

Team Preview: Mephram - Pirates

2016 In Review: The Pirates finished with a 4-5 record losing in the 1st round of the playoffs to Elmont Memorial.

Departures: Michael Valentino Seton Hill Football, Jeremy Lissade Seton Hill Football, Davin Jones St. Lawrence Football, Mark Novak Farleigh Dickinson Football and Owen Haeseker SUNY Maritime Football.

Offense: the Pirates run a Spread offense and have the following players returning; Michael Proios senior had 1950 total offense-16 td's, Michael Osorio senior OL 5'11 220, James Hatcliffe senior TE 6'2 255, Kevin McCleneghan senior WR 6'2 180, Kyle Bowers senior OL 6'3 255 and Anthony Novello junior WR 5'11 175. Newcomers are Marco Baez junior FB 6'2 205 1st year playing football and Kenneth Franquiz sophomore WR 5'11 175.

Defense: they play a multiple defense and have the following players returning; Michael Proios senior DB, Michael Osorio senior DE had 30 tackles-4 sacks, James Hatcliffe senior LB had 20 tackles-2 sacks, Kevin McCleneghan senior DB, Kyle Bowers senior DL had 20 tackles and Anthony Novello junior DB. Newcomers are Marco Baez junior OLB and Kenneth Franquiz sophomore DB.

Special Teams: Senior Kyle McCleneghan PK had 27 extra points-2 field goals

Schedule:

Saturday, 9/09, MacArthur, 2PM

Saturday, 9/16, @ Calhoun, 2PM

Saturday, 9/23, @ Sewanhaka, 2PM

Thursday, 9/28, @ Carey, 4:30PM

Friday, 10/06, New Hyde Park, 7:30PM

Saturday, 10/14, Bellmore Kennedy, 2PM

Saturday, 10/21, @ Elmont Memorial, 2PM

Saturday, 10/28, Garden City, 2PM

Schedule is courtesy of nassauboces.org

Question Marks: Ranked 5th in the Nassau County Pre-Season Conference II. They have very good skill players and linemen on both sides of the ball but they must get past 3 very good teams if they want to win this conference and that won't be easy.

Recruiting: Seniors Michael Proios, Michael Osorio, James Hatcliffe and Kevin McCleneghan can all play from DIAA-DIII.

Coach's Comments: We have a larger roster and more depth than we had in a while. Our team had a great off season and our goal is to finish the season as one of the top teams in conference II. Coach Anthony Cracco now in his 9th season