had no answers on Saturday to slow the Rams' aerial attack.

"Guys were open all day long and they found them," St. Joseph coach Joe Della Vecchia said.

Tyler Matakevich had a big game for the Cadets, carrying the ball 17 times for 67 yards and a pair of scores, and catching six passes for 58 yards.

Joe Della Vecchia, completed 14 of 24 passes for 131 yards.

High School Football Midseason Report

Della Vecchia, 5-0 St. Joseph pray for better days

By Sean Patrick Bowley



TRUMBULL -- The last time St. Joseph was undefeated this late in the season? Football coach Joe Della Vecchia would rather not remember.

But, confound it all, he just can't forget.

"October 18, 1997 ... I'll never forget it," Della Vecchia said. "It was my birthday."

That was about as good as it got that sunny Saturday afternoon in Westport for Della Vecchia, who was then an offensive coordinator under Christy Hayes.

St. Joseph was 5-0 and ranked No. 6 in the state after a 43-6 victory over Bassick.

But just days before, it all started to go downhill. Della Vecchia learned he would have to pinch-hit as the team's defensive coordinator and prepare a game plan for Staples and its sterling senior quarterback Mac DeVito.

The double duty didn't go well. Though DeVito didn't play much, St. Joseph couldn't stop Staples back Matt Dupay. It couldn't get anything going on offense, either. It had 93 yards of total offense and surrendered six sacks.

Not only did the Cadets get smoked -- 34-7, in a game that was broadcast everywhere in the tri-state area on MSG -- but as Della Vecchia left the field, he found his 4-year-old son, Joe, sitting in an ambulance with a nasty gash on the back of his neck. He'd hurt himself throwing a football around on the Staples sidelines.

"I thought, well, doesn't this just cap a rotten day," Della Vecchia recalls now. "It was a disappointing, disappointing day."

Technically, St. Joseph really hasn't been heard from since on the statewide stage. Hayes, who had won four state titles at the school, handed the program over to Della Vecchia at the end of the season. But despite a handful of good teams and close calls over the next 12 years, the Cadets have never quite become boss in the FCIAC as they once were in the MBIAC.

"We've been knocking at the door for years," he said. "We just can't seem to kick the darn thing down."

On Saturday, the Cadets will kick off the second half of the 2009 season with, perhaps, their biggest game under Joe D's watch. St. Joseph, 5-0 for the first time since 1997 and looking for its first state playoff berth since 1990, travels to Dunning Field to play top-ranked, unbeaten, defending FCIAC and three-time defending state champion New Canaan Saturday at 1 p.m.

Della Vecchia's hoping this Saturday road trip will be a much, much different experience than that miserable afternoon 12 years ago.

"You get so few opportunities like this," said Della Vecchia, whose team is led by his now grown-up son at quarterback. "There have been too many times that we've been here, but just couldn't get over the hump. We like our chances, you just never know when you're going to get it again.

"The kids know what's at stake. I just told them to go out there and play," Della Vecchia said. "There's no pressure on them. It's all on me."

So as we wait for this anticipated matchup to begin, let's take a look back and then a look forward at the 2009 season.

OUTLOOK -- ST. JOSEPH (5-0) at NEW CANAAN (5-0), Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

5-0 for the first time in 12 years and looking for its first state playoff berth in 19 years, St. Joseph faces No. 1-ranked New Canaan, which gunning for its fourth straight state title. Just call this Judgment Day.

PLAYERS TO WATCH -- St. Joseph: Jr. QB Joe Della Vecchia (1,101 yds, 12 TDs passing); Jr. FB/LB Tyler Matakevich (717 yds rushing, 8 TDs; 9.0 tackles/gm); Sr. C/DL Russ Renfer (8.2 tackles/gm).

JV Football

Results of JV Game
Monday, October 26th
St. Joseph v. New Canaan Rams

Cadets 12 * Rams 28

On a bright, sunny afternoon the Junior Varsity Cadets made their way down to New Canaan to face their arch rivalry... the Rams. St. Joseph's arrived a little late with not much time to warm up. It seemed that they were a light off their bench as well with only 22 players suited for the game. Junior running back / wide receiver Kevin Rooney was there, but unable to play due to an ankle injury.

On their first offensive play of the 1st quarter the Cadet's had a miscue during a handoff by quarterback Pat Lomnitzer and fumbled the ball. The Rams recovered it and four plays later on a 4th and long, New Canaan completed a touchdown pass making the score 7 to 0. Four plays later St Joseph's was forced to punt on their second offensive series. The Rams took advantage of the field position and scored three plays later. With only a few minutes into the 1st quarter the Cadet's found themselves behind 14 to 0.

Defensively the Cadets were led by sophomore middle linebacker Kevin Izzo who had 8 tackles on the day, while sophomores Mike Grasso and EJ Sheehan each added 6. St. Joseph's and New Canaan then battled over field position back and forth with the Rams having dropped many passes.

At the beginning of the 2nd quarter and after a few rushes by junior running back Trevor Dalling the Cadets found themselves on the Rams 3 yard line. Lomnitzer, on a quarterback sneak found the end zone making the score Cadets 6 and the Rams 14. The defense was back on the field and with tackles being made by defensive backs Connor Donegan & Charles Howell, Sheehan intercepted a New Canaan pass and returned it 30 yards. However, the Cadets weren't able to capitalize and even tried a fake punt, but the Rams defense stopped them short of a first down. New Canaan managed to score one more time right before the half making the score 21 to 6.

3rd quarter and looking to rebound, the Cadets kicked off with Sheehan booting the ball 51 yards. St. Joe's took the field defensively, but were unable to stop the Rams opening drive which led to another touchdown. Will Dwinells and Ryan Finch, both playing injured helped shut down New Canaan for the rest of the quarter.

At the start of the 4th quarter junior defensive back Brendan Donegan intercepted a New Canaan pass. On the next series of downs Dalling sacked the Rams quarterback. The Cadets took the field for one last drive with Dalling carrying the ball for 19 yards and Lomnitzer completing 2 passes both to Brendan Donegan for 35 yards each with the second pass leading to a St. Joseph's touchdown on the final play of the game.

The Final Score: Cadets 12 * Rams 28

*****Our Next Junior Varsity game will be held at
Tetreau/Davis Field in Fairfield on Saturday October 31st
at 10:00am vs Fairfield-Warde Mustangs**

*****Captain's: Trevor Dalling * Ryan Finch * Ryan Mrozek**

Passing: (Completions/Attempts/Yards) *Lomnitzer – 3/13/ 95 – **1 TD** (1 Intercept)

Rushing: (Carries/Yards) *Dalling – 7/24 *Grasso – 5/7 *Lomnitzer – 1/3 - **1 TD**
*Sheehan – 1/3 (Fake Punt)

Receiving: (Receptions/Yards) *B. Donegan – 2/70 - **1 TD** *Szabo – 1/25

Extra Points: (Made/Attempts) *N/A

Field Goals: (Made/Attempts/Yards) *N/A

Defensive Tackles: *K. Izzo (8) *Grasso (6) *Sheehan (6) *Dalling (5) *Dwinells (5)
*C. Donegan (5) *Howell (5) *B. Donegan (3) *Finch (2) *C. Joyce (2) *Morabito (2)
*Mrozek (2) *A. O'Brien (2) *M. Pulaski (2)

Sacks: *K. Izzo (1)

Interceptions: (Picks/Yards) *Sheehan – 1/30 *B. Donegan – 1/0

Fumble Recoveries: *N/A

Kick Offs: (Attempts/Yards) *Sheehan – 2/ 43, 51 (47 Avg)

Kick Off Returns: (Attempts/Yards and/or Fair Catch) *Dalling – 4/ 103 (25.75 Avg)

Punts: (Attempts/Yards) *Sheehan – 3/ 6, 54, 39 (33 Avg)

Punt Returns: (Attempts/Yards and/or Fair Catch) *C. Donegan – 1/0

Penalties: 2/15

Freshman Football

Freshman Cadets Battle New Canaan

Week 6 action saw the Freshman Cadets facing a tough New Canaan team at home. Coming off their first win at snowy Kennedy Stadium, the Hogs saw a major change in temperature and Coach Luchansky operating with an injury-depleted roster.

The Cadets knew that there were in for a battle with downstate powerhouse New Canaan. Cadet starters **Denzel Moscova** (Foot), **Mike Raucci** (Knee), and **Tom Bauer** (Concussion), could only root their teammates on from the sideline due to injuries.

Harry Leroux (85) and **Brian Gavin (65)** were selected as game captains. Special teams snakebit the Hogs as they fumbled the first two kickoffs leading to two quick Ram scores. After falling behind 13-0, **Pat Boyle (10)** took the helm at QB. **Boyle** was protected by the Cadet offensive line of **Rob Roehrich (66)**, **Brian Gavin (65)**, **Travis "Bubba" Thompson (70)**, **Kevin Haynes (74)**, and **Andrew Zaprazalka (78)**. The Hogs opening drive was stalled leading to a long punt and touchdown saving tackle by **Mike Pulaski (45)**. The injuries continued to pile up with hard-hitting linebacker **Matt Hare (34)** being helped off the field after a helmet to helmet collision. New Canaan went to the air and found end zone on their third play to go up 21-0.

The Cadets took the kickoff to midfield and **Brett Olayos (8)** and **Kyron Crawford (23)** got to work. After some excellent running and receptions by **Crawford**, an Olayos pass was picked and returned.

The defense was lead by lineman **Haynes (74)**, **Leroux (84)**, **Donnelly (56)** and **Roehrich (66)**. **Connor Gebo (41)** and **Mike Pulaski (45)** continue to make standout plays at linebacker. **Matt Batten (4)** and **Jake Pelletier (2)** handled the corners well. After exchanging possessions, the Rams went into to the halftime up 28-0.

The second half started as the first half did with the Rams special teams returning the second half kickoff. **Olayos** looked great moving the ball down the field until a New Canaan interception was returned giving the Rams a 40-0 lead.

On the next possession, the Cadets marched down the field and scored. **Boyle** looked great with a mixture of passes to surehanded **Pulaski** and great runs by **Pelletier** and **Crawford**. **Boyle** put the finishing touches on the drive with a TD pass to **Crawford** out of the backfield.

The Cadets played hard until the final whistle. **Kevin Fitzgerald (30)**, **Bobby Brennan (83)**, **Dillon O' Meara (81)**, and **Justin Zimnoch (89)** were all noted for excellent play. The Cadets will square off at home against Fairfield Warde in week 7 action.

FINAL SCORE: NEW CANAAN 40 ST. JOES 6

*****The next Freshman game will be held at Home
(Dalling Sports Complex) on Thursday October 29th at 4pm
vs Fairfield-Warde Mustangs**



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October 24, 2009

" Senior Spotlight "

Erik Cranston

Born: *February 11th, 1992*

Height & Weight: *5'9 / 160*

Quote: *"Work hard, you never know what can happen"*

**Running Back / Defensive Back*



Erik was born on February 11, 1992, in Milford, CT. He lives with his parents Mike & Sue Cranston. [What Erik admires most about his parents... "How hard they work."](#) [He has two sisters, Emma who is ten and Sam who is twenty and a St Joseph's graduate, class of 2007.](#)

[Over the summer Erik volunteered at the Future Stars football program, attended football camp at Fordham University and spent time with his friends. He also went on vacation to Portugal with his family.](#)

This is Erik's 4th year playing football. He wears number "34". Erik plays running back and defensive back for the program.

Erik's favorite subject is Math.

College / Major: Southern CT / Physical Education

Hobbies: Patiently waiting for the Jets to get back to the Super Bowl, watching USC Football and working out.

***Erik's Favorites:**

Movie: *Anchor Man*

TV Show: *24*

Music / Group: [Red Hot Chili Peppers](#)

Book / Magazine: *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

Food: *"Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes, String Beans & Apple Pie"*



" We wish you the best, Erik! God Bless you and your family."

" Senior Spotlight "

Shannon Elizabeth Broderick

Born: *October 13th, 1991*

Height-Eyes-Hair: *5'8 / Blue / Blonde*

Quote: **"You live but once; you might as well be amusing."**

**Cheerleader*



Shannon was born on October 13, 1991 in Bridgeport, CT. She lives with her mom Eileen Broderick. What Shannon admires most about her mom... "She always puts me first and is willing to help me with my problems. I'm an only child."

Over the summer Shannon went to cheer practice and cheer camp in New Jersey with the squad. She also recovered from knee surgery.

This is Shannon's 5th year cheerleading and she loves it!!!

Shannon's favorite subjects are Shakespeare and English.

Colleges / Major: Quinnipiac University / Communications

Hobbies: Cheer and being with Family & Friends

***Shannon's Favorites:**

Movie: *Never Been Kissed*

TV Show: *Gossip Girl*

Music / Group: *Alternative - Pop*

Book: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Food: *Penne ala Vodka*



"Have a great senior year, Shannon! God Bless you and your family."



Varsity Football Roster 2009

****Captains:**

Civitella, Tony	Running Back / Linebacker	5'8 – 195
Pulaski, Nick	Tackle / Defensive Line	6'0 – 210
Renfer, Russ	Center / Linebacker	5'11 – 210

***Seniors:**

Belgrade, Kevin	Tight End / Defensive Line	6'3 – 190
Brantley, Justin	Running Back / Defensive Back	5'8 – 180
Cranston, Erik	Running Back / Defensive Back	5'9 – 160
Izzo, Tim	Guard / Defensive Line	5'9 – 205
Magee, Pat	Tight End / Linebacker	6'1 – 195
Nation, George	Tight End / Linebacker	5'11 – 195
Nichols, Kevin	Running Back / Strong Safety	5'10 – 170
O'Brien, Shane	Running Back / Defensive Line	5'10 – 220
Olayos, Casey	Kicker	5'9 – 140
Prutting, Nick	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	5'8 – 140
Stine, Jon	Guard / Defensive Line	6'0 – 225
Taylor, Ryan	Tackle / Defensive Line	6'2 – 265
Walczyk, Tom	Tackle / Defensive Line	5'11 – 225



Varsity Football Roster 2009

Juniors:

Adzima, Nick	Guard / Defensive Line	6'0 – 240
Ahmadi, Amin	Guard / Defensive Line	5'7 – 205
Cargnel, CJ	Quarterback / Defensive Back	5'8 – 135
Chille, Steve	Guard / Defensive Line	5'10 – 210
Chinova, Sean	Tight End / Linebacker	6'0 – 180
Crosby, Dave	Running Back / Defensive Back	5'6 – 125
Dalling, Trevor	Running Back / Defensive Line	5'7 – 145
Della Vecchia, Joe	Quarterback	6'0 – 170
Donegan, Brendan	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	5'11 – 165
Donegan, Connor	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	5'10 – 155
Dwinells, Will	Guard / Linebacker	5'11 – 215
Finch, Ryan	Guard / Defensive Line	5'8 – 190
Francis, Nick	Guard / Defensive Line	6'0 – 230
Hunt, LJ	Running Back / Defensive Back	5'11 – 185
Irwin, Quinn	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	6'2 – 185
Joyce, Connor	Running Back / Defensive Back	5'11 – 140
Kramer, Jerry	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	5'6 – 155



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Juniors:

Marini, Mike	Center / Defensive Line	6'0 – 245
Matakevich, Tyler	Running Back / Linebacker	6'1 – 195
Mawicke, Jason	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	6'1 – 200
Mrozek, Ryan	Tackle / Defensive Line	6'0 – 240
Mulligan, Pat	Wide Receiver / Safety	6'1 – 170
O'Brien, Alec	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	5'10 – 150
Pavia, Matt	Running Back / Linebacker	5'5 – 160
Rooney, Kevin	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	5'9 – 160
Szabo, Ethan	Quarterback / Defensive Back	5'9 – 155
Szalen, John	Guard / Defensive Line	5'8 – 190

Sophomores:

Burns, Joe	Running Back / Defensive Back	5'8 – 190
Ciufo, Larry	Tackle / Defensive Line	5'10 – 220
Grasso, Mike	Running Back / Linebacker	5'8 – 175
Granfield, Dan	Tight End / Linebacker	6'3 – 185
Howell, Charles	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	6'2 – 170



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Sophomores:

Izzo, Kevin	Guard / Linebacker	5'6 – 160
Lessard, Alec	Center / Defensive Line	5'8 – 230
Lomnitzer, Pat	Quarterback / Defensive Back	6'1 – 180
Morabito, Matt	Tackle / Defensive Line	6'0 – 190
Sheehan, EJ	Running Back / Defensive Back	5'8 – 175

"Win Every Day"

Head Coach: Joe Della Vecchia

Defensive Coordinator: Chris Sadler

**Assistant Coaches: Jim Chaves * Dave Matakevich * Dave Hashemi
* Tony Furnari * Kevin Morey * Jim Luchansky * Chris Buygi**

Trainer: Dan McDonagh

Dear Football Families,

On behalf of Head Coach Joe Della Vecchia, and Athletic Director Jim Olayos, we would like to welcome you to another great season of SJ “hog” football. The season is young and yet has already been so very exciting.

We would also like to take this opportunity to appeal to you to join the Athletic Association. It is our goal to have 100% of our team parents become members.

Did you know that the SJAA participates in the development of our Athletic Programs? Not only are new uniforms, helmets, pads, nets, awnings, transportation, State Champ rings funded, but also are so many other programs that foster well rounded Student Athletes.

Have you ever attended a Senior Night Festivity for any of our athletes? I urge you to attend and bring tissues! Our SJAA celebrates the senior athletes with a ceremonious event that includes season highlights, Dalling Field decorated with St. Joes Spirit balloons, a ceremony that begins with each senior athlete escorted by their parents complete with flowers and photos, athlete accolades, and college/major intentions.

The Athletic Association also has a hand in each Team’s banquet and pizza party. After having driven home a car full of giggly Cheerleaders following their banquet, I can personally attest to the happy memories shared by the girls, as well as their parents. These are the days they (and we as parents) will look back on so fondly, and these are the days that pass so quickly.

Our Association needs your help in order to keep these, and so many other programs going. Please join the Athletic Association, come to the meetings and get involved. We are driven by the generosity of our members, and that is not only monetary. We welcome donations of labor, materials, expertise, food, networking etc. We recently had donations of extension cords and a microphone for our PA system, which parents were no longer using and we were in need of. ***All generosity is welcome!!***

Please join the camaraderie that is St. Joes! Help to continue to build our Athletic program and have some fun along the way!

Thank You,

The Families of:

Antonio Civitella (Sr. Captain)
Nick Pulaski (Sr. Captain)
Russ Renfer (Sr. Captain)

Annual Membership Application

*St. Joseph High School
Athletic Association*

Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
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Membership Level

Please Check One:

BOOSTER LEVEL
\$25.00

BENEFACTOR LEVEL
\$100.00 OR MORE

PATRON LEVEL
\$50.00

OTHER
\$ _____

Child's Name and Graduation Year:

Athletic Activities Participating In:

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The Athletic Association is involved with all athletic activities at St. Joseph High School.
Parental Support is always needed and welcome!

*ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME DURING THESE EVENTS? YES ____ NO ____

*IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR ATHLETIC ACTIVITY YOU WOULD CONSIDER HELPING US WITH?

Make Your Check Payable to: St. Joseph Athletic Association

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

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C/O St. Joseph High School
2320 Huntington Turnpike
Trumbull, CT 06611*

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September 2009

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



The Touchdown Club is collecting **\$30.00** from each Varsity team member to cover the costs of Friday night dinners and for sandwiches on the bus for all away games. Team dinners are held each Friday night before a Varsity Saturday game after practice in the school cafeteria and are catered by Vazzy's.

***Please Make Checks Payable To: **SJAA**

Chris Joyce - 26 Koger Road, Trumbull, CT 06611

“ Team Support “

Varsity Liaison – Chris Joyce

Junior Varsity Liaison – Mike Pavia * David Crosby

Freshman Liaison – Gary Hare

SJHS Touchdown Club

SCOREBOARD

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St. Joseph's Touchdown Club Season Assignments

Gate Ticket Sales – Jim Olayos

Concession Setup / Sales – Chris Joyce * Dennis O'Brien

Chain Gang – Chris Joyce * Lance Hunt * Dennis O'Brien *
Pat Donegan * Gary Hare * John Batten

Scoreboard – Ed Rooney

Announcer – Doc Marino

Photographer – John Phillips

Game Day Programs – Donna Mulligan

50/50 Raffles – Lorraine Renfer

Apparel Sales – Marjan Hashemi Ahmadi

Inventory Shopping – Bill Dwinells

Friday Night Dinner Servers – Chris Joyce * Kim Matakevich *
Nadine Civitella * Lorraine Renfer

Sandwich Pick Up at Vazzy’s – Nancy Lessard

Tailgate Away Games – Chris Joyce

Thanksgiving Mass – Nadine Civitella * Carolyn Cargnel *
Mary Hunte

End of Season Banquet – Chris Joyce * Nadine Civitella *
Matt & Mary Ellen Adzima * Jean-Marie Pulaski

*****The Touchdown Club** welcomes “Volunteers” to help support the weekly functions of the program. **Please Join Us!** Contact: Chris Joyce at (203) 449-4998
