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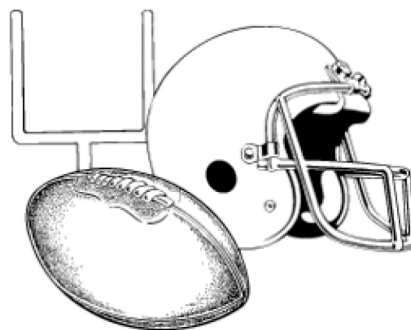
Today, we will take a moment to recognize the finest High school and College scholar athletes from our region.

Their hard work and sacrifices to become outstanding scholars, excellent athletes and leaders will be rewarded today, as 39 high school seniors and seven college seniors will receive the recognition they so richly deserve.

Though their lives will take many different paths in the years to come, they will all know that their contributions to their families, their schools and their communities have been appreciated.

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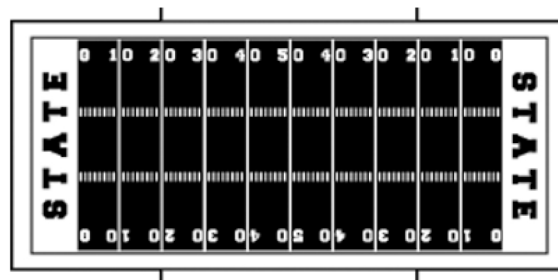
The **National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame** was founded in 1947 and is dedicated to mobilizing the constructive forces of amateur football, at all levels, for the benefit of society.

As stated most clearly by former President and Foundation "Gold Medal" recipient Dwight D. Eisenhower, "In football, in business, in the trades and professions, the normal urge to excel provides one of the most hopeful assurances that our kind of society will continue to advance and prosper. Morale...the will, this heart...we need not only in athletic teams and individuals, but collectively."

To preserve and encourage these values in our nation's youth, the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame helps to bring together all of the organ-

ized groups that play, coach, administer, support and report amateur football. It seeks to establish the true concept of the game as an amateur sport, and to gain recognition of the important role it plays in the preservation and advancement of our way of life.

The **Central Pennsylvania Chapter** is one of many chapters who combine with the national office to honor over 3,000 high school and college scholar athletes each year with nearly \$1,000,000 in scholarships for undergraduate and graduate education. Now in its twelfth year, the Central Pennsylvania Chapter is proud to honor 39 high school and 7 college scholar athletes for the 2008-2009 year. Our congratulations to each award recipient who was nominated by their schools.



Procedure for Selecting Award and Scholarship Winners -

At the beginning of the scholastic football season, the president of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter sent a letter and nomination form to each of the 37 high school head football coaches in the centre region. Each school was asked to nominate one senior member from their football team to receive an award from the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. Each nomination form included a high school transcript and official test scores (SAT/ACT).

The nomination forms, transcripts and test scores were forwarded to the scholarship selection committee. This committee is composed of knowledgeable representatives from our local chapter who were responsible for evaluating each of the nominees using the following three criteria established by the National office:

Academic Achievement

Athletic Achievement

Extracurricular/Community Service Participation

The scholarship committee carefully evaluated each nominee and rank ordered them accordingly. The rank order was given to the Advisory Board and the top 10 individuals will also receive \$1000 post graduate scholarships.



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION AND COLLEGE HALL OF FAME

2009 NOMINEES

ALTOONA AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Eric Banks

Hometown: Altoona.

Parents: Howard and Mary Beth Banks.

Position: Center.

Coach Phil Riccio: "Eric sets high standards for himself and the people around him."

Sports: Football (Captain), Baseball.

Honors/Activities: National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Star Award, K-Pin Award, Buddy Club, Computer Club, Sports Appreciation Club, Mt. Carmel Church, Community Service.

College Future: Pittsburgh (Civil Engineering).

BALD EAGLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Shane Robinson

Hometown: Milesburg.

Parents: Mrs. Denise Robinson.

Position: Left Guard.

Coach John Tobias. "Shane's work ethic, unselfishness and leadership qualities will ensure success beyond football."

Sports: Football (2nd Team MAFC Nittany Division), Wrestling.

Honors /Activities: National Honor Society, Distinguished Honor Roll (9th grade to present), Top 5% of class, MAFC Nittany Division Scholar- Athlete.

College Future: Penn State (Business).

BELLEFONTE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Brett Corl

Hometown: Bellefonte.

Parents: Bernie and Cathy Corl.

Position: Offensive Tackle

Coach Zac Wynkoop. "Brett is truly a leader of men."

Sports: Football (Captain, All-Conference 1st Team 2007 & 2nd Team 2008.

Honors/Activities: President of Bellefonte National Honor Society Chapter, Distinguished Honor Roll (grades 9-12),

10th in class of 265, MAFC Scholar-Athlete, Brenner Twp. Community Volunteer.

College Future: Penn State (Engineering).

BELLWOOD-ANTIS HIGH SCHOOL

Adam Kovac

Hometown: Bellwood.

Parents: Tim and Lisa Kovac.

Position: Guard/Defensive End.

Coach John Hayes "Adam has a dedicated attitude with outstanding work ethic;"

Sports:Football (3-year letterman, ICC and MAFC All Star Team), Baseball.

Honors/Activities: National Honor Society, Honor Roll (every marking period), Student Spotlight, Eagle Scout BSA, National Merit Award.

College Future: Juniata or Lock Haven (Biology).

BISHOP CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL

Anthony Fredo

Hometown: Hastings.

Parents: Gordon and Grace Fredo.

Position: Offensive Tackle.

Coach Craig Sponsky. "Anthony gives every effort, every day to be the best he could be."

Sports: Football. **Honors/Activities:** National Honor Society, American Achievement Academy, National Society of High School Scholars, Who's Who Among American H.S Students, *PA Football News* Academic Team (three years).

College Future: Pittsburgh (Pharmacy).

BISHOP GUILFOYLE HIGH SCHOOL

Nikolas Johnston

Hometown: Newry.

Parents: Michael and Christine Johnston.

Position: Center/Defensive End.

Coach Martin Georgiana. "Nikolas has great and strong leadership."

Sports: Football (Captain, 3-year starter), Basketball, Volleyball.

Honors/Activities: High Honor Roll (each marking period), Highest student-athlete GPA, Spanish Club, Drama Club, Community Service for area cemetery.

College Future: Penn State (Engineering).

BROCKWAY AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Aaron Michael Smith

Hometown: Brockport.

Parents: Rodney and Diane Shaffer.

Position: Split End/ Defensive Back.

Coach Frank Varischetti. "Aaron will accomplish anything he puts his mind to."

Sports: Football. **Honors/Activities:** President of National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Inclined Minds, Clarion Math Competition, Rotary Club Representative, Environthon, Elementary Basketball coach.

College Future: Penn State (Chemical Engineering).

BROOKVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

James Harbison

Hometown: Brookville.

Parents: Keith and Tina Harbison.

Position: Offensive and Defensive Tackle.

Coach Chris Dworek. "James attitude was always positive and he always gave 100 percent." **Sports:** Football (2-year, 2-way starter).

Honors/Activities: Honor Roll (every year in school), NAQT National Tournament, Science Olympiad, Penn State Scholastic Challenge Participant, Youth Flag Football Coach,

College Future: Undecided (Undecided)

BUCKTAIL AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Alexander Strain

Hometown: Renovo.

Parents: Teri & Shawn Ruth.

Position: Center/Defensive End.

Coach Bruce Ransom. "Alex's attitude is everything a coach could hope for and then some."

Sports: Football (Captain, 3-year letterman, 2-year starter, 2nd team all-conference), Wrestling.

Honors/Activities: Scholastic Scrimmage Captain, Drama Club, High School Plays.

College Future: Penn State (Undecided).

CAMBRIA HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

Andrew Gause

Hometown: Patton.

Parents: Debra and Glen Gause.

Position: Center/Defensive End.

Coach Justin Myers. "Andrew is an excellent leader and has best attitude on the team."

Sports: Football, Track, Weight Lifting.

Honors/Activities: Honor Roll (throughout high school), Western Pennsylvania scholar-athlete, Volunteer Timer at home swim meets.

College Future: St. Francis (Business Management).

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Brok Greenleaf

Hometown: Martinsburg.

Parents: Mike and Kathleen Greenleaf.

Position: Offensive and Defensive Tackle.

Coach A. J. Hoenstine. "Brok is the epitome of a high school student-athlete."

Sports: Football, Track, Swimming.

Honors/Activities: National Honor Society, High Honors, Who's Who Among America's Language Students Award, Hurricane Katrina Relief Volunteer, Food Box Service Volunteer.

College Future: Pittsburgh (Pre-Med or Pharmacy).

CENTRAL MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL

Corey Bartholomew

Hometown: Lock Haven.

Parents: Anne Bartholomew and Theodore Brantley.

Position: Defensive Back.

Coach Steven Turchetta "Cory is an excellent student-athlete and leader."

Sports: Football, Track.

Honors/Activities: National Honor Society, Honor Roll (never missed), Skills USA, All Honors Classes, Youth Group Volunteer, Penn State Summer Work. **College**

Future: Robert Morris or Bucknell (Engineering).

CLARION HIGH SCHOOL

Ryan Johnson

Hometown: Clarion

Parents: Corey and Neva Beichner

Position: Offensive Line

Coach Larry Wisner. "Ryan is the kind of person every team

should have. He is a well-rounded person.”

Sports: Football, Track.

Honors/Activities: National Honor Society, Honor Roll or Principal’s List (every grading period), Volunteer for Vacation Bible School, Community Auto Leaf Festival, Church Youth Group Activities.

College Future: Clarion/Pitt (Math and Electrical Engineering).

CLAYSBURG-KIMMEL HIGH SCHOOL

Kelly Robert Claar

Hometown: Claysburg.

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Claar.

Position: Wide Receiver /Defensive Back.

Coach Joseph Kitt. “Kelly was a great leader on and off the field.”

Sports: Football, Basketball.

Honors/Activities: President of National Honor Society, High Honor Roll, Senior Class Secretary, FBLA, Teens Against Tobacco Use, Scholastic Scrimmage.

College Future: Elizabethtown (Criminal Justice).

CLEARFIELD AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Nick Redden

Hometown: Clearfield.

Parents: Rick and Lisa Redden.

Position: Center/Defensive End.

Coach Timothy Janocko. “Nick is an outstanding student, community member, and role model.”

Sports: Football, Baseball, Basketball, Track.

Honors/Activities: High Honor Roll, 4-year Core Class AP Student, Second Mile Counselor, Member Lawrence Twp. Rec Board, Vision 2020 Community Improvement Project. **Col-**

lege Future: Undecided (Pre-Med/Biology)

CURWENSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

David Kalgren

Hometown: Curwensville.

Parents: Gregory and Tarri Kalgren.

Position: Quarterback/ Defensive Back.

Coach Andy Evanko. “David is the utmost example of dedication, sacrifice and a commitment to excellence.”

Sports: Football.

Honors/Activities: National Honor Society (Treasurer), Honor Roll, Top Ranked Man in Class, Teen Court, Student Council, SAAD, Curwensville Library.

College Future: Dickinson, W& J or Lycoming (Political Science).

DUBOIS AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Les Miller

Hometown: Dubois.

Parents: Les and Charmaine Miller.

Position: Fullback/Linebacker.

Coach Jason Shilala. “Les possesses a wonderful attitude and work ethic on the field and in the classroom.”

Sports: Football, Baseball.

Honors/Activities: National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Salvation Army Volunteer, American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life, Little League Volunteer.

College Future: Millersville (Criminal Justice).

EAST JUNIATA HIGH SCHOOL

Justin West

Hometown: McAlisterville.

Parents: Michelle Fetterolf.

Position: Quarterback/Defensive Back.

Coach Tom Feltmon. “Justin has a great attitude and work ethic and been a great role model.”

Sports: Football, Baseball, Basketball.

Honors/Activities: Honor Roll.

College Future: Undecided (Communications).

FOREST HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Scott Mehall

Hometown: South Fork.

Parents: James and Claudia Mehall.

Position: Running and Defensive Back.

Coach Don Bailey. “Scott was a leader on and off the field and one of hardest workers.”

Sports: Football (**PA Football News All-State 3rd Team**), Basketball, Track.

Honors/Activities: Highest Honor Roll (all periods), National Honor Society, Western Conference scholar-athlete, Jaycees.

College Future: Undecided (Undecided).

GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Steven Rusnak

Hometown: Irvona.

Parents: Michael and Tammy Rusnak.

Position: Wide Receiver/ Defensive Back.

Coach Rick Kozak. “Steve is a positive leader who refused to give up.”

Sports: Football, Baseball, Wrestling.

Honors/Activities: National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students, President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence, Church and Phys Ed. Volunteer.

College Future: Conemaugh Medical Center (Radiology).

HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Scott Hammond

Hometown: Hollidaysburg.

Parents: Tom and Debbie Hammond.

Position: Running and Defensive Back/ Wide Receive.

Coach John Barton. "Scott is completely unselfish with tremendous work ethic and great leadership skills."

Sports: Football (3-year starter, 1st team all-conference).

Honors/Activities: National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Principal's Award, Youth Football and Baseball Camps, Church Volunteer.

College Future: Undecided (Business).

HUNTINGDON HIGH SCHOOL

Jason Pierotti

Hometown: Huntingdon.

Parents: Jay and Susan Pierotti.

Position: Tight End /Linebacker.

Coach James Zauzig. "Jason is very motivated academically with sportsmanlike nature and leadership skills."

Sports: Football, Baseball, Ski Club.

Honors/Activities: National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Church Youth Group, United Way Day of Caring, Youth Football Camp Counselor, Tutoring of Young Students

College Future: Undecided (Criminal Justice).

INDIAN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Nick Myers

Hometown: Yeagertown.

Parents: Todd and Kathy Myers.

Position: Running and Defensive Back.

Coach Thomas Shearer. "Nick's a great student, hard worker and even a better person."

Sports: Football, Wrestling, Track.

Honors/Activities: Distinguished Honor Roll (every period since 8th grade), Dual Enrollment Math, Youth Football Coach, Library Aide, Computer Club, Varsity Club.

College Future: Penn State (Undecided).

JERSEY SHORE HIGH SCHOOL

Logan Marino

Hometown: Westerville.

Parents: Damian and Robyn Mariano.

Position: Cornerback.

Coach Stephen Eck. "Logan had a great work ethic and provided leadership for the team."

Sports: Football (3-year starter), Track.

Honors/Activities: Distinguished Honor Roll (Five years), National Honor Society, Ranks 12th of 216 students, Relay for Life, Flaming Foliage Escort, Student Council.

College Future: Lycoming (Biology).

JUNIATA HIGH SCHOOL

Nicholas Bodley

Hometown: Mifflintown.

Parents: Steven Bodley and Susan Mactarna Ghan.

Position: Quarterback/Cornerback.

Coach Gary Klingensmith "Nick has a team first attitude and would always do whatever the coaches asked him to do."

Sports: Football, All Conference Offense and Defense), Track, Baseball.

Honors/Activities: Honor Roll, Preschool Worship Teacher, Volunteer Elementary Basketball Coach.

College Future: Lock Haven (Health-Phys Ed.).

LEWISTOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL

William Gehrett

Hometown: Lewistown.

Parents: William and Karen Gehrett.

Position: Offensive Line.

Coach Allen Muir. "William has a positive attitude that never wavered in adverse times."

Sports: Football (Captain), Basketball.

Honors /Activities: Distinguished Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Student Council, Business Club

College Future: Undecided (Math Education).

MOSHANNON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Brandon Morrone

Hometown: Houtzdale.

Parents: Brenda Kasubick.

Position: Fullback and Linebacker.

Coach Murray Fetzer. "Brandon demonstrated tremendous

leadership qualities and led by example.”

Sports: Football (Captain).

Honors/Activities: Distinguished Honor Roll, Academic Class Rank No. 2, Eagle Scout, Marching Band.

College Future: West Point.

MOUNT UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Zach Hicks

Hometown: Mount Union.

Parents: Thomas and Tammy Hicks.

Position: Linebacker/ Tight End.

Coach Dave Hummel. “Zach has a great attitude and just loves to play the game.”

Sports: Football, Wrestling.

Honors/Activities: Distinguished Honor Student, National Honor Society, Dual College Enrollment, Key Club, SADD, Looking Out, Key Club, Youth Group, Student Council, Various Community Service.

College Future: Undecided (Pre-Engineering).

PENN CAMBRIA HIGH SCHOOL

John Julian

Hometown: Gallitzin.

Parents: John and Dorothy Julian.

Position: Linebacker/ Tight End.

Coach Ernie Fetzer. “John is an outstanding young man at the top of the chart in character and work ethic.”

Sports: Football, Wrestling, Track.

Honors/Activities: National Honor Society, Honor Roll, Junior Class President, Student Council, Spanish Club.

College Future: Undecided (Computer Engineering)

PENNS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

John Ventura

Hometown: Spring Mills.

Parents: John and MaryAnne Ventura.

Position: Offensive and Defensive Lineman.

Coach Martin Tobias. “John is hard working, dedicated, committed and a real leader on and off the field.”

Sports: Football, Basketball, Track.

Honors/Activities: National Honor Society, Honor Roll (since 9th grade), Special Olympics, Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, Blood Drive Volunteer,

College Future: Penn State (Undecided).

PHILIPSBURG-OSCEOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Brad Rocco

Hometown: Philipsburg.

Parents: Robert and Mary Jane Rocco.

Position: Running and Defensive Back.

Coach Jeff Vroman “Brad is a committed, hard-working with a work ethic that will serve him well in anything that comes his way.”

Sports: Football, Basketball, Track.

Honors/Activities: National Honor Society, High Honor Roll, Key Club. Altar Service.

College Future: Pitt (Pharmacy).

PUNXSUTAWNEY HIGH SCHOOL

Zeke Irwin

Hometown: Punxsutawney.

Parents: Karen and Steve Perez.

Position: Offensive and Defensive Line.

Coach C. Blake Moilan. “Zeke leads his team on and off the field by his ability and attitude.”

Sports: Football (3-year starter).

Honors/Activities: High Honor Roll, Salvation Army and Lions Club Volunteer, Various Community Service.

College Future: Clarion or Waynesburg (Undecided).

RIDGWAY HIGH SCHOOL

Joe Renaud

Hometown: Ridgeway.

Parents: Joe and Sharon Renaud.

Position: Quarterback/Safety.

Coach Mark Heindl. “Joe’s devoted work ethic assisted him in developing leadership skills that...set examples for others to follow.”

Sports: Football, Basketball, Baseball.

Honors/Activities: High Honor Roll (Grades 9-12), National Honor Society, 2008 Football Scholar-Athlete, Volunteer Youth Coach for Football and Basketball Camps.

College Future: Penn State (Information Science).

SOUTHERN HUNTINGDON HIGH SCHOOL

Brandon Parks

Hometown: Shade Gap.

Parents: Robert Parks and Dotti Gipe.

Position: Right Guard/ Defensive Tackle.

Coach Ryan Garlock. “Brandon never says a word, does what he is told and gives a great effort.”

Sports: Football (All-Conference offense and defense for 2 years), Wrestling.

Honors/Activities: National Honor Society.

College Future: Shippensburg (Undecided).

STATE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

James Avedesian

Hometown: State College.

Parents: Craig and Mary Kay Avedesian.

Position: Quarterback.

Coach Albert Wolski. "James provided outstanding leadership through out the off-season and the season."

Sports: Football, Basketball.

Honors/Activities: High Honor Roll (Consistently), Senior Class Vice-President, Student Senate, Spanish Club, Athletes Advisory Council, FBLA Secretary.

College Future: Undecided (Business).

TUSSEY MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL

Sean Foster

Hometown; Saxton.

Parents: Robert Jr. and Sue Ellen Foster.

Position: Center/ Defensive Tackle.

Coach Kevin Steele. "Sean had a tremendous positive attitude and work ethic allows him to be successful on the field."

Sports: Football (Captain, 2-year All-Conference), Wrestling, Track..

Honors/Activities: High Honor Roll (Grades 9-12), Relay for Life .

College Future: Pitt or Juniata (Ophthalmology).

TYRONE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Matthew Murray

Hometown: Tyrone.

Parents: Kristina and Greg Murray.

Position: Linebacker/Guard.

Coach John Franco. "Matt is one of the hardest workers both on and off the field who is always a team first player."

Sports: Football (3-year starter, Captain).

Honors/Activities: GPA 3.96 and 12th in Class of 123. Volunteer for Variety of Youth Camps and Clinics to Help Younger Athletes.

College Future: Undecided.

WEST BRANCH AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Matthew Sabol

Hometown: Morrisdale.

Parents: Mark and Vicki Sabol.

Position: Running Back/Linebacker.

Coach Robert Lazauskas. "Matt has a tremendous work ethic, a positive attitude and a team first mentality."

Sports: Football, Track.

Honors/Activities: National Honor Society, Honor Roll (Grades 9-12), Engineering Club, Varsity Club.

College Future: Undecided.

WILLIAMSPORT AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Michael Person

Hometown: Williamsport.

Parents: Thomas and Marsha Person.

Position: Quarterback.

Coach Thomas Gravish. "Michael's commitment, work ethic and integrity are of the highest order and he has the ability to inspire others."

Sports: Football (Captain), Track.

Honors/Activities: Honor Roll, Tom McKiernan Award, Church Altar Serving, Volunteer Trout Unlimited, Life Guarding.

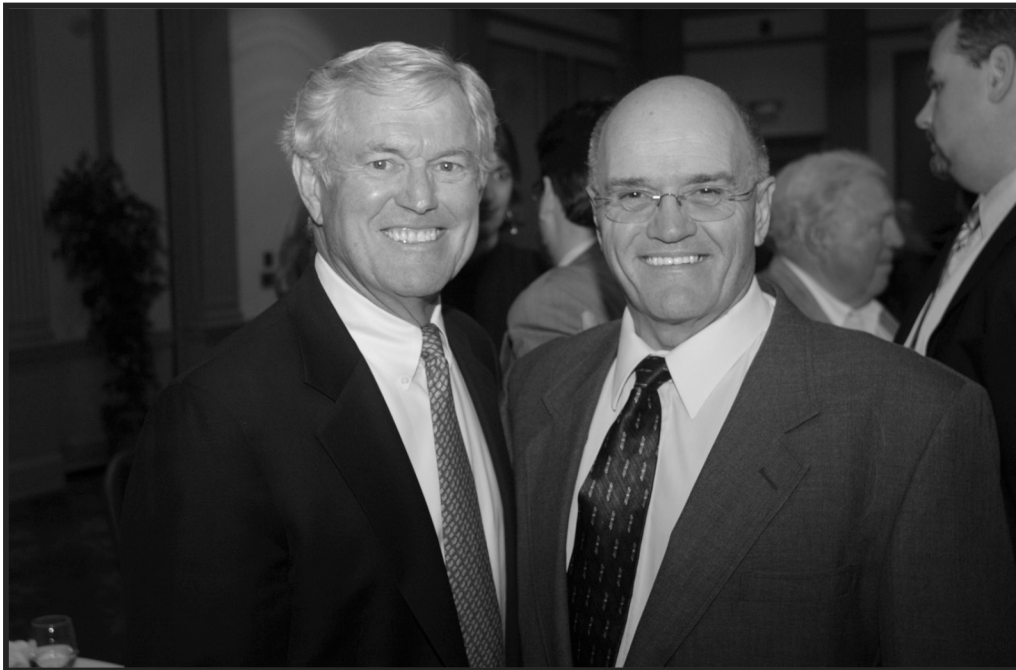
College Future: Undecided (Secondary Education).



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Dick Vermeil

Scholarship Award



Dick Vermeil poses with Central PA Chapter Board Member Rich Vetock

Dick Vermeil gave of his time to speak before the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame back in October..

Mr. Vermeil is a believer in positive principles and hard work to achieve one's goals.

It is with great pride, our Chapter institutes the Dick Vermeil Scholarship.

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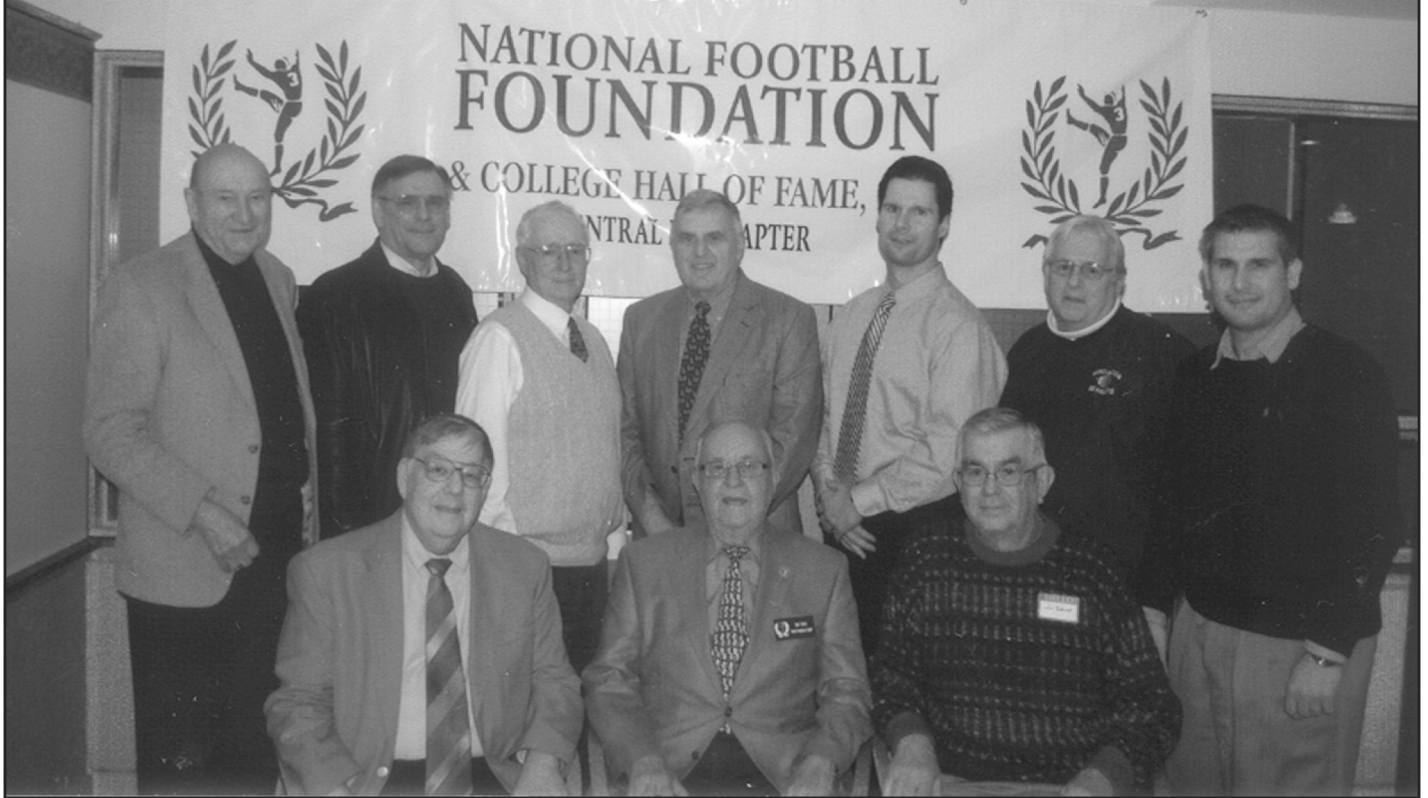
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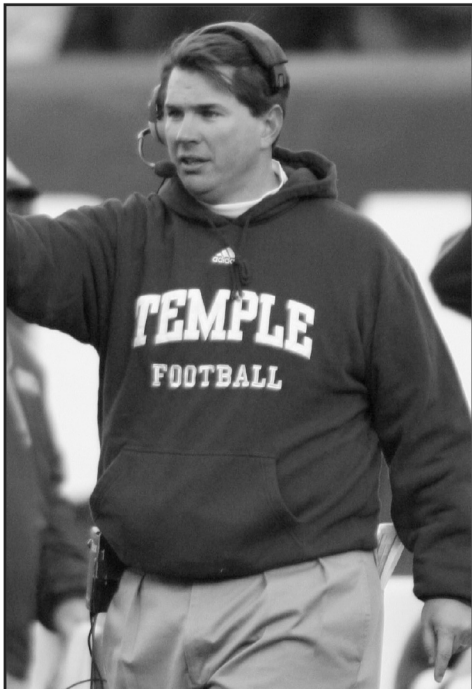


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Al Golden recently completed his third season as head football coach at Temple University. The Colts Neck, N.J. native was named the Owls' 24th head football coach on December 6, 2005, after spending the prior five seasons as defensive coordinator at the University of Virginia. The 39-year old Golden is the fifth-youngest head coach in college football's bowl subdivision.

During his second season, Golden once again played the nation's most true freshmen (20) and started the nation's most true freshmen (12). He led the Owls to a 4-8 overall record and a 4-4 mark during their inaugural season in the Mid-American Conference.

Along the way, TU won three consecutive games. The fourth win tied Temple's mark for the most conference wins since 1967. Led by All-MAC players DT Andre Neblett and DB Dominique Harris, the Cherry & White defense led the MAC in total defense, red zone defense, and pass defense. The Owls' red zone defense ranked first nationally.

In his first campaign in Owl Country, Golden played 22 true freshmen, the most in the nation, against the third most difficult schedule in the country. Only national champion Florida (10) and Stanford (9) played more bowl participants during the regular season than the Owls, who competed against eight teams that earned postseason berths. Thirty-eight players saw their first major college football action under Golden in 2006, including 27 freshmen.

Golden captured his first victory at the helm when the Owls defeated Bowling Green, 28-14, at Lincoln Financial Field on Oct. 28, 2006. The win was the largest accomplishment for the Owls on the field, but a multitude of goals were achieved off the field during Golden's initial campaign. Temple unveiled the most comprehensive academic support team in the Mid-American Conference and teamed with Adidas as the team's official outfitter. The program was also successful in assembling a regional, nonconference schedule for years to come.

Recruiting has also been a tremendous success under Golden's leadership. His initial signing class in 2006 was rated best in the MAC by CollegeFootballNews.com, while the 2007 and 2008 classes earned top honors in the league from Scout.com.

With a commitment to community service and academics at the core of Golden's program, a multitude of individual honors were bestowed upon the Owls in 2006. Seven student-athletes were named to the 2006 Philadelphia Inquirer Academic All-Area Football team, providing Temple the most honorees of the 10 Delaware Valley institutions that sponsor football. Three players were named to the 2006 Eastern College Athletic Conference Division I-A Football All Star Team, marking the most for the Owls on the ECAC squad since a trio also earned recognition in 1997.

In addition, three football student-athletes were named honorable mention freshman All-Americans by The Sporting

News. It signaled the largest number of rookies to receive national recognition in program history.

Golden was named the youngest defensive coordinator in Division I-A by Virginia head coach Al Groh in January 2001 after spending the previous season at his alma mater, serving as linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator under Joe Paterno. From 2001 to 2004, the Cavaliers' defense improved under his tutelage, ranking 108th in total defense in his first year to ranking 18th in total defense in 2004. In the same time period, Virginia's scoring defense went from 74th in the nation (27.6 ppg) to 17th (17.7 ppg) utilizing Golden's 3-4 scheme.

Golden was a three-year (1989-91) letterwinner and two-year starter at tight end for Penn State, where he received the 1991 Ridge Riley Award, given annually to a player who displays excellence in scholarship, sportsmanship, friendship and leadership. As a junior in 1990, Golden played a key role in Penn State's nationally-televised 24-21 upset of No. 1-ranked Notre Dame at South Bend. His touchdown reception late in the fourth quarter tied the score at 21 as Penn State rallied from a 21-7 deficit. Golden captained the Nittany Lions his senior year and helped lead them to a 42-17 win over Tennessee in the 1992 Fiesta Bowl. Following that victory, Penn State finished with an 11-2 record and ranked third in the nation in the final 1991 AP poll.

After his tenure as a player in State College, Golden spent one season in the NFL with the New England Patriots.

Golden, born July 4, 1969, earned his undergraduate degree in pre-law from Penn State in 1991 before receiving his master's in sports psychology from Virginia in December, 1996.

A 2004 inductee of the Jersey Shore Sports Hall of Fame, he is married to the former Kelly Elizabeth Hanna of Lock Haven, Pa. The couple have a four year-old son named AJ (7/15/05) and a two-year-old daughter named Addison (11/7/06).



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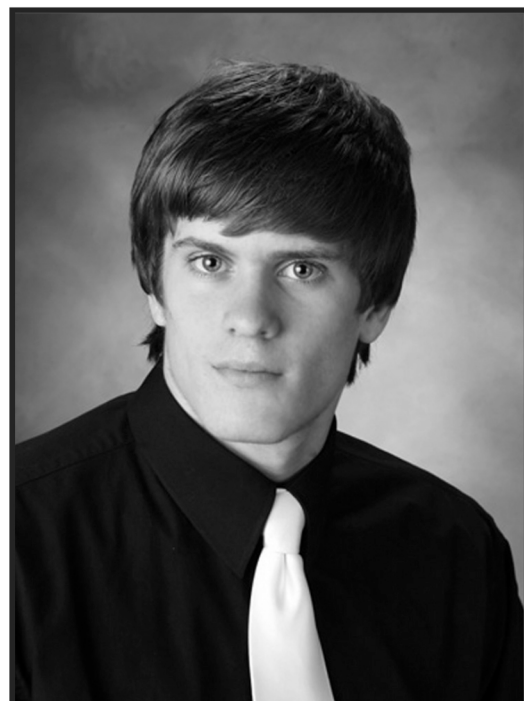
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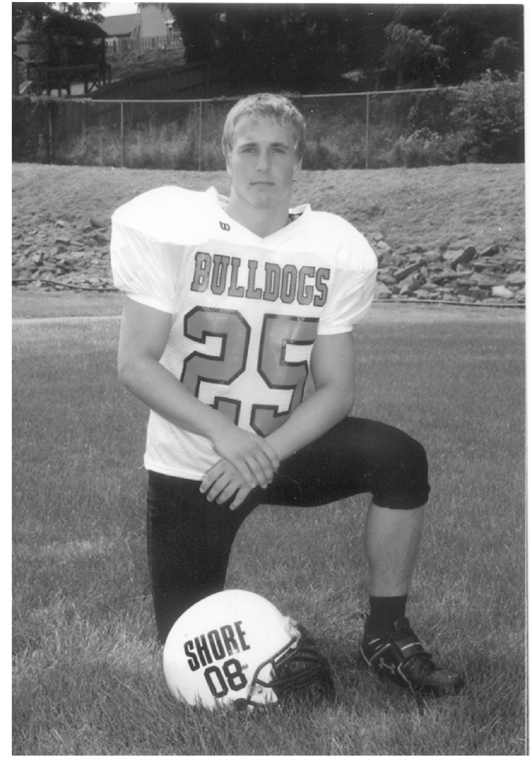
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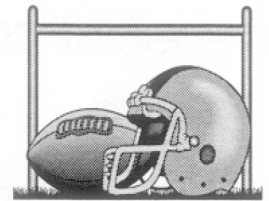
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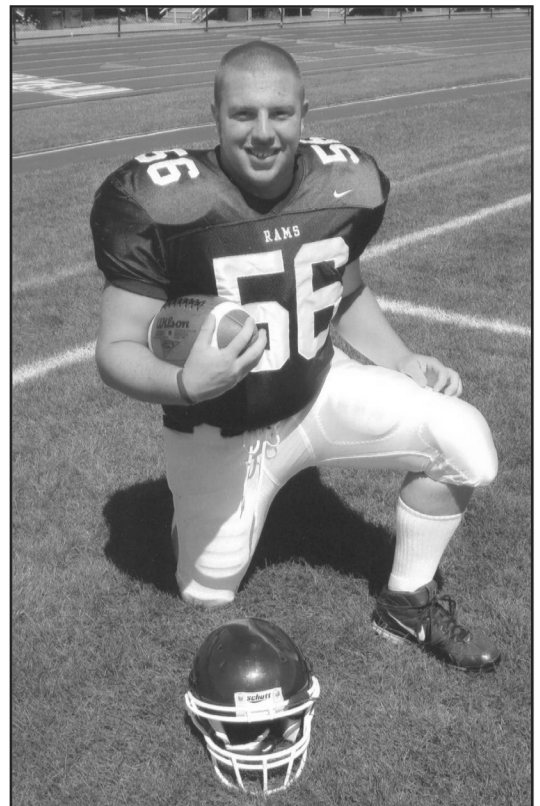


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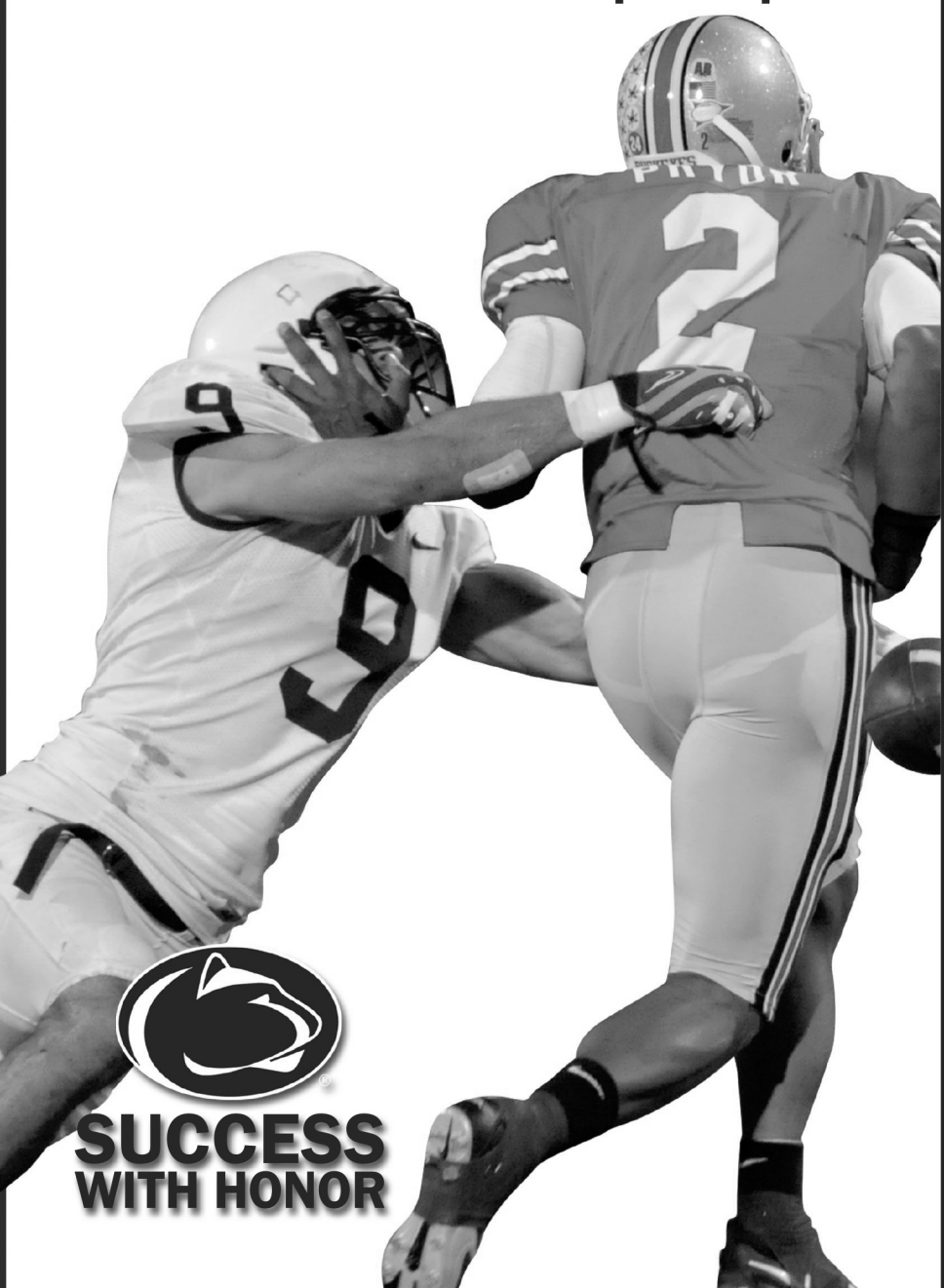
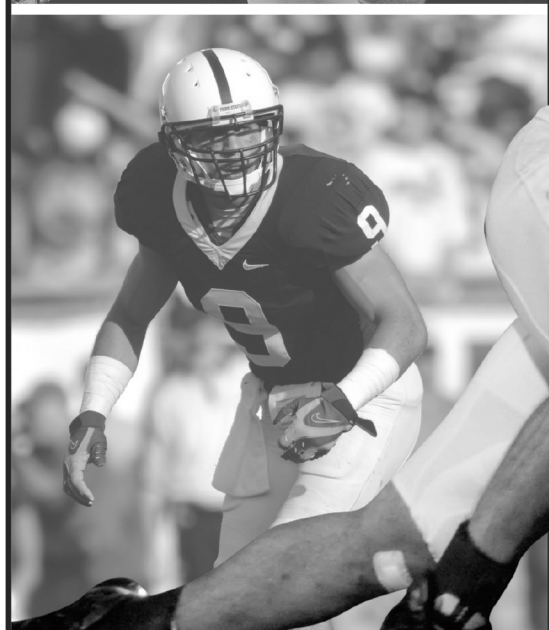
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An intelligent and versatile athlete, Rubin is a tough and physical competitor. He finished fifth on the team with 60 tackles, had one tackle for loss, two interceptions and caused one huge fumble that provided the momentum boost that led to Penn State's game winning touchdown in the dramatic 13-6 victory over the Buckeyes.

He began Big Ten play with a splash, recording a then-career high 10 tackles in the win over Illinois. On Senior Day, Rubin again made a difference in his final game in Beaver Stadium, recording eight tackles and helping limit Michigan State's Javon Ringer to a season-low 42 yards in the 49-18 win.

Donning the blue and white uniform for the final time in his Penn State career, Rubin totaled three tackles (two solo) against USC in the Rose Bowl.

Mark's career statistics on defense were 93 tackles (48 solo), 2 tackles for a loss, 2 interceptions, 1 caused fumble.

Rubin also distinguished himself as one of the Nittany Lions' best students. He graduated last August with degrees in finance and advertising and public relations and began taking MBA classes during the 2008 fall semester. He graduated with a 3.80 grade point average and was selected a first team **ESPN The Magazine** Academic All-American. He was a three-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree as well.

Mark has been one of the team's most active members in the Penn State Football volunteer programs. He participated in the Penn State's Athlete Dance Marathon, volunteered for Penn State football's Make a Wish Program and has been active in Special Olympics and the Penn State Football Lift for Life Charity.

Nick Reese #15 Lycoming College 6' 198 Defensive Back Shenandoah HS/Shenandoah, PA

Nick was a three year starter at safety at Free Safety. In 2007 he was fifth on the team in tackles and finished third in interceptions and pass break ups.

In 2008 Nick was selected as a captain's and helped lead Lycoming's resurgence as the Warriors claimed their 14th MAC Championship and earned their 12th NCAA Division III Playoff berth, despite being picked to finish 5th in the MAC pre-season poll. He led the Warriors in Interceptions and finished the season 3rd on the team in tackles. For his play he was selected as a 1st Team All MAC Safety.

A Criminal Justice major with a 2.8 GPA, Nick plans to become a Pennsylvania State Trooper after graduating in May.

Eric Baker Juniata College Dillsburg Pennsylvania Northern High School

High School: played on the football and baseball teams of Northern High School. Was a two letter winner in both sports; was captain of the football and baseball teams for his senior season.

Baker had served as Juniata's go to backup quarterback for three seasons.

2007: Baker saw playing time in 10 games as a long snapper.

During his senior season, Eric worked as a student assistant football coach for the Eagles, specifically with the quarterbacks. Eric is still currently still working on the Eagles staff as a Student Assistant Football Coach

Personal: Son of Kenneth and Nancy Baker. POE is Communications

Jared Colmer Saint Francis University Wide-Receiver 5-10 165 Hollidaysburg Area High School Hollidaysburg, PA

Jared Colmer has played in 25 career games for the Saint Francis football team with 187 career receiving yards. As a freshman, Colmer made an immediate impact by returning 14 kickoffs for a total of 279 yards, averaging 19.9 yards per kick return. Against Sacred Heart on October 28, he had a season long kick return of 31 yards. He also had four catches for a total of 45 yards.

As a sophomore, Colmer continued to contribute on special teams, making two punt returns. He also saw time at wide receiver, making four catches for a total of 25 yards.

2008 proved to be Colmer's best season yet, as the junior caught 21 passes for a career-high 117 yards, including a 15-yard catch against Albany on October 25. He also caught a 17-yard pass, his longest of the season, from quarterback George Little on September 20 against in-state rival Duquesne. He finished the season third on the team in receiving yards, averaging 10.6 yards per game.

Colmer is a stand-out in the classroom, making the Dean's List, SFU Academic Honor Roll and the Northeast Conference Honor Roll numerous times. He was named the ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-District Team as a Chemistry/Pre-professional major who boasts a GPA of 3.61. Colmer is a Student-Athlete Mentor and was a member of SFU's Leadership Council. He has participated in community services projects such as the Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, the Humane Society, Nancy Reagan Alzheimer's Foundation, Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and Project Hope among many others. Most impressively, Colmer will graduate a semester early in December of 2009 and will move on to medical school.

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Kevin Mullen Bucknell University Export, PA Penn Trafford HS Running Back

Kevin Mullen's Football Accomplishments/Statistics

- Elected as a game captain a team-high seven times in 2008
- Fourth on team with 190 rushing yards in 2008
- Earned four varsity letters during his career (one of five seniors on team in 2008 to do this)
- Named Lewisburg Touchdown Club Offensive Player of the Week after rushing for 30 yards vs. Cornell (2007)
- Bucknell's fourth-leading rusher with 294 yards in 2006
- Named Lewisburg Touchdown Club Offensive Player of the Week after rushing for a career-high 110 yards against Georgetown (2006)
- Earned Bucknell Football Leadership Award four times (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008) and was the first freshman to win it in the 14-year history of the award.

Kevin Mullen's Career Rushing/Receiving Stats

Year	G/GS	Att.	Yds.	TD	Lg.	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Lg.
2005	11/1	22	109	3	24	3	-3	0	4
2006	9/2	79	294	2	13	0	0	0	-
2007	11/5	47	139	1	9	1	4	0	4
2008	11/11	53	190	1	29	2	13	0	9
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Kevin Mullen's Academic Honors/Accomplishments

- Academic All-District II selection
- Draddy Award Semifinalist
- Member of Patriot League Academic Honor Roll and Dean's List
- Kalmon Research Award

Kevin Mullen's Campus Activities/Leadership/Citizenship

- U.S. Army ROTC Cadet-ROTC Battalion Commander at Bucknell
- Responsible for overseeing the training of over 60 Cadets from Bucknell, Bloomsburg, Penn Technical Institute and Lycoming.
- Elected to leadership council of The Gathering Christian Ministry
- Instructor at the Susquehanna House, where he worked with troubled youth

Personal

- Born July 15, 1986
- Hometown: Export, Pa.
- High School: Penn-Trafford
- Parents' Names: James and Kathleen Mullen

Shawn Crebs Lock Haven University Linebacker

Shawn is the son of Greg and Sheila Crebs of Lewisburg Pennsylvania and the younger of two children.

Shawn graduated in 2005 from Lewisburg Area High School

were he played football for Coach Ed Bailey.

In addition to playing football for the Green Dragons, Shawn wrestled and played baseball.

While at Lock Haven, Shawn was a four year starter and letter winner. Shawn was a very versatile player, he could play either outside linebacker positions and he could also play middle linebacker at times.

Shawn was voted a team captain his senior season and was voted PSAC defensive player of the week for week 11. Shawn finished second on the team in tackles by one tackle. While Shawn worked hard on the field and made strong contributions to Lock Haven football he was also successful in the classroom.

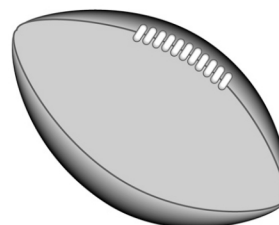
Shawn will graduate in May 2009 with a Sport Administration degree and currently has a GPA of 3.0.

After graduation Shawn has an internship with the Augusta Greenjackets and would like to pursue a future career with a professional sports team.

John Lunardi Susquehanna University Exton, PA West Chester Henderson HS Safety

Senior Safety John Lunardi, a 2008 Susquehanna University co-captain, finished the season ranked second in NCAA Division III in passes defended per game with 2.10 (21 in ten games). He led the Liberty League in that category, as well as passes broken up with 16. He also intercepted five (5) passes for 72 return yards and made 61 tackles (34 solo), including one for a loss. John was an All-Liberty first-teamer in 2008 and a D3Football.com third-team All-American.

Lunardi has shown himself to be a versatile athlete. He was Susquehanna's starting punter in 2006 and filled that position in spot duty in both 2007 and 2008, as well. He is also a standout baseball player who owns a combined seven varsity letters from Susquehanna. He was a first-team All-Landmark Conference starting pitcher and outfielder in 2008.



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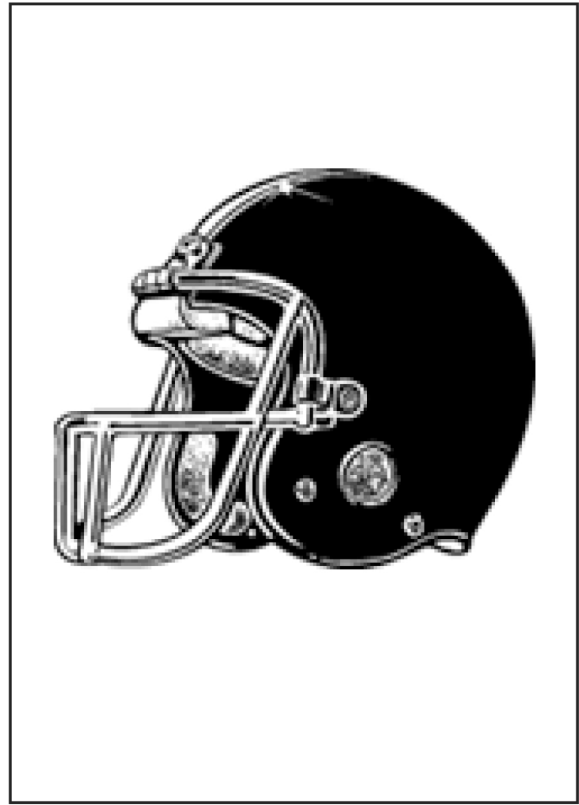
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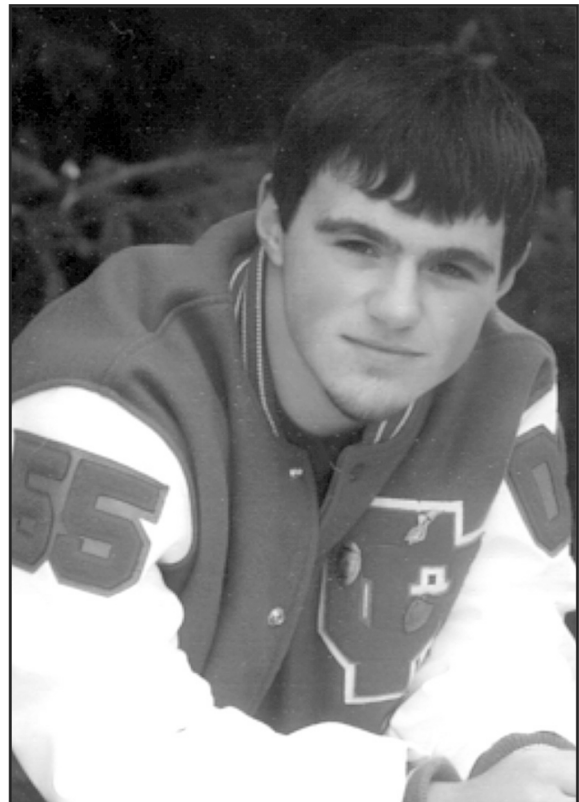


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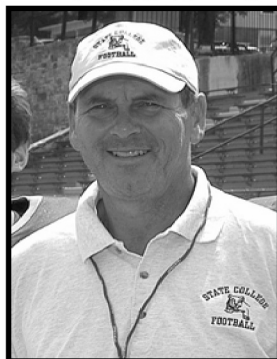


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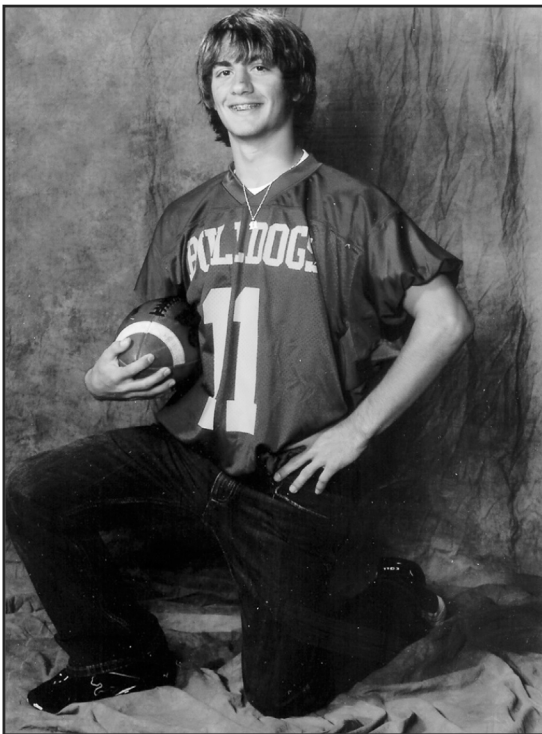
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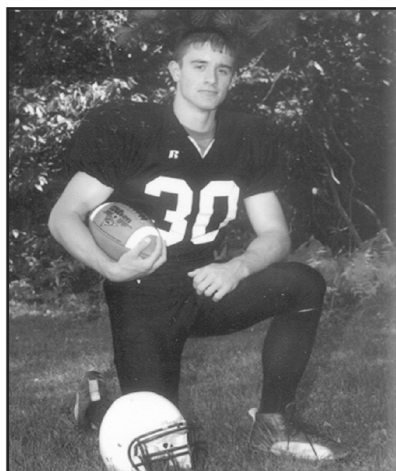
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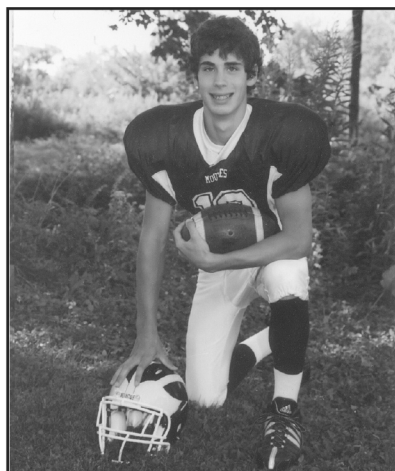


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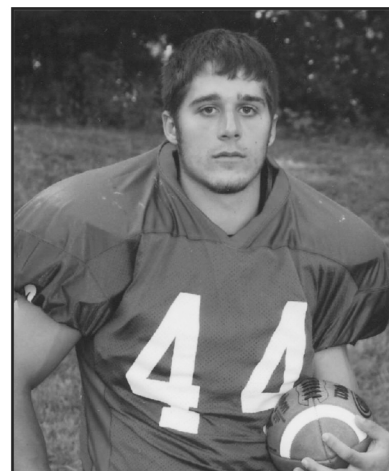
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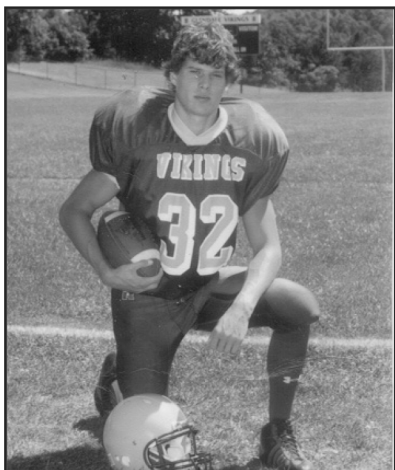
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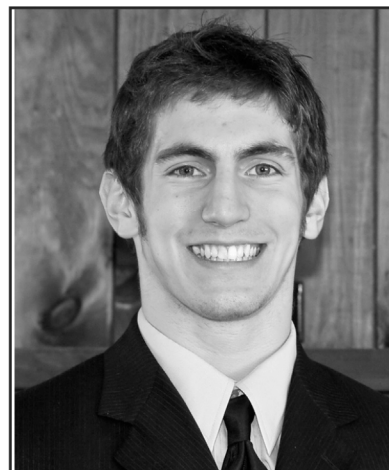
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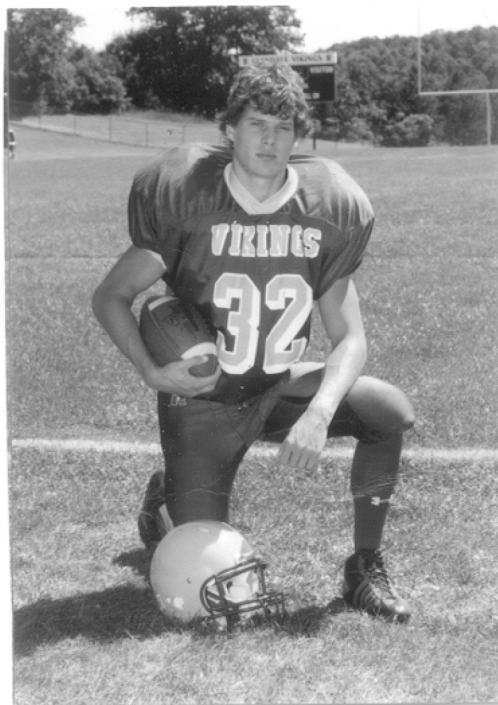
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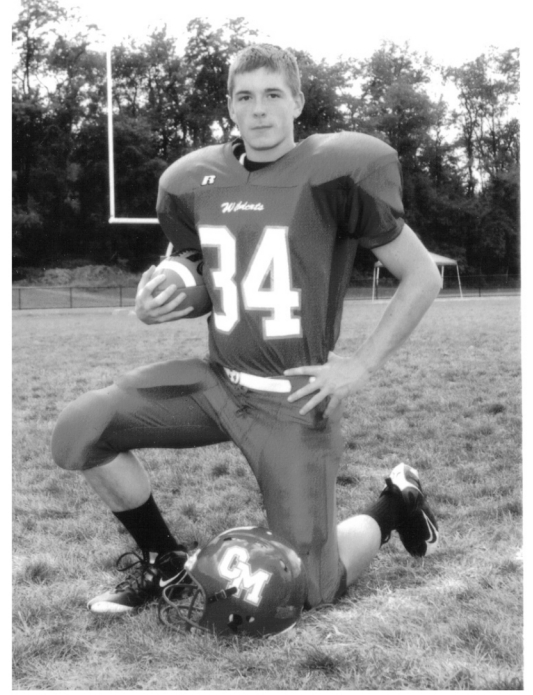
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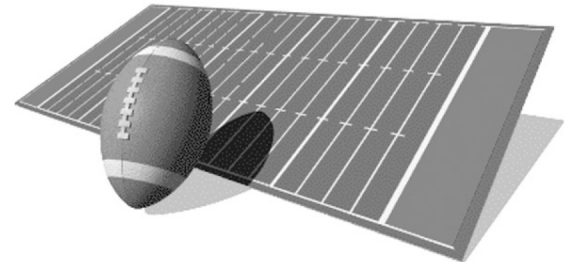


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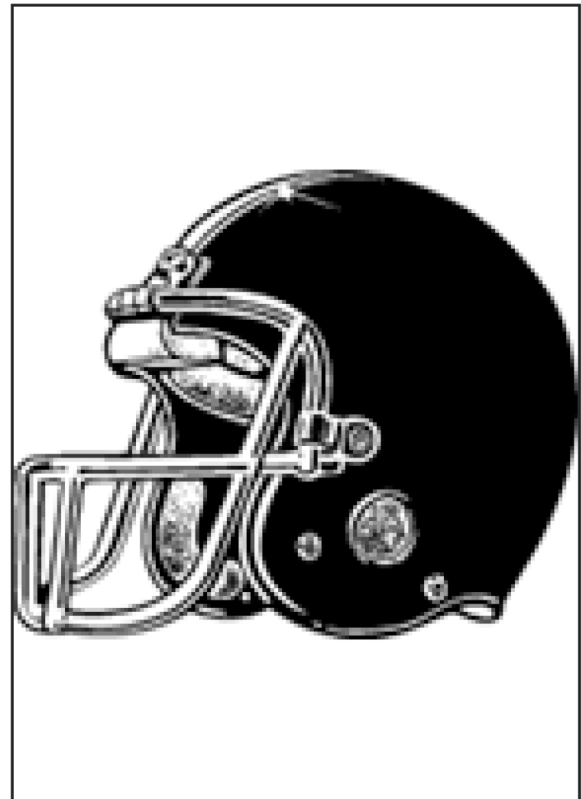


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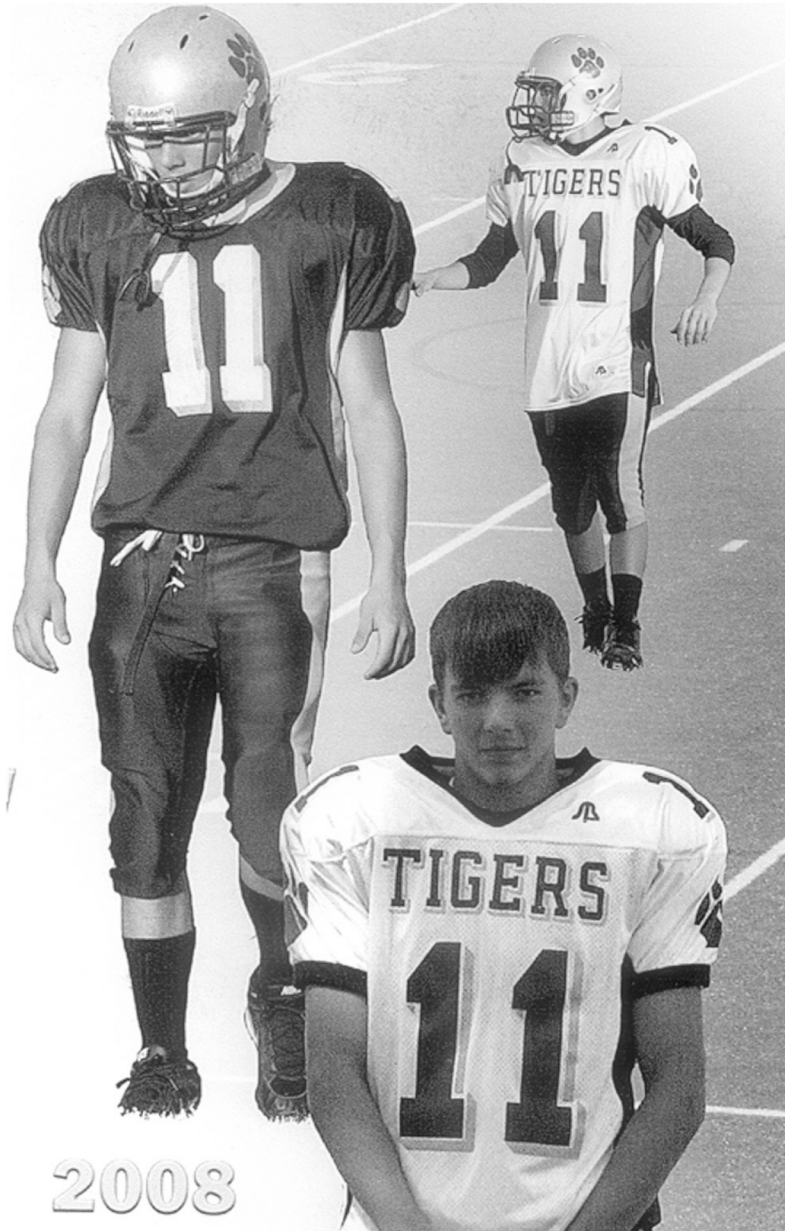
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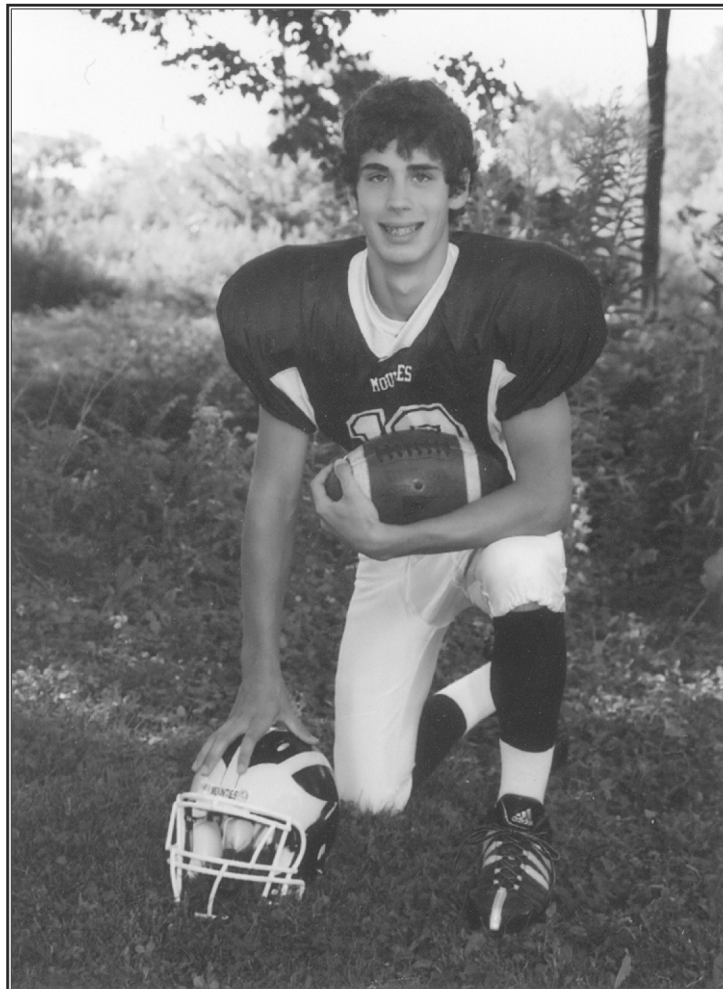
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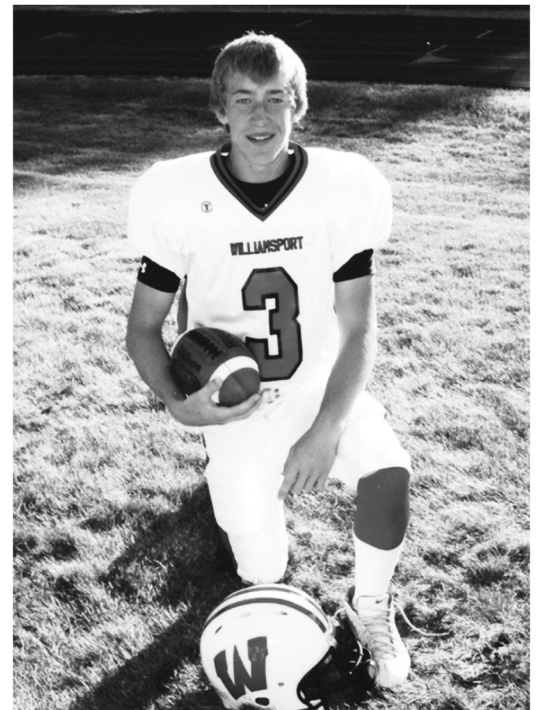
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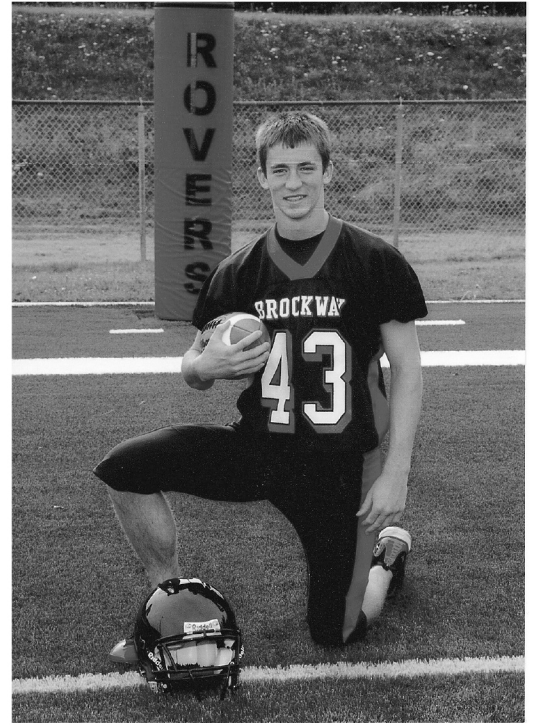
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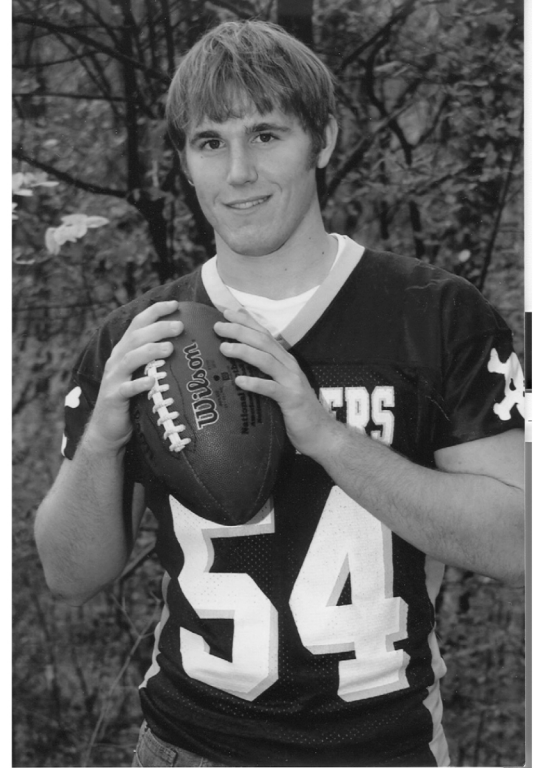


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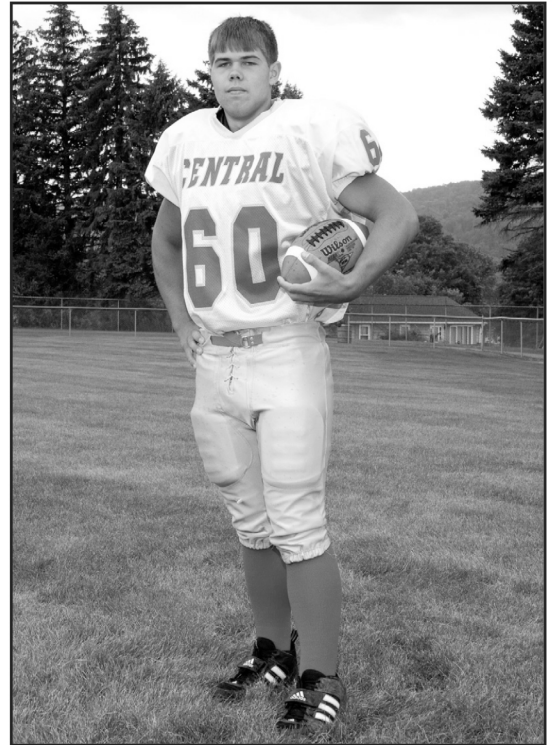
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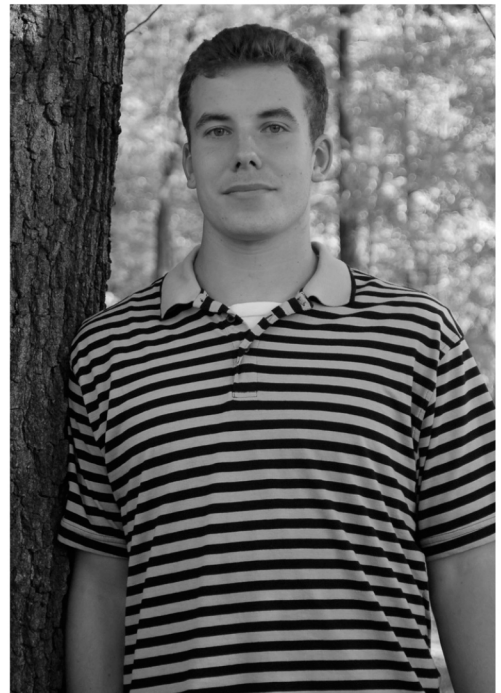


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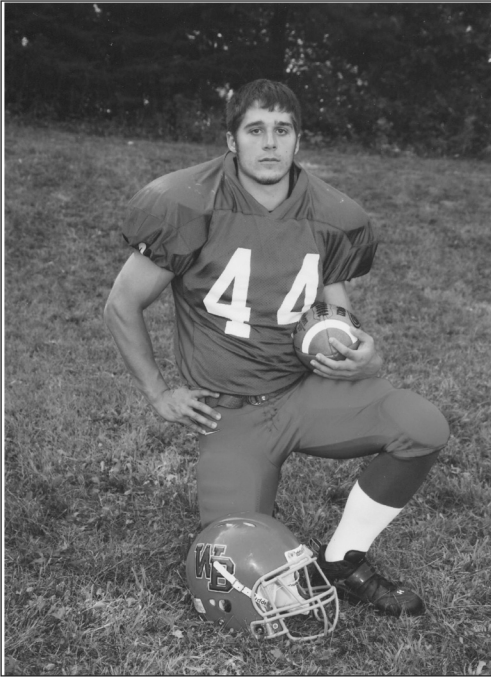
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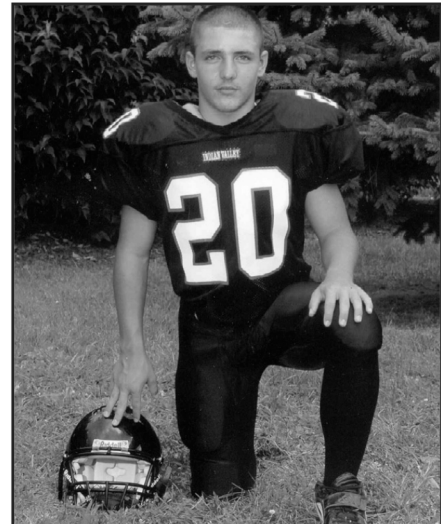
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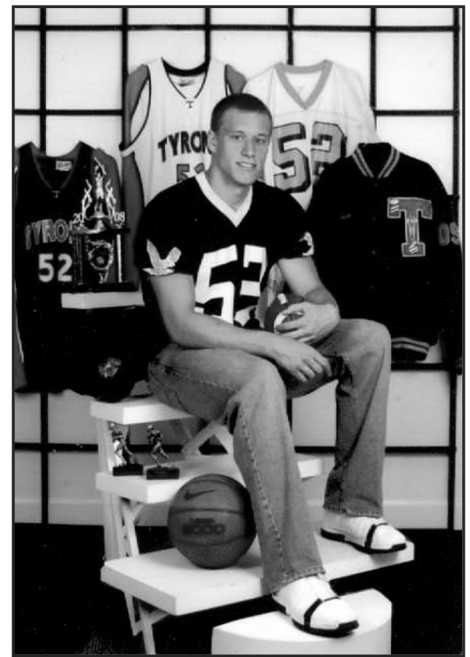
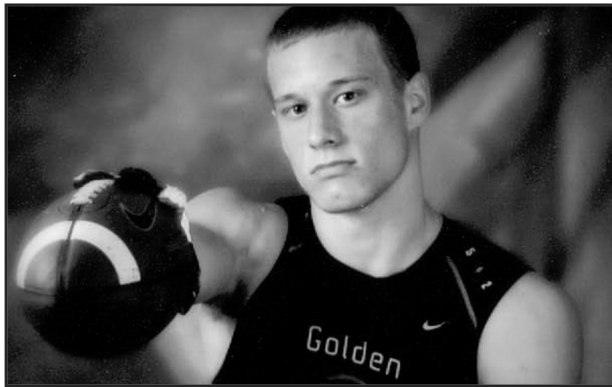
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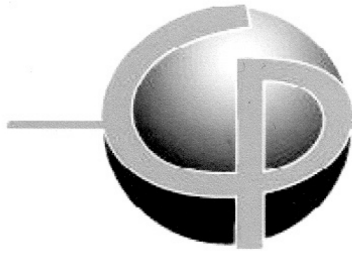
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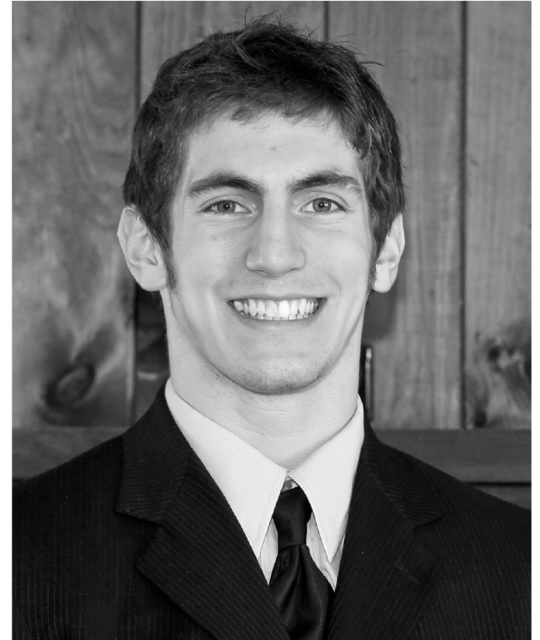
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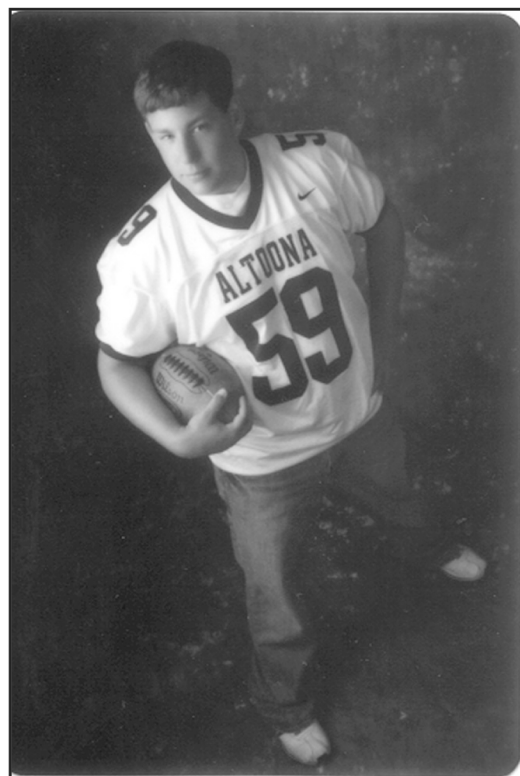
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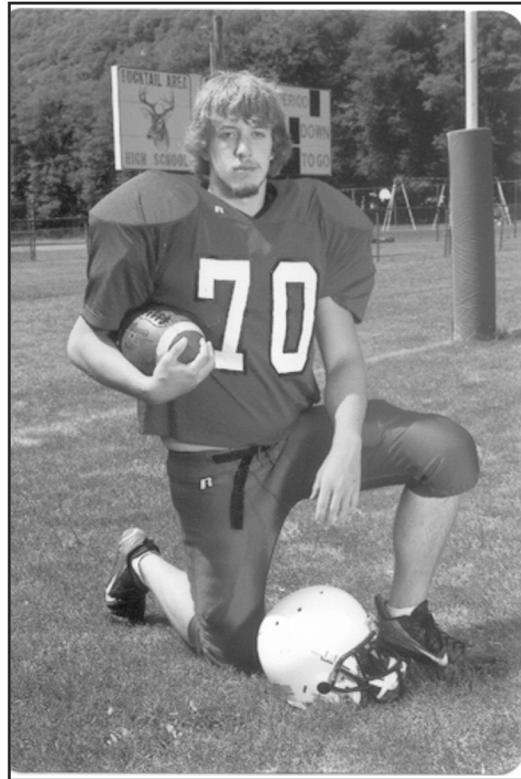
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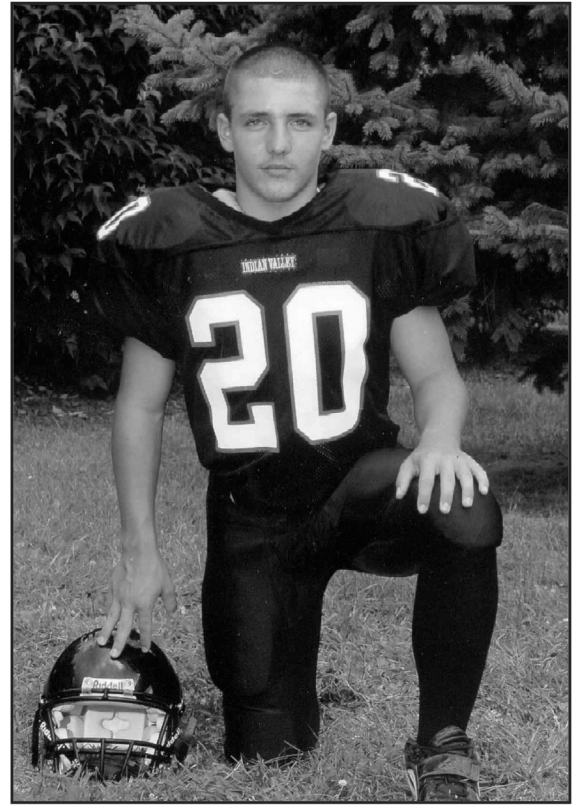


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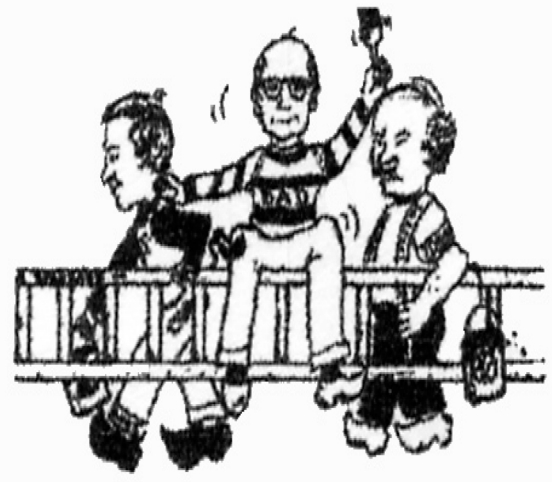
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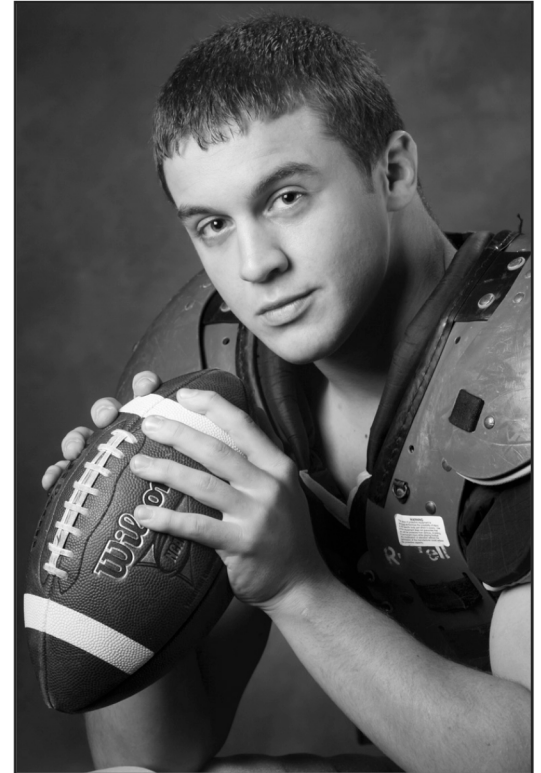
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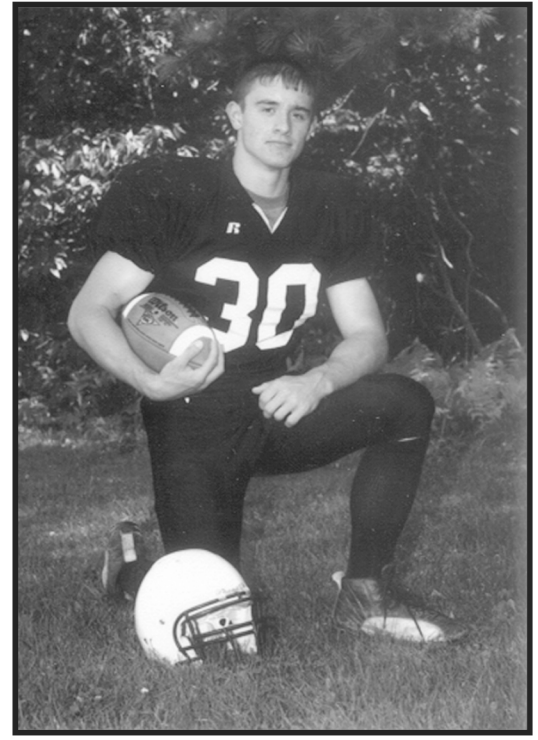
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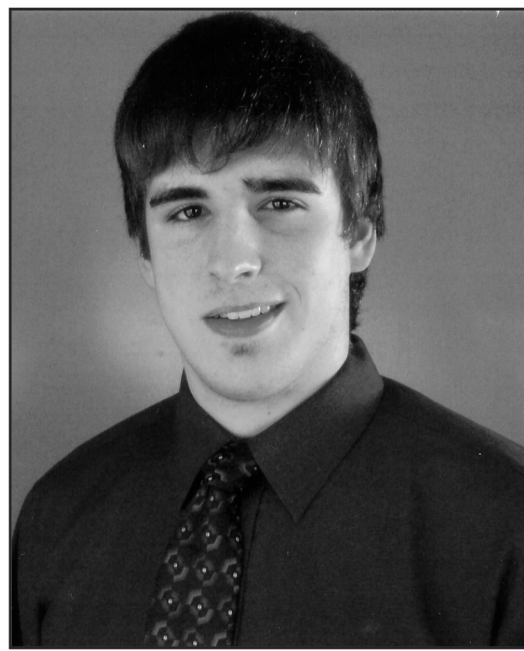
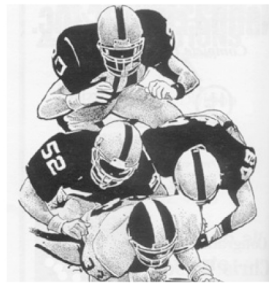


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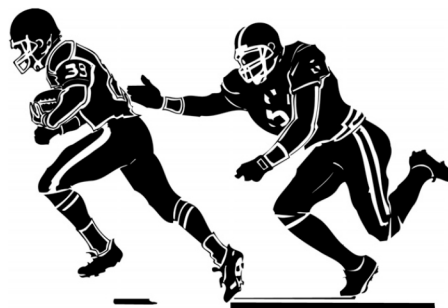
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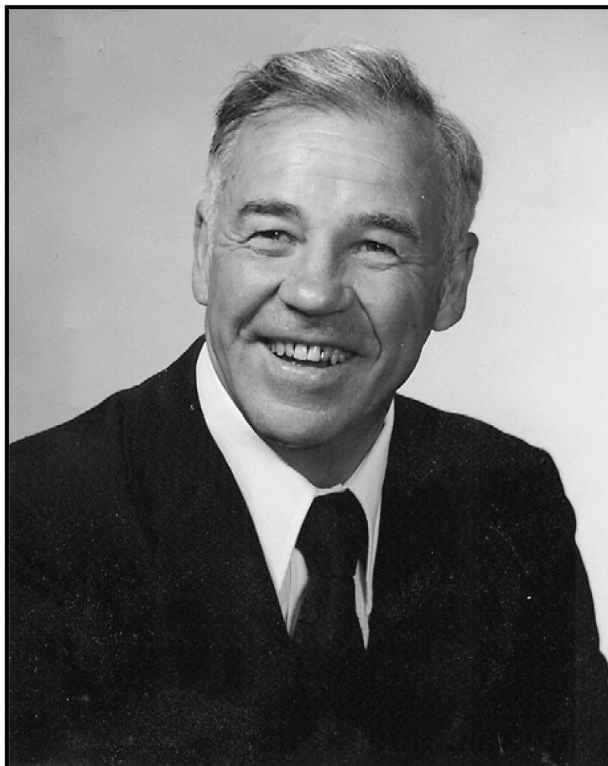
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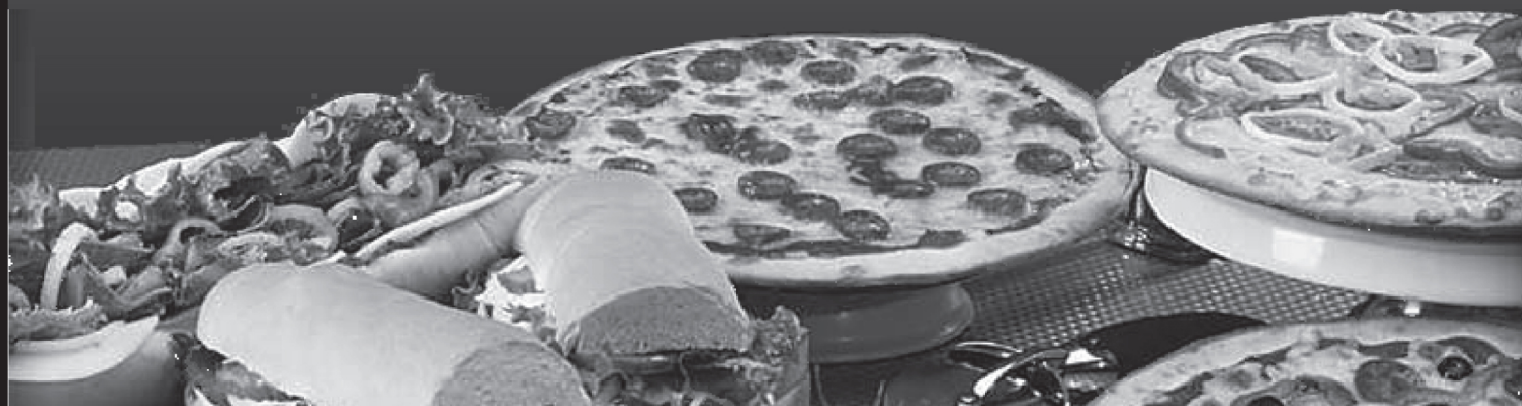
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