

# Team Preview: Lindenhurst - Bulldogs

2016 In Review: The Bulldogs finished with a 9-1 record losing to Ward Melville in the Semi-Finals

Departures: Michael Newman Cortland Football and Steven Ramirez Albany Lacrosse

Offense: the Bulldogs run a Multiple set offense and are led by Ohio State Commit Jeremy Ruckert senior TE 6'5 238 All State-All LI-All Metro started on both sides of the ball the last 3 years has great length and athleticism, Ricky Conway senior Athlete 5'9 175 has been on varsity since he was a freshmen-is dangerous anytime he touches the ball, Justin Zotto senior WR 5'10 165 will have a bigger role on offense this year, Malik Grant senior OL 6'0 215 will be a 3 year starter on the OL, Dillon Smith senior WR 5'11 190 another very good 2 way player and Cordell Fontana senior RB is the key blocker on offense. Newcomers are Mike Anderson junior RB, Brian Paszkiewicz senior OL, Nick Anzalone junior QB and Mike Varela junior QB.

Defense: they play 3-4-4 defense and are led by Ohio State Commit Jeremy Ruckert senior OLB, Ricky Conway senior CB Justin Zotto senior CB had several big interceptions last season, Malik Grant senior DE had 55 tackles, Dillon Smith senior Safety very strong on run coverage and Cordell Fontana senior LB had 50 tackles. Newcomers are Mike Anderson junior LB and Brian Paszkiewicz senior DL.

Special Teams: Jeremy Ruckert is the PK/Punter, Ricky Conway and Justin Zotto are the KR/PR, Dillon Smith is a very good Special Team on coverages

Schedule:

Saturday, 9/02, @ Northport, 2PM

Saturday, 9/09, @ Sachem East, 2PM

Friday, 9/15, Longwood, 6PM

Wednesday, 9/27, Connetquot, 6PM

Saturday, 10/07, Patchogue-Medford, 2PM

Saturday, 10/14, @ William Floyd, 2PM

Friday, 10/20, @ Sachem North, 7PM

Friday, 10/27, Ward Melville, 6PM

Schedule is courtesy of [www.sectionxi.org](http://www.sectionxi.org)

Question Marks: Ranked 2nd in the Suffolk County Pre-Season Division I. Their season ended prematurely last year so if the new QB steps up and they run the ball more consistently they could go all the way.

Recruiting: Senior Jeremy Ruckert has already committed to Ohio State and is currently ranked as the #1 TE in the country, while seniors Ricky Conway, Justin Zotto, Malik Grant, Dillon Smith and Cordell Fontana can play from DIIA- DIII

Coach's Comments: We have plenty of skill players returning to the offensive side of the ball. In order to be successful we must continue to execute at a high level. Coach Nick Lombardo now in his 9<sup>th</sup> year as HC