

Team Preview: St. John the Baptist - Cougars

2017 In Review: The Cougars finished with a 3-6 record in the CHSFL AA losing in the Quarter-Finals of the playoffs to Fordham Prep.

Departures: Michael Palermo Coast Guard Academy Football, Nigel Jarvis Cortland Football/Track, Daniel Parker Nichols Football/Track, Robert Gray Western Connecticut Football and Thomas Force Stevenson Football/Baseball.

Offense: the Cougars run a Wing T offense and have the following players returning; Nicholas Delcore senior WR 6'1 175 had 500 yards rushing/6 td's, Tim Gasparik senior TE 6'4 180, David Amelemah senior RB 5'11 175, Jack Standwill senior OL 6'4 230 is a 3 year starter, Matthew Stroble junior Center 5'9 225 is a 2 year starter and Bobby Spano senior RB 5'7 165 very athletic. Newcomers are Nicholas Mazziotti junior QB 5'9 165 has a very strong arm with ability to run, Jayden Louis sophomore RB 5'5 145 is very fast, Christian Maisel sophomore Athlete 6'1 180 can play any skill position is the top athlete in the school and Jeremy DeJesus junior TE 6'1 185.

Defense: they play a 4-3-4 defense and the following players return; Nicholas Delcore DB, Tim Gasparik LB had 77 tackles, David Amelemah DB had 50 tackles, Jack Standwill DL, Matthew Stroble DL and Bobby Spano DB. Newcomers are Jayden Louis DB, Christian Maisel Safety and Jeremy DeJesus LB has great instincts can play sideline to sideline.

Schedule:

Sunday, 9/09, @ St. Francis Prep, 1:30PM

Sunday, 9/16, Xavier, 1:30PM

Saturday, 9/23, @ Nazareth, 5:00PM

Saturday, 9/29, @ Kellenberg Memorial, 1:30PM

Sunday, 10/07, Holy Trinity, 1:30PM

Friday, 10/12, @ St. Joseph's by the Sea, 7:30PM

Saturday, 10/20, @ Holy Cross, 1:30PM

Saturday, 10/28, Xaverian, 1:30PM

Schedule is courtesy of www.nychsfl.org

Question Marks: The Cougars have some very good talent returning and hope all those young players from last year developed to mean a deeper run in the playoffs.

Recruiting: Seniors Nicholas Delcore, Tim Gasparik, David Amelemah and Jack Standwill are all college prospects. Juniors Matthew Stroble and Nick Mazziotti have potential depending on how they develop. A couple of sophomores with high ceiling are Jayden Luis and Christian Maisel.

Coach's Comments: We won 3 of our last 4 games and have a lot of returning lettermen coming back. Our team will be more versatile and have more balance. The goal is simple to get deep into the CHSFL AA Playoffs. Coach Ralph Carusillo now in his 5th season