

# Team Preview: Ward Melville - Patriots

2017 In Review: The Patriots finished with a 5-4 record in Division I losing in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the playoffs to Connetquot.

Departures: Nick Messina Brown Football, Peyton Capizzi Westfield State Football, Joe Zuvich Union Football, Liam Davenport Army Lacrosse, Christian O'Toole Geneseo Lacrosse, Ryan McMullen Geneseo Lacrosse, Zach Hobbes Harvard Lacrosse, Tom Kutchma St. Thomas Moore Prep School Football, Tim Kutchma St. Thomas Moore Prep School Football.

Offense: the Patriots run a Spread offense and the following players return; JJ Laap senior WR 6'1 175 had 10 catches/280 yards receiving/1 td, Marcus Velez senior WR/TE 6'5 230 had 27 catches/348 yards receiving/6 td's, Nick Troy senior RB 5'8 160 had 41 carries/338 yards rushing/4 rushing td's/7 catches/101 yards receiving, Billy Treder senior OL 6'2 235, Hunter McSweeney senior OL 6'1 260 and Trey Berry senior QB 6'1 165 had 5 carries/60 yards rushing/1 td. Newcomers are Rob Soto senior WR 5'10 150 starting Guard on the Basketball team hasn't played Football in 2 years has great instincts and Frank Ciniglio senior RB 6'0 200 is an All-County Lacrosse player hasn't played Football in 2 years.

Defense: they play 4-3-4 defense and the following players return; JJ Laap DB had 1 interception/1 fumble recovered/6 tackles, Marcus Velez OLB, Nick Troy DB, Billy Treder DL, Hunter McSweeney DL had 16 tackles/2 sacks and Trey Berry DB. Newcomers are Rob Soto DB and Frank Ciniglio LB.

Special Teams: To be decided in camp

Schedule:

Friday, 9/07, @ Sachem North, 6:00PM

Saturday, 9/15, Sachem East, 2:00PM

Friday, 9/21, @ Connetquot, 7:00PM

Friday, 9/28, Patchogue-Medford, 6:30PM

Saturday, 10/06, Walt Whitman, 2:00PM

Saturday, 10/13, @ William Floyd, 2:00PM

Saturday, 10/20, @ Longwood, 1:00PM

Friday, 10/26, Commack, 6:30PM

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

Question Marks: Ranked 2th in the Suffolk County Pre-Season Division I. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row they lost some very good talent however the covered is not bare and 2 seniors who haven't played in two years will rejoin the team this year.

Recruiting: Seniors who will either play Football or Lacrosse at the next level are JJ Laap, Marcus Velez, Nick Troy, Billy Treder, Hunter McSweeney, Trey Berry, Rob Soto and Frank Ciniglio.

Coach's Comments: We are no longer sneaking up on anybody as we have a good JV that feeds the Varsity every year so instead of rebuilding we now reload. Our strength is team speed, are skill unit is strong and as long as we stay healthy on the OL/DL we will be in good shape. Coach Chris Boltrek now in his 4<sup>th</sup> season