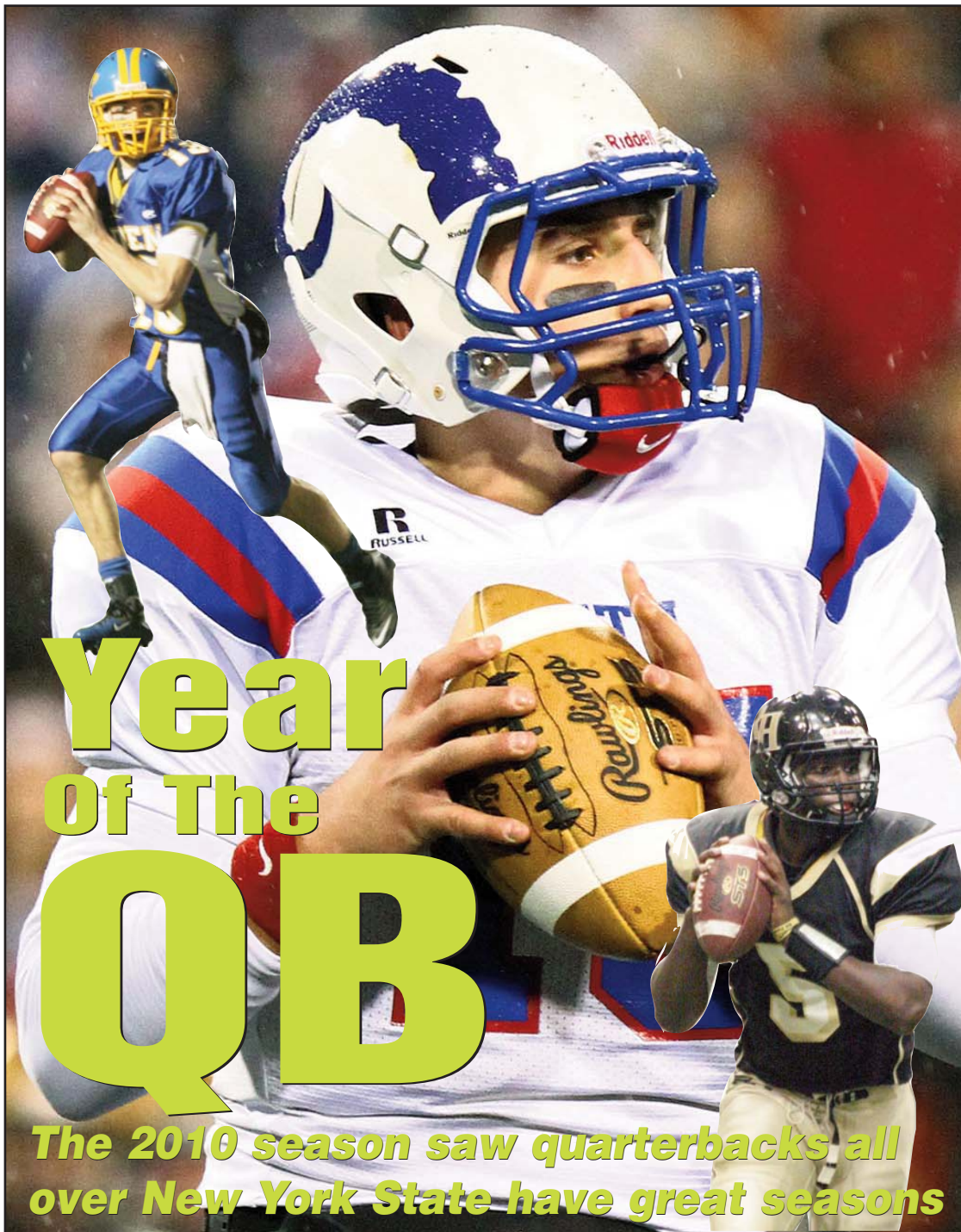


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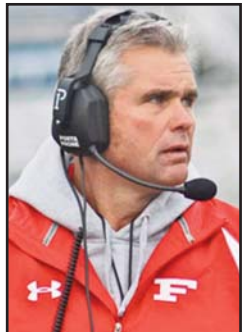


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# Stewart among 35 NYS signees for Division I-A

Niagara Falls High School had a big week this February when one graduate starred in the Super Bowl and his younger brother signed a Division I-A scholarship offer.

Niagara Falls graduate James Starks, who also starred at the University at Buffalo, rushed for 53 yards on 11 carries in the Green Bay Packers Super Bowl win over Pittsburgh.

That same week, Starks' younger brother, Dale Stewart, signed a scholarship offer from the University at Buffalo.

"They're both great kids," Niagara Falls coach Don Bass said.

Bass coached Starks on the JV level. He took the head varsity coaching job four years ago and coached Stewart for two seasons.

"He's a great kid," Bass said. "Dale is very coachable. He's a good student. He's hard working and a fast learner. You just have to give him a little direction and let natural talent take over."

While both players were star high school players, they were different, Bass said.

"James played more within the system," Bass said. "Dale was more of a free-wheeler. James was a bit faster but Dale is a bit stronger than James was in high school."

Stewart is among 35 New York State players that signed Division I-A scholarship offers, the most in years. (The complete list is on page...)

This past fall, Stewart scored 17 TDs, including scores by rushing, passing, receiving, kickoff return, punt return and interception return. He had a 99-yard kickoff return in a loss to defending state-champion North Tonawanda.

Bass says that Stewart will probably not play quarterback at UB.

"I think they are planning on using him as a running back, a slot back or on defense," he said. "Of course, Dale will be in the mix as a kick return specialist too."

Bass says that the increase in Division I-A scholarship players across the state is a direct reflection on the recent increase in

"We are doing now what others states have been doing for a long time," Bass said. "With the off-season passing leagues, the year-round weight-lifting and the summer camps, football is year round, now. You have to be committed throughout the year. You can't just show up in August and play."



Photo by Mark Adair

**Niagara Falls star Dale Stewart is one of 35 NY State players to receive Division I-A football scholarships.**

# Albany's Green Tech to start in Class AA

Green Tech has never played a varsity football game and has just one season at the JV level. When the Eagles take the field for their inaugural varsity campaign this fall, they will be competing as one of 14 Class AA teams in Section II.

Green Tech, a charter school with 263 students, has been placed in the Liberty Division with Schenectady (2,140 students), Shaker (1,563), Colonie (1,390), Columbia (1,154), Niskayuna (1,052) and La Salle (472).

Although the tentative 2011 Section II football schedule was released Wednesday by Section II football chairman Gary VanDerzee, the final determination on where Green Tech will compete will come from the Section II Athletic Council, which will next meet either in March or April.

"Generally, the Athletic Council supports the recommendations from the other committees," VanDerzee said.

Green Tech football coach Pete Porcelli simply stated, "I'm just very surprised."

When contacted by the Times Union, Green Tech athletic director Bill Spath would not comment.

The school does not have a practice field (it rents time at Livingston Middle School) or a weight room. The team hopes to play its three scheduled home games at Blecker Stadium.

VanDerzee said the football committee's rationale behind placing Green Tech in Class AA revolved around two key factors.

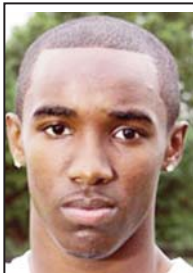
"Being a charter school, the state treats them like a private school," VanDerzee said. "The school has no tuition fees and is drawing kids from the Albany School District."

Private schools in Section II that compete in football play at various levels. Christian Brothers Academy and La Salle compete in Class AA. The others are Bishop Maginn (Class A), Albany Academy (Class B), Bishop Gibbons (Class D) and Saratoga Central Catholic (Class D).

"We're not here to jeopardize anyone," VanDerzee said. "In turn, we're not going to give (Green Tech) an unfair advantage."

# Floyd Star Being Heavily Recruited

William Floyd High School product Stacey Bedell took a big step forward during his junior campaign in terms of showing his talent and production, going over 1600 yards on the season and winning a plethora of awards. PSU, Rutgers and Syracuse are on him most heavily right now.

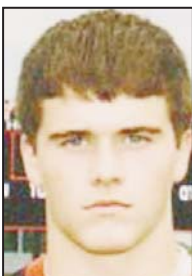


Stacey Bedell, a 5-foot-10, 165-pound running back from William Floyd High School in Mastic Beach, N.Y., is currently being recruited most heavily by Penn State, Rutgers, Syracuse and Stony Brook.

As a junior, Bedell carried the ball 208 times for 1658 yards and 18 TDs. He also caught 12 passes for 177 yards and two touchdowns and returned a kickoff 91 yards for another score. Bedell was named first-team All-Division, All-County, All-Long Island and All-State by the NYSSWA.

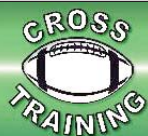
# Union-Endicott LB Getting Noticed

Endicott, N.Y., native Troy Beddoe has had visitors from many schools including Albany, Buffalo, Fordham, Maine, Pittsburgh, Rutgers and Syracuse and the linebacker will camp this summer and try and secure some offers after sending out these junior highlights.



Troy Beddoe, a 6-foot-1, 220-pound linebacker from Union-Endicott High School has seen Albany, Buffalo, Fordham, Maine, Pittsburgh, Rutgers and Syracuse stop through the hallways of his school to visit his coach about him and right now he hopes the highlights below pique their interests.

As a junior, Beddoe registered 70 tackles, five tackles for los



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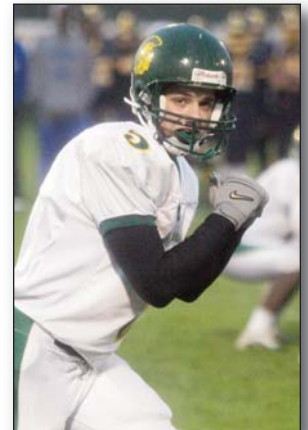
# NYS Division I-A Signees

Player	Ht, Wt	High School	College
Bill Allen (OL)	6-1, 270	Garden City	Army
Bob Blodgett (OL-DL)	6-6, 285	Honeoye Falls-Lima	Buffalo
Kieran Borcich (OL-DE)	6-3, 265	Bronxville	Boston College
Ashton Broyle (QB-FS)	6-3, 225	Rush-Henrietta	Syracuse
Devon Cajuste (WR)	6-4, 222	Holy Cross	Stanford
Jordan Canzeri (RB-DB)	5-9, 175	Troy	Iowa
Zenel Demhasaj (OT-DT)	6-5, 255	New Utrecht	Pittsburgh
Siriki Diabate (LB)	6-0, 220	Lehman	Syracuse
Malcolm Eugene (WR-DE)	6-5, 210	John Glenn	Temple
David Evans (DL-OL)	6-3, 270	Sauquoit Valley	Army
Joe Felicia (DE, OT)	6-5, 235	Marcellus	Buffalo
Jonathan Fisher (P-K)	6-1, 210	Oakfield-Alabama	Syracuse
Ivan Foy (OL-DL)	6-5, 295	Fort Hamilton	Syracuse
Jordan Frysinger (RB-DB)	6-0, 175	Corning	Illinois
Quentin Gause (LB)	6-0, 205	Bishop Kearney	Rutgers
Tyrell Goodman (QB-DB)	6-2, 206	Archbishop Stepinac	Akron
Glenn Gronkowski (WR)	6-3, 195	Williamsville North	Kansas State
Terrell Hunt (QB)	6-3, 185	Christ the King	Syracuse
Josh Keyes (S)	5-2, 190	Chatham	Boston College
John Kling (OL, DL)	6-7, 287	Depew	Buffalo
Jeremiah Kobena (RB)	6-0, 180	Cardinal Hayes	Syracuse
Wilbert Lee (S)	6-2, 205	Boys & Girls	UConn
Joe Licata (QB)	6-3, 205	Williamsville South	Buffalo
Andrew Oberg (OL-DL)	6-7, 230	Islip	UNLV
Al Page (DT)	6-3, 290	Columbus	Rutgers
Brandon Reddish (WR)	5-11, 175	Fort Hamilton	Syracuse
Vinnie Rizzo (C)	6-3, 275	Manhasset	Akron
Nick Robinson (OL-DL)	6-6, 285	Baker	Syracuse
Donnie Simmons (TE-DE)	6-3, 230	Archbishop Stepinac	Syracuse
Ryan Sloan (OL)	6-3, 315	Bellport	Syracuse
Tyree Smallwood (RB, DB)	5-11, 170	Cornwall Central	Syracuse
Dale Stewart (QB-DB)	6-0, 185	Niagara Falls	Buffalo
Greg Thomson (TE)	6-3, 230	Syr. Christian Brothers	Tulane
Dominique Wharton (OL/DL)	6-3, 315	Beach Channel	Bowling Green
Ishaq Williams (DE/TE)	6-6, 230	Lincoln	Notre Dame

**Tyrell Goodman, Akron**



**Glenn Gronkowski, Kansas St.**



**Dale Stewart, Buffalo**



# Football is Flourishing in NY

THE  
**President's**  
MESSAGE  
By Joe Vito



This is my first opportunity to address the fine coaches of NY State. I am extremely honored and privileged to serve you all.

In order for me and the executive committee to represent you properly we need coaches on all levels to join and be part of the NYSHSFCFA. Our goal is to make this organization the largest coaches association in the country.

I'd be remiss if I didn't, on behalf of the NYSHSFCFA, thank Outgoing President Tom Heinzelman for his leadership and service for the last three years.

I had the opportunity to attend some of the NYS Championship games, the NYC Championship game and the LI Championships. I would like to report that football is flourishing in NY State.

It has been a busy off-season:

The NYSHSFCFA Coaches Clinic was a huge success. Almost 600 of your fellow coaches attended the clinic during the weekend of Feb 3-5 at the Turning Stone Resort in Verona. Clinic Director Mike Foster and his committee are to be commended for putting on this top-flight clinic.

The Empower Upstate/Downstate Football Classic team is in the process of being selected. Coaches Lou Dirienzo (Downstate) and Jack Burgos (Upstate) and their staffs are painstakingly reviewing video to put the best product on the field. George Mangicaro, Empower Federal Credit Union, and their committee are working behind the scenes to again make this a First Class event that showcases New York State football. The game is scheduled for June 5 at the Carrier Dome. Please make every effort to attend. If you have any players please contact your state representative.

I had the chance to see the Broadway show "Lombardi". (What other show would a coach go to?) It was an excellent depiction of the legendary coach. His message was simple. "Love your players."

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# Making His Points

## *Freeport Offense Explodes under Russ Cellan*

**By Chris Vaccaro**

Freeport used an offensive explosion to come back from an early deficit and beat William Floyd 62-35 to win the Long Island Class I championship.

Freeport quarterback Isaiah Barnes, accounted for a Long Island record seven TDs in the win.

The Red Devils have played in three straight Class I title games and won their fourth Long Island crown under head coach Russ Cellan.

"When the kids work real hard, good things happen," Cellan said. "It's really something to see. That's what it's all about."

In the last 24 years, Cellan has built his program into one of the most threatening offensive juggernauts Long Island football will ever see.

Cellan has also churned out high-quality players, including NFL players Morlon Greenwood, Clifton Smith and D'Brickashaw Ferguson.

He also coached Aaron Valentine, a former receiver at Purdue and Jerry Mackey, the nephew of NFL legend and Long Island native John Mackey, who was on the practice squads of Tampa Bay and the New York Jets.

"We were very fortunate," Cellan said. "We were lucky enough to have them in our district," Cellan said. "I think it was a coincidence that we took advantage of.

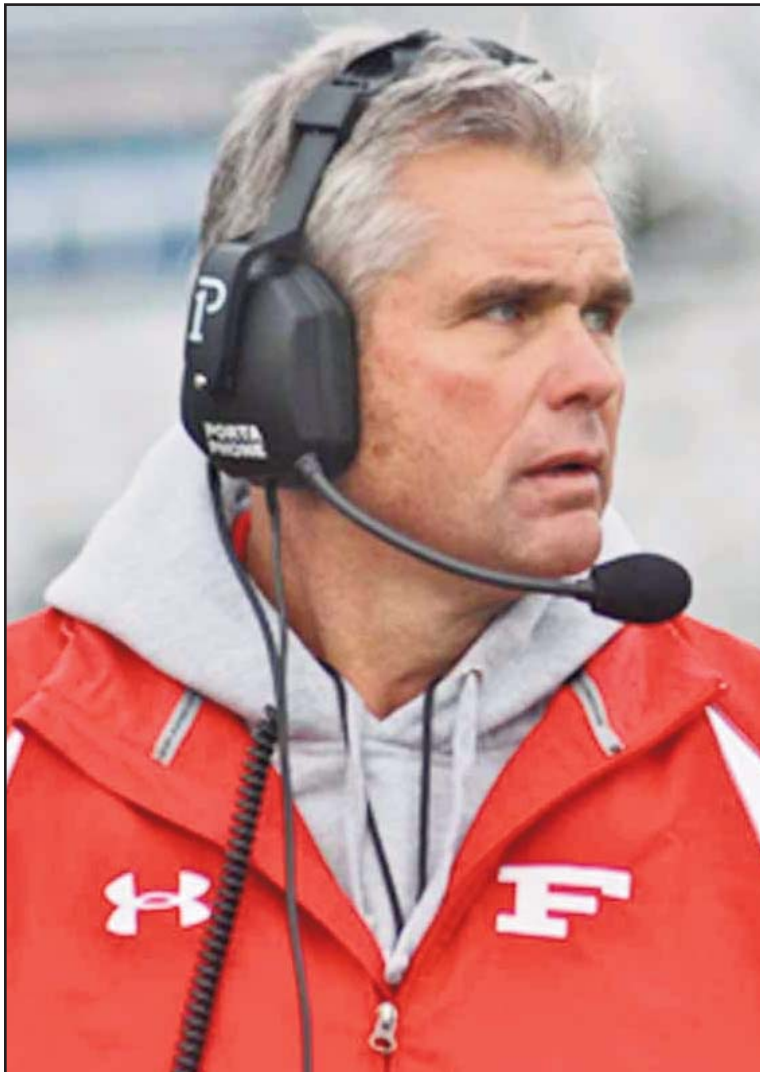


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**Freeport coach Russ Cellan led the Red Devils to the Long Island Class I championship. Cellan has a record of 178-80-2 and has won four Long Island titles.**

A kid can work hard and do all the lifting, but if he doesn't have the genetics, it's not going to happen."

Ferguson, who has played for the Jets for the past five seasons, spoke about Cellan in a recent article in New York Newsday.

"Russ is just a great coach," Ferguson said after the 2008 Class I Long Island title game. "Look around and see what he's done. Look at these guys and see how everyone is having a great time."

Cellan grew up in Lindenhurst and later played defensive line at C.W. Post.

Cellan started his coaching career as a wrestling coach at Island Trees High School under the legendary Ted Peterson, who ranks in the top 25 in state history with 325 career wins. Peterson would later become Cellan's father-in-law.

"I learned as much about coaching from him as anyone," Cellan

said. "He taught me how to work with kids and how to win."

Cellan left Island Trees to take a job at Levittown-Division, where he coached JV football under Joe Patrovich.

"I was exposed to a different style and another successful coach," he said.

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# Cellan continued from page 8

Cellan landed his first head coaching position at St. Dominic's High School in Oyster Bay, where he stayed for three seasons.

In 1986 he was hired as the head coach at Freeport and hasn't let up.

The offenses that Cellan has used at Freeport have evolved during his tenure at the school.

Cellan and his staff originally used the Wing T at Freeport but the Red Devils couldn't handle the powerhouse teams on Long Island. He admits his first 10 years at Freeport were grueling.

"We had our rough times," he said. "We took our lumps."

Cellan reassessed the Red Devils offensive approach and installed the Run-and-Shoot offense before the 1993 season.

"We knew we could block people by alignment," he said. "We wanted to do something that was unique. When teams practiced for us, they'd only be able practice for us and they couldn't simulate what we did."

Cellan switched to the Spread in 2001 after he saw Northwestern University use the offense on television.

"It was amazing what kind of run game they had," he said. "I couldn't believe it. These guys were in shotgun and running the hell out of the ball. I said, 'we have to find out more about this.'"

Since employing the Spread, Freeport has rewritten the record books. The 62-35 win in the title game was only the latest bomb dropped on opponents.

Cellan is now the all-time wins leader in Freeport history with a record of 178-80-2. He's made 17 playoff appearances, graduated 28 all-state players and won five Rutgers Cups as the top team in Nassau County.

As for the championships, Cellan said it never gets old.

"We want to get to that big game at the end," he said. "The feeling at the end makes it all worthwhile."



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**Freeport QB Isaiah set a Long Island record when he accounted for 7 TDs in the title game.**

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# Year of the QB

By Mark Adair

There is no doubt that 2010 will go down as the Year of the Quarterback in New York State.

Never have so many quarterbacks produced so much in the same season. Even solid seasons were overlooked because of the REALLY great years.

At the NYSHSFC A Awards Banquet three quarterbacks were named Players of the Year for their classes.

Rush-Henrietta quarterback Aston Broyld was named the Player of the Year in Class AA.

Williamsville South QB Joe Licata was named the Player of the Year in Class A.

Alden QB Tyler Stoldt was named the Player of the Year in Class B.

Both Syracuse and Buffalo, the state's two Division I-A college programs, landed in-state QBs on National Signing Day in February.

"You have two college coaching staffs that want to keep New York kids in New York," Williamsville South coach Kraig Kurzanski said. "I've talked to Coach Marrone and Coach Quinn and both of those guys want to make New York kids a priority. You see that in their recruiting classes."

Syracuse grabbed the top QB prospect in the state when they signed Broyld, who led Rush-Henrietta to a perfect 13-0 season and the NYS Class AA championship.

"Ashton Broyld was the best athlete and the fastest player in all 13 games this season," R-H coach Joe Montesano said. "Not only could he win a game for you with his arm but he could win a game with his legs, too."

Broyld is a 4-year varsity starter and leaves high school as the All-time passing leader in Section 5 with almost 7,000 passing yards. Broyld also tossed 69 TD passes,

2nd in Section 5 history behind the 72 TD passes thrown by Canandaigua quarterback Bill Scharr, who also went on to play at Syracuse.

"No question, Ashton is the best player I have ever coached," Montesano said. "He is the best pure athlete I have ever seen come out of this area."

Broyld also rushed for 1,600 yards and 24 TDs and averaged 9.8 yards per carry.

Montesano says that Broyld will have no trouble making the transition to Big East football.

"He'll have his work cut out for him but his athletic ability is as good as anyone there now," he said. "He's a great leader and a great competitor and he thrives on challenges. He won't be intimidated going into the next level."

Broyld is 6-foot-4 and 230 pounds. He runs the 40-yard dash in 4.5 seconds.

"He's also a good pocket quarterback," Montesano said, "and he has the shake of a tailback. I don't remember any high school kid doing what he can do on the field. He has size, strength and speed."

Licata also capped off a great career with a great senior season. He passed for 2,573 yards and 34 TDs in 2010 as he led the Billies to a 9-1 record and a spot in the Section 6 Class A title game.

In his three seasons leading the Williamsville South offense, Licata simply re-wrote the WNY record book. He owns almost every passing record and will graduate this spring as Western New York's most accomplished QB ever.

Licata set single-game, season and career records for  
*See Quarterbacks on page 11*



Photo by Tim Frank

**Williamsville South QB Joe Licata capped a solid career by being named the New York State Class A Player of the Year. Licata will play at the University at Buffalo in 2011.**

attempts, completions, yards and TDs. The only record he does not own is TD passes in a game (the record is 8, Licata's personal best is seven.)

Licata's career records for TDs (87), completions (408) and yardage (6,671) may stand for a while.

Kurzanski, his coach who convinced him to come out for football as a freshman, says that Licata could have posted even bigger numbers.

"We took Joe out when we were winning big," Kurzanski said. "If Joe would have played four quarters of every game, his numbers would have been off the charts."

While Kurzanski is sorry to see Licata leave his Williamsville South program, he is confident that Licata will be just as good when he plays for the University at Buffalo next season.

"Joe's been great," Kurzanski said. "He is as humble as he is good. He has a unique ability and I think he'll be even better with better athletes around him. I think he'll do great things for UB. That's why I'm so excited for him."

Kurzanski says that high school defenses were geared totally to stop Licata, something the QB will not face in college.

"Joe won't see the same coverages at UB that we saw at the high school level," Kurzanski said. "He'll see a lot more

one-on-one coverages and he'll be able to get the ball wherever he needs to. I think he'll do very well."

Stoldt, who led Alden to the Section 6 championship before losing to eventual state-champion Hornell, had a super season of his own.

Stoldt passed for 2,000 yards this past fall. He also threw 22 TD passes and just 3 INTs.

"I've been coaching for 36 years," Alden coach Dick Diminuco said, "and Tyler is one of the top kids I've ever had."

Stoldt led the Bulldogs to a 25-5 record over his three seasons as the starting QB.

"He's a great one," Diminuco said. "He's a great leader, a great competitor and a Scholar Athlete for Western New

York. He's just a great kid."

Stoldt signed a Letter of Intent to play Division II football at Edinboro University in northwestern Pennsylvania.

"I think he's going to do a great job there," Diminuco said. "He has a great work ethic and a great football IQ. They will feel good about him."

Another quarterback, Chad Kelly from Buffalo St. Joe's,

became the first player in New York State history to rush for 2,000 yards and pass for 2,000 yards in the same season. Kelly led St. Joe's to the Msgr. Martin Association title.

Kelly was also overlooked for many post-season honors because so many other QBs had huge seasons.

Kurzanski says that the reason so many quarterbacks are rising to the top is that the overall level of football in New York State is improving.

"The game is evolving," Kurzanski said. "New York is catching up to other states. We are starting to throw the ball a little more which is showcasing some of our talent. A lot of schools are starting to use the Spread offense and are letting our athletes play now. It's exciting football and kids want to play it."

Montesano agrees with Kurzanski.

"We were behind so many other states for a long time," Montesano

said. "Football used to end in November. Now, with the year-round passing leagues and the year-round conditioning, our kids are getting better. We are using more wide-open offenses and, because of that, you see a lot of coaches putting their most-talented kids at quarterback."

Montesano also points to the fact that New York State had 32 players sign Division I-A scholarships this past February... the most in several years.

"Football in the state is starting to expand," he said, "and the get kids are getting noticed. Over the years, a lot of our kids have been missed. That's changing. If you look at both Syracuse and Buffalo, they grabbed a lot of good kids from New York State."



Photo by Mark Adair

**Rush-Henrietta QB Ashton Broyld capped a solid career by being named the New York State Class AA Player of the Year. Broyld will play at Syracuse University in 2011.**

# NYS Scholar Athletes of the Year

- AA Eric Vasko..... Lockport (6)**  
**Joe Campion..... Jamestown (6)**
- A Simon Bialostok..... Lawrence (8)**
- B Brian Goodell..... Plattsburgh (7)**  
**Jake Stone..... Akron (6)**
- C Matt Benedict..... Nichols (6)**
- D Andrew Shein..... Dalton School (12)**

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|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| William Papadimas   | Seaford HS (8)                     |
| Drew Zahradka       | Carey HS (8)                       |
| TRyler Heuer        | Oceanside HS (8)                   |
| Chris Flynn         | Oceanside HS (8)                   |
| Brian Ellis         | Oceanside HS (8)                   |
| Gene Garay          | Oceanside HS (8)                   |
| Brandon Noblett     | East Meadow HS (8)                 |
| Chris Shevins       | Mephram HS (8)                     |
| Niv Sultan          | Hewlett HS (8)                     |
| Stephen Jahelka     | Garden City (8)                    |
| John Reicherter     | Wantagh HS (8)                     |
| Pete Swiggett       | Cold Spring Harbor HS (8)          |
| Colin Flaherty      | Eastport South Manor HS (11)       |
| Luke Combs          | Eastport South Manor HS (11)       |
| Alan Henderson      | Eastport South Manor HS (11)       |
| Ryan McCormick      | Eastport South Manor HS (11)       |
| Harry Kuchsrczyk    | Manhasset HS (8)                   |
| David Lulgjuraj     | Mount St. Michael Academy (12)     |
| Gino Nadela         | Brooklyn Technical HS (12)         |
| Eric Tyra           | Jamestown HS (6)                   |
| Jordan Frysinger    | Corning East HS (4)                |
| Nikhon Schuler      | Niskayuna HS (2)                   |
| Kyle Willmott       | Saratoga Springs HS (2)            |
| Josh Skowronski     | Monroe-Woodbury HS (9)             |
| Chris Warren        | Suffern HS (1)                     |
| Alec Brodsky        | Suffern HS (1)                     |
| Eric Hammershlag    | Suffern HS (1)                     |
| Kyle Eastwood       | Suffern HS (1)                     |
| Thomas DiCarlo      | Eastchester HS (1)                 |
| Chris Bostick       | Aquinas Institute (5)              |
| Joe Manzione        | North Shore HS (8)                 |
| Dan Agovino         | North Shore HS (8)                 |
| Alec Volpe          | North Shore HS (8)                 |
| Steven Ragusa       | North Shore HS (8)                 |
| Jordan Shay         | Elmira Southside HS (4)            |
| Tyler Augliano      | Watertown HS (3)                   |
| David Curtis        | Attica HS (5)                      |
| Robert Porco        | Southampton HS (11)                |
| Stephen Loudon      | Babylon HS (11)                    |
| Eli Ebanks          | Newark HS (5)                      |
| Zachary Catz        | Hampton Bays HS (11)               |
| Dylan Flynn         | Hampton Bays HS (11)               |
| Jake Pickett        | Owego Academy (4)                  |
| Chris McKay         | Cohoes HS (2)                      |
| Scott Knaak         | Albion HS (6)                      |
| Jason Forshee       | Springville Griffith Institute (6) |
| Grant Jones         | Canojoharie HS (2)                 |
| Peter DiMilla       | Tri-Valley CS (9)                  |
| Matt Cronmiller     | St. Mary's HS (6)                  |
| Jacob DuBois        | Chenango Forks HS (4)              |
| Scott McMorris      | Wellsville HS (6)                  |
| Alejandro Cazzulino | Dalton School (12)                 |
| Trevor Haut         | Caledonia-Mumford HS (5)           |
| Kyle Fenton         | Clyde-Savannah CS (5)              |

## Class AA - Eric Vasko



## Class A - Samson Bialostok

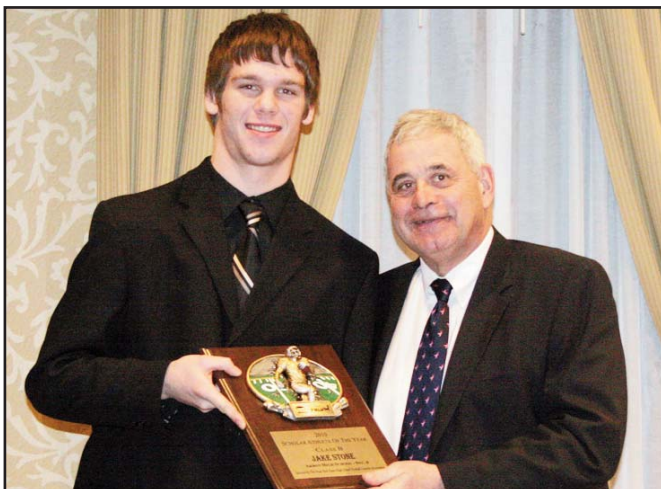


## Class B - Brian Goodell

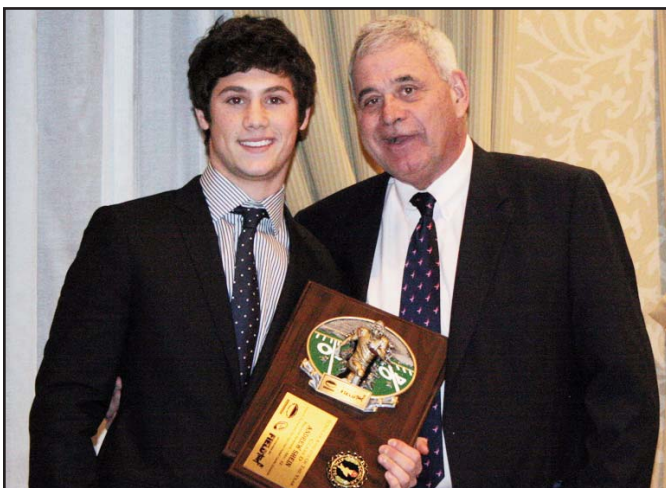


# NYS Scholar Athletes

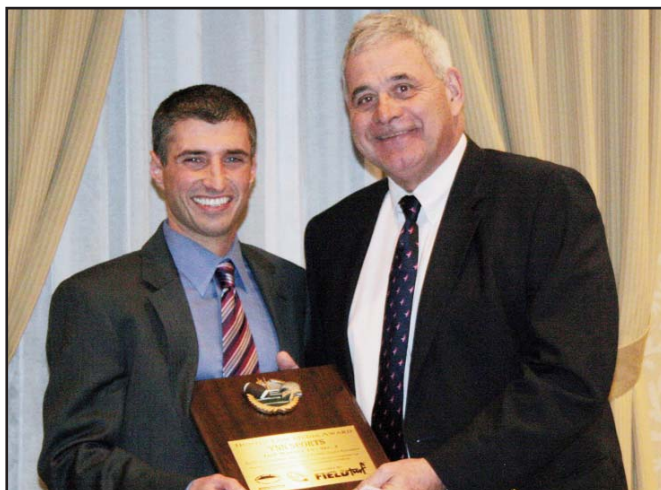
**Class B - Jake Stone**



**Class D - Andrew Shein**



**Media Award - Joe Calderone**



## 2011 NYSHSFC Combines

*Open to all football players in grades 9-11*

**5 Combines on May 1, 2011**

### **Long Island**

**at Half Hollow Hills West HS**

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# Players of the Year



## Class AA

Ashton Broyld - Rush-Henrietta (5)  
Ishaq Williams - Lincoln HS (12)

## Class A

Derelle Hunter - St. John Baptist (11)  
Joe Licata - Williamsville South HS (6)  
Mike Messina - Aquinas (5)

## Class B

Sam Stonerock - Hornell HS (5)  
Tyler Stoldt - Alden (6)

## Class C

Dillon Mitchell - Bronxville (1)  
Josh Keyes - Chatham HS (2)

## Class D

Jarret Sommer - Tuckahoe (1)



Hunter



Messina



Stoldt

# Coaches of the Year

## Class AA

Joe Montesano - Rush-Henrietta (5)

## Class A

Chris Battaglia - Aquinas (5)

## Class B

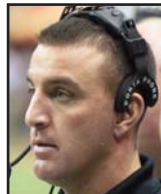
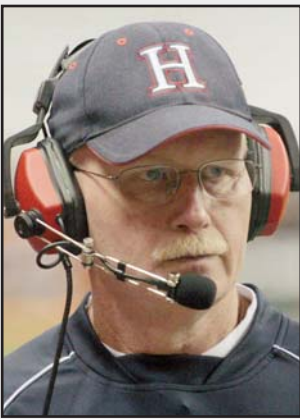
Gene Mastin - Hornell HS  
Dave Shanahan - Elwood John Glen (11)

## Class C

Jeff Napolitano - Bronxville (1)

## Class D

John D'Arco - Tuckahoe (1)



Montesano



Shanahan



Napolitano



D'Arco

## 12th Man Award

Brian McPartland, Brewster (1) • Tyree Webster, Central Islip (11)

## Hunter Low Media Award

Joe Calderone, Time Warner TV (2)

## Skip Paridon Service Award

Frank Luisi, President of NCHSFCA (8)

# Webster named 12th Man

## *Senior overcomes blindness, stars for Central Islip*

**By Mark Adair**

Tyree Webster was one of two players named a recipient of the NYS 12th Man Award by the NYSHSFC-A in February.

Webster played four years of football for Central Islip (Section 11) on Long Island, despite the fact he is blind in his right eye.

Webster overcame blindness in his eye that was brought on by glaucoma when he was an infant.

"When he was a couple of months old, his parents noticed some swelling in his eye," Taormina said. "They went to specialists all over the country. There was nothing they could do."

Webster underwent several operations by the time he was 5 years old.

"They were just trying to take care of his other eye," Taormina said. With just one good eye, you really need to take care of that one."

Webster did hang around the football varsity team as much as possible.

"He was our water boy in the 8th grade,"

Central Islip coach Joe Taormini said. "His older brother played football but Tyree was playing tennis."

Tyree's older brother, Aaron Whyte, was a captain on the varsity.

"Aaron was a good ball player for us," Taormini said. "He was a team leader, too."

Taormini, who has been the head coach at Central Islip for 6 seasons, tried to convince Tyree to come out for football, too.

"He was kind of a goofy, fun-loving kid but he had size," Taormini said. "He finally came out for football in

the 9th grade."

Webster was named a team captain for his senior season.

"He set a great example for the other kids," Taormini said. "Tyree was always in the weight room lifting during the off-season.

He's just a real role model for the other players. A great kid to have on the team."

Webster started at offensive and defensive tackle for the past two seasons. His senior season ended in disappointment as the Musketeers finished 3-5 and out of the Long Island playoffs.

"Tyree hurt his knee and missed a game," Taormini said. "He hurt his knee and ankle and missed the seventh game of the season. We missed him. He came back for Game 8 but we had already been eliminated."

Webster was a total team player, according to Taormini.

"He had this handicap but never talked about it," Taormini said.

"He never used it as an excuse to not perform at a high-level. He never complained once about how hard we worked him or how hard we pushed him."

Webster was named an all-Division player for Central Islip. He also maintains an academic average in the high 80s.

"He is a Happy-Go-Lucky kid and the perfect teammate," Taormini said. "He has great character. He threw the shot for the track team. He really bought into what we were teaching and he would run through a wall for us."



Photo by Mark Adair

**Senior Tyree Webster was named the NYSHSFC-A 12th Man at the recent awards banquet. Webster overcame blindness in his right eye caused by glaucoma.**

**NYSHSFCA**  
**Upstate vs. Downstate Senior Classic**  
**Player Nomination Form 2011**

Player's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Player's email: \_\_\_\_\_ Player's cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions: Offense \_\_\_\_\_ Defense \_\_\_\_\_ Specials \_\_\_\_\_

Best position: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach's phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's email: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach's cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player information:**

Has he been offered a scholarship? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, list schools:

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If no, list schools that have expressed an interest:

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List below any additional information that the selection committee should be aware of including non-qualifier status, state or local awards and special circumstances:

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**Guidelines:**

***Nomination form for Graduating Class of 2011 Senior football players to be returned to Sectional Football Coaches Association representative or mailed or faxed to the following address no later than February 8, 2011:***

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# Improving The Classic

THE  
**EXTRA**  
P O I N T  
By Mark Adair



Despite the winter weather, springtime is here. That means one thing... Spring football.

Now, New York State is not allowed to play Spring football like they do in Texas. But we do have plenty of football related activities to help our players get ready for the coming season.

Most teams have been at work in the weight room for two months now. There are also non-contact passing leagues, and "Uppers" team camps all over the state.

The NYSHSFC A Combines will be held May 1st at five locations across the state.

The NYSHSFC A is also getting ready to host the 2nd Upstate-Downstate All-Star Classic. (The form to nominate your seniors for the game is on the previous page of this issue.)

It is my hope that every one of the 32 kids that signed Division I-A scholarship offers will opt to play in the game. We have some prime-time players in New York State and I hope they can be showcased for one last high school game.

Last year, for the Classic, everything surrounding the game was exciting. The combines, the sponsor, everything was new.

Unfortunately, the game was a bit of a blowout. Downstate bolted out to a 19-0 lead and eventually pulled away for a 36-7 win.

One reason that led to the blowout was the mistake that the game's organizers made in determining the teams. It was a mistake that no one saw at the time.

With 12 sections in New York State, organizers split

the Upstate and Downstate squads six sections each. And that was the mistake.

Section 9 and Section 1 were added to the Downstate team... because of geography. They are the two sections that are closest to New York City and it gave each coaching staff six sections to choose players from.

In looking at the population of the state, New York City and Long Island have about 11 million people living in those areas. "Upstate" New York (meaning everyone north of the Tappan Zee Bridge) has a population of about 8 million people.

Putting Section 9 and Section 1 onto the Downstate team was supposed to make things "even"... with six sections per side.

It actually had the opposite effect. It turned a small population advantage into a huge population advantage for the Downstate team. Instead of making things "even", it made the game even more lopsided.

Several of the best Downstate players in the blowout were from Rye High and Monroe-Woodbury, two traditional powers from Upstate New York. In fact, Monroe-Woodbury quarterback Dan Scalo was named the Player of the Game.

Mon-Wood and Rye play in the NYSPHSAA playoffs - which Downstaters don't participate in. Both programs have made numerous trips to the Carrier Dome for the NYS Championships in recent years.

Westchester County is one of the most populated areas in Upstate New York.

I'll admit, I never even thought of this myself... until the teams stepped onto the field.

At that moment it was readily apparent that the Downstate team was bigger, faster and stronger... and had a lot more of them!

The game was as one-sided as you might expect.

In order to facilitate a more even contest, All-Star Classic organizers should put Sections 9 and 1 back where they belong... on the Upstate team.



Photo by Mark Adair

**Monroe-Woodbury QB Dan Scalo was named the Player of the Game as he led the Downstate team to a 36-7 win in the Classic in 2010.**