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November 26, 2009



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Week 10: St. Joseph Cadets vs Trumbull Eagles
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November 26, 2009 at 10:30am
Dalling Sports Complex (Home)

Cadets 49  ***Eagles 31***

Hogs “Feast” on Eagles

Happy Thanksgiving everyone and what a day for a feast as we watched your St. Joseph Cadets carve up their greatest rivalry... the Trumbull Eagles. A battle of bragging rights, a history of trash talking, and on a day in which only one team can walk away true city champions.

The Hogs were on a mission and played as if this was their last game of the season... or was it? Tyler Matakevich & Joseph Della Vecchia were named co-MVP's of the game. Tyler scored 5 touchdowns (4 Rush & 1 Rcv), while Joe threw for over 220 yards and 3 scores. The Cadets offense never punted once scoring on every possession, while the Hogs “D” proved once again why they've been so dominant all season long.

In front of thousands surrounding the Dalling Sports Complex, the battle was about to begin. Foes for years and pride on the line, these Cadets came ready to play and there was only one thing in their way of finishing a spectacular season... their arch rivals, the Trumbull Eagles. St. Joseph's began the game on offense, with Della Vecchia commanding the starting "O" behind his offensive line of Ryan Taylor, Nick Pulaski, Nick Francis, Mike Marini and Nick Adzima. This line has dominated all season long, giving Joe plenty of time to pass while creating holes large enough that you can drive a truck through; with a receiving crew of Patrick Mulligan, Jason Mawicke and Jerry Kramer, along with a back field of Tony Civitella, Joe Burns and Matakevich. One of the best offenses ever to step foot on the field in the school's history... and history it was!

The opening quarter, and on the very first play from scrimmage Matakevich carried the ball for a 29 yard gain. The home crowd cheered as they watched him trample over the Eagle D. Della Vecchia's first pass was completed to Mulligan for a 29 yard gain. A double dose of what was in store for Trumbull from the co-MVP's. Tyler topped off the drive carrying the ball three more times before finding the end zone on a 1 yard touchdown run. Senior kicker Casey Olayos jogged out onto the field to do what he does best, making the score... Cadets 7 * Eagles 0

Now it was time for the starting Hog "D" to take the field and they came to play! Led by the St' Joseph's tri-captains Civitella, Pulaski and Russ Renfer... these boys meant business. Civitella was simply everywhere, leading the team with 19 tackles with half of them being solo. The defensive line of Shane O'Brien, George Nation, Kevin Belgrade, Trevor Dalling, Tim Izzo, Tom Walczyk and Pulaski substituted players throughout the game, making it very difficult for the Eagles. The linebackers and secondary team consisted of Kevin Nichols, Nick Prutting, Patrick Mulligan, Sean Chinova, Jerry Kramer, LJ Hunt, Matakevich, Renfer and Civitella. They were ruthless, consistently pounding their opposition. Trumbull's first drive lasted all of about 3 minutes forcing the Eagles to punt the ball away.

The Cadet's "O" took the field for their second drive. Della Vecchia completed a 19 yard pass to Mawicke and then a 12 yarder to Matakevich. Joe scrambled for a 23 yard run with Civitella carrying one for 6 more. Della Vecchia completed another pass to Tyler before handing it off to him on 2 more carries. Matakevich jumped or should I say flipped over Trumbull's goal-line defense for a 1 yard score. Olayos kicked the extra point. Cadets 14 * Eagles 0

From the looks of it, the Eagles were going to have their work cut out for them if they wanted to get back into this game and Trumbull did just that. They put a drive together eating up the remainder of the first quarter and found the end zone just 3 plays into the 2nd. But St. Joseph's answered without blinking an eye. Della Vecchia threw a 40 yard bomb to Mawicke who caught the ball over his shoulder falling out of bounds. On the very next play Joe attempted a pass to Mulligan, but it slipped through his hands soaring into the end zone with Kramer pulling it in for a 17 yard touchdown. The home crowd erupted for it was an amazing catch to say the least! Olayos kicked the extra point. Cadets 21 * Eagles 7

On the ensuing kick off, Trumbull broke free and returned the ball 75 yards for a touchdown. The Cadet's were in shock and the Eagles were right back in it only down by 7. Now, the question was... could Trumbull stop the SJ Juggernaut. The answer was No! Mulligan returned the kick off 24 yards giving the Cadets excellent field position. Della Vecchia completed a 7 yard pass to Kramer while Matakevich carried the ball twice for 7 yards. Joe then hit Kramer on another 40 yard pass. Jerry scored again! Mr. O'tomatic kicked the extra point. Cadets 28 * Eagles 14

Trumbull, as expected didn't quit. The Eagles put another long drive together. The Hogs were on their heels. It looked like Trumbull was going to push it in for another score, but the SJ "D" held strong holding the Eagles to just a field goal with Civitella & Matakevich each racking up 4 tackles a piece, with Renfer and Chinova added 3 of their own. The Cadets were up by 11 and with less than 2 _ minutes until half time, they wanted more. On Tyler's first carry he broke loose and with his patented stiff-arm, gained 43 yards punishing the defenders. Della Vecchia rushed twice totaling 20 yards, before handing it back off to Tyler for 7 more. One play later, Joe hit Ty for a 5 yard touchdown pass. Casey kicked the extra point with seconds left before the half.

*****Half Time: Cadets 35 * Eagles 17**

At the start of the 3rd quarter the Hogs defense came out not missing a beat. Civitella and Izzo combined for a sack both feasting on the Eagles QB. Trumbull started their opening series with a three and out being forced to punt. Within a few minutes the Cadets found themselves knocking on the Trumbull door once again. Della Vecchia had 2 more scrambles for 23 yards, while Matakevich scored on a 13 yard run. Olayos kicked the extra point. Cadets 42 – Eagles 17

Down 25 points and only midway through the 3rd quarter it seemed like the game was all, but over. The Cadets feeling confident and the Eagles looking for answers, however Trumbull wasn't ready to pack it in just yet. The Eagles managed to put another one of their long drives together again, and with just a few minutes left in the quarter they scored. Then, they caught St Joes off guard by attempting an on-sides kick and they recovered it. Hold on folks...we're not done yet! Trumbull scored again 8 plays later and only 2 minutes into the 4th quarter, now down just 11. Cadets 42 * Eagles 31

Now here we are in the final quarter of what might be our last game of the season and with Trumbull making a last minute push. How would we react? As if we didn't have a worry in the world, Della Vecchia completed 3 passes (Matakevich – 20, Kramer – 16, Mawicke – 5), while Tyler after 6 rushes found the end zone for the 5th time. The drive literally consumed the remainder of the quarter. Trumbull got the ball back with time ticking away, but an interception by Matakevich sealed their fate. Tyler ended the game rushing the ball 2 more times for 10 yards, while Della Vecchia took a knee ending the game.

Nineteen years ago was the last time St. Joseph's made the state playoffs. After the game, Coach Joe Della Vecchia was found pacing outside the gym doors. His Cadets waited anxiously in the locker room waiting to hear the final scores of the other games being played. There was a chance...a glimmer of hope that these Cadets could make it in. Then you heard the roar...their prayers were answered...St Joseph's were in! All their hard work and dedication led them to this day. The players were cheering and hugging, while tears filled the coaches' eyes. A remarkable season, but let's not close the book on this one just yet. To be continued...

...Let's Go Hogs! ...Let's Go Hogs!! ...Let's Go Hogs!!!

The Final Score: Cadets 49 * Eagles 31

*****Our next Varsity game will be held at the Municipal Stadium – Waterbury on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30pm vs Holy Cross Crusaders**

SJ Scoring:

Qtr 1 – 7 Points: *Matakevich – Run (1 Yard) *Olayos – Kick - Extra Point
Qtr 1 – 7 Points: *Matakevich – Run (1 Yard) *Olayos – Kick - Extra Point
Qtr 2 – 7 Points: *Della Vecchia – Pass – *Kramer (17 Yards) *Olayos – Kick - Extra Point
Qtr 2 – 7 Points: *Della Vecchia – Pass – *Kramer (40 Yards) *Olayos – Kick - Extra Point
Qtr 2 – 7 Points: *Della Vecchia – Pass – *Matakevich (5 Yards) *Olayos – Kick - Extra Point
Qtr 3 – 7 Points: *Matakevich – Run (13 Yards) *Olayos – Kick - Extra Point
Qtr 4 – 7 Points: *Matakevich – Run (1 Yard) *Olayos – Kick - Extra Point

SJ Statistics:

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

Senior Classmen: *Kevin Belgrade *Justin Brantley *Erik Cranston *Tim Izzo *Pat Magee
*George Nation *Kevin Nichols *Shane O'Brien *Casey Olayos *Nick Prutting *Jon Stine
*Ryan Taylor *Tom Walczyk

Leading Passer: (Completions / Attempts / Yards) *Della Vecchia – 13/18/221 - **3 TD's**

Leading Rusher: (Rushes / Yards) *Matakevich – 23/144 - **4 TD's**

Rushing: (Attempts / Yards) *Della Vecchia – 5/66 *Civitella – 1/6 *Burns – 1/1

Leading Receiver: (Catches / Yards) *Kramer – 4/80 - **2 TD's**

Receiving: (Yards) *Mawicke – 3/64 *Matakevich – 4/46 - **1 TD** *Mulligan – 1/29 *Burns – 1/2

PAT / Extra Points: (Kicks / Attempts) *Olayos – 7/7

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

Leading Defensive Tackler: *Civitella (19)

Defensive Tackles: *Matakevich (11) *Renfer (10) *Pulaski (10) *Nichols (9) *Chinova (7)
*T. Izzo (6) *Hunt (5) *S. O'Brien (4) *Prutting (4) *Mulligan (3) *Nation (3) *Walczyk (3)
*Dalling (2) *Irwin (2) *Kramer (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: *Civitella (1/2) *T. Izzo (1/2)

Interceptions: (Picks / Yards) *Matakevich 1/0

Kick Offs: (Attempts / Yards) *Mawicke – 8/ 36, 25, 35, 24, 36, 35, 25, 35 (31 Avg)

Kick Off Returns: (Attempts / Yards and/or Fair Catch) *Kramer – 2/ 29 (14.5 Avg) *Mulligan – 1/24
*Dalling – 1/13 *Burns – 1/ FC

Punts: (Attempts / Yards) *N/A

Punt Returns: (Attempts / Yards and/or Fair Catch) *Mulligan – 1/1 *Kramer – FC

St. Joseph rolls past Trumbull, gains state playoff berth

By Bob Moseley



St. Joseph's Cadets... "How sweet it is!"

St. Joseph's Tyler Matakevich (44) running, touchdown leap & tackle.

St. Joseph's wide receiver Patrick Mulligan (10).

TRUMBULL -- The question of the state playoffs was still in doubt, but Tyler Matakevich was feeling confident following St. Joseph's 49-31 Thanksgiving Day win over Trumbull at the Cadets' field.

"If we do make it (to the Class SS playoffs), I do believe we'll be able to make it to the state championship," the star running back predicted. "We're really coming together."

Who could argue with him? The Cadets, led by Matakevich's five touchdowns and masterful quarterbacking by Joe Della Vecchia, did whatever they wanted to offensively in blitzing their town rival. St. Joseph scored on every possession in the first half while rolling to a 35-17 halftime lead.

In fact, the only time the Cadets were stopped was when they ran out the clock at the end of the game.

"We were determined offensively," said coach Joe Della Vecchia, the quarterback's father. "It would be a shame if we don't get in (the playoffs). We tried to play the two teams ahead of us (Wolcott and Bullard-Havens), but they wouldn't play us. We just want to get a chance."

St. Joseph will get that chance as the Cadets qualified as the No. 4 seed and will face NVL champion Holy Cross (9-1), the No. 1 seed, at Municipal Stadium in Waterbury on Tuesday at 6:30.

While Matakevich ran for 148 yards on 23 carries, Della Vecchia completed 13 of 18 passes for 220 yards and three touchdowns.

"They deserved to win. They were the better team," Trumbull coach Bob Maffei said. "But we didn't give up. I'm proud of the kids."

While St. Joseph (8-2) had a playoff berth at stake, Trumbull (5-5) was simply playing for a winning season and town pride. The Eagles were hammered on defense in the first half, and quarterback Mike Romano spent much of the game running for his life, but they still managed to make things interesting midway through the second half.

Romano found junior Frank Gaines in the end zone on a 36-yard touchdown pass to pull Trumbull to within 42-23 with 2:34 left in the third period, and the Eagles recovered the ensuing onside kick. Ten plays later, Romano found Phil Terio on an 11-yard strike and Jake Sippel on the conversion pass, closing the gap to 42-31 with 10:07 remaining. Momentum was swinging.

But St. Joseph answered right back with a 12-play, 55-yard drive to push the lead up to 49-31. Matakevich gained 20 yards on a swing pass and eventually scored on a 1-yard plunge, his third of the day.

But the biggest play of the drive came on fourth-and-10 at the Trumbull 30. Della Vecchia found Jerry Kramer for 16 yards as the Cadets retained possession.

"It was a dogfight to the end," said Matakevich, who now has 23 touchdowns on the season. "They didn't quit, but we kept our composure."

Just to seal the verdict, Matakevich intercepted a pass at midfield in the closing minutes.

Terio's 82-yard kickoff return sparked Trumbull in the first half, briefly closing the gap to 21-14. St. Joseph had been kicking short for most of the game, but the one time an Eagle deep return man got his hands on the ball, he made the most of it. Ironically, it was Gaines the Cadets were more worried about.

"We didn't want to give Frankey the ball. He's dangerous," DellaVecchia said.

Kramer had two touchdown receptions, including a 15-yarder that bounced off the hands of intended receiver Pat Mulligan. Jason Mawicke contributed a nice over-the-shoulder catch for a 40-yard pickup.

"The line did an excellent job of opening holes, and if you give Joe time, our receivers will get open," Matakevich said.

St. Joseph enjoyed a 19-12 advantage in first downs.

TRUMBULL 0 17 6 8--31

ST. JOSEPH 14 21 7 7--49

SJ--Tyler Matakevich 1 run (Casey Olayos kick)

SJ--Matakevich 1 run (Olayos kick)

T--Jake Sippel 13 pass Mike Romano (Anthony Matera kick)

SJ--Jerry Kramer, 15 pass Joe DellaVecchia (Olayos kick)

T--Phil Terio, 82 kickoff return (Matera kick)

SJ--Kramer, 40 pass DellaVecchia (Olayos kick)

T--Matera, 30 field goal

SJ--Matakevich, 5 pass DellaVecchia (Olayos kick)

SJ--Matakevich, 13 run (Olayos kick)

T--Frank Gaines, 36 pass Romano (run failed)

T--Terio, 11 pass Romano (Sippel pass Romano)

SJ--Matakevich, 1 run (Olayos kick)

Records: **St. Joseph 8-2**; Trumbull 5-5

State football playoffs: St. Joseph's suspenseful wait ends in jubilation

By Sean Patrick Bowley



St. Joseph's linemen Nick Pulaski (70), Casey Olayos (4) & Teammates.

St. Joseph's cornerback Kevin Nichols (20).

St. Joseph's players hadn't even put the finishing touches on their 49-31 victory over Trumbull, and coach Joe Della Vecchia knew his team was in trouble.

Word had already trickled down to the St. Joseph sidelines during the fourth quarter of its Thanksgiving Day game: Nothing was going its way in the Class SS state playoff point race.

Warde lost, Darien lost ... Norwalk, which looked like a lock to win, lost to McMahon in the final seconds. St. Joseph was running out of potential playoff points ... fast.

After the game, the St. Joseph coaching staff and players made a beeline to the school to watch all of the scoring updates online. As the minutes ticked away, nothing improved. Despite Wolcott's loss to Holy Cross, it didn't look like the Hogs were going anywhere but home for the holidays.

"I was a wreck," Della Vecchia said. "It was as nerve-wracking as anything could be sitting in my office. I mean, every score was going against us. I had all the kids in the locker room and I kept thinking, 'What could I possibly say to these kids if we didn't get in?'"

It came down to two scores. St. Joseph needed two of the most unlikely results of the afternoon to come through for them: Torrington had to beat Watertown. Crosby had to beat Kennedy. "We must have been waiting for 40 minutes, but it felt like forever," Della Vecchia said.

Finally they had their answer, delivered first to assistant coach Jim Chaves through text message, then on the Connecticut Post's live scoring blog: Crosby won ... Torrington won.

St. Joseph had outpointed Wolcott by just 10 points to clinch a spot in the state playoffs for the first time in 19 years and for the first time with DellaVecchia as head coach. St. Joseph earned the No. 4 seed and will travel to play No. 1 Holy Cross in the Class SS semifinals Tuesday at Municipal Stadium in Waterbury. Kickoff is 6:30.

"The sound ... I don't even know how to describe it to you," said Della Vecchia, whose team qualified alongside Bullard-Havens in the Class SS field. "It sounded like Yankees Stadium."

"There were coaches and kids hugging and crying," said Chaves, a 1998 graduate. "It's been such a long time since St. Joe's has been there. For all the alumni and for all of us involved, it feels amazing to be here. I'm just so happy for Joe D. He's put his heart and soul into this program and worked so hard to get this program back."

St. Joseph was one of eight regional teams to earn state playoff spots Thursday. Central and Masuk, however, were not among them. Also qualifying for Tuesday's state semifinals are Staples, Pomperaug, Notre Dame-West Haven, Bethel, Bullard-Havens, New Canaan and Ansonia.

"Now we want to get in there and win it all," Della Vecchia said.

Here are the state playoff pairings as of Thursday. Points won't be official until the CIAC football committee meets this morning at 9. The state semifinals will be Tuesday. The six state championship games will be held Dec. 5. The CIAC is considering six sites, including Shelton, West Haven and New Britain, to host championship games.

CLASS SS

St. Joseph will play at No. 1 Holy Cross. The other semifinal will be No. 3 Bullard-Havens, making its second appearance in three years, at No. 2 Montville.



" Senior Spotlight "

Pat Magee

Born: *September 6th 1991*

Height & Weight: *6'1 / 195*

Quote: **"When you come to a fork
in the road... take it."**

****Linebacker***



Pat was born on September 6, 1991 in Stamford, CT. He lives with his parents John & Linda Magee. What Pat admires most about his parents... "How they put up with me, but support me in everything that I do." He has twin brother Ryan (Class of 2010) and a younger sister Kelsey (Class of 2013) who is a freshman. Both of them currently attend St. Joseph's.

Over the summer Pat attended football camp at Fordham University and went to North Carolina with his family. He also spent a lot of his time hanging out with his friends.

This is Pat's 4th year playing football. He wears number "46". Pat play's linebacker for the program.

Pat's favorite subject is Science.

College / Major: UConn, Providence, Temple / Currently Undecided

Hobbies: Playing Madden, Going to the Arcade & Tutoring Children in Math & Reading

***Pat's Favorites:**

Movie: *Anchorman*

TV Show: *Scrubs*

Music / Group: *Dave Matthews Band*

Book / Magazine: *Sports Illustrated*

Food: *Mashed Potatoes*



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

" Senior Spotlight "

George Alexander Nation III

Born: *March 30th, 1991*

Height & Weight: *5'11 / 195*

Quote: *"Live life to the fullest; when in doubt go 100 miles an hour."*

**Tight End / Defensive End*



George was born on March 30th, 1991 in Bronx, NY. He lives with his mother Barbara Muhammad and grand mother Kathleen Halasted. What George admires most about his mother... "She sacrifices everything for me so that I could get a great education and life." He has 4 brothers (George Jr, Chris, Raymond & Arian) and 2 sisters (Renee & Nadian).

Over the summer George [volunteered at the Future Stars football program](#) and worked for the maintenance department at St Joseph's. He also works at Hollister at the mall.

This is George's 4th year playing football. He wears number "85". George play's tight end and defensive end for the program.

George's favorite subject is Math.

College / Major: Morehouse College, Syracuse, Ithaca College / Engineering

Hobbies: President of Jack & Jill of America, Working on his Car and Playing Sports.

*George's Favorites:

Movie: *The Matrix Revolutions*

TV Show: *House*

Music / Group: *R&B*

Book / Magazine: *ESPN*

Food: *Pizza*



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



Varsity Football Roster 2009

****Captains:****

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|-----------------|---------------------------|------------|
| 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 / Defensive End | 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 | Tackle / 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:

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| 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 | 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 | Wide Receiver / Defensive Back | 5'6 – 155 |



Varsity Football Roster 2009

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 / 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 |



Varsity Football Roster 2009

Sophomores:

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|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 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 Everyday"

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

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| 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:

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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:

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

SJHS Touchdown Club

SCOREBOARD

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.

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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

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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
