

2000 Marist

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Marist Quick Facts

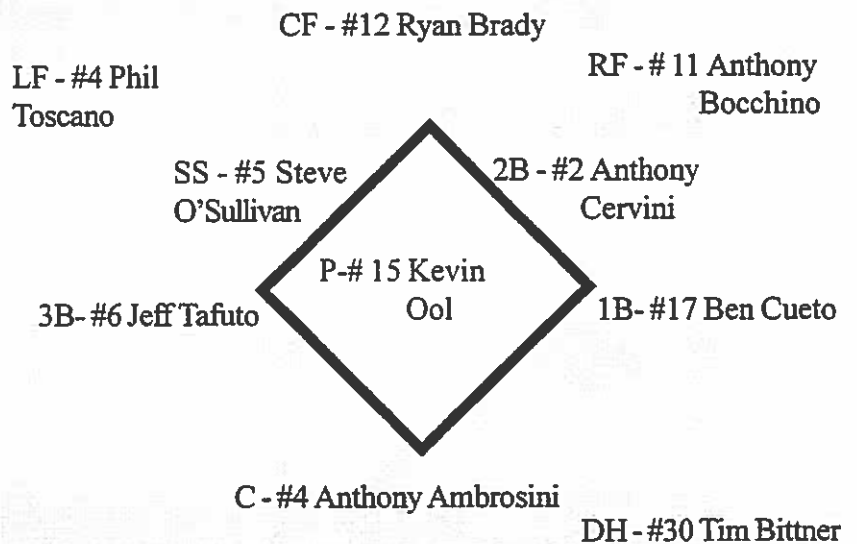
The School:

Name: Marist College
Location: Poughkeepsie, NY
Founded: 1929
Enrollment: 3,300
Nickname: Red Foxes
Colors: Red and White
Home Field: McCann Field
Surface: Natural Grass
President: Dr. Dennis Murray
Vice President/
Student Activities: Gerard Cox
Director of Athletics: Tim Murray
Asst. AD/SWA: Chandra Bierwirth
Asst. AD/External: Sean Morrison
Asst. AD/Internal: Darren McCormack
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Athletics Web Site: www.marist.edu/athletics
Hotline: 914/575-3699 ext: 5

The Coaches:

Head Coach: John Szeffc
 (Drexel, '88)
Career Record: 137-100-2/5 years
Record at Marist: 137-100-2/5 years
Assistant Coaches: Mark Barron
 Jim Tyrrell

Probable Red Fox Starting Line-Up:



About the Red Foxes:

The Marist College baseball team will be making its second appearance in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament as they take on the Pirates of East Carolina University in Lafayette, Louisiana. The Red Foxes earned the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference's (MAAC) automatic bid as Marist overcame a 5-0 deficit to defeat the Fairfield University Stags 11-8 to capture the MAAC Title. The Red Foxes made their last appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 1997 when they qualified by defeating current MAAC opponent Siena, sweeping the first two games of a three game series, in the Northeast Conference/MAAC NCAA play-in series. Marist battled the fourth-ranked Florida State Seminoles in the East Regional in Tallahassee, FL, but were defeated 4-2 in its inaugural NCAA Tournament appearance. The Red Foxes were later eliminated by Western Carolina, 8-3. The 2000 squad is led by sophomore All-MAAC selection Anthony Bocchino who leads the team with a .400 batting average, 84 hits, five triples, 57 RBI's, 119 total bases, and a .567 slugging percentage. On the mound, the Red Foxes are led by MAAC Tournament MVP Kevin Ool, who owns a 6-4 record and 1.90 ERA. The rookie left-hander leads the pitching staff with 29 appearance, 75.2 innings tossed, three complete games and 59 strikeouts. He also leads Marist in the relief department having recorded five saves on the year.



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2000 Results

(32-17-2, 16-11 MAAC)

Home: 12-8-1 Away: 13-8-1

Neutral: 7-1

3-3	at Towson	W, 2-0
3-4	at Maryland	L, 3-4
3-5	at Drexel (2)	W, 8-6
		W, 6-3
3-10	vs. Mt. St. Mary's (MD)#	W, 17-5
3-11	vs. Bucknell#	L, 2-14
3-12	vs. Lafayette#	W, 18-11
3-13	vs. Illinois State#	W, 18-8
3-14	vs. Indiana#	W, 8-5
3-15	vs. Quinnipiac#	W, 14-3
3-19	at Fairfield*	W, 5-1
3-20	at Fairfield* (DH)	W, 6-5
		W, 18-4
3-21	PACE	L, 2-4
3-22	SACRED HEART	W, 13-5
3-23	at Hofstra	T, 8-8 (7)
3-25	at Rider* (2)	W, 4-3
		W, 4-0
3-26	at Rider*	L, 2-3
3-28	C. CONNECTICUT	T, 4-4 (10)
3-29	at Yale	L, 4-15
4-1	ST. PETER'S* (2)	L, 3-8
		L, 5-8
4-2	ST. PETER'S*	W, 17-3
4-5	at Hartford	W, 11-5
4-6	at Army	W, 7-4
4-8	CANISIUS* (2)	W, 9-1
		W, 4-2

Better Late than Never:

After three consecutive days of rain, the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championships at Dutchess Stadium (home of the NY-Penn League's Hudson Valley Renegades, and farm club of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays) in Fishkill, NY finally got underway on Sunday, May 21st. The first pitch of the championship game between Marist and Fairfield University was not thrown until 7:03 p.m. By the time rightfielder Anthony Bocchino caught the final out, the Red Foxes captured the last pre-NCAA Tournament win of the 2000.

Rookie Wreaking Havoc:

Freshman left-hander Kevin Ool has wasted no time adjusting to collegiate ball. Ool has five straight victories and .579 ERA over his last ten appearances on the mound. The rookie pitched his third complete game and first collegiate shutout in the Red Foxes' 2-0 MAAC Championship semi-final win over Iona College, en route to being named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Ool currently posts a 6-4 record in a team-leading 29 appearances with a 1.90 earned run average. He also leads the Red Foxes in innings pitched (75.2), saves (5), and strikeouts (59).

Ambrosini Continues to Hit:

Senior catcher Anthony Ambrosini has safely hit in the Red Foxes last 14 outings. Ambrosini is currently hitting .308 and has hit over .300 in the last seven games. He leads Marist with six home runs on the year and is second on the team in RBI's (60), total bases (100), and slugging percentage (.518). Junior Ryan Brady holds the season record, hitting in 21 consecutive games.

4-10	CANISIUS*	L, 4-7
4-12	LEHIGH	L, 3-5
4-15	at Le Moyne* (2)	L, 4-5
		L, 8-9
4-16	at Le Moyne*	L, 2-3
4-19	LAFAYETTE	W, 10-3
4-20	PACE	L, 3-4 (10)
4-24	IONA* (2)	L, 5-6 (10)
		W, 6-5 (8)
4-25	IONA*	L, 4-7
4-26	at Wagner	W, 15-5
4-29	MANHATTAN* (2)	W, 13-12
		W, 7-0
4-30	MANHATTAN*	W, 10-6
5-1	Fordham	W, 13-4
5-6	SIENA* (2)	W, 7-1
		W, 12-8
5-7	SIENA*	L, 3-4
5-13	at Niagara* (2)	W, 11-4
		W, 13-2
5-14	at Niagara*	L, 13-17
5-21	vs. Iona &	W, 2-0
5-21	vs. Fairfield&	W, 11-5

* MAAC Conference Game

Homestead Challenge
& MAAC Championships



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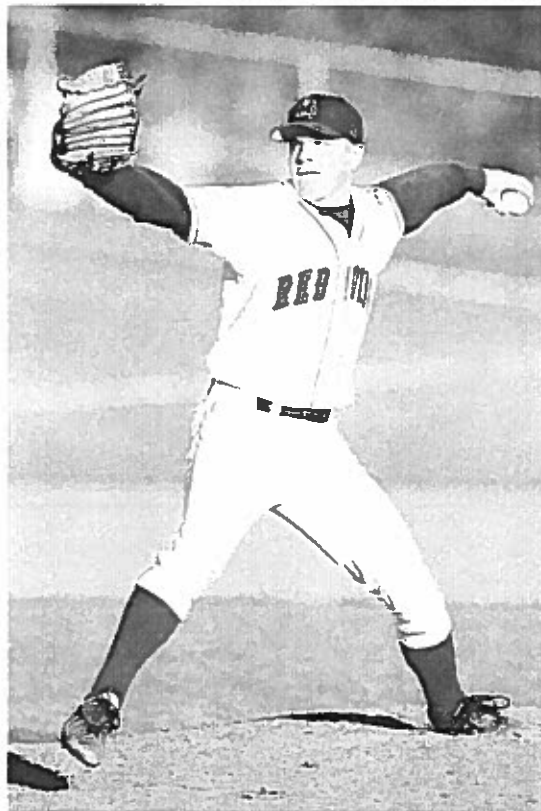
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MAAC Pitcher of the Week - May 1st

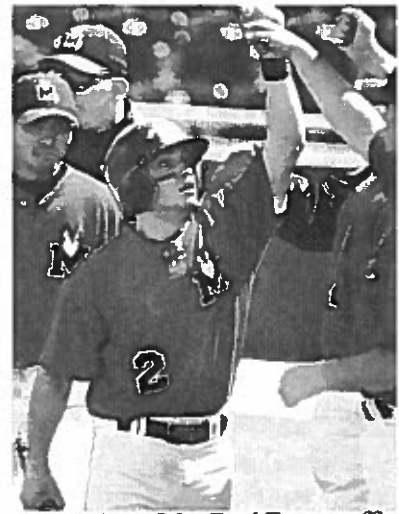
KEVIN OOL
 Freshman, LHP, 5-11, 160
 Middletown, NY/Middletown

Ool, a lefty, had a significant impact in three out of Marist's four wins this week, posting two wins and a save out of the bullpen. He pitched 3.2 innings of scoreless relief, while striking out four, to earn a win during the sweep of Manhattan. Prior to that, he pitched a hitless ninth inning to save a 13-12 win for the Red Foxes. Ool also won in relief against Wagner. On the week he struck out 10 in 7.2 innings of work to go along with a 1.17 ERA.



Cervini Honored:

Senior Anthony Cervini was named the Marist College Male Athlete of the Year at the school's annual senior awards banquet on May 2nd. Cervini has co-captained the Red Fox baseball team for the past three seasons and has served as Marist's leadoff hitter since his rookie season in 1997. A two-time All-MAAC selection and a member the 1997 NCAA



Tournament team, Cervini holds a majority of the Red Foxes offensive career records, including hits (242), runs (197), at-bats (737), and total bases (340). Cervini eclipses former Marist All-America selection and current assistant coach Mark Barron as the Red Foxes most prolific hitter. Last season, the Pleasantville, NY native led the conference in hits and runs, was second in total bases with 104, and finished sixth in batting average (.362).

Coach's Records Fall:

Assistant coach Mark Barron, a former Red Fox standout from 1993-1997 has helped two Red Foxes surpass team records he set back during his playing days. It was no April Fool's joke when Barron's old career hit record was broken by Anthony Cervini's 213th career hit with a single to shallow center field on April 1st. Cervini later broke Barron's career total bases mark as he touched his 125th bag. Anthony Bocchino broke Barron's single season hit mark with his 75th hit of the 2000 season. Bocchino currently has 84 hits this season

Above .300

Seven of the eight players who regularly are on the Marist line-up card are batting over .300. Anthony Bocchino leads the team with a .400 batting average, having hit over .400 23 times this season. As a team, Marist is currently batting .308 on the year. The starting line-up for the weekend's action is 1,437-for-461 for a .321 batting average.



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All-Tournament Team:

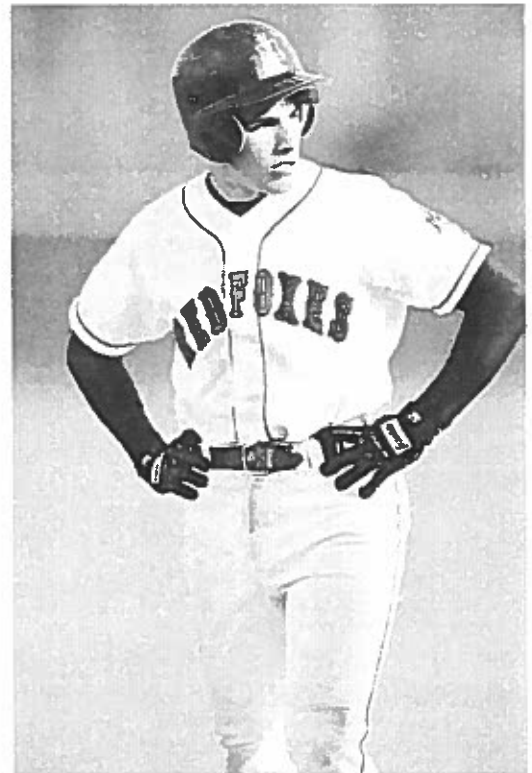
Six members of the Red Foxes' 2000 MAAC Championship team were named to the All-Tournament team. Pitcher Kevin Ool was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player as he hurled a shutout against the top seeded Iona Gaels. The rookie allowed just five hits in nine innings of work, striking out six Gaels. All three outfielders (Phil Toscano, Ryan Brady, and Anthony Bocchino) earned tournament team honors. All three hit .500 (4-for-8) combining for five runs and six runs batted in. Catcher Anthony Ambrosini earned honors for his work behind and at the plate. He batted .375 over the two games with 10 putouts. Sophomore Tim Bittner, the designated hitter, also was honored as he hit .429 with three runs and two doubles.



MAAC Player of the Week - May 15th

ANTHONY BOCCHINO
Sophomore, OF, 5-10
Brooklyn, NY/Xaverian

Bocchino batted .462 (6-for-13) and helped Marist take two out of three games at Niagara which clinched the Red Foxes a spot in the MAAC Baseball Tournament this weekend. The sophomore knocked in six RBI's and hit one double in each of the Red Foxes' games. He batted .500 in the final two games of the regular season. He also stole two bases and failed to strike out on the week. On the season, Bocchino is batting .396 with a team-leading 55 RBI's.



All-MAAC Honoree:

Anthony Bocchino was named to the 2000 All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Team. The sophomore rightfielder led the conference at the end of the regular season with a .396 batting average, 80 hits, and 55 RBI's.

The Starting Line-Up:

The Red Foxes have used the same starting four at the plate for all 51 games this season. Anthony Cervini continues to lead off for Marist, a spot which he has held since his rookie campaign back in 1997. Centerfielder Ryan Brady continues to hit well in the number two spot. Brady holds a .362 batting average, the second best average on the team, while leading team walks (41) and on base percentage (.475). Sophomore Anthony Bocchino leads the team with a .400 batting average, 210 at bats, 84 hits, five triples, and 114 total bases, batting third in the Marist line-up. Batting clean-up. Anthony Ambrosini is in the midst of a 14 game hitting streak, batting .311 on the season. Together these four have combined for 189 runs scored, 282 hits, 65 doubles, nine triples, 12 home runs, and 183 runs batted in.



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Category Leader Leaders

Batting Average:	
Anthony Bocchino.....	.400
Slugging Percentage:	
Anthony Bocchino.....	.567
Runs Scored:	
Ryan Brady.....	56
Hits:	
Anthony Bocchino.....	84
Doubles:	
Anthony Ambrosini.....	20
Triples:	
Anthony Bocchino.....	5
Total Bases:	
Anthony Bocchino.....	119
Walks:	
Ryan Brady.....	41
Sac Bunts:	
Anthony Cervini.....	8
Sac Flies:	
Anthony Ambrosini.....	8
Steal Attempts:	
Anthony Bocchino.....	15
At Bats:	
Anthony Cervini.....	220
Earned Run Average:	
Kevin Ool.....	1.90
Wins:	
Kevin Ool.....	6
Ken Catino.....	6
Opposing Batting Average:	
Kevin Ool.....	.221
Innings Pitched:	
Ken Catino.....	77.2
Batters Struck Out:	
Kevin Ool.....	53
Games Started:	
Ken Catino.....	15
Games Finished:	
Kevin Ool.....	16

Foxes Love It Neutral:

The Red Fox are 7-1 at neutral sites. The lone setback was against Bucknell (14-2) at the Homestead Challenge in Florida back on March 11th. Marist was 5-1 in at the Homestead Challenge and 2-0 at Dutchess Stadium during the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championships.

The Three Anthony's:

Rightfielder Anthony Bocchino, catcher Anthony Ambrosini, and second baseman Anthony Cervini are batting a combined .338 (623-for-211) and have collected 660 putouts. All three New York residents have played in and started all 51 games this season.

The Man Behind the Iron Mask:

Anthony Ambrosini has caught 431 of 435 innings played this season. The senior leads Marist with 304 putouts and is fourth on the squad in assists with 54. Ambrosini has caught 35 of 51 opponents attempting to steal a base.

Homestead Challenge:

After opening the season 2-1, the Red Foxes traveled to Florida for the Homestead Challenge facing a tough tournament schedule which included Missouri Valley Conference member, Illinois State, and BIG 10 Conference member, Indiana. Marist returned home with a 5-1 record which included impressive victories over Mount Saint Mary's (17-5), Lafayette (18-11), and Quinnipiac (14-3). The Red Foxes' lone loss was against Bucknell, a 14-2 setback.

Back to the Tourney:

Five seniors were members of the 1997 NCAA Tournament. Anthony Cervini, Phil Toscano, Vin Roma, Andrew Lobb, and Jeff Tafuto were freshman back in 1997 when the Marist reached its first-ever NCAA Tournament. Toscano recorded Marist's first hit in the national tournament with a double off the right-centerfield wall. He also scored the Red Foxes' first-ever run in NCAA Tournament play.



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Head Coach John Szefc:

John Szefc is in his fifth season as head coach of the Marist baseball program. A 1989 graduate of Drexel University, Szefc came to Marist after spending one season (1995) as an assistant at Sacred Heart University (CT), and five years as an assistant at Drexel from 1990 to 1994.

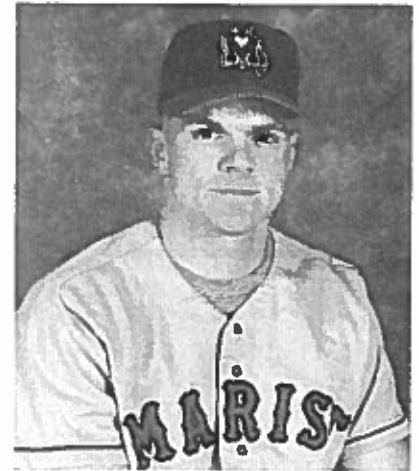
Prior to the 2000 season the native Middletown, New Yorker, has guided the Red Foxes to the 10th winningest overall record among Division I northeast baseball programs over the last three years with an 89-59 record (.601 percentage). During that three-year span, the Red Foxes have a 46-27 conference mark (.630 percentage) and have won a minimum of 27 games per season, including 32 wins in 1997 and 30 in 1998.

An avid recruiter, Szefc was named 1997 Northeast Conference Coach-of-the-Year after leading Marist to a program best 32-19 overall record and a 14-7 conference mark, capturing both the NEC regular season and tournament titles. The Red Foxes went 4-1 in the tournament, sweeping Fairleigh Dickinson University in a double header on the final day. Marist then went on to sweep Siena in the NCAA Play-In series and received their first-ever berth in the NCAA Tournament. Participating in the East Regional in Tallahassee, FL, the Red Foxes were defeated by the J.D. Drew-led Florida State Seminoles, 4-2, and Western Carolina, 8-3.

During his four short years in Poughkeepsie, Szefc has helped produce five professional baseball players. Following the 1999 season, junior right-handed pitcher Kevin Olore was drafted in the 20th round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Seattle Mariners and signed. Following the Red Foxes NCAA Tournament appearance in 1997, seniors George Santiago (New York Mets, 32nd round) and Mike Speckhardt (St. Louis Cardinals, 34th round) both signed professional contracts. Two other Red Foxes signed independent league contracts following their college careers. Two time All-American Mark Barron signed with the Sioux City (IA) Explorers in 1997, and Doug Connolly signed with the Evansville (IN) Otters in 1999.

Szefc, who holds a 137-100-2 record at Marist heading into this weekends NCAA Tournament, also managed the New York Generals in the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League (ACBL) during the summers of 1995 and 1996. A player for the Generals in 1988, Szefc guided the club to a 47-28 record in two seasons, two consecutive Kaiser Division Championships and the ACBL championship game in 1996. During those two seasons, Szefc's Generals produced eleven professional players including Matt Morris, who was the 1997 National League Rookie-of-the-Year runner-up for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Szefc played his first two years of college baseball at the University of Connecticut before transferring to Drexel University in 1987. During his senior campaign he was an All-East Coast Conference outfielder.





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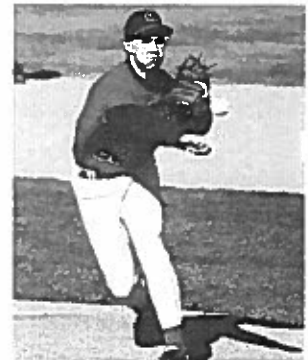
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Assistant Coach - Mark Barron:

Mark Barron, a 1997 graduate of Marist with a degree in Business Administration, returns for his third season on the Red Fox staff.

A major contributor to the success of the 1997 season, Barron was a four-year member of the team both as a pitcher and position player. A medical redshirt for the 1996 season, Barron was the first-ever two-time Northeast Conference Player-of-the-Year recipient in 1995 and 1997. A third-team All-America selection, Barron was also named to the All-Conference team as a pitcher and first baseman in 1997, leading the nation in ERA (1.95) for four consecutive weeks while compiling a NEC best 7-2 record on the mound. In 1995, Barron was named a second-team All-America selection and NEC Co-Pitcher-of-the-Year. He led the nation in hitting for eight straight weeks and finished the season with a .442 BA, ranking him seventh in the country.

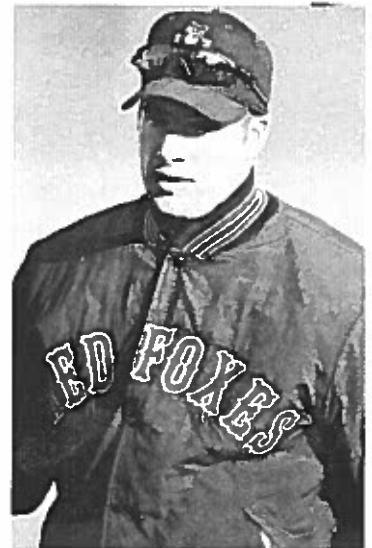


Barron signed a pro contract as a pitcher with the Sioux City Explorers of the Independent Northern League after graduating in 1997. He also played for one year in the Independent Northeast League for the Catskill Cougars.

Assistant Coach/Pitching Coach - Jim Tyrrell:

A 1990 graduate of Spackenkill High School in Poughkeepsie, Jim Tyrrell is in his first season as the Red Fox Pitching coach. Tyrrell played his college baseball at Old Dominion University, where he went 4-0 as a freshman. After spending his sophomore season at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, The Boston Red Sox made him their 13th pick in the free-agent draft in June of 1992.

In six years with the Red Sox, his best year was in 1994 where he finished tied for fourth in the New York-Penn League with 20 games finished. In 1994, Tyrrell also led the team in saves (7), games (27), and batting average allowed (.182). A year later he was tied for third in the league in saves and was averaging 13.32 strikeouts per nine innings before a shoulder injury shortened his career.



After two shoulder surgeries, Tyrrell pitched one year for the Newburgh Black Diamonds, an Independent League team in the Atlantic League.

Tyrrell spent last summer in Virginia as the pitching coach for the Waynesboro Generals in the highly respected Valley League.

2000 MARIST BASEBALL ROSTER

Pitchers

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>B/T</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
32	Bechtel, Chuck	So.	R/R	6-4	205	Royersford, PA (Springford)
34	Catino, Ken	So.	R/R	6-1	185	Milford, CT (Foran)
28	Coughlin, Brian	Jr.	R/R	6-2	195	Wingdale, NY (Dover)
42	Doran, Jeremy	So.	R/R	6-0	200	Huntington, NY(St. Anthony)
25	Kondratowicz, Ryan	Fr.	R/R	6-6	225	Ft.Lauderdale, FL(Ft.Lauderdale)
37	Lobb, Andrew	Sr.	L/L	6-2	190	Greenville, NY(Lasalle Inst)
18	Norton, Mark	So.	R/R	6-0	190	Cornwall, NY (Cornwall)
15	Ool, Kevin	Fr.	L/L	5-11	160	Middletown, NY(Middletown)
16	Perrucci, Kevin	So.	R/R	6-5	220	Levittown, NY(Holy Trinity)
33	Reyes, Albert	Fr.	R/R	6-5	230	Brooklyn, NY (Berkely)
41	Roma, Vin	Sr.	R/R	6-3	190	Staten Island, NY(Susan Wagner)
20	Rossetti, P.J.	So.	L/L	5-10	175	Brooklyn, NY (Xaverian)

Catchers

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>B/T</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
4	Ambrosini, Anthony	Sr.	R/R	5-10	185	Ronkonkm, NY(Connetquot)
17	Cueto, Ben	So.	B/R	6-2	190	Guttenburg, NJ (St. Peter's)
29	Newton, Brad	Fr.	R/R	6-0	215	Bellport, NY (Bellport)

Infielders

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>B/T</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
11	Bocchino, Anthony	So.	L/L	5-10	180	Brooklyn, NY (Xaverian)
9	May, Jeff	Fr.	R/R	5-10	175	Bayport, NY (Bayport)
5	O'Sullivan, Steve	So.	R/R	5-11	175	Bronx, NY (Fordham Prep)
6	Tafuto, Jeff	Sr.	R/R	6-1	175	Prospect, CT (Holy Cross)
26	Willis, Jimmy	So.	R/R	6-2	205	Ft. Montgomery, NY(ONeill)

Outfielders

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>B/T</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
30	Bittner, Tim	So.	L/L	6-2	205	Wilmington, DE (Salesian)
12	Brady, Ryan	Jr.	L/L	5-9	170	Mahopac, NY (Mahopac)
2	Cervini, Anthony	Sr.	R/R	5-7	175	Pleasantville, NY (Plesntvll)
23	Collicho, Jason	Fr.	R/R	6-2	180	Fresh Meadows, NY(St. Frn)
1	Randell, Derek	Fr.	L/L	5-9	165	Massapeqqa, NY (Massapeqqa)
3	Toscano, Philip	Sr.	L/L	5-10	175	Carmel, NY (Carmel)

Head Coach: 14 John Szefc (Fifth season)

Assistant Coaches: 22 Mark Barron, 24 Jim Tyrrell

Captains

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4 Anthony Ambrosini

SR.... 5-8...185...C...Connetquot/Ronkonkoma, NY

Selected by teammates as a captain this season...Marist's iron-man behind the plate having caught 431.2 of 435.2 innings this season...Earned MAAC All-Tournament honors...Has hit safely in the last 14 games heading into the NCAA Tournament and 19 of the last 20 games...Ranked tied for 5th on the team with a .311 batting average and third on the team with a .518 slugging percentage...Leads the team in extra base hits with 27...Ranks second on the team in RBI's with 53 and third on the team in hits with 60...Recorded four RBI's in a game twice this season...An All-MAAC selection in 1999...A pre-season All-MAAC selection this season by *Baseball America*... Returns as the Red Foxes top receiver...Along with Ben Cueto, should be a key to club's success in handling a very young pitching staff...In second year at Marist after transferring from Suffolk Community College...Hit in the middle of the Red Fox line-up in 1999 and posted a .305 batting average with 36 hits, 23 RBIs and a .441 slugging percentage...Only had 118 at bats due to a mid-season hamstring pull...A psychology major.

YEAR	AVE.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SF	SB-ATT	PO	A	E
1999	.305	36-35	118	24	36	7	3	1	23	52	.441	9	6	17	.381	1	4-4	210	28	7

12 Ryan Brady

JR...5-9...170...CF...Mahopac/Mahopac, NY

Selected by teammates as a captain this season...Hit .500 (4-8) with a RBI and three runs scored in the MAAC Tournament...Has logged 21 games with two or more hits this year and has hit safely in 43 games....Leads the team in runs scored with 56 and a .475 on base percentage...Has successfully stolen 6-of-6 bases attempted...Was a MAAC All-Tournament selection...Had an outstanding sophomore season leading the Red Foxes offensively in the following categories: a .377 batting average (which was fourth in the MAAC standings), a .463 on base percentage, 25 walks and nine stolen bases...Finished in the top eight in the MAAC in: batting average (.377), runs scored (38), hits (61), base on balls (25), and on base percentage (.463)... Was second on the club in hits (61) and runs scored (38)...A business administration major.

YEAR	AVE.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SF	SB-ATT	PO	A	E
1999	.377	48-43	162	38	61	9	1	1	34	75	.463	25	1	20	.463	0	9-13	74	0	4
1998	.305	47-46	167	39	51	11	0	0	14	62	.371	26	0	18	.397	1	9-13	95	2	2
TOTAL	.340	95-89	329	77	112	20	1	1	48	137	.416	51	1	38	.429	1	18-26	169	2	6

2 Anthony Cervini

SR...5-7... 175...OF/2B...Pleasantville/Pleasantville, NY

Selected as a captain for the third consecutive season...Has played four different positions as a Red Fox...Named the Marist College Athlete of the Year...Has been the Red Foxes leadoff hitter since his rookie season in 1997...Has played and started in 195 of a possible 199 games in his career...A contact hitter that has only struck out eight times in 220 at bats this season...has only struck out 65 times in 772 at bats as a Red Fox...A member of the 1997 Marist NCAA Tournament team...Broke Asst. Coach Mark Barron's career hit mark with his 27th hit of the season and now boasts 252 hits as a Red Fox...Was an All-MAAC selection as a junior and was nominated for Player-of-the-Year in 1999...Led the conference in hits (72) and runs (50) and was second in total bases with 104 in 1999...Finished sixth in the MAAC with a .362 batting average...Is the Marist all-time leader in career runs with 207...Shattered the previous record of 112 junior year...Boasts a .326 career batting average with 772 at bats, which breaks the career at bat record of George Santiago, formerly with the Mets organization...With 82 career base on balls, needs 4 more to break the all-time Marist record of 85 set by Jim McGowan...Also holds the career total base record with 354 eclipsing the former mark of 334 (also held by Barron)...A business administration/finance major.

YEAR	AVE.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SF	SB-ATT	PO	A	E
1999	.362	49-49	199	50	72	14	3	4	24	104	.523	13	1	22	.396	4	8-9	41	5	5
1998	.331	45-45	166	53	55	6	3	5	24	82	.494	20	2	12	.405	2	10-12	65	28	6
1997	.310	50-50	187	57	58	6	2	3	23	77	.412	31	5	23	.420	1	14-18	37	87	11
TOTAL	.335	144-144	552	160	185	26	8	12	71	263	.476	64	8	57	.407	7	32-39	143	120	22

Returning Players

Marist College

THE SENIORS

#37...Andrew Lobb...SR...6-2, 190...LHP...LaSalle Institute/Greenville, NY

One of three southpaws on the pitching staff...Logged more innings (22) this season than in his previous three years...Posted a career best 5.32 ERA with 28 strikeouts (also more than the previous three seasons)...Has not been the pitcher of record in 13 starts...As a junior, allowed opponents a stingy .182 batting average in limited action out of the bullpen...Pitched in 12 baseball games as a sophomore and eight as a rookie...A member of the 1997 Marist NCAA Tournament team...A business administration/marketing major.

YEAR	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/AVG	WP	HBP	BK
1999	13.50	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	2	5	3	2	1	0	1	0	11	.182	1	0	0
1998	7.00	0-0	12	0	0	0/0	0	18.0	22	19	14	13	14	7	2	2	68	.324	1	1	1
1997	12.27	0-0	8	1	0	0/0	0	7.3	10	10	10	10	6	3	0	1	29	.345	3	3	0
TOTAL	8.90	0-0	22	1	0	0/0	0	27.3	34	34	27	25	21	10	3	3	108	.315	5	4	1

#41...Vin Roma...SR...6-3, 190...RHP...Susan Wagner/Staten Island, NY

Posted a career-best 2.45 ERA this season...More than tripled his innings pitched (29.1) this season than in the previous three years...Earned his first career victory with an 11-5 decision over Hartford...Posted a 3-1 record this season...Logged league victories versus Manhattan and Niagara, the latter of which clinched the Red Foxes berth to the 2000 Pizza Hut/MAAC Tournament...Will compete for innings out of the Marist bullpen...Saw limited action in that role in 1999 after missing 1998 season due to injuries...Saw action in four games as a rookie pitching 8.1 innings and fanning nine...A member of the 1997 Marist NCAA Tournament team...A communications/multimedia major.

YEAR	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/AVG	WP	HBP	BK
1999	18.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	2	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	5	.400	0	0	0
1997	6.48	0-0	4	1	0	0/0	0	8.3	4	6	6	10	9	0	0	1	28	.143	4	3	0
TOTAL	7.74	0-0	5	1	0	0/0	0	9.3	6	9	8	12	9	0	1	1	33	.182	4	3	0

#6...Jeff Tafuto...SR...6-1, 175...SS...Holy Cross/Prospect, CT

Returned as the starting shortstop but moved to third midway through the season...Hitting .307 on the year with 50 hits (163 at bats), 26 RBI and 39 runs scored...Has hit safely in 11 of the last 13 games...Handled 203 chances in the middle alongside O'Sullivan in 1999...Collected 35 hits and scored 30 runs in 1999...Hit three home runs and drove in 21 runs while posting a .361 slugging percentage...Finished third on the club in base on balls in 1999 (19)...Had an outstanding summer playing for the New York Generals in the ACBL...A member of the 1997 Marist NCAA Tournament team...A history major.

YEAR	AVE.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SF	SB-ATT	PO	A	E
1999	.243	49-49	144	30	35	6	1	3	21	52	.361	19	1	43	.335	0	2-5	59	144	22
1998	.270	44-40	122	19	33	8	2	3	21	54	.443	11	6	32	.357	1	1-4	29	59	11
1997	.360	12-7	25	8	9	2	0	0	0	11	.440	1	1	6	.407	0	0-0	10	26	2
TOTAL	.265	105-96	291	57	77	16	3	6	42	117	.402	31	8	81	.350	1	3-9	98	229	35

#3...Phil Toscano...SR...5-10, 175...OF...Carmel/Carmel, NY

Hitting .252 on the season with 29 RBI and 32 runs scored...Has drawn 38 walks this season, second on the team...Posted a .306 batting average in 62 at bats in 1999...Drove in 13 runs and had a .427 on base percentage in his junior year...A member of the 1997 Marist NCAA Tournament team...A criminal justice major.

YEAR	AVE.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SF	SB-ATT	PO	A	E
1999	.306	32-20	62	9	19	2	0	1	13	24	.387	15	1	12	.427	4	1-6	21	3	1
1998	.246	45-45	138	20	34	9	0	0	32	43	.312	23	0	15	.348	3	1-3	43	8	4
1997	.244	44-38	119	26	29	4	1	1	19	38	.319	22	2	25	.371	0	2-3	35	1	3
TOTAL	.257	121-103	319	55	82	15	1	2	64	105	.329	60	3	52	.373	7	4-12	99	12	8

Returning Players

Marist College

THE JUNIORS

#28...Brian Coughlin...JR...6-2, 195...RHP...Dover/Wingdale, NY

Was the pitcher of record in the Red Foxes 11-5 victory over Fairfield in the 2000 Pizza Hut/MAAC Championship Tournament game...Held the Stags scoreless over the final 6.1 innings, scattering six hits with 1 K and no walks...Boasts a 4.63 ERA in 22 appearances (58.1 innings)...Has 32 strikeouts on the year...Ranks third on the team in innings pitched...Second on the team in saves with four...In his second season at Marist after transferring from Dowling College... Was third on the staff in appearances with 14 in 1999...Posted a 1-1 record in 18.1 innings pitched...Fanned 13 while walking only seven... Showcases a mid-80s fastball with great movement...A business administration/marketing major.

YEAR	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/AVG	WP	HBP	BK
1999	9.33	1-1	14	0	0	0/0	1	18.1	28	23	19	7	13	7	0	2	83	.337	3	1	1

THE SOPHOMORES

#32...Chuck Bechtel...SO...6-4, 210...RHP/DH...Spring Ford/Royersford, PA

Red Fox ace had his season cut short with elbow problems suffered in the Canisius games on April 8...Underwent surgery on Monday...Continued to platoon as a DH and finished the regular season batting .305 with 16 RBI...Had seven RBI and 11 runs scored...Had team season-best seven RBI and two homeruns in the Red Foxes 11-5 victory over Hartford...Was an Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League (ACBL) all-star last summer while playing for the New York Generals...Compliments a 90 MPH fastball with a hard curveball and solid changeup...Made eight appearances and six starts for Marist in 1999...Fanned 27 batters in 23 innings pitched...Hit three home runs and drove in 10 runs as a freshman in 62 at bats...Had a .468 slugging percentage...A criminal justice major.

YEAR	AVE.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SF	SB-ATT	PO	A	E
1999	.258	23-16	62	14	16	4	0	3	10	29	.468	7	2	24	.347	1	0-2	61	7	4

YEAR	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/AVG	WP	HBP	BK
1999	10.57	1-3	8	6	0	0/0	0	23.0	44	30	27	14	27	12	2	1	107	.411	6	2	1

#11...Anthony Bocchino...SO...5-10, 180...RF...Xaverian/Brooklyn, NY

Enters the NCAA Tournament with a team and MAAC best .400 batting average...Has started all 51 games this season and leads the team in hits (84), RBI (57) and slugging percentage (.567)...Was the only Red Fox to garner All-MAAC honors...Has hit safely in 40 of 51 games this season and had 30 multiple hit games...Has stolen a team leading 13 of 15 bases this season...Hit .500 (4-8) in the MAAC Tournament with 1 run scored and two RBI...Logged both RBI's in the Red Foxes win over Fairfield in the MAAC Championship game...Had the best rookie offensive season in Marist history in 1999...Set the school's single season hit mark with 84 breaking Asst. Coach Mark Barron's record of 72...Was named a pre-season All-MAAC selection this season by *Baseball America*...Was the eighth leading hitter in the MAAC with a .357 mark...Finished second in the conference in hits (66) and triples (4), and was third in total bases with 96...His 66 hits were the most by any freshman in Marist history...Finished second on the club in six offensive categories: at bats (185), runs (38), hits (66), doubles (13), RBI (39), and total bases (96)...A business administration major.

YEAR	AVE.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SF	SB-ATT	PO	A	E
1999	.357	49-47	185	38	66	13	4	3	39	96	.519	7	3	19	.384	3	3-4	212	15	6

#30...Tim Bittner...SO...6-2, 210...LHP/RF...Salesianum/Wilmington, DE

Has appeared in 31 games and started 27...Went 3-3 with three runs scored and a double in the MAAC Championship game versus Fairfield...Posted a 1-1 record in four appearances on the hill (8 innings)...Will be a key left-hander out of the bullpen in the NCAA Tournament...Hitting .239 (26-109) on the season with 17 RBI and 27 runs scored...Had an outstanding rookie season finishing second on the squad in hitting with a .372 average...Had 42 hits, including nine doubles and led the club in slugging percentage with a .540 mark...Committed only two errors defensively...Was named MAAC Player-of-the-Week for the week of April 14, 1999...Had an outstanding summer developing as a pitcher while playing for the New York Generals in the ACBL...A communications major.

YEAR	AVE.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SF	SB-ATT	PO	A	E
1999	.372	33-29	113	22	42	9	2	2	22	61	.540	7	2	22	.415	1	0-0	49	4	2

YEAR	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/AVG	WP	HBP	BK
1999	12.60	0-0	6	0	0	0/0	0	5.0	8	8	7	6	7	1	1	0	24	.333	5	1	0

Returning Players

Marist College

#32...Ken Catino...SO...6-1,185...RHP...Foran/Milford, CT

Has posted a 6-3 record and 4.87 ERA in 16 appearances and 15 starts...Leads the pitching corps with 77.2 innings of work....Got the ball in the MAAC Championship game but was relieved in the third inning...Five of his six victories this season came against league opponents...Has posted 35 strikeouts this season...Tied for the team lead in appearances in 1999 with 15, and made five starts...Posted a respectable 4-2 record, with a 4.64 ERA...Finished fourth on the staff in three categories: innings pitched (42.2), strikeouts (41) and batting average allowed (.247)...Demonstrated tremendous command of the strike zone, issued only nine base on balls in 42.2 innings pitched...A criminal justice major.

YEAR	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/AVG	WP	HBP	BK
1999	4.64	4-2	15	5	1	0/0	0	42.2	40	28	22	9	41	4	3	5	162	.247	1	5	1

#17...Ben Cueto...SO...6-2, 190...C/1B...St. Peters Prep/Guttenburg, NJ

Broke in as the Red Foxes everyday first baseman...Third on the team in hitting with a .333 average (43-129)...Has started 35 of the 42 games he has played in this season....Has knocked in 25 runs and scored 26 times while also drawing 18 walks...Made a stellar defensive play to halt a Iona rally in the semifinals of the MAAC Tournament...The lone switch hitter on the roster...Produced fine numbers in his rookie season while splitting time with Ambrosini behind the plate...Finished with the third highest batting average at .365, in 74 at bats...Collected 27 hits, six doubles and had a .446 slugging percentage...Committed only five errors in 160 chances...A business administration/international marketing major.

YEAR	AVE.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SF	SB-ATT	PO	A	E
1999	.365	30-20	74	13	27	6	0	0	12	33	.446	8	2	5	.435	1	1-1	144	11	5

#42...Jeremy Doran...SO...6-0, 200...RHP...St. Anthony's/Huntington, NY

Sat out the 2000 after having off season elbow surgery...Saw limited time in 1999 out of the bullpen...In two appearances, fanned two batters and walked one...Did not allow a hit...A business major.

YEAR	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/AVG	WP	HBP	BK
1999	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	6	.000	0	0	0

#18...Mark Norton...SO...6-0, 190...RHP...Cornwall/Cornwall, NY

Returned from off season shoulder surgery to make six appearances (8 innings)...Boasts 1-0 record with a 1.13 ERA and five K's...Has allowed just one run and 12 hits to the 31 batters he has faced this season...In his second year at Marist after transferring from Jacksonville University (FL)...As a rookie, made nine appearances and two starts posting a 2-2 record...Fanned 16 batters and walked nine in 17.2 innings pitched...A business major.

YEAR	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/AVG	WP	HBP	BK
1999	9.17	2-2	9	2	0	0/0	0	17.2	29	24	18	9	16	6	2	3	85	.341	3	5	0

#5...Steve O'Sullivan...SO...6-1, 175...2B/SS...Fordham Prep/Bronx, NY

Missed 25 games after suffering a broken wrist during the Red Foxes spring trip to Florida....Solidifies the Red Foxes defensively up the middle with his great range at shortstop...Hitting .421 over the last six games...An All-MAAC selection in 1999... Was named pre-season All-MAAC for 2000 by *Baseball America*... Teams with Jeff Tafuto (SS) to make arguably the strongest defensive middle infield in the conference... Had an outstanding defensive rookie season committing only eight errors in 193 chances... His .329 batting average ranked 23rd in the MAAC and fifth among Marist' strong 1999 freshman class... Was second on the club with 23 walks and fourth in hits with 53...A criminal justice major.

YEAR	AVE.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SF	SB-ATT	PO	A	E
1999	.329	50-50	161	34	53	5	2	2	29	68	.422	23	1	25	.414	1	7-10	76	109	8

#16...Kevin Perrucci...SO...6-5, 220...RHP...Holy Trinity/Levittown, NY

One of the top pitchers on staff...Had his season cut short with elbow problems after 2.2 innings of work versus Iona on April 24th...Led the pitching staff in 1999 in batting average allowed with a .218 mark... That .218 mark was also the second best mark in the MAAC... Was sixth in the MAAC in innings pitched with 65... Finished third on the staff in four categories: games started (10), complete games (4), innings pitched (65),and strikeouts (53)... Finished with a 3.88 ERA and a 3-6 record...A psychology major.

YEAR	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/AVG	WP	HBP	BK
1999	3.88	3-6	12	10	4	1/0	0	65.0	54	33	28	19	53	13	0	2	248	.218	8	11	3

The Rookies

Marist College

#26...Jim Willis...SO...6-2, 210...3B/DH...James I. O'Neill/Fort Montgomery, NY

Struggled through his sophomore campaign hitting .209 on the year (27-129) with 15 RBI and 32 runs scored...Drew 30 walks with six doubles and 2 home runs...A solid defensive corner man who is potentially dangerous offensively...Finished tenth in the MAAC in both batting average (.351) and on base percentage (.440) as a freshman... Was second on the squad in on base percentage (.440) and fourth in slugging percentage (.485)...Finished fifth on the club in hits (47) and RBIs (28) and sixth in batting average (.351)...A business administration/marketing major.

YEAR	AVE.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SF	SB-ATT	PO	A	E
1999	.351	44-40	134	24	47	5	2	3	28	65	.485	14	9	28	.440	2	2-2	25	94	15

THE ROOKIES

#23...Jason Collichio...FR...6-2, 180...OF...St. Francis Prep/Fresh Meadows, NY

A backup outfielder that appeared in one game...Has an above average throwing arm from the outfield and can play both corner outfield positions...A business administration major.

#25...Ryan Kondratowicz...FR...6-6, 225..RHP..Ft. Lauderdale/FT. Lauderdale, FL

A highly touted right-hander from Florida...Posted a 3-1 record with a 5.40 ERA in 43.1 innings of work...Recorded his first collegiate win with a 14-3 decision over Quinnipiac...Has fanned 35 batter while yielding just 14 walks...Logged his first league victory versus Manhattan on April 29th...Was a third team all-stater in the Sunshine State as a senior... Will log starts on the weekdays as one of the top five starters after having an impressive fall...Boasts tremendous command for a young pitcher his size...A pre-law major.

#9...Jeff May...FR...5-10, 175...INF...Bayport/Bluepoint/Bayport, NY

Has the ability to play any position on the field...Has appeared in 24 games with a .263 batting average...An outstanding utility player who runs well and can play the short game...Major undecided.

#29...Brad Newton...FR...6-0, 215...C/1B...Bellport/Bellport, NY

Walked onto the club in the fall as a backup catcher and has appeared in two games...Can hit for power...A business administration major.

#15...Kevin Ool...FR...5-11, 170...LHP...Middletown/Middletown, NY

A highly touted southpaw from nearby Middletown, NY that has established himself as the ace of the staff... Will get the ball in the NCAA Tournament versus ECU...Was named the 2000 MAAC Tournament MVP after throwing a complete game five-hit shutout against Iona, the leagues best offensive team, in the semifinals of the tournament...Boasts a 6-4 record and leads the squad with a 1.90 ERA and five saves...Owns a better than 2-1 strikeout to walk ratio...Has allowed just two runs (1 earned) in his last seven outing for a .37 ERA ...A second team all-state selection as a senior...Showcases outstanding command of three pitches...A business administration major.

#1...Derek Randell...FR...5-9, 165...OF...Massapequa/Massapequa, NY

A top reserve that has appeared in 39 games hitting .295 in 88 at bats...Has also drawn 23 walks...The fastest player and most effective base stealer on the roster is a perfect 5-5 in stolen bases...A gifted line drive hitter who appears to be the heir to Cervini in the leadoff position...Major undecided.

#33...Alberto Reyes...FR...6-5, 230...RHP/1B...Berkeley Carroll/Brooklyn, NY

Saw action in six games as a pinch hitter and hit .333 in that time with 1 RBI...Boasts the most natural power of any hitter on the roster and a mid-80's fastball...Should develop into a natural college cleanup hitter...Major undecided.

The Automated ScoreBook
Season Game Highs for Perrucci (as of May 22, 2000)
(All games)

Batting

Fielding

Putouts: 2 - vs ILLINOIS STATE (Mar 13, 2000)
Assists: 3 - vs ILLINOIS STATE (Mar 13, 2000)

Pitching

Innings pitched: 8.0 - vs ILLINOIS STATE (Mar 13, 2000)
Strikeouts: 6 - vs Drexel Dragons (Mar 05, 2000)
Wild pitches: 1 - vs Drexel Dragons (Mar 05, 2000)
1 - vs Mt. St. Mary (MD) (Mar 10, 2000)
Hit batters: 1 - vs Drexel Dragons (Mar 05, 2000)
1 - vs Army (Apr 06, 2000)

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Season Game Highs for Randell (as of May 23, 2000)
(All games)

Batting

At bats: 5 - vs Lafayette (Mar 12, 2000)
5 - vs ILLINOIS STATE (Mar 13, 2000)
5 - vs St. Peter's (Apr 02, 2000)
Runs scored: 2 - vs Quinnipiac (Mar 15, 2000)
2 - vs Sacred Heart (Mar 22, 2000)
Hits: 3 - vs ILLINOIS STATE (Mar 13, 2000)
3 - vs Sacred Heart (Mar 22, 2000)
RBIs: 3 - vs Fairfield University (Mar 20, 2000)
3 - vs St. Peter's (Apr 02, 2000)
Doubles: 1 - vs Sacred Heart (Mar 22, 2000)
1 - vs St. Peter's (Apr 01, 2000)
1 - vs St. Peter's (Apr 02, 2000)
Total bases: 4 - vs Sacred Heart (Mar 22, 2000)
Walks: 2 - vs Fairfield University (Mar 20, 2000)
2 - vs Central Connecticut (Mar 28, 2000)
2 - vs St. Peter's (Apr 02, 2000)
2 - vs Army (Apr 06, 2000)
2 - vs Canisius (Apr 08, 2000)
Strikeouts: 2 - vs Canisius (Apr 10, 2000)
Sac hits: 1 - vs Rider Broncs (Mar 25, 2000)
Sac flies: 1 - vs Fairfield University (Mar 20, 2000)
1 - vs Fairfield University (Mar 20, 2000)
Stolen bases: 1 - vs Mt. St. Mary (MD) (Mar 10, 2000)
1 - vs Rider Broncs (Mar 26, 2000)
1 - vs Hartford (Apr 05, 2000)
Hit by pitch: 1 - vs Rider Broncs (Mar 26, 2000)
1 - vs Army (Apr 06, 2000)
Caught stealing: 1 - vs Canisius (Apr 08, 2000)
Runners LOB: 3 - vs Pace University (Mar 21, 2000)
3 - vs Towson Tigers (Mar 24, 2000)
3 - vs Army (Apr 06, 2000)
3 - vs Canisius (Apr 10, 2000)
3 - vs Wagner (Apr 26, 2000)

Fielding

Putouts: 3 - vs ILLINOIS STATE (Mar 13, 2000)
Assists: 1 - vs Mt. St. Mary (MD) (Mar 10, 2000)
1 - vs Lafayette (Mar 12, 2000)
1 - vs Central Connecticut (Mar 28, 2000)
1 - vs Canisius (Apr 08, 2000)
Errors: 1 - vs Rider Broncs (Mar 25, 2000)

Pitching

The Automated ScoreBook
Season Game Highs for Reyes (as of May 22, 2000)
(All games)

Batting

At bats: 1 - vs Mt. St. Mary (MD) (Mar 10, 2000)
1 - vs BUCKNELL (Mar 11, 2000)
1 - vs Quinnipiac (Mar 15, 2000)
1 - vs Fairfield University (Mar 20, 2000)
1 - vs Yale (Mar 29, 2000)
1 - vs Canisius (Apr 08, 2000)
Hits: 1 - vs Mt. St. Mary (MD) (Mar 10, 2000)
1 - vs BUCKNELL (Mar 11, 2000)
RBIs: 1 - vs Mt. St. Mary (MD) (Mar 10, 2000)
Total bases: 1 - vs Mt. St. Mary (MD) (Mar 10, 2000)
1 - vs BUCKNELL (Mar 11, 2000)
Runners LOB: 2 - vs Fairfield University (Mar 20, 2000)

Fielding

Putouts: 1 - vs Lafayette (Apr 19, 2000)

Pitching

Innings pitched: 2.0 - vs BUCKNELL (Mar 11, 2000)
2.0 - vs Wagner (Apr 26, 2000)
Strikeouts: 2 - vs BUCKNELL (Mar 11, 2000)
2 - vs Yale (Mar 29, 2000)
2 - vs Wagner (Apr 26, 2000)
Wild pitches: 3 - vs Yale (Mar 29, 2000)

The Automated ScoreBook
Season Game Highs for Roma (as of May 22, 2000)
(All games)

Batting

Fielding

Assists: 1 - vs Hartford (Apr 05, 2000)
1 - vs Iona (Apr 25, 2000)

Pitching

Innings pitched: 4.1 - vs Niagara University (May 13, 2000)
Strikeouts: 3 - vs Fairfield University (Mar 20, 2000)
3 - vs Niagara University (May 13, 2000)
Wild pitches: 1 - vs Niagara University (May 13, 2000)
Hit batters: 1 - vs St. Peter's (Apr 02, 2000)
1 - vs Siena (May 06, 2000)

The Automated ScoreBook
 Season Game Highs for Tafuto (as of May 22, 2000)
 (All games)

Batting

At bats: 5 - vs Mt. St. Mary (MD) (Mar 10, 2000)
 5 - vs Fairfield University (Mar 20, 2000)
 5 - vs Central Connecticut (Mar 28, 2000)
 5 - vs Army (Apr 06, 2000)
 5 - vs Iona (Apr 24, 2000)

Runs scored: 3 - vs Lafayette (Apr 19, 2000)
 3 - vs Wagner (Apr 26, 2000)
 3 - vs Manhattan (Apr 29, 2000)

Hits: 3 - vs Canisius (Apr 10, 2000)
 3 - vs Manhattan (Apr 29, 2000)
 3 - vs Fordham (May 02, 2000)

RBI's: 4 - vs Lafayette (Mar 12, 2000)
 Doubles: 2 - vs Manhattan (Apr 30, 2000)
 Home runs: 1 - vs Lafayette (Mar 12, 2000)
 1 - vs Rider Broncs (Mar 25, 2000)

Total bases: 4 - vs Lafayette (Mar 12, 2000)
 4 - vs Rider Broncs (Mar 25, 2000)
 4 - vs Canisius (Apr 10, 2000)
 4 - vs Manhattan (Apr 29, 2000)
 4 - vs Manhattan (Apr 30, 2000)

Walks: 2 - vs ILLINOIS STATE (Mar 13, 2000)
 2 - vs Wagner (Apr 26, 2000)
 2 - vs Niagara University (May 14, 2000)

Strikeouts: 3 - vs Iona (Apr 24, 2000)

Sac hits: 1 - vs INDIANA (Mar 14, 2000)
 1 - vs Hofstra (Mar 23, 2000)
 1 - vs LeMoyne (Apr 15, 2000)
 1 - vs Siena (May 06, 2000)
 1 - vs Niagara University (May 13, 2000)
 1 - vs Niagara University (May 14, 2000)

Sac flies: 1 - vs St. Peter's (Apr 01, 2000)

Stolen bases: 1 - vs St. Peter's (Apr 02, 2000)
 1 - vs St. Peter's (Apr 02, 2000)
 1 - vs Lafayette (Apr 19, 2000)
 1 - vs Manhattan (Apr 30, 2000)
 1 - vs Iona Gaels (May 21, 2000)

Hit by pitch: 1 - vs Fairfield University (Mar 20, 2000)
 1 - vs Wagner (Apr 26, 2000)
 1 - vs Manhattan (Apr 29, 2000)
 1 - vs Fairfield Stags (May 21, 2000)

Runners LOB: 4 - vs Fairfield University (Mar 19, 2000)
 4 - vs Iona (Apr 25, 2000)

Fielding

Putouts: 5 - vs INDIANA (Mar 14, 2000)
 5 - vs Canisius (Apr 10, 2000)

Assists: 7 - vs INDIANA (Mar 14, 2000)

Errors: 4 - vs Rider Broncs (Mar 26, 2000)

Pitching

The Automated ScoreBook
Season Game Highs for Toscano (as of May 22, 2000)
(All games)

Batting

At bats: 5 - vs Mt. St. Mary (MD) (Mar 10, 2000)
5 - vs ILLINOIS STATE (Mar 13, 2000)
5 - vs Manhattan (Apr 29, 2000)
5 - vs Niagara University (May 14, 2000)
Runs scored: 5 - vs ILLINOIS STATE (Mar 13, 2000)
Hits: 4 - vs ILLINOIS STATE (Mar 13, 2000)
RBIs: 5 - vs ILLINOIS STATE (Mar 13, 2000)
Doubles: 2 - vs Niagara University (May 14, 2000)
Home runs: 1 - vs Lafayette (Mar 12, 2000)
Total bases: 5 - vs Lafayette (Mar 12, 2000)
5 - vs ILLINOIS STATE (Mar 13, 2000)
5 - vs Niagara University (May 14, 2000)
Walks: 4 - vs Fairfield University (Mar 20, 2000)
Strikeouts: 4 - vs St. Peter's (Apr 02, 2000)
Sac hits: 1 - vs St. Peter's (Apr 01, 2000)
1 - vs Siena (May 06, 2000)
Stolen bases: 1 - vs Hartford (Apr 05, 2000)
Runners LOB: 5 - vs Manhattan (Apr 29, 2000)

Fielding

Putouts: 5 - vs St. Peter's (Apr 01, 2000)
Assists: 1 - vs Canisius (Apr 10, 2000)
1 - vs Niagara University (May 14, 2000)
Errors: 1 - vs Drexel Dragons (Mar 05, 2000)

Pitching

The Automated ScoreBook
 Season Game Highs for Willis (as of May 22, 2000)
 (All games)

Batting

At bats:	5 -	vs Sacred Heart (Mar 22, 2000)
	5 -	vs Central Connecticut (Mar 28, 2000)
	5 -	vs Army (Apr 06, 2000)
Runs scored:	4 -	vs Fairfield University (Mar 20, 2000)
Hits:	2 -	vs Quinnipiac (Mar 15, 2000)
	2 -	vs Yale (Mar 29, 2000)
	2 -	vs St. Peter's (Apr 02, 2000)
	2 -	vs Army (Apr 06, 2000)
	2 -	vs Niagara University (May 14, 2000)
RBI's:	4 -	vs Quinnipiac (Mar 15, 2000)
Doubles:	1 -	vs Fairfield University (Mar 19, 2000)
	1 -	vs Fairfield University (Mar 20, 2000)
	1 -	vs Rider Broncs (Mar 25, 2000)
	1 -	vs St. Peter's (Apr 02, 2000)
	1 -	vs Iona (Apr 24, 2000)
	1 -	vs Niagara University (May 14, 2000)
Home runs:	1 -	vs Quinnipiac (Mar 15, 2000)
	1 -	vs Wagner (Apr 26, 2000)
Total bases:	5 -	vs Quinnipiac (Mar 15, 2000)
Walks:	3 -	vs Mt. St. Mary (MD) (Mar 10, 2000)
	3 -	vs Fairfield University (Mar 20, 2000)
Strikeouts:	3 -	vs Pace University (Mar 21, 2000)
	3 -	vs Wagner (Apr 26, 2000)
Sac hits:	1 -	vs INDIANA (Mar 14, 2000)
	1 -	vs Rider Broncs (Mar 25, 2000)
	1 -	vs Canisius (Apr 08, 2000)
Stolen bases:	1 -	vs Central Connecticut (Mar 28, 2000)
	1 -	vs Iona (Apr 25, 2000)
Hit by pitch:	1 -	vs Quinnipiac (Mar 15, 2000)
	1 -	vs Hofstra (Mar 23, 2000)
	1 -	vs Yale (Mar 29, 2000)
	1 -	vs LeMoyne (Apr 16, 2000)
Caught stealing:	1 -	vs Mt. St. Mary (MD) (Mar 10, 2000)
Runners LOB:	4 -	vs Pace University (Apr 20, 2000)

Fielding

Putouts:	4 -	vs BUCKNELL (Mar 11, 2000)
Assists:	8 -	vs Rider Broncs (Mar 26, 2000)
	8 -	vs Army (Apr 06, 2000)
Errors:	3 -	vs Central Connecticut (Mar 28, 2000)

Pitching

The Automated ScoreBook
 Overall Statistics for Marist Red Foxes (as of May 22, 2000)
 (All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 2-0 Home: 0-0 Away: 1-0 Neutral: 1-0 Conference: 0-0

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Toscano, Phillip....	.500	2-2	8	1	4	0	0	0	3	4	.500	0	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	3	0	0	1.000
Brady, Ryan.....	.500	2-2	8	3	4	1	0	0	1	5	.625	1	0	2	0	.556	0	0	0-0	4	0	0	1.000
Bocchino, Anthony...	.500	2-2	8	1	4	1	0	0	2	5	.625	1	0	1	0	.556	0	0	0-1	2	0	0	1.000
Bittner, Tim.....	.429	2-2	7	3	3	2	0	0	0	5	.714	1	0	2	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Ambrosini, Anthony..	.375	2-2	8	1	3	0	0	0	1	3	.375	0	0	2	1	.333	1	0	0-0	10	2	0	1.000
Tafuto, Jeff.....	.286	2-2	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	.286	0	1	2	0	.375	0	0	1-1	1	6	0	1.000
Cervini, Anthony....	.222	2-2	9	1	2	1	0	0	1	3	.333	0	0	1	0	.222	0	0	0-0	2	11	0	1.000
O'Sullivan, Steve...	.125	2-2	8	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	.125	0	0	1	0	.125	0	0	0-0	7	10	0	1.000
Cueto, Ben.....	.000	2-2	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	1	3	0	.125	0	1	0-0	25	1	0	1.000
Totals.....	.329	2-2	70	13	23	5	0	0	11	28	.400	3	2	15	1	.368	1	1	1-2	54	33	0	1.000
Opponents.....	.277	2-2	65	5	18	1	0	0	5	19	.292	3	0	10	2	.304	1	0	0-1	51	25	3	.962

LOB - Team (13), Opp (10). DPs turned - Team (5), Opp (1).

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Ool, Kevin.....	0.00	1-0	1	1	1	1/0	0	9.0	5	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	29	.172	0	0	0	0	0
Coughlin, Brian....	0.00	1-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	6.1	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	22	.273	0	0	0	0	0
Catino, Ken.....	16.88	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	2.2	7	5	5	1	3	1	0	0	14	.500	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	2.50	2-0	2	2	1	1/0	0	18.0	18	5	5	3	10	1	0	0	65	.277	0	0	0	1	0
Opponents.....	5.29	0-2	2	2	1	0/0	0	17.0	23	13	10	3	15	5	0	0	70	.329	0	2	0	1	1

PB - Team (0), Opp (2). SBA/ATT - Ambrosini (0-1), Ool (0-1).

(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	C	PO	A	E	FLD%	DPs	SBA	CSB	SBA%	PB	CI
Cueto, Ben.....	26	25	1	0	1.000	5	0	0	---	0	0
O'Sullivan, Steve...	17	7	10	0	1.000	4	0	0	---	0	0
Cervini, Anthony....	13	2	11	0	1.000	5	0	0	---	0	0
Ambrosini, Anthony..	12	10	2	0	1.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0
Tafuto, Jeff.....	7	1	6	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
Brady, Ryan.....	4	4	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Toscano, Phillip....	3	3	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Bocchino, Anthony...	2	2	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Ool, Kevin.....	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0
Coughlin, Brian....	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Catino, Ken.....	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Bittner, Tim.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Totals.....	87	54	33	0	1.000	5	0	1	.000	0	0
Opponents.....	79	51	25	3	.962	1	1	1	.500	2	0

The Automated ScoreBook
 Marist Red Foxes at Iona Gaels
 May 21, 2000 at Fishkill, NY (Dutchess Stadium)

Marist Red Foxes 2 (31-17-2)

Iona Gaels 0 (31-13)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Cervini, Anthony 2b.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	4
Brady, Ryan cf.....	4	1	2	0	0	1	2	0
Bocchino, Anthony rf.....	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	0
Ambrosini, Anthony c.....	3	0	1	1	0	0	6	2
Cueto, Ben 1b.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	12	1
Bittner, Tim dh.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Toscano, Phillip lf.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
O'Sullivan, Steve ss.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Tafuto, Jeff 3b.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	5
Ool, Kevin p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals.....	34	2	8	1	1	7	27	17

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Jose Zapata lf.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Manny Pizarro rf/2b.....	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Wil Pikolycky cf.....	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0
Jason Kalle dh.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Barone 1b.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	12	0
Chris Lombardo 3b.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Jim Conklin 2b/ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Matt Passerelle c.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	6	2
Nick Vinci ss.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	2
Luke Lambo ph/rf.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
John Novinsky p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Totals.....	29	0	5	0	2	6	27	12

Score by innings: R H E

Marist Red Foxes	000	001	010	-	2	8	0
Iona Gaels	000	000	000	-	0	5	2

E - Pikolycky, Conklin.
 DP - Marist 2, Iona 1. LOB - Marist 7, Iona 4.
 2B - Cervini.
 SB - Tafuto. CS - Pikolycky.
 SF - Ambrosini.

Marist Red Foxes	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Ool, Kevin.....	9.0	5	0	0	2	6	29	31

Iona Gaels	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
John Novinsky.....	9.0	8	2	1	1	7	34	36

Win - Ool 6-4. Loss - Novinsky 8-1. Save - None.
 Umpires -
 Start: 3:00 Time: 2:30 Attendance: 312

Game Notes:
 Iona eliminated from MAAC Tournament
 Marist to face Fairfield in MAAC Championship Game

NCAA Tournament

Marist College

MARIST BASEBALL IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

The 2000 season marks the return of the Red Foxes to the NCAA Tournament and the second appearance in four years for the program now in its ninth year of existence. Marist made its NCAA debut in 1997 as the Red Fox concluded the year winning 12 of their final 15 games, including victories for the Northeast Conference regular season championship, the post-season tournament championship, and the NCAA play-in championship. It proved to be the breakthrough period in the program's history.

Led by third team All-American Mark Barron and Major League draftees Jorge Santiago (Mets) and Mike Speckhardt (Cardinals), the Red Foxes won the NEC regular season by sweeping Long Island University on the final league weekend. The Foxes went onto win the NEC Tournament Championship coming out of the loser's bracket to sweep a doubleheader from Fairleigh Dickinson on the final day of the tournament. The NEC Championship was wrapped up by the clutch relief pitching of senior LHP Chris Webb and the now legendary squeeze bunt with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth by Santiago.

Marist made short order of Siena in the NCAA play-in series with a doubleheader sweep of the Saints, which was highlighted by a 6-0 comeback in game one. The senior duo of Mark Barron and Webb again led the Foxes with superb mound efforts.

The NCAA Committee then placed Marist in the NCAA Tournament's East Regional in Tallahassee, FL, to play first round opponent Florida State. Barron led the strong-willed Foxes as they battled the fourth-ranked Seminoles, but succumbed 4-2, in their first-ever NCAA Tournament game.

The Red Foxes were eliminated later in the tournament by Western Carolina, 8-3, but established the program on a national level. As one of only four northeast teams to qualify for the "Big Dance" in 1997, the Marist program received more notoriety in June of 1997 when shortstop Santiago (Mets) and outfielder Speckhardt (Cardinals) were selected in the Major League Baseball's amateur draft. Barron, selected an All-American for the second time in his college career, signed soon after with the Sioux City (IA) Explorers of the Independent Northern League.

The spring of 1997 will long be remembered by Red Fox baseball fans. It will also be a season that each Marist team will strive to duplicate in the future.



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1997 NCAA EAST REGIONAL BASEBALL TOURNEY

MARIST vs FLORIDA STATE May 22, 1997 at Tallahassee, FL

MARIST 2 (32-18)

FLORIDA STATE 4 (47-15)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Cervini, Anthony 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	Badeaux, Brooks ss	5	0	1	1	0	0	1	4
Toscano, Philip rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	5	0	Drew, J.D. cf	2	2	1	1	2	0	3	0
Barron, Mark p/dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	Morris, Jeremy lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
McGowan, Jim c	4	0	2	1	0	0	4	0	Sprague, Geoff lb	4	0	1	0	0	0	13	0
Speckhardt, Michael cf	3	1	2	0	1	0	3	0	Woodward, Matt lb	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Becker, Eric lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Zech, Scott 2b	3	1	1	1	0	0	1	2
Shove, Ben 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	Mayfield, Henry dh	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Santiago, George ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	Salazar, Jeremy c	4	0	0	0	0	3	3	1
Andros, John lb	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	Henderson, Terry rf	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Lynch, Jeff ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	McCorkel, Shawn rf	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
McEvily, Peter pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Zabala, Jose 3b	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	2
Zelno, Matthew lb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Bentley, John p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Webb, Chris p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Diaz, Zach p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	29	2	8	1	2	3	24	7	Totals.....	30	4	6	4	4	4	27	15

Score by innings: R H E

MARIST	100	100	000	-	2	8	3
FLORIDA STATE	011	010	10	-	4	6	1

E - Andros, J(3), Cervini, A(25), Shove, B(10), Salazar, J(6).

DP - MARIST 1, FSU 2. LOB - MARIST 5, FSU 9.

2B - McGowan, J(9), Toscano, P(4), Zech, S(10).

HR - Drew, J.D.(29).

SB - Speckhardt M(14), Drew, J.D.(31), McCorkel, S(10), Sprague, G(10).

SH - Becker, E(9), Shove, B(5). SF - Mayfield, H(1), Zech, S(2).

MARIST	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	FLORIDA STATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Barron, Mark	7.2	5	4	3	4	4	Bentley, John	7.1	7	2	1	0	3
Webb, Chris	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	Diaz, Zach	1.2	1	0	0	2	0

Winner - Bentley, J 5-1. Loser - Barron, M 10-3. Save - Diaz, Z (5).

WP - Barron, M 2. PB - McGowan, J.

HBP - by Barron, M (Zabala, J), by Bentley, J (Lynch, J).

Umpires - T. Norman, N. Zibelli, D. Runchey, M. Riggers

Start: 7:10 Time: 2:33 Attendance: 3096

1997 NCAA EAST REGIONAL BASEBALL TOURNEY

MARIST vs WESTERN CAROLINA May 23, 1997 at Tallahassee, FL

MARIST 3 (32-19)

WESTERN CAROLINA 8 (42-19)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Cervini, Anthony 3b	4	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	Barrow, Martin cf	5	2	2	0	0	0	2	0
Toscano, Philip rf	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	Bruce, Jeremy 3b	3	2	1	2	2	1	1	3
Barron, Mark 1b	4	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	Moore, Chris ss	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	3
McGowan, Jim c	4	0	1	1	0	1	5	1	Tolbert, Alex 1b	3	0	1	2	0	0	11	1
Speckhardt, Michael cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	Burwell, J.P. dh	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Becker, Eric lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	Sziksai, J 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
Lynch, Jeff dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	Ward, Frankie c	4	0	0	0	0	0	6	2
Santiago, George ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	Stillwell, Matt rf	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Shove, Ben 2b	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	Koone, Chuck lf	2	2	2	0	1	0	2	0
Connolly, Doug p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Maxwell, Clark p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Webb, Chris p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Olore, Kevin p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Totals.....	32	3	8	3	0	6	24	6	Totals.....	30	8	8	7	5	6	27	15

Score by innings: R H E

MARIST	100	020	000	-	3	8	1
WESTERN CAROLINA	210	010	40	-	8	8	0

^ - Shove, B(11).

DP - MARIST 1, W. CAROLINA 2. LOB - MARIST 3, W. CAROLINA 6.

2B - Cervini, A(6), Moore, C(17).

HR - Bruce, J(14), Stillwell, M(14).

SB - Bruce, J(15), Koone, C 2(21), Stillwell, M 2(14).

SH - Toscano, P(9). SF - Burwell, JP(6), Tolbert, A(7).

MARIST	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WESTERN CAROLINA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Connolly, Doug	6.0	7	7	7	4	4	Maxwell, Clark	9.0	8	3	3	0	6
Webb, Chris	1.0	1	1	1	0	1							
Olore, Kevin	1.0	0	0	0	1	1							

Winner - Maxwell, C 9-2. Loser - Connolly, D 8-5. Save - None.

WP - Connolly, D 3, Webb, C. PB - McGowan, J.

HBP - by Olore, K (Koone, C).

Umpires - D. Perez, D. Runchey, F. Sylvester, T. Norman

Start: 11:02 am Time: 2:25 Attendance: 902

Game Notes:

Connolly faced three batters in the seventh.

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Marist vaults into NCAA baseball tourney

Red Foxes capture MAAC title

By Ken McMillan
Poughkeepsie Journal

FISHKILL — All Marist College wanted was one good day to prove themselves as the best team in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

The Red Foxes got their wish, and now they're headed for the NCAA Tournament for a second time in four seasons.

The rain let up just long enough to allow Marist to pull off a stunning doubleheader sweep at Dutchess Stadium

Sunday. The fourth-seeded Red Foxes (32-17-2) knocked off regular-season champion Iona (31-13), 2-0, in a semifinal. Then Marist rallied from a 5-0 deficit in the fourth inning to post an 11-5 victory over Fairfield (25-20) in the championship game.

At 3:30 p.m. today, Marist will learn where it is headed for next weekend's NCAA regionals. Athletic director Tim Murray said the Red Foxes will likely end up at Georgia

Tech or Clemson for the four-

team double-elimination tourney.

The 2000 MAAC title is the first league since Marist claimed the 1997 Northeast Conference Tournament.

"Winning it is out of this world," said senior catcher Anthony Ambrosini. "I can't wait to go to regionals."

The ominous weather that canceled action over the event's first three days threatened Sunday's play as well. Any more rain would have

knocked Marist and Fairfield out of any chance of even playing a semifinal game (by a tournament committee decision), let alone a final.

"We just wanted a chance to play," senior third baseman Jeff Tafuto said.

Fairfield (which lost all four games to the Red Foxes this season) chased Marist starter Ken Catino in the third inning, scoring four runs on four hits off of the sophomore.

Dover grad shines in relief
Wingdale's Brian Coughlin, a Dover High School graduate,

gave up a run-scoring single on his first relief pitch, but then shut down the Stags over the final 6½ innings.

"He was the Brian Coughlin we have all been waiting to see, at the absolute time we needed him to be that way," Marist coach John Szeftc said.

Coughlin induced 15 outs by groundball, including double plays in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings, from second baseman Anthony Cervini to shortstop Steve O'Sullivan to first baseman Ben Cueto.

Coughlin (3-6) has endured an up-and-down season, so he

had something to prove to his teammates and himself.

"It erased any doubts in the players' minds that I didn't pitch well this season," Coughlin said. "It shows I have some (guts)."

Down 5-0 in the fourth, Marist erupted for eight runs on six singles and doubles from Ryan Brady and Anthony Bocchino — all with two outs. Fairfield's inability to complete a double play on Cueto (Marist's fourth batter of the inning) opened the floodgates.

Marist's Ool shines vs. Iona

By Ken McMillan
Poughkeepsie Journal 5/22/00

FISHKILL — The way Marist College baseball coach John Szefer talks about pitcher Kevin Ool, one would think he was the terminator.

Ool will be back on the mound next weekend, this time on the center stage of the NCAA Tournament. His brilliant effort in a 2-0 semifinal victory over Iona College on Sunday helped lead Marist to its first Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship and second NCAA Tournament berth.



College baseball

Ool (6-4) threw a five-hitter at the Gaels, the top-hitting club in the MAAC. The left-hander from Middletown High School struck out six on his way to winning the tournament's most valuable player award.

"The main reason we won that game was Ool," Szefer said. "He came out and was even more money than I thought he would be."

Szefer chose Ool for the important semifinal start because of the freshman's poise.

"I was anxious for the start," said Ool, making his fourth start in a MAAC-leading 29 appearances.

"I know nothing bothers the kid," Szefer said, "but at some point you have to say he's going to be semi-human. He pitched like a seasoned veteran senior."

The Gaels carried a MAAC-leading .327 batting average into the playoffs. Ool defused Iona's fastball-hitting team with an effective mix of off-speed pitches.

"He did a good job of keeping the ball down and making us swing at bad pitches," Iona senior John Barone said.

Ool battles top prospect

Szefer was also impressed with how Ool battled in a matchup with certain high-round draft pick John Novinsky (8-1), who suffered his first loss.

Novinsky held Marist to three hits over five innings before giving up back-to-back singles to MAAC batting champion Anthony Bocchino and Anthony Ambrosini in the sixth. On the latter, league MVP Wil Pikolycky misplayed the ball in center, allowing Bocchino to score.

"I picked my head up to try and come up with the throw early," Pikolycky said. "I just blew the play ... it went right under my glove."

Marist scored again in the top of the eighth. Ryan Brady pushed a one-out single through the middle and went to third on Bocchino's ripped single past Iona first baseman Barone. Ambrosini lifted a sacrifice fly to right to score Brady.



