

Team Preview: West Islip - Lions

2017 In Review: The Lions finished with a 9-3 record in Division II losing to North Babylon in the County Finals.

Departures: Tim Mullane Nassau CC Football and Jake Guercio Fordham Baseball

Offense: the Lions run the Spread offense and the following players return; Mike LaDonna senior QB 6'0 195 All-County as a junior, Max Albanese senior WR 5'10 185 All-Division as a junior, Pat Cunningham senior WR/TE All-Division as a junior, Kyle Haff junior RB 5'9 215 All-County as a sophomore, Tim Sawina senior OT 6'0 225, Dominic Sagginario junior RB started as a sophomore, Matt Calhoun junior TE All-Division as a sophomore and Will Reichel junior OG/OT 6'3 230. Newcomers are Paul Monserrat junior RB 5'8 220. Donnie Ryan junior OL 6'0 190, Jack Ilario junior TE 6'4 215 and Eric Demaille junior RB 6'0 185.

Defense: they play 4-4-3 defense and the following players return; Max Albanese CB, Pat Cunningham Safety, Kyle Haff LB, Tim Sawina DT, Dominic Sagginario LB/Safety, Matt Calhoun DE and Will Reichel DT. Newcomers are Paul Monserrat NG, Donnie Ryan LB, Jack Ilario DT and Eric Demaille Safety.

Special Teams: Will be decided in camp

Schedule:

Saturday, 9/08, @ Bellport, 2:00PM

Saturday, 9/15, Centereach, 2:00PM

Saturday, 9/22, Smithtown West, 2:00PM

Saturday, 9/29, Northport, 2:00PM

Saturday, 10/06, @ Half Hollow Hills East, 1:30PM

Friday, 10/12, @ Lindenhurst, 6:00PM

Saturday, 10/20, North Babylon, 2:00PM

Saturday, 10/27, @ Huntington, 2:00PM

Schedule is courtesy of www.sectionxi.org

Question Marks: Ranked 2nd in the Suffolk County Pre-Season Division II. The Lions have a solid team on both sides of the ball however DII is a lot tougher this year as both Lindenhurst and Northport drop down.

Recruiting: Too early to tell as their players play multi sports and what sport they eventually commit for in college.

Coach's Comments: We are a very committed team in a very tough division II. Our kids believe in the West Islip tradition and will not go down without a fight and we expect nothing less than a championship. Coach Steve Mileti now in his 10th season