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Week 3: St. Joseph Cadets vs Darien Blue Wave
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October 3, 2009 at 1:30 pm
Dalling Sports Complex (Home)

Cadets 21  ***Blue Wave 10***

Cadets “Wipe-Out” Blue Wave

Welcome one and all to Week 3, as we watched our St. Joseph's Cadets beat the “H2O” out of the Darien Blue Wave on our first home game of the season. These mighty Cadets are now 3 - 0 thanks to the precision passing of quarterback Joseph Della Vecchia along with 2 of his weapons, wide receiver's Jason Mawicke and Patrick Mulligan... the M&M boyz! Della Vecchia finished the afternoon with over 300 yards passing while both Jason and Patrick racked up 100+ receiving yards with each scoring touchdowns. What a day!!!

SJ kick return specialist Jerry Kramer started the afternoon off by returning the opening kick-off 29 yards. The Blue Wave's defense took the field with one thing in mind, stopping what was being called our “Best Kept Secret” Tyler Matakovich.

On his first carry of the ball game Tyler was gang tackled by the Darien defensemen for a gain of zero yards. The Blue Wave bench erupted, but on the very next play they were silenced because Della Vecchia completed his first pass of the game to Mulligan for a 55 yard gain. The Cadets fans roared with excitement. Darien was in for a long afternoon. On Della Vecchia's second pass he completed a 15 yard touchdown to Mawicke for the first score of the ballgame. Mawicke attempted the extra point, but it failed. Cadets 6 * Blue Wave 0

Now it was time for the Hogs to take the field and they did with authority. Captain and senior linebacker Russ Renfer led the charge racking up 13 tackles. The other senior captain and linebacker Toni Civitella, along with Matakevich each added 10 tackles. The Blue Wave was hit by a tidal wave with no rescue plan in place. On Darien's second possession they seemed to be moving the ball slowly down the field until senior defensive back, Nick Prutting intercepted the ball. One pass and 60 yards later, Della Vecchia hooked up with Matakevich to end the quarter.

At the start of the 2nd quarter Tyler had a 13 yard run which helped set up a 23 yard field goal which Mawicke nailed. The Cadets were rolling like a river and the Blue Wave had no answers. The Hogs defense shut down Darien in 4 plays forcing them to punt, but on the Cadets 4th offensive play, SJ's fumbled the ball giving it back to the Blue Wave in very good field position. After three plays Darien attempted a field goal and it was successful. Della Vecchia helped drive the Cadets down the field completing three passes to Mawicke for 27 yards and one to Kramer for 22, but the drive stalled. Mawicke attempted his 2nd field goal, but missed minutes before halftime. Cadets 9 * Blue Wave 3

The Blue Wave started the 3rd quarter three plays and out. The Hogs defense was just too much. Della Vecchia completed a 28 yard pass to Mulligan and Civitella broke away for a 30 yard rush before setting up a Matakevich 1 yard score. Darien didn't know what hit them. Mawicke attempted the extra point, but missed. Cadets 15 * Blue Wave 3

The Cadets found themselves battling back and forth for field position, but the Hogs defense led by senior defensemen Tim Izzo sacked the Darien quarterback, while safety Mulligan picked the ball off and returned it 24 yards for the interception. As the 4th quarter began, the Blue Wave's day was slowly beginning to feel like a drought. Then out of the blue, Della Vecchia had one of his passes tipped and it landed right into the hands of one of the Darien defenders. The Blue Wave player returned the ball 85 yards for a touchdown. Cadets 15 * Blue Wave 10

Now with a glimmer of hope, Darien felt they had a chance, but not for long because Della Vecchia and his Cadets were not going to let this game slip away. Joe completed a 25 yard pass to Mawicke before connecting with Mulligan for a 16 yard touchdown. The Blue turned to grey as their hopes began to dwindle away. Matakevich then sealed their fate by sacking the Darien quarterback on the Hogs final defensive play of the game. St. Joseph's ran out the clock with Civitella & Matakevich's balanced rushing attack. **The Final Score:** Cadets 21 * Blue Wave 10

Special Announcement: A very warm and special thanks to Morgan Hunt for singing our National Anthem. She is the younger sister of junior star defensive back LJ Hunt and a future St. Joseph's Cadets classmate. What a Beautiful Job! God Bless you and your family!

*****Our Next Varsity game will be held at Trinity Catholic High School on Saturday October 10th at 3pm vs Trinity Catholic Crusaders**

SJ Scoring:

Qtr 1 – 6 Points: *Della Vecchia – Pass – *Mawicke (15 Yards) *Mawicke – Kick – No Good

Qtr 2 – 3 Points: *Mawicke – Field Goal (23 Yards)

Qtr 3 – 6 Points: *Matakevich – Rush (1 Yard) *Della Vecchia – Rush – No Good (Extra Point)

Qtr 4 – 6 Points: *Della Vecchia – Pass – *Mulligan (16 Yards) *Mawicke – Kick – No Good

SJ Statistics:

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

Leading Passer: (Completions / Attempts / Yards) *Della Vecchia – 19/30/306 – **2 TD's**
(1 Interception)

Leading Rusher: (Rushes / Yards) *Matakevich – 18/101 – **1 TD** (1 Fumble)

Rushing: (Attempts / Yards) *Civitella – 4/38 *Della Vecchia – 5/19 *Burns – 2/1

Leading Receiver: (Catches / Yards) *Mawicke – 9/104 – **1 TD**

Receiving: (Yards) *Mulligan – 4/105 – **1 TD** *Matakevich – 2/60 *Kramer – 3/28 *Burns – 2/9

PAT / Extra Points: (Kicks / Attempts) *Mawicke – 0/2

Field Goals: (Kicks / Attempts / Yards) *Mawicke – 1/2 (Made 23 yards)

Leading Defensive Tackler: *Renfer (13)

Defensive Tackles: *Civitella (10) *Matakevich (10) *Nichols (9) *T. Izzo (8) Cranston (8)
*Walczyk (7) *S. O'Brien (4) *Dalling (3) *Prutting (3) *Belgrade (2) *Grasso (2) *Hunt (2)
*Mulligan (2) *Nation (2) *Sheehan (2)

*****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: *T. Izzo (1) *Matakevich (1)

Interceptions: (Picks / Yards) *Mulligan – 1/24 *Prutting – 1/0

Fumbles: (Recovered / Yards) * 0/0

Kick Offs: (Attempts / Yards) *Mawicke – 5/ 40, 30, 30, 20, 40 (32 Avg)

Kick Off Returns: (Attempts / Yards) *Kramer – 1/29 (29 Avg) *Dalling – 1/18 (18 Avg)

Punts: (Attempts / Yards) *Mawicke – 3/43, 44, 43 (43.3 Avg)

Punt Returns: (Attempts / Yards and/or Fair Catch) *Kramer – 3 (FC)

Penalties: 6/55

Recent Newspaper Articles:

St. Joseph still perfect as Della Vecchia leads the Cadets over Darien.

By Henry Chisholm
Correspondent



St Joseph's QB Joe Della Vecchia (7) escapes the attempted tackle of Darien's Jake weil (99) in the 4th quarter of the Saturday, Oct.3, 2009 football game in Trumbull. St Joseph won 21-10.



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

St. Joseph's receiver Jason Mawicke (3).

St. Joseph's receiver Joe Burns (1).

TRUMBULL -- St. Joseph's best kept secret, junior running back Tyler Matakevich, is not a secret anymore.

Both Matakevich and St. Joseph coach Joe DellaVecchia knew that.

So the Cadets relied on the arm of junior quarterback Joe DellaVecchia against Darien on Saturday.

And DellaVecchia did not disappoint, throwing for 300 yards and two touchdowns on 20-for-29 passing en route to a 21-10 win over Darien in a FCIAC East Division game at the Dalling Sports Complex.

"Tyler actually came up to me on the sideline and said 'let's throw the ball,'" coach DellaVecchia said.

"They were keying on the run," Matakevich said. "Our receivers stepped up; the whole O-line stepped up. They did an excellent job and gave Joe all the time in the world to throw."

Despite Darien's efforts, Matakevich still ran for 72 yards and one touchdown on 10 carries. Matakevich also caught a screen pass on the St. Joseph 31 late in the first quarter and took it 53 yards into Darien territory to set up a Jason Mawicke 22-yard field goal.

DellaVecchia's favorite targets, junior wide receivers Mawicke and Pat Mulligan, both caught touchdown passes for St. Joseph (3-0). Mawicke finished with 106 receiving yards on nine receptions and Mulligan added 105 receiving yards on four receptions.

Mulligan caught a game-sealing 16-yard touchdown with 7:07 left to play to make it 21-10. He managed to get wide-open on the left side of the end zone and DellaVecchia found him. DellaVecchia said that Mulligan was open because the receiver changed his route.

"He was supposed to run a hitch," DellaVecchia said. "But the defense jumped the route, so he ran an in."

St. Joseph's defense dominated Darien (1-2) in the second half. The Blue Wave only had two second-half first downs. Darien quarterback George Benitez threw two interceptions in the game. Matakevich also sacked Benitez on fourth and 4 in the fourth quarter on the St. Joseph 44-yard line with 5:31 left to end any chance of a Darien comeback.

"We probably could've got more yards on the ground but we had to try to move the sticks," Darien coach Rob Trifone said.

The lone blemish for the Cadets came in the fourth quarter. With St. Joseph up 15-3 on the Blue Wave's 9-yard line and just over 11 minutes remaining, DellaVecchia threw an interception to junior Graham Maybell, who took it back 91 yards for the only Darien touchdown, making the score 15-10.

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STJ --Jason Mawicke 15 pass Joe DellaVecchia (kick failed)

STJ --Mawicke 22 field goal

D--John Gardner 35 field goal

STJ--Tyler Matakevich 1 run (pass failed)

D--Graham Maybell 91 interception return (Gardner kick)

STJ --Pat Mulligan 16 pass DellaVecchia (kick failed)

Records: Darien 1-2, 1-2 FCIAC, **St. Joseph 3-0, 2-0 FCIAC**



Recent Newspaper Articles:

HS Football Week 3: St. Joseph thankful Matakevich part of the action

By William S. Paxton
Staff Writer



TRUMBULL -- He used to roam the sidelines on game days, but only because at 5 years old, Tyler Matakevich was not quite old enough to suit up for the St. Joseph Cadets' varsity squad.

Nonetheless, he came to the field ready to play each game like he was a member of the team.

Whether he tossed the pigskin around with lifelong buddy Joe DellaVecchia, messed around with the other boys, or dropped down and ripped off sets of five penalty pushups with the varsity players, the little redhead always had to be involved in something.

"Joseph and I used to come up here and catch footballs, throw it around and talk to the (varsity) guys," Matakevich, a junior, said. "I just love it. Even before I started playing, I loved it.

"I just love the action."

If you attend a St. Joseph game these days, right in the action is where you will find No. 44, too.

Over the past decade, Matakevich has grown from a grass-stained little rascal into a 6-foot-1, 195-pound two-way threat who has powered St. Joseph to a 2-0 record heading into Saturday's showdown with rival Darien at Dalling Field.

After being a standout linebacker for two years, Matakevich has added offensive star to his resume. He moved from tight end to running back in the spring and has flourished there, with 380 yards and five touchdowns on 35 carries in wins over Crosby and Wilton.

Matakevich has also caught 11 passes for 134 yards and two scores.

He has accounted for 42 of St. Joseph's 72 points while averaging 250 yards per game in an offense that includes DellaVecchia at quarterback and juniors Jerry Kramer and Pat Mulligan at receiver.

"If they didn't know about Tyler, they know about him now," St. Joseph coach Joe DellaVecchia said. "With the offense, we spread the field out, so if they just want to defend Tyler, we have other things we can do -- that's the beauty of the whole thing."

Matakevich's stiff-arms to opponents while running the ball have been a work of art, but the extra workload carrying the ball 20 times a game has not impacted his defensive play. He ranks third on the team with 14 tackles, has one interception and also one forced fumble.

"I knew he was good, but this is a big surprise how well things are going," coach DellaVecchia said of Matakevich's offensive surge. "He is a weapon we haven't had at running back since I've been here.

"We've had some good, tough kids, but nothing like this."

Matakevich's ability should come as no surprise since he comes from a family of athletes. Tyler's father, David, played Little League baseball with

DellaVecchia and also high school football at Bullard-Havens. His mother, Kimberly, was a star softball player, and his older sister, Ashley, is on the Sacred Heart University track and field team after a standout career at Bunnell.

"All he wants to do is play," said DellaVecchia, who started Matakevich at linebacker as a freshman. "I think we had two starters coming back that year and we had no idea what kind of year we were going to have or who was going to play.

"Just watching him play the first couple freshman games ... we had an idea sooner or later he was going to be playing (varsity). I tried to protect him just being a 14-year-old kid, but he held his own."

Matakevich finished his freshman campaign second on the varsity team in tackles (60) and also rushed for 195 yards and six touchdowns. Last year he led the team with 102 tackles and added eight touchdowns playing a tight end/hybrid back role.

"We had two other seniors last year at running back and Tyler could play anywhere, so that's why we put him in at tight end," said coach DellaVecchia, who found Matakevich almost too valuable to move from tight end. "He can do so many things there, I had mixed feelings about it. But after the first couple of scrimmages, I knew I couldn't move him anywhere else."

Despite his new fame on offense, Matakevich prefers to follow the lead of his favorite football player, the Baltimore Ravens' Ray Lewis, and lay out ball carriers.

"I like defense better, but offense is going really well," he said, with a smile.

Matakevich will take either one, as long as he can be part of the action.



JV Football

Results of JV Game
Monday, October 5th
St. Joseph v. Darien

*Cadets 6 * Blue Wave 25*

The St. Joseph's Junior Varsity football team was still looking for their first win of the season, but today just wasn't their day. The Darien Blue Wave came to town looking for revenge, especially after losing to the SJ varsity squad on Saturday 21 to 10.

Sophomore quarterback Pat Lomnitzer had a rough day of it. He only completed 4 passes and had 3 interceptions. The Blue Wave was in Pat's face the entire afternoon sacking 3 times and causing a fumble as well. Our offensive line had a hard time holding back this tsunami of a defense.

The 1st quarter was a battle with both teams jockeying for field position taking turns offensively. Junior wide receiver Quinn Irwin caught 2 passes (38 & 14 yards) from Lomnitzer on the Cadets first two drives.

St' Joseph's defense played hard. Freshmen Mike Raucci had a heck of a day. Raucci recovered a Darien fumble (2 on the day) in the 1st quarter and sacked the Darien quarterback forcing him to fumble the football right into the arms of junior defensive linemen John Szalen who just happened to be in the right place at the right time... the end zone! The Cadets scored, but sadly that was their only touchdown on the day. Running back Kevin Rooney attempted the extra point by rushing, but came up 1 yard short. Cadets 6 * Blue Wave 0

Sophomore linebacker Kevin Izzo led the team with 8 tackles, while Mike Grasso and EJ Sheehan each added 7 of their own. Grasso also had an interception and returned the ball 18 yards stiff arming and barreling over the Blue Wave players. On the Cadets next drive Grasso continued his aggressiveness by rushing the ball 3 times for 33 yards only to come up short as St. Joe's turned the ball over. Darien spent the remaining minutes of the 2nd quarter chipping away yardage before finding the end zone. And on the final minute of the half the Blue Wave scored. Cadets 6 * Blue Wave 6

The second half didn't get much better. The Cadets defense fought hard, but Darien was too much. The Blue Wave found the end zone 3 more times over the next 2 quarters. A few SJ highlights were junior wide receiver Brendan Donegan catching a 23 yard pass and linebacker Trevor Dalling sacking the Darien quarterback forcing a fumble with Raucci recovering it.

Final Score: Cadets 6 * Blue Wave 25

Your time will come. Keep fighting Cadets!

***Special thanks to all the parents and fans for coming to support the team.

St. Joe's Game Stats:

Passing: (Completions/Attempts/Yards) *Lomnitzer – 4/19/110 (3 Interceptions)

Rushing: (Carries/Yards) *Grasso – 4/33 *Dalling – 4/10 *Lomnitzer – 2/9 (1 Fumble)
*Rooney – 2/5 *B. Donegan – 1/0

Receiving: (Receptions/Yards) *Irwin – 3/85 *B. Donegan – 1/23

Extra Points: (Made/Attempts) *Rooney (Rush) – 0/1 (No Good)

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

Defensive Tackles: *T.Izzo (8) *Grasso (7) *Sheehan (7) *Rooney (6) *Raucci (6)
*Dalling (5) *Irwin (5) *B. Donegan (4) *C. Donegan (3) Mrozek (3) *Pavia (3)
*Szalen (3) *Szabo (2)

Sacks: *Dalling (1) – Forced Fumble *K. Izzo (1) – Forced Fumble

Interceptions: (Picks/Yards Returned) *Grasso – 1/18

Fumble Recoveries: *Raucci (2) *Szalen – (1) ***Recovered in End Zone for TD**

Kick Offs: (Attempts/Yards) *Sheehan – 2/ 33, 40 (36.5 Avg)

Kick Off Returns: (Attempts/Yards and/or Fair Catch) *Dalling – 1/ 22 *Rooney – 1/18
*Irwin – 1/9 *Mrozek – 1/FC (Onsides Kick Recovery)

Punts: (Attempts/Yards) *Sheehan – 1/35

Punt Returns: (Attempts/Yards and/or Fair Catch) *N/A

Penalties: 1/10

*****The next JV game will be held at Trinity Catholic High School,
Monday October 12th at 11am vs Trinity Catholic Crusaders**



Freshman Football

Freshman Cadets Steamrolled by Darien

In week three action, The St. Joes freshman ran into an offensive and defensive buzzsaw playing an unexpected home game against a tough Darien team. The Cadets had Coach Luchansky looking for the Advil bottle early and often suffering a 39-0 shutout.

The 1st quarter action saw St. Joes kicking off with **Ryan Mulligan (#35)** making a terrific tackle. **Matt Batten (#4)** got things rolling for the Cadets with a tackle and fumble recovery. **Brett Olayos (#8)** took control under the shotgun with **Kyron Crawford (#23)** at running back. **Olayos** began a long afternoon running for his life, as the Cadets O-Line had no response to the Blue Wave's defensive ends. After punting, the Cadets Defensive core led by **Mike Raucci (#54-9 tackles)**, **Matt Hare (#34-5 tackles)**, and **Dylan O'Meara (#81-4 Tackles)** took the field. Darien marched down the field and scored on a toss left to take a 6-0 lead. **Jake Pellitier (#2)** began a career day breaking up the extra point attempt. **Kyron Crawford** had a great kickoff return to the 45. The Cadets drive again stalled with the O-line being dominated by the Darien pass rush. The Cadets punted giving Darien the ball. **Dylan O' Meara (#81)** came up with a nice stop. After a Darien rushing TD was called back due to penalties, **Ryan Mulligan** stripped the ball carrier and **Jake Pellitier** recovered the fumble. **The first quarter ended Darien 6-Cadets 0.**

The second quarter saw **Olayos** hooking up with a nice pass to **Pulaski**. With the ball at Midfield **Olayos** was picked off. A long Darien pass was then intercepted by **Pelletier**, giving the Cadets the ball on their 19-yard line. Unable to move the ball, the Cadets punted to the 32-yard line. On the first play, Darien ran a sweep right scoring untouched. The extra point was no good. **Crawford** returned the kickoff to midfield with 6 minutes left in the half. The Darien defensive ends continued having a field day rushing **Olayos** on every snap. After a short Cadet punt, Darien ran an inside draw into the red zone with a touchdown saving tackle by **Denzel Moscova (#1)**. 2 plays later Darien scored and ran a toss left for the extra point going ahead 20-0. The Blue Wave kicked off and found **Olayos** buried at the 8-yard line. Going to the air, the Cadets were picked off deep in their own territory. Two plays later, the Wave ran a Tight End pop and went into the second half leading **26-0**.

The second half was not much better, After receiving the kickoff, the Cadets again could not move the ball on the ground and went to the air. A 3rd Wave interception found Darien at midfield. A nice stop by the defense led by **Jason Kaufman (#27)** and **Mike Raucci (#54)** caused Darien to punt. Murphy's Law struck when the Cadets fumbled the punt deep in their territory. Two plays later, Darien ran off tackle tight and went ahead 32-0. **Crawford** returned the kickoff to the Darien 32-yard line. **Pat Boyle (#10)** came in at QB and drove the Cadets to the Darien 12 where the ball was turned over on downs. The third quarter ended at **32-0**.

4th Quarter action saw Doyle running for dear life. Nice receptions by **Kaufman** and **Connor Gebo (#41)** were instrumental in the Cadets moving the ball. After taking over on downs, Darien iced the cake going ahead 39-0. **Bobby Brennan (83)** and **Harry Leroux (#84)** played well on defense. The Cadets face off against Trinity Catholic on Thursday.

Final Score: DARIEN 39 — ST. JOSEPH CADETS 0

Offense

Rushing

Number	Name	Attempts	Yards	Avg
23	Crawford	14	17	1.2
2	Pellitier	2	1	0.5
1	Moscova	1	-3	-3.0
Sub Total		17	15	0.9

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8	Olayos	1	-6
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Rushing Total		18	9	0.5
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Passing

Number	Name	Comp	Attempts	Yards	Avg per Comp
8	Olayos	3	9	11	3.7
10	Boyle	3	12	21	7.0
Totals		6	21	32	5.3

Defense

Number	Name	Total Tackles	Solo Tackles
54	Raucci	9	6
34	Hare	5	4
35	Mulligan	4	3
81	O'Meara	4	3
41	Gebo	3	2
1	Moscova	2	1
27	Kaufman	2	2
45	Pulaski	2	2
74	Haynes	2	2
84	Leroux	2	1
2	Pellitier	1	1
22	Finch	1	
65	Gavin	1	

*****The next Freshman game will be held at Home, Thursday October 8th at 4pm vs Trinity Catholic Crusaders**

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.

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Junior Varsity Liaison – Mike Pavia * David Crosby

Freshman Liaison – Gary Hare

" Senior Spotlight "

Russell "Dozer" Renfer

Born: *December 18th, 1991*

Height & Weight: *5'11 / 210*

Quote: *"Win Every Day"*

**Captain - Center / Linebacker*



Russ was born on December 18, 1991 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He lives with his parents Rusty & Lorraine Renfer. What Russ admires most about his parents... "They support me in all that I do." He has a three older brother's Fred, Billy and Matt.

Over the summer Russ prepared for football by working out regularly. He helped other youth players by volunteering at the Future Stars football program held at St. Joseph's and attended football camp at Fordham University.

This is Russ's 4th year playing football. He wears number "64". Russ is a Tri-Captain and plays center & linebacker for the program.

Russ's favorite subject is Sports Medicine.

College / Major: Sacred Heart, Southern CT / Sports Medicine - Psychology.

Hobbies: Football and hanging out with his friends.

***Russ's Favorites:**

Movie: *Gladiator*

TV Show: *Two and a Half Men*

Music / Group: *R&B - Rock*

Book / Magazine: *Its Not About the Bike*

Food: *"Pasta"*



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

" Senior Spotlight "

Celina Marie Pires

Born: *June 9th, 1992*

Height-Eyes-Hair: *5'3 / Brown / Brown*

Quote: *"Never Give Up, Because Hard Work & Dedication Will Always Be Rewarded"*

**Cheerleader / Base*



Celina was born on June 9, 1992 in Bridgeport, CT. She lives with her parents Tony & Nancy Pires. What Celina admires most about her family...“The sacrifices they have made to give me a great education.”

Over the summer Celina attended cheerleading camp at South Jersey Storm, NJ. She visited Cape Cod with the Lessard family and went to Boston with the Munger family.

This is Celina’s 12th year cheerleading and she loves it!!!

Celina’s favorite subject is History.

Colleges / Major: Southern CT, Adelphi U, Manhattanville College / Education

Hobbies: Scrapbooking and going to the beach with friends.

*Celina’s Favorites:

Movie: *P.S. I Love You*

TV Show: *The Hills*

Music / Group: *Taylor Swift*

Book: *Nineteen Minutes*

Food: *Mashed Potatoes*



“ Have a great senior year, Celina! God Bless you and your family.”

" Senior Spotlight "

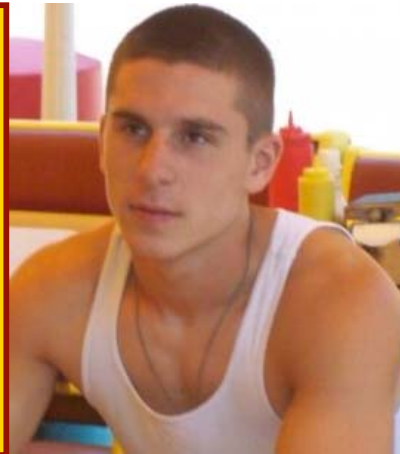
Kevin Joseph Nichols

Born: *April 6th, 1992*

Height & Weight: *5'10 / 170*

Quote: *"Go Hard... Or Go Home"*

**Strong Safety*



Kevin was born on April 6th, 1992 in Derby, CT. He lives with his parents Terry & Judy Nichols. What Kevin admires most about his parents... "They support me in everything that I do."

Over the summer Kevin trained regularly and helped youth players by volunteering at the Future Stars football program. He also worked at Jones Tree Farm in Shelton, CT.

This is Kevin's 11th year playing football. He wears number "20". Kevin plays strong safety for the program.

Kevin's favorite subject is History.

College / Major: Southern CT, Western CT / Business & Marketing

Hobbies: Sports and hanging out with his friends.

*Kevin's Favorites:

Movie: *Rush Hour 2*

TV Show: *Family Guy*

Music / Group: *Country - Rock*

Book / Magazine: *Sports Illustrated*

Food: *Pizza & Pasta*



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

" Senior Spotlight "

Paige Kerian Munger

Born: *June 10th, 1992*

Height-Eyes-Hair: *5'3 / Brown / Blue*

Quote: *"Live, Love, Laugh"*

**Cheerleader*



Paige was born on June 10, 1992 in San Diego, CA. She lives with her parents Christopher & Christine Munger. What Paige admires most about her family...“Our family values.” She has a brother Bryan who is a sophomore and a sister Kyle who is a freshman, both attending St. Joseph’s.

Over the summer Paige practiced cheerleading 5 days a week, spent time with friends at the beach and worked at Knapp’s Landing Restaurant in Stratford, CT.

This is Paige’s 4th year cheerleading and she loves it!!!

Paige’s favorite subject is Science.

Colleges / Major: Southern CT, UConn, Coastal Carolina / Psychology – Social Services

Hobbies: Cheerleading, Lacrosse and hanging out with friends.

*Paige’s Favorites:

Movie: *Step Brothers*

TV Show: *One Tree Hill*

Music / Group: *Country - Hip Hop - Rap*

Book: *They Caged the Animals at Night*

Food: *Pickles - Mashed Potatoes*



“ Have a great senior year, Paige! God Bless you and your family.”



Varsity Football Roster 2009

****Captains:**

Civitella, Tony	Running Back / Linebacker	5'8 – 195
Pulaski, Nick	Guard / 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 / Linebacker	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



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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 Back	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	Tackle / 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	Running Back / 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	Center / Defensive Line	6'0 – 240
Mulligan, Pat	Wide Receiver / Defensive Back	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	
E-Mail Address	

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:

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

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:

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

SJHS Touchdown Club

SCOREBOARD

September 2009

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 Matakovich *
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

