

# 2006 SEASON PREVIEW





***“There will be a learning curve with everything we do as we look to grow with fundamentals, techniques and take great pride in learning the basics of the game of football, Stony Brook style.”***

***-- Head Coach Chuck Priore***

The Seawolves begin their title defense under new head coach Chuck Priore. With the move to the I-AA scholarship level in the off-season, coach Priore looks to bring Stony Brook football to the next level.

Stony Brook is embarking on an ambitious schedule that features two teams that finished last year ranked in the top 25 of the Sports Network I-AA poll, New Hampshire (5) and Massachusetts (19). In addition to these I-AA powerhouses, the Seawolves will face Long Island rival Hofstra and take on fellow 2005 NEC Co-Champions, Central Connecticut in their regular season finale.

In 2005 the Seawolves were picked to finish seventh in the NEC and despite the critics, rallied to a 5-2 mark in the NEC and finished as Co-Champions along with Central Connecticut.

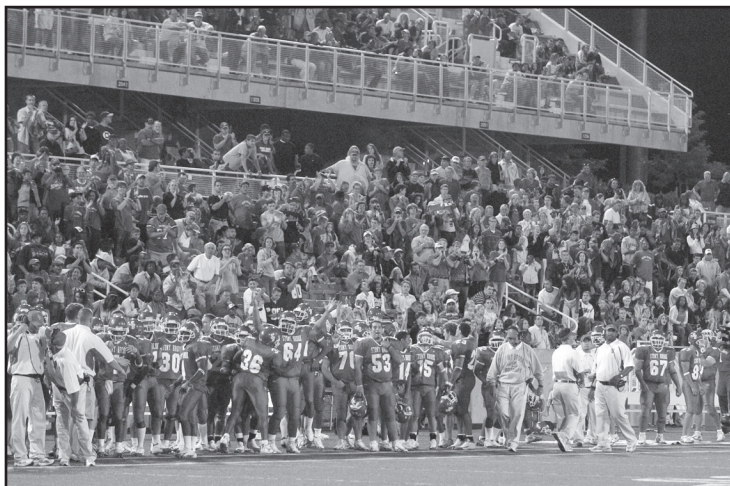
Stony Brook opened the season with a thrilling 21-18 victory over Bucknell. Matt Week's game-winning field goal sealed the Seawolves first win over a Patriot League foe in program history.

After dropping a pair of games, the Seawolves entered conference play with a 1-2 record. Following a loss to Monmouth, the Seawolves responded with a 7-3 win over Albany and a 47-29 win over St. Francis as Sterling Goodwin returned a block punt for a touchdown and Luke Gaddis tied a program record as he connected for a 47-yard field goal in the fourth quarter.

The Seawolves brought their 2-1 conference record to take on Sacred Heart. After Josh Anderson hauled in his second touchdown to tie the game in the fourth, Sacred Heart punched in the game-winning touchdown as the Seawolves fell, 21-14. Stony Brook responded with an offensive outburst in a 38-37 win over Robert Morris. Josh Dudash connected with Lynell Suggs for the longest passing play in Stony Brook history in a 91 yard touchdown pass. For the game, Suggs hauled in eight passes for 210 yards and Dudash threw for 411 yards and three touchdowns as Stony Brook improved to 4-4 overall and 3-2 in NEC play.

In a must-win game to remain in the hunt for the crown, the Seawolves rolled past Wagner, 28-10 to set up a chance for the title against Central Connecticut. Dudash again connected with Suggs, this time for a 10-yard fade with 31 seconds left to lift Stony Brook to a 23-21 win over CCSU and the Seawolves first NEC title in program history.

***“I am very pleased with this team's work ethic, focus, and its desire to be successful.”*** --Head Coach Chuck Priore



The 2006 Stony Brook squad welcomes back a total of 58 players including 15 starters. In addition, the Seawolves return a veteran punter and two place kickers with one year of experience under their belts.

On offense, the Seawolves return five starters, but lose all but one offensive lineman. The Stony Brook offense has the most depth at wide receiver and returns a starting quarterback and a talented backfield.

The Stony Brook offense will change from more of a spread formation, to a one back set that is centered behind the running back. While the offense will take advantage of the wide receiver depth with three and four wide receiver sets, the offense will only be as good as its running backs. New to the offensive scheme will be two and three tight end sets as the Seawolves will look to the incoming recruiting class to make contributions.

For the defensive side of things, the Seawolves return all but one starter. With a switch to a 3-4 defense, the linebacker crew and safety position will have to learn new roles and duties to effectively stop the run.

On special teams, the Seawolves will benefit from another year of experience and welcome back three key members of the special teams unit.



***“We will not become a well-oiled machine overnight, but as the season rolls on the big picture will come into focus.”*** -- Head Coach Chuck Priore



***“In our offense, the quarterback is the coach on the field. The key for our quarterbacks is to manage the offense and be efficient.” --Head Coach Chuck Priore***

**Quarterbacks**

With a move from a spread offense to a single back, the role of the Stony Brook quarterback will change for the 2006 season. Coach Priore will look for a quarterback to facilitate the offense, not be the centerpiece.

Those competing for time will be Josh Dudash, Andrew Garrett, Dan Sweeney and Anthony Hamilton. Dudash started all 11 games in 2005, throwing for 2,112 yards and 18 touchdowns. The 2,112 yards in a season was the third most in program history. Dudash was named team MVP for his efforts, those of which included a game that saw



**Josh Dudash**

***“The running back is the number one person in our offense. We are only as good as our backfield.” --Head Coach Chuck Priore***

**Running Backs**

The running back will be the focus in the new Seawolf offense. The Seawolves will utilize two and three tight end sets to allow the running back to fuel the new offense.

After leading the Seawolves with 4.6 yards per carry in 2006, Assad Haffiz looks primed to make the move from the secondary back to the primary one. Haffiz gained 428 yards on the ground in 2006, including a 107 yard performance against St. Francis.

“In practice Haffiz proved that he can be, in my opinion, one of the top backs in the Northeast Conference,” said Coach Priore. Coach Priore is looking for his backs to be great “one cutters”.

Joining Haffiz in the backfield will be Tarrant Anderson, Luis Altiranda, Steve Austin, Von Bryant, Conte Cuttino and Aaron Hale.

him pass for 411 yards and four touchdowns in a 38-37 win over Robert Morris. Garrett, who has seen limited action since he transferred from Hofstra, should see more time on the field in 2006. Sweeney and Hamilton have not taken a snap at the I-AA level, but look to put pressure on Garrett and Dudash as they have the potential to compete for playing time in 2006.

***“The running back is the number one***

With the solid mix in the backfield, Coach Priore is optimistic that his running backs can be the backbone of the offense.

***“The wide receive position is where we are the strongest coming out of spring ball. We have big play ability and a lot of different athletes to look to.” --Head Coach Chuck Priore***

**Wide Receivers**

The Stony Brook offense will still run three and four receiver sets to utilize the depth the Seawolves have at the wide receiver position, but only within the framework of the new offense.

The Seawolves welcome a mix of eight returners and two newcomers at wide receiver. Leading the group will be senior co-captain Mike Cosentino. Cosentino hauled in 19 catches for 176 yards in 2005 before being sidelined with an injury. Also back is Lynell Suggs, who tallied 334 yards on 18 catches with five touchdowns.

“With Suggs’ body control and big time play ability, he can build on the success of last year and become a big time player at Stony Brook,” said Priore.

Joining Cosentino and Suggs are Saladin Davis and Dwayne Eley, who shared the majority of the kick and punt return duties in 2005, and Scott Kubrak who tallied 12 catches for 159 yards. Dan Berluti, J.J. Cox, Jr., Zacc Guaragno, Jerome Johnson, and Donald Lee round up the 2006 receiver core.

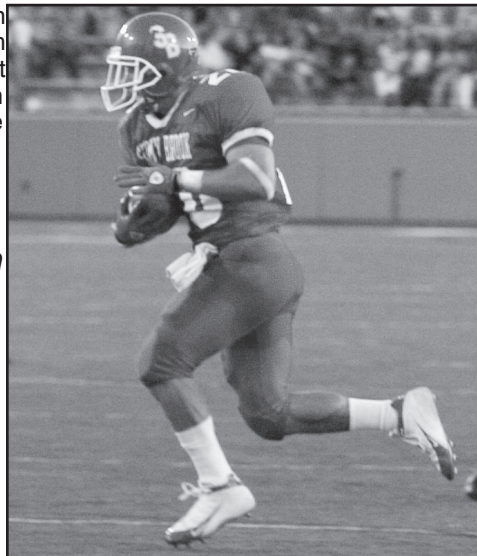
***“Our offensive line is the youngest position on our team, but they have a lot of athleticism and potential.” --Head Coach Chuck Priore***

**Offensive Line**

The Seawolves only welcome one returning starter to the offensive line and will look to a mix of underclassmen and newcomers to step it up this year.

Back is starter Andrew Saraga, who saw action in all 11 games last year and joining him are Steve Council, Joe Gelpi, Juan Carlos Hernandez, Jason Herrick, Ali Khawaia, Lawrence Lovell, Jeremiah Massey, Emmett Phillips, Christopher Pugliese, and Jeff Santos.

“Although Lovell has not played a snap at Stony Brook, he has shown in practice that he has All-American ability at the I-AA scholarship level,” said Priore.



**Mike Cosentino**

***“Our offense is based around one, two and three tight end sets and we will look to our freshman to contribute immediately.” -- Head Coach Chuck Priore***

**Tight Ends**

With the move from a spread offense to a one back system, the Seawolves will have a greater need at the tight end position. Filling the role this year will be a senior and two freshmen.

Kevin Halonski will lead the tight end crew this season as the lone senior. Halonski has seen limited time at tight end in his career, as he played on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. Joining Halonski will be a pair of freshmen in Jason Figorski and Chris Tyler. For the Seawolves to have success at the tight end position, they will need immediate contributions from the freshmen.



**Paul Perez**

***“Our defensive line is the most talented aspect of our defense. They are young and athletic with a lot of upside.” --Head Coach Chuck Priore***

**Defensive Line**

The Seawolves welcome back all of their defensive line starters from a year ago, but with a move to a 3-4 set, their roles will change in 2006.

Seniors Kyle Brown and Tahir Messam are joined by sophomores James Harris, Chris Merkle, Adam Soivilien and Shawn Broome. In addition, newcomers Josh Auerback, Robert Montejo and Melaquan Saffold join the crew. Merkle looks to build on his solid freshman campaign, in which he totaled 67 tackles, including a team-best 10.5 for a loss and a team best 3.5 sacks.

“With Harris’ size and athletic ability, if he continues to develop like he is able, to become an All-American type of player at the 1-AA scholarship level,” said Priore.

***“The outside linebacker position is new for the young men in our program.***

***We return some veteran players who can help us at the linebacker position, but we will need our freshman to be ready to play as soon as they hit the field.”***

***--Head Coach Chuck Priore***



**James Harris**

**Linebackers**

With the new 3-4 defense, the linebacker position is divided into the inside and outside positions.

The outsider linebacker position is new to the Stony Brook defense and coach Priore will look to players who played strong safety and weak side linebacker to learn a new role. This will mark the first time these student athletes have lined up against a tight end and rushed the quarterback.

At outside linebacker, the Seawolves will utilize returner Raymond Goodsir, Michael Meadows, Paul Perez and Richie Richards in addition to newcomers Mack Graham and Chevar Rankins.

At the inside linebacker position the Seawolves will lean on veteran players Chris Tomasky and Dan Michitsch in addition to Andre Jean-Pierre, Robert Parchment and newcomers Milo Otis, Tyler Santucci and Stephen Schwicke.

***“Our cornerbacks are a very athletic group, but we will need contributions from our newcomers to be successful.”***

***--Head Coach Chuck Priore***

**Cornerbacks**

Six returners are back at the cornerback position. Seniors Kameron Sterling and Hasan Stewart bring the most game experience to the field this season and fellow returners Michael Derice, Andre Forbes, Sterling Goodwin and Leonard Wright, III will vie for more playing time in the 2006 season. New to the team in 2006 and ready to make contributions will be newcomers Ben Clements, Cory Giddings and John Smith.



***“The safety position under our new defense will be played differently than it has in the past here at Stony Brook. The learning curve will be big, but our student athletes have game experience and will hopefully learn the new system in preseason.”--Head Coach Chuck Priore***

## Safety

With a move to a two safety set, the roles of the safeties will change dramatically in 2006. This year the safeties will be heavily involved with stopping the run and will have more involved roles in certain cover sets.

The Seawolves return five players with game experience who will be counted upon to learn the new schemes in preseason. Chris Alceus, Adam Barzar, Joey George, Francis Rivera and Mark Saraceni will provide leadership newcomers Rock Cantardi and Adam Cooper.



**Adam Barzar**

***“Our special teams unit is looking solid as we welcome back a veteran punter and two kickers with strong legs and game experience.”***

***--Head Coach Chuck Priore***

## Special Teams

Back for his senior year as punter for the Seawolves is Sean McGinty. McGinty ranks second all-time with 176 career punts in a Seawolf uniform and should benefit from a new protection scheme.

At placekicker, the Seawolves return Matt Weeks and Luke Gaddis. Both kickers were soccer players in high school and entered last year with no football experience. With a year experience under their belts they both look for a more consistent 2006.



**Luke Gaddis**

***“We feel that we have been able to select athletes that will represent the reputation of Stony Brook Athletics both in the classroom and on the field. With the proper preparation they will be able to make contributions in their first year at Stony Brook.” --Chuck Priore***

## Newcomers

The Seawolves welcome a recruiting class of 20 student athletes for the 2006 season. Not only does this mark the first recruiting class of the Chuck Priore era, but it is the first recruiting class since Stony Brook made the jump to scholarship football. Coach Priore and his staff brought in 12 new defensive players and eight on the offensive side of things.

## The Priore Era Begins

2006 will mark the start of the Priore era at Stony Brook as he begins his quest to lead Stony Brook football to the I-AA scholarship level. It will take time to adjust to the new offensive and defensive schemes, but once Priore's system is in place there is no doubt that the Seawolves will be a force to be reckoned with in the I-AA level.



No.	Player	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School	Major
1	Conte Cuttino	Fr.	RB	5-9	180	Uniondale, N.Y./Uniondale	Arts & Sciences
2	Sterling Goodwin	So.	CB	5-9	171	Washington, D.C./Dunbar	Arts & Sciences
3	J.J. Cox, Jr.	Jr.	WR	5-10	179	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Piper	History
4	Saladin Davis	Sr.	WR	5-9	156	Piscataway, N.J./Franklin	Multidisciplinary Studies
5	Leonard Wright III	So.	CB	5-8	157	Washington D.C./DeMatha Catholic	Arts & Sciences
6	Adam Barzar	Sr.	SS	6-0	191	Tuscon, Ariz./Arizona Western	Sociology
7	Dwayne Eley	So.	WR	5-10	170	Bowie, Md./Gonzaga	Arts & Sciences
8	Benjamin Clements	Fr.	CB	5-8	165	Glen Burnie, Md./DeMatha Catholic	Arts & Sciences
9	Kameron Sterling	Sr.	CB	5-8	187	Lindenwold, N.J./Lindenwold	Sociology
10	Andrew Garrett	Sr.	QB	6-5	200	Milford, N.J./Hofstra	History
11	Josh Dudash	Jr.	QB	6-2	214	Beachwood, N.J./Toms River	Sociology
12	Dan Sweeney	So.	QB	6-0	194	Niskayuna, N.Y./Colonie	Arts & Sciences
13	Sean McGinty	Sr.	P	5-11	187	Huntington, N.Y./Harborfields	Business
14	Von Bryant	Sr.	RB	6-0	200	Turnersville, N.J./UPenn	Arts & Sciences
15	Steve Austin	So.	RB	5-6	178	Tequesta, Fla./W.T. Dwyer	Arts & Sciences
16	Anthony Hamilton	Fr.	QB	6-3	185	Copiague, N.Y./Copiague	Arts & Sciences
17	Joey George	So.	FS	6-0	191	East Hanover, N.J./Hanover Park	Arts & Sciences
18	Cory Giddings	Fr.	CB	6-0	170	Ocean, N.J./Ocean Township	Arts & Sciences
20	Michael Cosentino	Sr.	WR	5-10	178	Staten Island, N.Y./St. Peter's	Sociology
21	Raymond Goodsir	Jr.	OLB	6-0	213	W. Milford, N.J./DePaul Catholic	Arts & Sciences
22	Rock Contardi	Fr.	DB	6-1	220	Melbourne, Fla./Holy Trinity	Arts & Sciences
23	Paul Perez	Sr.	OLB	6-1	215	Bergenfield, N.J./Bergenfield	Sociology
24	Tarrant Anderson	So.	RB	5-8	187	Englewood, N.J./Bergen Tech	Arts & Sciences
25	Mark Saraceni	So.	FS	6-0	188	Hamden, Conn./Hamden	Arts & Sciences
26	Aaron Hale	So.	RB	5-8	214	Plainfield, N.J./Plainfield	Arts & Sciences
27	Hasan Stewart	Sr.	CB	5-10	197	Hempstead, N.Y./Uniondale	Health Science
28	Andre Forbes	So.	CB	5-11	200	Elmont, N.J./Elmont	Arts & Sciences
29	Mike Derice	So.	CB	5-9	176	Brooklyn, N.Y./Brooklyn Tech	Arts & Sciences
30	Chris Alceus	Sr.	FS	6-1	179	Brooklyn, N.Y./C.W. Post	Political Science
31	Adam Cooper	So.	DB	6-2	205	San Diego, Calif./Grossmont College	Arts & Sciences
32	Assad Hafiz	Sr.	RB	5-8	174	Franklinville, N.J./Morrisville JC	Africana Studies
33	Richie Richards	Sr.	OLB	5-11	197	St. Albans, N.Y./Bayside	Math
34	Luis Altimiranda	So.	RB	5-11	188	Masmaroneck, N.Y./Rye Neck	Arts & Sciences
35	John Smith	Jr.	CB	6-1	190	Yonkers, N.Y./Mooresville	Psychology
36	Robert Parchment	Sr.	LB	5-11	215	Staten Island, N.Y./Tottenville	Political Science
37	Andre Jean-Pierre	So.	ILB	6-0	224	Irvington, N.J./Irvington	Arts & Sciences
38	Luke Gaddis	So.	K	5-8	152	East Patchogue, N.Y./Patchogue-Medford	Arts & Sciences
40	Chevar Rankins	Fr.	OLB	6-1	230	Middletown, Conn./Xavier	Arts & Sciences
41	Michael Meadows	So.	OLB	6-0	171	Shrub Oak, N.Y./Lakelant	Arts & Sciences
42	Francis Rivera	Jr.	SS	6-0	195	Toms River, N.J./Bridgton Academy Prep	Arts & Sciences
43	Chris Tomasky	Sr.	ILB	6-1	228	Ronkonkoma, N.Y./Nassau CC	Sociology
44	Tyler Santucci	Fr.	ILB	6-1	230	New Kensington, Pa./Valley	Arts & Sciences
45	Milo Otis	So.	ILB	5-11	210	Los Angeles, Calif./L.A. Southwest JC	Arts & Sciences
46	Stephen Schwicke	Fr.	ILB	6-1	254	East Patchogue, N.Y./Bellport	Arts & Sciences
47	Dan Berluti	So.	WR	5-11	186	Southington, Conn./Southington	Sociology
49	Kyle Brown	Sr.	DL	6-0	231	Napanoch, N.Y./Roundout Valley	Economics
50	Mack Graham, Jr.	So.	OLB	6-2	196	Staten Island, N.Y./Curtis	Arts & Sciences
51	Daniel Michitsch	Sr.	ILB	5-11	208	Glendale, N.Y./St. Francis Prep	Economics
53	Joseph Gelpi	So.	OL	6-1	297	Clifton, N.J./St. Mary's	Psychology
57	Juan Carlos Hernandez	So.	OL	6-4	286	New York, N.Y./Cardinal Hayes	Arts & Sciences
61	Jeff Santos	Fr.	OL	6-3	276	Irvine, Calif./Woodbridge	Arts & Sciences
65	Steve Council	So.	OL	6-1	304	Plainfield, N.J./Plainfield	Arts & Sciences
67	Ali Khawaia	So.	OL	6-0	288	Brookville, N.Y./East Meadow	Arts & Sciences
68	Miguel Roxas	So.	OL	6-0	276	East Northport, N.Y./Plainview	Arts & Sciences
69	Andrew Yurkiw	So.	OL	6-0	250	Elmont, N.J./Sewanhaka	Arts & Sciences
71	Christopher Pugliese	So.	OL	6-0	295	Medford, N.Y./Patchogue-Medford	Arts & Sciences
72	Lawrence Lovell	So.	OL	6-3	254	Brooklyn, N.Y./James Madison	Arts & Sciences
73	Andrew Saraga	Jr.	OL	6-1	271	Huntington Station, N.Y./Walt Whitman	History
74	Jason Herrick	So.	OL	6-1	265	East Moriches, N.Y./Westhampton	Mechanical Engineering
75	Jeremiah Massey	Sr.	OL	6-2	262	Brooklyn, N.Y./Brooklyn Tech	Arts & Sciences
76	Emmett Phillips	Fr.	OL	6-5	280	West Hartford, Conn./Northwest Catholic	Arts & Sciences

77	Matt Smeader	Jr.	OL	6-4	268	Hillsborough, N.J./Immaculata	Arts & Sciences
81	Donald Lee	Fr.	WR	6-2	165	Clifton, N.J./St. Mary's	Arts & Sciences
82	Jerome Johnson	Fr.	WR	6-3	210	Forestville, Md./Gonzaga College	Arts & Sciences
83	Chris Tyler	Fr.	TE	6-5	240	Rocky Hill, Conn./Rocky Hill	Arts & Sciences
84	Lynell Suggs	So.	WR	6-2	177	Bronx, N.Y./Lehman	Arts & Sciences
85	Scott Kubrak	So.	WR	5-11	182	Caldwell, N.J./James Caldwell	Arts & Sciences
86	Jason Figorski	Fr.	TE	6-3	250	Pittsburg, Pa./Chartiers Valley	Arts & Sciences
87	Matt Weeks	So.	K	6-1	187	Hampton Bays, N.Y./Hampton Bays	Arts & Sciences
88	Kevin Halonski	Sr.	TE	6-4	260	Budd Lake, N.J./New Haven	Sociology
90	Josh Auerbach	Fr.	DL	6-2	240	Langhorne, Pa./Neshaminy	Arts & Sciences
91	Robert Montejo	Fr.	DL	6-3	250	Hollywood, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas	Arts & Sciences
92	Melaquan Saffold	Fr.	DL	6-1	240	Syracuse, N.Y./Corcoran	Arts & Sciences
94	James Harris	So.	DL	6-3	259	Louisburg, N.C./Piscataway	Sociology
95	Adam Soivilien	So.	DL	6-2	251	Dorchester, Mass./Worcester Academy	Arts & Sciences
97	Shawn Broome	So.	DL	6-2	233	Elmont, N.Y./Sewanhaka	Arts & Sciences
98	Chris Merkle	So.	DL	6-2	242	Nutley, N.J./Nutley	Arts & Sciences
99	Tahir Messam	Sr.	DL	6-2	262	Brooklyn, N.Y./Brooklyn Tech	Computer Science

## 2006 Geographical Breakdown

### New York

Bronx	Lynell Suggs (Lehman HS)
Brooklyn	Chris Alceus (C.W. Post)
	Mike Derice (Brooklyn Tech HS)
	Lawrence Lovell (Madison HS)
	Tahir Messam (Brooklyn Tech HS)
	Jeremiah Massey (Brooklyn Tech HS)
Copiague	Anthony Hamilton (Copiague HS)
East Meadow	Ali Khawaja (East Meadow HS)
East Moriches	Jason Herrick (Westhampton HS)
East Northport	Miguel Roxas (Plainview HS)
East Patchogue	Luke Gaddis (Patchogue-Medford HS)
	Stephen Schwicke (Bellport HS)
Elmont	Andre Forbes (Elmont HS)
	Shawn Broome (Sewanhaka HS)
Glendale	Daniel Michitsch (St. Francis Prep)
Hampton Bays	Matt Weeks (Hampton Bays HS)
Hempstead	Hasan Stewart (Uniondale HS)
Huntington	Sean McGinty (Harborfields HS)
Huntington Station	Andrew Saraga (Walt Whitman HS)
Mamaroneck	Luis Altimiranda (Rye Neck HS)
Medford	Christopher Pugliese (Patchogue-Medford HS)
Napanoch	Kyle Brown (Roundout Valley HS)
New York	Juan Carlos Hernandez (Cardinal Hayes HS)
Niskayuna	Dan Sweeney (Colonie Central HS)
Queens Village	Richie Richards (Bayside HS)
Ronkonkoma	Chris Tomasky (Nassau CC)
Shrubouk	Michael Meadows (Lakeland HS)
Staten Island	Michael Cosentino (St. Peter's HS)
	Mack Graham, Jr. (Curtis HS)
	Robert Parchment (Tottenville HS)
Syracuse	Melaquan Saffold (Corcoran HS)
Uniondale	Conte Cuttino (Uniondale)
Yonkers	John Smith (Mooresville)

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Bergenfield	Paul Perez (Bergenfield HS)
Budd Lake	Kevin Halonski (New Haven HS)
Caldwell	Scott Kubrak (West Caldwell HS)
Clifton	Joseph Gelpi (St. Mary's HS)
East Hanover	Joey George (Hanover Park HS)
Elmont	Andrew Yurkiw (Sewanhaka HS)
Englewood	Tarrant Anderson (Bergen Tech HS)
Franklinville	Assad Hafiz (Morrisville CC)
Hillsborough	Matt Smeader (Immaculata HS)
Irvington	Andre Jean-Pierre (Irvington HS)
Lindenwold	Kameron Sterling (Lindenwold HS)
Milford	Andrew Garrett (Hofstra)
Nutley	Chris Merkle (Nutley HS)

Ocean  
Piscataway  
Plainfield

Somerset  
Toms River  
Turnersville  
West Milford

### Arizona

Tucson

### California

Irvine  
Los Angeles  
San Diego

### Connecticut

Hamden  
Middletown  
Rocky Hill  
Southington  
West Hartford

### Florida

Fort Lauderdale  
Hollywood  
Melbourne  
Tequesta

### Maryland

Bowie  
Glen Burnie  
Forestville

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Adam Barzar (Arizona Western)

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### Massachusetts

Dorchester Adam Soivilien (Worcester Academy HS)

### Pennsylvania

Langhorne Josh Auerbach (Neshaminy HS)  
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4	Saladin Davis	Sr.	WR	5-9	156	Piscataway, N.J./Franklin	Multidisciplinary Studies
29	Mike Derice	So.	CB	5-9	176	Brooklyn, N.Y./Brooklyn Tech	Arts & Sciences
11	Josh Dudash	Jr.	QB	6-2	214	Beachwood, N.J./Toms River	Sociology
7	Dwayne Eley	So.	WR	5-10	170	Bowie, Md./Gonzaga	Arts & Sciences
86	Jason Figorski	Fr.	TE	6-3	250	Pittsburg, Pa./Chartiers Valley	Arts & Sciences
28	Andre Forbes	So.	CB	5-11	200	Elmont, N.J./Elmont	Arts & Sciences
38	Luke Gaddis	So.	K	5-8	152	East Patchogue, N.Y./Patchogue-Medford	Arts & Sciences
10	Andrew Garrett	Sr.	QB	6-5	200	Milford, N.J./Hofstra	History
53	Joseph Gelpi	So.	OL	6-1	297	Clifton, N.J./St. Mary's	Psychology
17	Joey George	So.	FS	6-0	191	East Hanover, N.J./Hanover Park	Arts & Sciences
18	Cory Giddings	Fr.	CB	6-0	170	Ocean, N.J./Ocean Township	Arts & Sciences
21	Raymond Goodsir	Jr.	OLB	6-0	213	W. Milford, N.J./DePaul Catholic	Arts & Sciences
2	Sterling Goodwin	So.	CB	5-9	171	Washington, D.C./Dunbar	Arts & Sciences
50	Mark Graham, Jr.	So.	OLB	6-2	196	Staten Island, N.Y./Curtis	Arts & Sciences
89	Zacc Guaragno	So.	WR	6-1	207	Lansing, N.Y./Lansing	Arts & Sciences
32	Assad Hafiz	Sr.	RB	5-8	174	Franklinville, N.J./Morrisville JC	Africana Studies
26	Aaron Hale	So.	RB	5-8	214	Plainfield, N.J./Plainfield	Arts & Sciences
88	Kevin Halonski	Sr.	TE	6-4	260	Budd Lake, N.J./New Haven	Sociology
16	Anthony Hamilton	Fr.	QB	6-3	185	Copiague, N.Y./Copiague	Arts & Sciences
94	James Harris	So.	DL	6-3	259	Louisburg, N.C./Piscataway	Sociology
57	Juan Carlos Hernandez	So.	OL	6-4	286	New York, N.Y./Cardinal Hayes	Arts & Sciences
74	Jason Herrick	So.	OL	6-1	265	East Moriches, N.Y./Westhampton	Mechanical Engineering
37	Andre Jean-Pierre	So.	ILB	6-0	224	Irvington, N.J./Irvington	Arts & Sciences
82	Jerome Johnson	Fr.	WR	6-3	210	Forestville, Md./Gonzaga College	Arts & Sciences
67	Ali Khawaia	So.	OL	6-0	288	Brookville, N.Y./East Meadow	Arts & Sciences
85	Scott Kubrak	So.	WR	5-11	182	Caldwell, N.J./James Caldwell	Arts & Sciences
81	Donald Lee	Fr.	WR	6-2	165	Clifton, N.J./St. Mary's	Arts & Sciences
72	Lawrence Lovell	So.	OL	6-3	254	Brooklyn, N.Y./James Madison	Arts & Sciences
75	Jeremiah Massey	Sr.	OL	6-2	262	Brooklyn, N.Y./Brooklyn Tech	Arts & Sciences
13	Sean McGinty	Sr.	P	5-11	187	Huntington, N.Y./Harborfields	Business
41	Michael Meadows	So.	OLB	6-0	171	Shrub Oak, N.Y./Lakelant	Arts & Sciences
98	Chris Merkle	So.	DL	6-2	242	Nutley, N.J./Nutley	Arts & Sciences
99	Tahir Messam	Sr.	DL	6-2	262	Brooklyn, N.Y./Brooklyn Tech	Computer Science
51	Daniel Michitsch	Sr.	ILB	5-11	208	Glendale, N.Y./St. Francis Prep	Economics
91	Robert Montejo	Fr.	DL	6-3	250	Hollywood, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas	Arts & Sciences
45	Milo Otis	So.	ILB	5-11	210	Los Angeles, Calif./L.A. Southwest JC	Arts & Sciences
36	Robert Parchment	Sr.	LB	5-11	215	Staten Island, N.Y./Tottenville	Political Science
23	Paul Perez	Sr.	OLB	6-1	215	Bergenfield, N.J./Bergenfield	Sociology

76	Emmett Phillips	Fr.	OL	6-5	280	West Hartford, Conn./Northwest Catholic	Arts & Sciences
71	Christopher Pugliese	So.	OL	6-0	295	Medford, N.Y./Patchogue-Medford	Arts & Sciences
40	Chevar Rankins	Fr.	OLB	6-1	230	Middletown, Conn./Xavier	Arts & Sciences
33	Richie Richards	Sr.	OLB	5-11	197	St. Albans, N.Y./Bayside	Math
42	Francis Rivera	Jr.	SS	6-0	195	Toms River, N.J./Bridgton Academy Prep	Arts & Sciences
68	Miguel Roxas	So.	OL	6-0	276	East Northport, N.Y./Plainview	Arts & Sciences
92	Melaquan Saffold	Fr.	DL	6-1	240	Syracuse, N.Y./Corcoran	Arts & Sciences
61	Jeff Santos	Fr.	OL	6-3	276	Irvine, Calif./Woodbridge	Arts & Sciences
44	Tyler Santucci	Fr.	ILB	6-1	230	New Kensington, Pa./Valley	Arts & Sciences
25	Mark Saraceni	So.	FS	6-0	188	Hamden, Conn./Hamden	Arts & Sciences
73	Andrew Saraga	Jr.	OL	6-1	271	Huntington Station, N.Y./Walt Whitman	History
46	Stephen Schwicke	Fr.	ILB	6-1	254	East Patchogue, N.Y./Bellport	Arts & Sciences
77	Matt Smeader	Jr.	OL	6-4	268	Hillsborough, N.J./Immaculata	Arts & Sciences
35	John Smith	Jr.	CB	6-1	190	Yonkers, N.Y./Mooreville	Psychology
95	Adam Soiviliien	So.	DL	6-2	251	Dorchester, Mass./Worcester Academy	Arts & Sciences
9	Kameron Sterling	Sr.	CB	5-8	187	Lindenwold, N.J./Lindenwold	Sociology
27	Hasan Stewart	Sr.	CB	5-10	197	Hempstead, N.Y./Uniondale	Health Science
84	Lynell Suggs	So.	WR	6-2	177	Bronx, N.Y./Lehman	Arts & Sciences
12	Dan Sweeney	So.	QB	6-0	194	Niskayuna, N.Y./Colonie	Arts & Sciences
43	Chris Tomasky	Sr.	ILB	6-1	228	Ronkonkoma, N.Y./Nassau CC	Sociology
83	Chris Tyler	Fr.	TE	6-5	240	Rocky Hill, Conn./Rocky Hill	Arts & Sciences
87	Matt Weeks	So.	K	6-1	187	Hampton Bays, N.Y./Hampton Bays	Arts & Sciences
5	Leonard Wright III	So.	CB	5-8	157	Washington D.C./DeMatha Catholic	Arts & Sciences
69	Andrew Yurkiw	So.	OL	6-0	250	Elmont, N.J./Sewanhaka	Arts & Sciences

## Pronunciation Guide

### PLAYERS

Chris Alceus	al - see - us
Luis Altimiranda	alt - ah - miranda
Josh Auerbach	ow-er-bock
Dan Berluti	burr - loo - tee
Anthony Casale	Cah - sal
Michael Cosentino	kose - in - tino
Saladin Davis	sal - ah - dean
Mike Derice	de - reece
Josh Dudash	DOO - dash
Raymond Goodsir	Good - sir
Andre Jean-Pierre	John-Pierre
Ali Khawaja	Kah - wah - jah

Tahir Messam	Tah - hear Mess - im
Daniel Michistch	Mick - itch
Mark Saraceni	Sarah - seen - ee
Matt Smeader	Smee-der

### COACHES

Chuck Priore	Pry-oar-ee
Jeff Behrman	Beir-man
Joe Tricario	Tri-carry-oh
Damien Wroblewski	Ro-blew-ski



## 2006 PERSONNEL ANALYSIS

### Starters Returning (17)

**Offense (5):** Josh Dudash (QB), Kevin Halonski (TE), Scott Kubrak (WR), Andrew Saraga (OL), Lynell Suggs (WR)

**Defense (9):** Chris Alceus (S), Adam Barzar (S), Kyle Brown (DL), Raymond Goodsir (S), Andre Jean-Pierre (LB), Chris Merkle (DL), Daniel Michitsch (LB), Francis Rivera (S), Leonard Wright, III (CB)

**Specialists (3):** Andrew Garrett (DS), Sean McGinty (P), Matt Weeks (K)

### Starters Lost (8)

**Offense (7):** Josh Anderson (WR), Eugene Pietzak (OL), Thurman Ransom (OL), Matt Smith (OL), Leo Sullivan (OL), Joe Tarasiewicz (WR), Rod Williams (RB)

**Defense (1):** Mike Mounter (LB)

### Lettermen Returning (54)

**Offense (26):** Luis Altimiranda (RB), Tarrant Anderson (RB), Steve Austin (RB), Dan Berluti (WR), Michael Cosentino (WR), Steve Council (OL), Saladin Davis (WR), Josh Dudash (QB), Dwayne Eley (WR), Andrew Garrett (QB), Joseph Gelpi (OL), Assad Hafiz (RB), Aaron Hale (RB), Kevin Halonski (TE), Juan Carlos Hernandez (OL), Jason Herrick (OL), Ali Khawaja (OL), Scott Kubrak (WR), Lawrence Lovell (OL), Jeremiah Massey (OL), Chris Pugliese (OL), Miguel Roxas (OL), Andrew Saraga (OL), Lynell Suggs (WR), Dan Sweeney (QB), Andrew Yurkiw (OL)

**Defense (25):** Chris Alceus (S), Adam Barzar (S), Shawn Broome (DE), Kyle Brown (DL), Mike Derice (CB), Andre Forbes (CB), Joey George (S), Raymond Goodsir (LB), Sterling Goodwin (CB), Mack Graham, Jr. (LB), James Harris (DL), Andre Jean-Pierre (LB), Chris Merkle (DL), Tahir Messam (DL), Daniel Michitsch (LB), Robert Parchment (LB), Paul Perez (LB), Richie Richards (LB), Francis Rivera (S), Mark Saraceni (S), Adam Soivilien (DL), Kameron Sterling (CB), Hasan Stewart (CB), Chris Tomasky (LB), Leonard Wright, III (CB)

**Specialists (3):** Luke Gaddis (K), Sean McGinty (P), Matt Weeks (K)

### Lettermen Lost (27)

**Offense (14):** Khalfani Alleyne (WR), Josh Anderson (WR), Matthew Brumfield (RB), Jeremy Goldman (OL), Shane Griffin (WR), Colin Jones (OL), Justin Kindt (OL), Eugene Pietzak (OL), Thurman Ransom (OL), Matt Smith (OL), Chris Sturomski (FB), Leo Sullivan (OL), Joe Tarasiewicz (WR), Rod Williams (RB)

**Defense (12):** Wayne Briggs (LB), Anthony Campisi (S), Anthon Casale (S), Clarence Fields (DE), Norris Goldberg (DT), Jason Lefkowitz (DE), Daniel Monaco (DT), Michael Mounter (LB), Jason Potts (DE), Rob Roberts (DE), Nathan Robinson (LB), William Williams (S)

**Specialists (1):** Alex Grimm (K)

### Seawolves By Class

**Seniors (19):** Chris Alceus (S), Adam Barzar (S), Kyle Brown (DL), Von Bryant (RB), Michael Cosentino (WR), Saladin Davis (WR), Andrew Garrett (QB), Assad Hafiz (RB), Kevin Halonski (TE), Sean McGinty (P), Jeremiah Massey (OL), Tahir Messam (DL), Daniel Michitsch (LB), Robert Parchment (LB), Paul Perez (LB), Richie Richards (LB), Kameron Sterling (CB), Hasan Stewart (CB), Chris Tomasky (LB)

**Juniors (7):** J.J. Cox, Jr. (WR), Josh Dudash (QB), Raymond Goodsir (LB), Francis Rivera (S), Andrew Saraga (OL), Matt Smeader (OL), John Smith (CB)

**Sophomores (36):** Tarrant Anderson (RB), Luis Altimiranda (RB), Steve Austin (RB), Dan Berluti (WR), Shawn Broome (DL), Adam Cooper (DB), Steve Council (OL), Mike Derice (CB), Dwayne Eley (WR), Andre Forbes (CB), Luke Gaddis (K), Joseph Gelpi (OL), Joey George (S), Sterling Goodwin (CB), Mack Graham, Jr. (LB), Zacc Guaragno (WR), Aaron Hale (RB), James Harris (DL), Juan Carlos Hernandez (OL), Jason Herrick (OL), Andre Jean-Pierre (LB), Ali Khawaja (OL), Scott Kubrak (WR), Lawrence Lovell (OL), Michael Meadows (LB), Chris Merkle (DL), Milo Otis (ILB), Christopher Pugliese (OL), Miguel Roxas (OL), Mark Saraceni (S), Adam Soivilien (DL), Lynell Suggs (WR), Dan Sweeney (QB), Matt Weeks (K), Leonard Wright, III (CB), Andrew Yurkiw (OL)

**Freshmen (16):** Josh Auerbach (DL), Benjamin Clements (CB), Rock Contardi (DB), Conte Cuttino (RB), Jason Figorski (TE), Cory Giddings (CB), Anthony Hamilton (QB), Jerome Johnson (WR), Donald Lee (WR), Robert Montejto (DL), Emmett Phillips (OL), Chevar Rankins (LB), Melaquan Saffold (DL), Jeff Santos (OL), Tyler Santucci (LB), Stephen Schwicke (LB)



# 2006 PRESEASON NOTEBOOK

## Defending Champs

Josh Dudash connected with Lynell Suggs on a 10-yard fade pass with 31 seconds to go to lift Stony Brook to a 23-21 victory over Central Connecticut State in the conference finale to clinch a share of the Northeast Conference Championship, the first NEC Championship in program history.



## Welcome to the Brook

On December 9, 2005, Stony Brook announced that Chuck Priore would be the new head football coach for the Seawolves. Priore, who led Trinity College to four consecutive New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) titles and a current 30-game winning streak, becomes the second coach in the program's history.

## Scholarship Football

Following the 2005 season, Stony Brook began to offer football scholarships for the first time in accordance with the NEC's restructured scholarship guidelines. Following the conclusion of the 2006 season, Stony Brook will compete as an independent and plans to phase in incremental increases in scholarship levels on an annual basis with the ultimate goal of reaching the full I-AA complement of 63.

## New Look

The Seawolves football team will have a new look this year, donning new uniforms in 2006. Stony Brook will be sporting a new silver helmet to match silver pants with a red jersey.

## No Place Like Home

The Seawolves have found themselves walking off the field at LaValle Stadium as winners quite often over the past four

years. Stony Brook has claimed victory in 14 of the 21 contests that have taken place in front of the home crowd.

## Stony Brook Sports Report

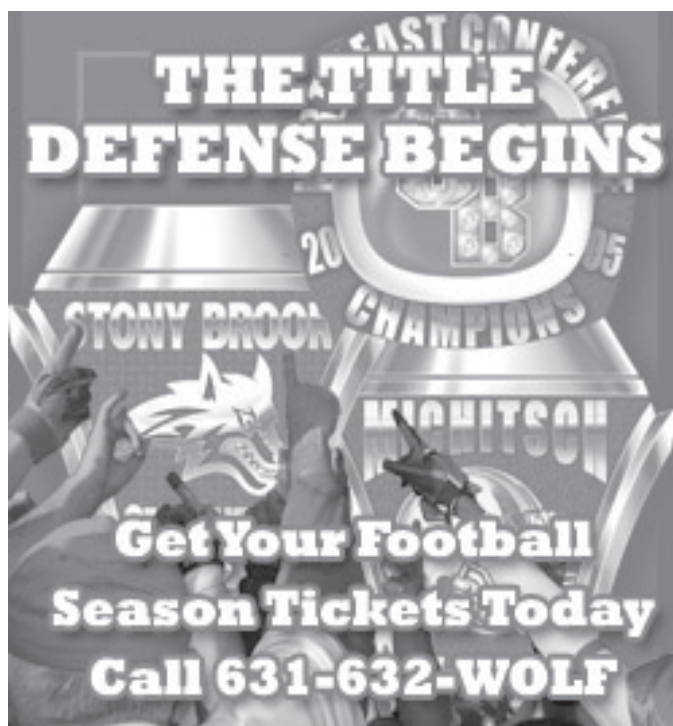
The Stony Brook Sports Report is back for a second season. The SBU Sports Report will once again air on nationally on CSTV and locally on Cablevision and has been expanded to 30 episodes. You can also catch the show online at [www.goseawolves.org](http://www.goseawolves.org).

Long Island native and local sports personality, Carl Reuter, will be taking over as the host for the 2006-07 season. Reuter has been covering Long Island sports for over 25 years, including stints with News 12, Sportschannel New York, the America East and Colonial Athletic Association, Fox Sport NY and Fox 5-WNYW.

### The Sports Network 2005 Final I-AA Top-10 Mid-Major Poll

Team (First-place votes)	Record	Points
1. San Diego Toreros(26)	11-1	260
2. Dayton Flyers	9-1	232
3. Duquesne Dukes	7-3	207
4. Morehead St. Eagles	8-4	160
5. Marist Red Foxes	7-4	149
6. Drake Bulldogs	6-4	142
7. CCSU Blue Devils	7-4	107
8. Monmouth Hawks	6-4	69
<b>9. Stony Brook Seawolves</b>	<b>6-5</b>	<b>61</b>
10. Jacksonville Dolphins	4-4	16

Others receiving votes (in order of points):  
Albany 15, Wagner 12



**2006 Northeast Conference Football  
Composite Schedule**

**August 31, 2006**

Hofstra at Stony Brook ..... 7:00 pm  
Wagner at La Salle ..... 7:00 pm

**September 2, 2006**

St. Peter's at St. Francis (Pa.) ..... 1:00 pm  
Robert Morris at Dayton ..... 1:00 pm  
Albany at Lehigh ..... 1:00 pm  
Lafayette at Sacred Heart ..... 2:00 pm  
Marist at Central Connecticut ..... 5:00 pm  
Monmouth at Fordham ..... 6:00 pm

**September 9, 2006**

Duquesne at Robert Morris ..... 1:00 pm  
Stony Brook at Georgetown ..... 1:00 pm  
Iona at Wagner ..... 1:00 pm  
Morgan State at Monmouth ..... 1:00 pm  
Fordham at Albany ..... 6:00 pm  
St. Francis (Pa.) at Delaware State ..... 7:00 pm  
Central Connecticut State at Georgia Southern ..... 7:00 pm  
Sacred Heart at Marist ..... 7:00 pm

**September 15, 2006**

Central Connecticut State at Southern Connecticut... 7:00 pm

**September 16, 2006**

Stony Brook at New Hampshire ..... 12:00 pm  
Robert Morris at Butler ..... 1:00 pm  
St. Peter's at Monmouth ..... 1:00 pm  
Iona at Sacred Heart ..... 1:00 pm  
St. Francis (Pa.) at Duquesne ..... 1:00 pm  
Wagner at Marist ..... 7:00 pm  
Albany at Delaware ..... 7:00 pm

**September 23, 2006**

La Salle at St. Francis (Pa.) ..... 1:00 pm  
Sacred Heart at Duquesne ..... 1:00 pm  
St. Peter's at Wagner ..... 1:00 pm  
Rowan at Robert Morris ..... 1:00 pm  
Stony Brook at UMass ..... 1:00 pm  
Monmouth at Colgate ..... 1:00 pm  
Central Connecticut State at Albany \* ..... 4:00 pm

**September 30, 2006**

Wagner at Sacred Heart \* ..... 1:00 pm  
Robert Morris at St. Francis (Pa.) \* ..... 1:00 pm  
Central Connecticut State at St. Peter's ..... 1:00 pm  
Stony Brook at Monmouth \* ..... 1:00 pm  
Albany at Cornell ..... 7:00 pm

**October 7, 2006**

Robert Morris at Wagner \* ..... 1:00 pm

St. Francis (Pa.) at Central Connecticut State \* ..... 1:00 pm  
Sacred Heart at Monmouth \* ..... 1:00 pm  
Albany at Stony Brook \* ..... 2:00 pm

**October 14, 2006**

Central Connecticut State at Robert Morris \* ..... 1:00 pm  
Monmouth at Wagner \* ..... 1:00 pm  
Albany at Sacred Heart \* ..... 1:00 pm  
Stony Brook at St. Francis (Pa.) \* ..... 1:00 pm

**October 21, 2006**

Wagner at Central Connecticut State \* ..... 12:00 pm  
Monmouth at Robert Morris \* ..... 1:00 pm  
Sacred Heart at Stony Brook \* ..... 1:00 pm  
St. Francis (Pa.) at Albany \* ..... 4:00 pm

**October 28, 2006**

Robert Morris at Stony Brook \* ..... 1:00 pm  
Central Connecticut State at Monmouth \* ..... 1:00 pm  
Sacred Heart at St. Francis (Pa.) \* ..... 1:00 pm  
Wagner at Albany \* ..... 4:00 pm

**November 4, 2006**

Central Connecticut State at Sacred Heart \* ..... 12:30 pm  
Albany at Robert Morris \* ..... 1:00 pm  
St. Francis (Pa.) at Monmouth \* ..... 1:00 pm  
Stony Brook at Wagner \* ..... 1:00 pm

**November 11, 2006**

Stony Brook at Central Connecticut State \* ..... 12:00 pm  
Robert Morris at Sacred Heart \* ..... 12:30 pm  
Wagner at St. Francis (Pa.) \* ..... 1:00 pm  
Monmouth at Albany \* ..... 1:00 pm

\* Northeast Conference Game

**NORTHEAST  
CONFERENCE**



### About The NEC

When the Northeast Conference was first established as the ECAC-Metro Conference back in 1981, the league's founders had one simple goal in mind: to create a competitive Division I men's basketball conference for unaffiliated schools on the Eastern seaboard. A single-sport entity at its inception, even the league's most ardent supporters during its formative years could not have envisioned a transformation into a burgeoning 11-member, 21-sport conference. Now, 25 years later, the NEC begins a yearlong celebration of its Silver Anniversary by proudly looking back at its heritage, while at the same time writing the next chapter in the league's evolution.

The NEC and its member institutions remain committed to enhancing the experience of its student-athletes, while strengthening its competitive position both regionally and nationally. With that in mind, the league's traditional focus on athletic achievement, academic integrity and development, community outreach and sportsmanship has never been stronger. To that end, the NEC launched Sportsmanship Counts! in 2004-05, an initiative designed to reinforce and promote the ideals and fundamentals of good sportsmanship.

The remarkable success story of the conference began to unfold in 1985, when the league began sponsoring additional sports. Three years later, a change of name was in order and the Northeast Conference as we know it today was born. With membership and sport sponsorship continuing to grow over the next decade and beyond, the NEC now has access to NCAA automatic bids in 12 sports (baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis and women's volleyball).

Though the NEC has featured various incarnations since its inception, charter members Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Robert Morris, St. Francis (N.Y.), St. Francis (Pa.) and Wagner remain part of the current 11-school alignment. They are joined by Monmouth (admitted in 1985), Mount St. Mary's (1989), Central Connecticut State (1997), Quinnipiac (1998) and Sacred Heart (1999). NEC expansion, which culminated in 1999 with the addition of Sacred Heart, has given the league a five-state geographic footprint with access to such major media markets as New York City, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Hartford.

With the addition of four sports over the last seven years, NEC member institutions now compete in 21 championship sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, field hockey, football, men's and women's golf, men's and women's indoor track and field, women's lacrosse, men's and women's outdoor track and field, men's and women's soccer, softball, women's swimming, men's and women's tennis, and women's volleyball.

As only the second full-time commissioner in NEC history, the hiring of John Iamarino on April 7, 1997 signaled the dawn of a new era in the conference. During his tenure, Iamarino has orchestrated the transition from nine league schools to 11; and sports sponsorship from 17 to 21. He unveiled a new NEC logo to wide acclaim in June, 1997, spearheaded the move of NEC Championships to top-notch venues such as FirstEnergy Park in Lakewood, N.J. (baseball), Mercer County Park (tennis) and the P.G. County Sports Complex in Landover, MD (indoor track and swimming), initiated a new football financial aid policy, strengthened scheduling requirements and aggressively stepped up the league's marketing and merchandising efforts. Under Iamarino's guidance, the NEC reached an agreement with Maingate, Inc. in 2004 to become the official merchandiser of the conference and host the league's first-ever webstore ([www.necstore.org](http://www.necstore.org)). In 2005-06, the NEC will begin offering live coverage of league championship events through Gametracker software.

Iamarino has also succeeded in widening the NEC's exposure on a national basis through a number of initiatives. The league's official website - one of the most comprehensive in the nation - was relaunched in 2004 with additional content and features, as well as a state-of-the-art design. To supplement one of the premier regional basketball television packages in the country, the conference also began televising football games in 2003. Over the last three years, the NEC has televised nearly 100 events, as the league's coverage area expanded to 20 million homes. Along with flagship station MSG Network, other regional television outlets included Fox Sports-New York, Fox Sports-Pittsburgh, Fox Sports-New England and Comcast SportsNet. In 2005, ESPN broadcast the men's championship game for the 18th straight year while MSG televised the women's title contest for the eighth season in a row.



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During the 2004-05 campaign, the NEC played on a national stage through the awarding of NCAA bids to the conference in 12 team sports. In the league's highest profile event of the year, the Fairleigh Dickinson men's basketball team played top-seed and eventual national runner-up Illinois to a first-half standstill, gaining instant recognition before a nationwide audience. Monmouth won the Sports Network Cup in football, emblematic of the top mid-major program in the nation, as five conference programs finished in the final top-10 poll. Men's soccer has been the league's most competitive sport on a regional and national basis in recent years, including Fairleigh Dickinson winning four NCAA Tournament matches over the past four years. Last season, NEC programs scored men's soccer victories over teams from the ACC, Big East and Atlantic 10, while Long Island tied a Michigan team that was ranked third in the nation at the time. Individually, St. Francis (Pa.) distance runner A.J. Suravicz claimed All-America honors in the indoor mile after finishing in ninth place at the NCAA Championships in March, while teammate Ryan Sheehan became a two-time All-American after placing 11th in the 10,000 meter run at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in June. Along with Sheehan, the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships produced two more All-Americans as Long Island's Bryan Steele took sixth place in the 400 meter hurdles and Monmouth's Bobby Smith claimed fifth place in the javelin. In football, Robert Morris linebacker James Noel and Albany offensive lineman Geir Gudmundsen were tabbed to the AFCA I-AA All-America team. Albany defensive back Kurt Campbell became the second NEC player drafted since the league began sponsoring football in 1996 when he was chosen by the Green Bay Packers in the seventh round. In women's swimming, Central Connecticut State's Jaime Crowley qualified for the NCAA Swimming Championships in the 50 freestyle, then went on to compete in two events at the World Championship trials in Indianapolis. On a regional note, the Long Island women's soccer team advanced to the ECAC Tournament championship match.

The 2004-05 academic year also boasted a strong balance between athletic feats and academic achievements of NEC student-athletes as 1,032 league competitors were named to the NEC Academic Honor Roll and eight earned national Academic All-America status, the second highest one-year total in league history. NEC Student-Athlete of the Year Beth Swink (two-time honoree in women's basketball) and Andrew Maloney (three-time honoree in track and field) of St. Francis (Pa.), along with Long Island's David Ledet (men's soccer), Mount St. Mary's Naomi Campano (two-time honoree in women's lacrosse), Robert Morris' Jonathan LeDonne (football) and Gardner-Webb's Taylor Simpson (women's swimming) were all recognized as ESPN The Magazine first team Academic All-Americans. Joining the aforementioned quartet was Central Connecticut State's Sabrina Mariani, (two-time honoree in women's soccer) and St. Francis (Pa.)'s Ryan Sheehan (track and field), who earned third team Academic All-America plaudits. St. Francis (Pa.) ranks among the top programs nationally in Academic All-Americans over the last seven years with 19.

## NEC Football Member Schools



**University at Albany**  
Joined NEC as associate member  
along with Stony Brook in 1999.  
Won first title in 2002.



**Central Connecticut State University**  
Name NEC Co-Champions in 2005



**Monmouth University**  
Admitted to NEC in 1985.  
2004 NEC Champion.



**Robert Morris University**  
Charter member of the NEC in 1981.  
Has won five NEC championships.



**Sacred Heart University**  
Joined NEC in 1999. Won first  
conference championship in 2001.



**St. Francis University**  
Charter member of the NEC in 1981



**Stony Brook University**  
Won its first NEC title in 2005.



**Wagner College**  
Charter member of NEC. Been .500  
or better in 22 of last 23 seasons.