

Team Preview: Mepham - Pirates

2017 In Review: The Pirates finished with an 8-3 record losing in the Nassau County Finals to Garden City.

Departures: Mike Proios Seton Hill Football, James Bernhardt Nassau CC Football and Kevin McCleneghan Western new England Football

Offense: the Pirates run a Spread offense and have the following players returning; John Aliberti senior OL 6'4 280 is a DIIA prospect on both sides of the ball, Anthony Paolino senior WR 5'10 160 had 25 catches/305 yards receiving/1 td, Anthony Novello senior WR 5'11 175 had 26 catches/300 yards receiving/4 td's, Marco Baez senior OL 6'2 245, Nick Cucinella senior WR 5'11 165 had 6 catches/179 yards receiving/2 td's and Connor Molloy senior OL 6'5 250. Newcomers are Matt Hegi junior TE and Kenny Franquiz junior RB 5'11 175.

Defense: they play a 4-3-4 defense and have the following players returning; John Aliberti DL had 15 tackles/1 sack, Anthony Paolino DB had 15 tackles, Anthony Novello DB had 27 tackles/1 sack, Marco Baez DL had 39 tackles/3 sacks, Nick Cucinella had 18 tackles/3 interceptions and Connor Molloy DL. Newcomers are Matt Hegi LB had 79 tackles/3 sacks and Kenny Franquiz Safety.

Special Teams: To be decided in camp

Schedule:

Saturday, 9/08, Elmont Memorial, 2:00PM
Saturday, 9/15, @ Garden City, 2:00PM
Saturday, 9/22, @ New Hyde Park, 2:00PM
Friday, 9/28, Valley Stream Central, 7:00PM
Saturday, 10/06, @ Calhoun, 3:00PM
Saturday, 10/13, Manhasset, 2:00PM
Saturday, 10/20, MacArthur, 2:00PM
Saturday, 10/27, @ Carey, 2:00PM

Schedule is courtesy of nassauboces.org

Question Marks: Ranked 4th in the Nassau County Pre-Season Conference II. The Pirates must replace star QB Mike Proios for starters and while they have a solid line on both sides of the ball and some very good skill position players they have a very tough schedule.

Recruiting: Senior John Aliberti is a DIAA prospect while seniors Anthony Paolino, Anthony Novello, Marco Baez, Nick Cucinella and Connor Molloy all have potential to play somewhere at the next level.

Coach's Comments: We return a large number of quality players on defense that went to the Nassau County DII Finals. We are big and physical on both offense/defense lines. There is talented WR's returning at all spots. RB's are a mix of younger and older players.