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Ronnie Harmon is pulled down by St. John's James Jordan during yesterday's Metro Bowl, in which Harmon amassed 257 yards total offense

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St. John quarterback Joe Gagliardi shares a hug



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Bayside's **Ronnie Harmon**, known for his defensive ability, proved his ability as a runner this year. He's shown leaping through a hole against Andrew Jackson

No More Doubts About **Ronnie Harmon**

By Dave Rosner

In **Ronnie Harmon's** mind, they have been lining up on opposite sides of the line of scrimmage. There is Penn State, for instance, lining up on defense, alongside Notre Dame and Oklahoma and Syracuse. Then there is Clemson, lining up on offense, alongside Miami and Iowa and Temple. And then there is **Ronnie Harmon**, who is accustomed to lining up on both sides of the line, curiously watching the colleges switch sides, from defense to offense. The Bayside senior, who never thought of himself strictly as a defensive back, finally is being recruited as a running back.

"I guess," he said with a smile, "I just had to show them I'm a natural running back."

Apparently, his argument had not been convincing enough last year, when he rushed 93 times for 538 yards and 12 touchdowns. Even his high school coach remained unconvinced. "At the beginning of the year, there was a great deal of doubt in my mind whether he'd be a Division I offensive player," Bayside coach Tony Yacovone said. "Now I'm convinced that he will not only be a Division I offensive player, but a great Division I offensive player."

This season, **Harmon's** statistics finally are as flashy as his running style: 731 yards on 104 in Bayside's 10-1 season. Of course, the 6-1, 190-pounder has earned the coaches' selection as Newsday's Queens Player of the Year for more than just his seven-yard rushing average. There were the 10 interceptions, the 22 receptions for 470 yards, the 35-yard kickoff-return average, the 22-yard punt-return average, the 18 touchdowns, the 31-yard punting average, the leadership so important on a team that has won Public Schools Athletic League titles in all three of his varsity seasons.

But those things were expected. His rushing ability was something he had to prove.

That is nothing new, of course. It

had been that way since his first year on varsity. "I wasn't really overly impressed with **Ronnie** offensively," Yacovone recalled. "We picked him out as a potentially great defensive player." And nothing the 5-10, 155-pound sophomore did changed that. He played sparingly on offense but excelled as a defensive back. "I still thought of myself as a running back," **Harmon** said. "But I was willing to do anything to play. And a lot of people didn't like even that [his playing defense], because they thought I was too small."

So **Harmon** "worked hard over the summer," improving his bench-pressing capability from 285 to 320 pounds and gaining 10 pounds. "I knew we were changing the offense that year [from the veer to the wing-T]," he said, "and I'd have a chance to show that I could play." No one was arguing with his junior statistics, which included a 5.8 rushing average and 14 receptions for 149 yards. But again, it was on defense where he really stood out, where his nine interceptions earned him an all-Queens selection, where the colleges showed the most interest, where Yacovone considered him a pro prospect.

Harmon became even more determined to be a star running back, just as his brothers Greg (Class of '78) and Derrick (Class of '80) had been. "It was important because everybody thought I wasn't good," he said. "I knew people were saying, 'Just because his last name is **Harmon**, he thinks he can play.' I had to show them that I'm my own runner. I had to show them that I was going to take after my brothers . . . I really appreciate the coaches giving me the chance to show myself, giving me enough time, enough of the ball to show what I can do."

It certainly helped that he grew almost three inches—"I just shot up"—and gained 25 pounds between his junior and senior seasons. Still, in a backfield that included another major-

college prospect, Lonnie Bellamy, and still another Division I prospect, Jeff Tanner, **Harmon** realized he would not get too many rushing opportunities. It wasn't until Bellamy suffered a shoulder separation late in the regular season that **Harmon** began getting more than a half-dozen carries a game. "All of a sudden, it became necessary to go to him," Yacovone said. "That's when we started saying, 'Give this kid the ball!'"

That's when Yacovone began comparing **Harmon** to Syracuse sophomore Jaime Covington, the last Bayside running star. "**Ronnie's** learned how to be an offensive back," Yacovone said. "He can run at a controlled speed, then *bingo*, just accelerate into that high gear. Jaime had that ability. And remember, Jaime was not really an outstanding offensive player as a junior. **Ronnie's** done the same thing. As a junior, he had a so-so season."

Harmon gives credit to his offensive line for his improvement. "I wish I was rich," he said. "I'd take them all out to dinner, like everyone else does. Without them, I couldn't have done it."

Without linemen Jim Dyeovich, Tony Roselli, Mike Spinelli, Ken Alleyne and Jim Leible (from left to right), perhaps many colleges still

would be recruiting **Harmon** strictly for defense. Not that it seems to matter much to **Harmon**. "I just want to play; I don't like sitting on the bench," he said. When a school tells me they want me as a defensive back, I say to myself, 'I don't care. It's a college. I'm going for my education first.'"

Harmon may not have his brother Derrick's grades, but he certainly has his appreciation for education. **Ronnie** calls Cornell regularly to ask advice of Derrick, who just finished his sophomore season third among Ivy League rushers, with 893 yards (for a 5.2 average) and five touchdowns. "My brother Derrick opened a lot of doors for me," he said. "After the success that Derrick and Jaime have had in college, we've got a lot of colleges coming to look at us that never came before. Now I guess it's up to me to see that they keep coming."

Seems there is always something for **Ronnie Harmon** to prove. He is ready to go to work, excited about running track for the first time in hopes of improving his 4.6 speed in the 40-yard dash. "When colleges say they want me as a defensive back, I just say I'll work real hard over the summer," he said. "And I'll come back strong and show them I'm a natural running back."

Queens Cathedral, St. Pius Win

Douglaston—Queens Cathedral defeated Brooklyn Cathedral, 40-36, and St. Pius beat New York Cathedral, 64-52, in the first round of the Cathedral Tournament yesterday at Cathedral College.

In the first game, senior swingman Mike Pastore's three-point play with 44 seconds remaining gave Queens Cathedral a 38-34 lead.

In the second game, with the score tied, 36-36, early in the second half, St. Pius scored 10 straight points to

take a lead that it never lost.

Queens Cathedral will play St. Pius in the championship game today at 4 PM.

Brooklyn Cathedral	8	11	9	8	—	36
Queens Cathedral	4	10	11	15	—	40
Brooklyn Cathedral: Twomey 2-1-5, Philbin 1-0-2, Murphy 1-0-2, McHugh 1-0-2, Deslouches 0-1-1, Vella 0-1-1, Ferlito 4-7-15, Washington 3-2-8. Totals: 12-12-36.						
Queens Cathedral: Kelley 1-3-5, Pastore 11-3-25, Monsanto 2-0-4, Gonzalez 0-2-2, Werner 0-2-2, Signore 1-0-2. Totals: 15-10-40.						

St. Pius	20	9	15	20	—	64
New York Cathedral	15	12	11	14	—	52
St. Pius: Campbell 7-4-18, Stouges 3-8-14, Spender 2-0-4, Morgan 2-3-7, Long 3-0-10, Pyranski 2-1-5, Manning 1-0-2, Serp 0-2-2, McGinley 1-0-2. Totals: 23-18-64.						
New York Cathedral: Ryan 7-1-15, Gordon 1-3-5, Currie 3-3-9, Donohue 2-2-6, Fogarty 2-0-4, Torres 7-1-15. Totals: 22-10-52.						

Defense Makes the Difference

St. John stops Bayside when it has to and wins Metro Bowl, 22-21

By Dave Rosner

Brooklyn—As pretty as St. John the Baptist quarterback Joe Gagliardi's passes were, as breathtaking as Bayside halfback Ronnie Harmon's runs were, let it be known that yesterday's Metro Bowl was not merely an offensive display. Forget that six touchdowns were scored in St. John the Baptist's 22-21 victory. Forget that Gagliardi completed 20 of 42 passes for 258 yards and three touchdowns. Forget that Harmon seemed to break a tackle for each pass Gagliardi attempted, accumulating 257 total yards and two touchdowns.

Forget all that, because offense was not the story of this game. Defense was.

Bayside assistant coach Jim Ryan, for one, was pleased with the way the Commodores defended Gagliardi. Sure, the 6-3 senior completed touchdown passes of 21 yards (to Mike Maroney) and 38 yards (to Tom Corcoran) to give St. John a 14-7 first-quarter lead. And sure, he reversed a 21-14 deficit early in the fourth quarter by finding Tony Corso for a nine-yard touchdown pass and then hitting Corcoran over the middle for the clinching two-point conversion.

St. John Baptist 14 0 0 8—22
Bayside 7 7 7 0—21
B—Bellamy 10 run (Leible kick)
SJ—Maroney 21 pass from Gagliardi (pass failed)
SJ—Corcoran 38 pass from Gagliardi (Blenkowski pass from Gagliardi)
B—R. Harmon 62 pass from K. Harmon (Leible kick)
B—R. Harmon 15 pass from K. Harmon (Leible kick)
SJ—Corso 9 pass from Gagliardi (Corcoran pass from Gagliardi)

But Bayside had expected that. "We didn't mind giving up three touchdowns," Ryan said. "We just expected to score more."

What the previously undefeated Commodores (10-1) did not expect was how effectively St. John the Baptist (10-1) shut off their explosive running game in the second half. "That's the only thing we count on—the defense," St. John coach Byrne Gamble said. "Even with Joe [Gagliardi], we have to worry about the offense; I mean, we couldn't count on 14 dropped passes today. But we always know where we stand defensively."

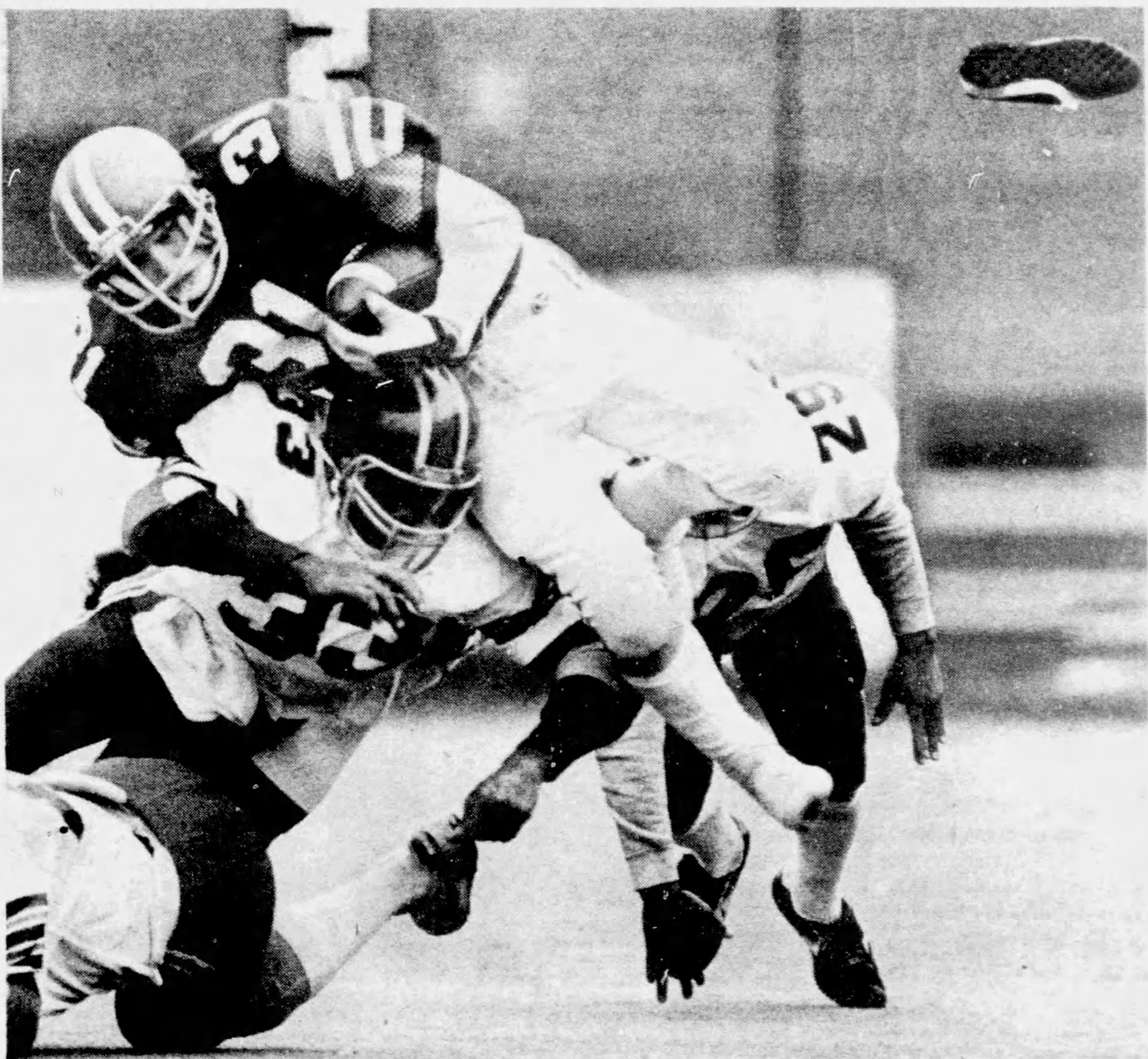
Yesterday at Midwood Field, they stood tall defensively—especially in the fourth quarter as Bayside tried three times to erase a one-point deficit. Twice the Cougars stopped Bayside on four downs, and the other time left tackle Jeff DeSimone stripped quarterback Kevin Harmon of the ball for the third costly Commodores fumble. As much as anything, the defense had earned St. John its second straight Metro Bowl victory over Bayside and preserved the perfect record of the Catholic High Schools' Football League in the four-year history of the game against the city Public Schools Athletic League champion. "The key was that we controlled Ronnie Harmon," Gamble said. "We stopped him from running some big plays—and that made the difference."

Not that the Bayside senior didn't run some pretty big plays anyway. If the Cougars had forgotten about his uncanny ability to elude sure tackles, Harmon wasted little time reminding them. He took the opening kickoff 63 yards, setting up Lonnie Bellamy's 10-yard touchdown run before the game was two minutes old. "We kicked it to the wrong man," Gamble said. Then, after Gagliardi marched the Cougars for touchdowns on successive drives, it was Harmon again. This time, he caught a screen pass from his brother Kevin at midfield, spun away from a linebacker and ran untouched for a 62-yard touchdown to tie the score at 14. And there was more: Midway through the third quarter, he caught another screen, from St. John's 15, and darted through a maze of defenders along the right sideline for the score that gave Bayside its 21-14 lead. "If I had his legs," Gagliardi said, shaking his head, "forget it."

Gagliardi had his own right arm, and that was enough. "We knew we could move on them, so we knew we could come back," he said. It took Gagliardi only 11 plays to direct the Cougars 83 yards for the winning touchdown. Bayside still would have its chances. A bad St. John's punt that would have given Bayside possession inside the 40 was nullified by an offside penalty. And then there was Gagliardi's only interception, which Ronnie Harmon took 35 yards to midfield. "I was embarrassed," Gagliardi said.

He had little else to feel embarrassed about, repeatedly rifling passes between defenders to Maroney (5 receptions for 96 yards) and Corcoran (6 for 81). "I heard he made some good ones," Gagliardi said of Maroney, "but I didn't see them." Of course not; the defense had him down.

In the Class B Metro Bowl, Canarsie defeated Cardinal Hayes, 22-15.



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Ronnie Harmon knocks Mike Maroney off his feet, sending the St. John player's shoe flying

This Time, Bayside's Leible Gives 150-Per-Cent Effort

By Ron Mergenthaler

Brooklyn—When last we left St. John the Baptist quarterback Joe Gagliardi and Bayside defensive end Jim Leible, time had run out in the first half of last year's Metro Bowl. Gagliardi had taken the snap with one second left, fallen to his knee, and, he thought, ended the half.

But Leible, who later said "it was stupid," tried to make Gagliardi a permanent part of Hofstra's AstroTurf field. The late hit and subsequent unsportsmanlike conduct penalty resulted in Leible's automatic ejection from the game, which St. John went on to win, 16-12.

One year later, both Gagliardi and Leible were back battling for the same stakes. "They were kidding me about it during practice this week," Gagliardi said of his teammates. "They said, 'Watch out for number 77 [Leible].'"

Getting to Gagliardi seemed the furthest thing from Leible's mind as he took the field prior to yesterday's fourth annual Metro Bowl. One of Bayside's four captains, Leible is responsible in part for leading the team in its pre-game calisthenics, and if it is

possible for a player to be psyched up for jumping jacks and deep knee bends, Leible was. His intentions seemed clear. He had only two halves of football to play, but owed his teammates and St. John three.

"Yeah, well, a little," Leible said after Bayside had lost to St. John, 22-21. "I didn't want to make the same mistakes twice. I wanted to be ferocious, but smart."

He was. Despite having problems early in the game "adjusting to the crack-back block," which is legal in the Catholic league but not in the Public Schools Athletic League, Leible made himself felt early and often.

On St. John's first offensive possession, Gagliardi went back to pass on a third-and-seven and met Leible for the first time since halftime of last year's game, when Leible apologized for the late hit. Yesterday's reunion resulted in a sack and a three-yard loss for Gagliardi. The next time the Cougars had the ball, Leible broke through the St. John offensive line on three straight plays, forcing Gagliardi into incompletions.

When he wasn't trying to get the quarterback or cut down the run, Leible was either playing offensive tackle or doing the team's placekicking. He made all the extra points following Bayside's three touchdowns and was in for every play of the game on either offense, defense or special teams. But it was defensively that he drew the most attention.

"You can't be afraid of [free safety Ronnie Harmon or Leible, even though that's their two best players on defense]," St. John head coach Byrne Gamble said. "In fact, the stronger a kid is, the more we'll run at him. We were running at the strong point [Leible] because on the pursuit they become better."

"I just wanted to keep my head up," said Leible, who did just that until, with Bayside principal Lester Speiser's arm draped around his waist, he led his team off the field after the game.



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St. John's Joe Gagliardi was forced to throw on the run.

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Once He Began Sprinting, No Stopping Galizia

By Gary Binford

Lynbrook—The summer sun would never beat Larry Galizia to Belmont Park. He was up at 5 AM, at the track by 6 and tidying up the stalls by 8. He was a groom being groomed to be a trainer. Playing linebacker and running back at Lynbrook was fun. Catering to horses was to be his career.

"Before my junior year, I never even thought about playing football in college," Galizia said. "I was late for my first two days of practice my junior year, because I was up at Saratoga. But after last year, when I had a good year, my coach started telling me if I worked hard enough at football I could make it. And I believed him."

This past summer, prior to his senior season at Lynbrook, Galizia made a decision that altered his life. Horses were no longer his top priority. "I was talking to him at the beginning of July," Lynbrook football coach Jay Iaquina said, "and I asked him, 'Are you working at the track this summer?' He said, 'No, I'm not working this summer.' I said, 'You're not? What are you going to do?' He said, 'I'm training for football.'"

The results were impressive: better than eight yards per carry, 1,039 yards rushing and 10 touchdowns, six on runs longer than 50 yards. He also averaged 13 tackles and intercepted four passes. Lynbrook won six of its eight games, and he was the major reason. For his efforts, Galizia was named the recipient of Newsday's 1981 Thorp Award, as Nassau County's outstanding football player. West Hempstead junior quarterback Don McPherson and Farmingdale running back/linebacker John DeTomasso were the runnersup. "This is a great honor," Galizia said. "I never dreamed I would win. It's like you hear about other people winning."

His maturation from a good player to a standout has changed Galizia's opinion of what he can accomplish in football. Never before academically inclined, Galizia improved his scholastic average to about 78 while he improved as a player. College has become the priority, with a major in business management. The horses have been left at the gate.

"I want to get an education, just in case football fails, to have something to fall back on," he said. "I'd love to make it to the pros. When I had a really good year as a junior, everybody was telling me you could make it [in college football], so I worked at it. I guess I just didn't have the self-confidence until I realized what I had and started to work at it."

As a junior, Galizia started at linebacker and was the backup fullback on Lynbrook's Conference III championship team. When Iaquina told him of a Russian theory—in which running 40-yard sprints downhill might build up the stride frequency, making the athlete faster when running on level ground—Galizia carried the word *dedication* beyond its intended meaning.

"That was the impressive thing," Iaquina said. "He was out there running 40-yard sprints down a hill because his coach told him it *may* make you quicker."

Galizia ran series of 12 downhill sprints three days a week in the parking lot at Lynbrook Junior High School and lifted weights on the other days.

The result was stunning. He lowered his 40-yard dash time from 4.85 to 4.65 seconds. "The first week of practice," he recalled, "I came back and kids who were beating me by 10 yards, now I was beating them by 10 yards in running."

The increased speed transformed Galizia into a major-college prospect. Al-

though he is 5-11 and 185 pounds, considered to be an in-between size, and has marginal speed for a major-college defensive back, he has attracted attention from schools such as West Virginia, Penn State and Rutgers.

"He was a fine high school running back and an excellent linebacker," Hempstead coach Buddy Krumenacker said. "I think, as a defensive football player, he can play anywhere."

The challenge of big-time college football is something Galizia wants to tackle. "Going to a small school where I know I could play, it's exciting because you're in college and you're playing," he said. "But I'd rather go to the big-time and see if I can break in and work. The accomplishment means more to me than to be handed something. I'll work and I'll get there. I know I can do it. I'll just get on the hill and I'll start running again."



Lynbrook's Larry Galizia, right, at home with grandparents Frances and Larry Galizia, standing, and his parents, Joe and Louise

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After the cheering has become memories and the achievement one important bit of business, selecting the winners of the Thorp Award are presented each year by Nassau County Suffolk County.

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Thorp

- 1981—Larry Galizia, Lynbrook, back/linebacker.
- 1980—John Rodney, Hicksville, back.
- 1979—Ron Heller, Farmingdale, tight end/defensive end.
- 1978—Herbert Butzke, New Hempstead, tackle.
- 1977—John Rogan, Champlain, quarterback.
- 1976—Henry Feil, Berner, linebacker.
- 1975—Tony Capozzoli, St. Dominic, quarterback.
- 1974—Matt Kupec, Syosset, quarterback.
- 1973—Joe Diange, Farmingdale, quarterback.
- 1972—Larry Esposito, Clarion, linebacker.
- 1971—Mike Duffy, Massapequa, back.
- 1970—Mark Coady, Carle Place, back.
- 1969—Phil LaPorta, Valley Stream Central, tackle.
- 1968—Dennis Macholz, Bethpage, tackle.
- 1967—Phil Barbaccia, East Meadow, guard.
- 1966—Warren Koegel, Seaford, center.
- 1965—Charles Drimal, Valley Stream South, back.
- 1964—Ed Kane, Levittown, tackle.
- 1963—Guy Riccardi, Freeport, center.
- 1962—Jim Litterelle, Mineola, back.
- 1961—Sal Ciampi, Lawrenceville, guard.
- 1960—Rollie Stichweh, Mineola, quarterback.
- 1959—Matt Snell, Carle Place, back.
- 1958—John Mackey, Hempstead, back/end.
- 1957—Dave Hayes, Mephram, back.
- 1956—Don Kornrumpf, Hempstead, back.
- 1955—Paul Rochester, Sewanhaka, tackle.
- 1954—Bob Reifsnnyder, Baldwin, line/back.
- 1953—Bill Sandie, Mephram, back.
- 1952—Jim Brown, Manhasset, back.
- 1951—Dick Martin, Hempstead, back.
- 1950—Ed Nickla, Mephram, back.
- 1949—Lou Britt, Glen Cove, back.
- 1948—Al Kohanowich, Hempstead, end.
- 1947—Mike Kinney, Valley Stream Central, back.
- 1946—John Fasano, Port Washington, tackle.
- 1945—Ray Mrozack, Mineola, back.
- 1944—Bob Casey, Baldwin, back.
- 1943—Billy Wilson, Lawrenceville, back.
- 1942—Fred Miller, Champlain, guard.

Awards

The Way Gagliardi Threw, Hard to Pass Him Up

By Joe Krupinski

The most memorable moment of the football season for 16-year-old Anne Marie Gagliardi happened in the playoff game against St. Francis Prep. Her brother scrambled in the backfield, looking for a pass receiver. "One player had him around the waist and another player was pulling on his ankle," she said. "Somehow, he kept his balance, and threw the ball for a touchdown. I said to myself, 'I don't believe it.'"

St. John the Baptist quarterback Joe Gagliardi remembers that play. But the most important one to him happened earlier in the season, in a 20-15 victory over Chaminade that gave his team the Long Island Catholic League lead for the first time. "That was the season right there. If we had lost, we would have been in third place," he said. "Chaminade went ahead with three minutes to go, but we drove down the field. There was 1:06 left when I threw the ball. It bounced off Ken Gatti at the goal line, but Mike Maroney caught it in the end zone. Imagine, the winning touchdown on a deflected pass. It was the greatest. The whole team piled on Maroney and went crazy."

The most memorable moment for Dolores Gagliardi, Joe's mother, happened Wednesday evening in her own living room. She had just received a phone call from Joe's coach, Byrne Gamble. When he arrived home from school, she gave her son the news. "He didn't believe me until he saw the tears in my eyes," she said.

The news was that Gagliardi, a 17-year-old senior, had won the Hansen Award, given annually by Newsday to the most outstanding high school football player in Suffolk County. The runners-up in the voting were also quarterbacks: Chris Bayer of West Islip and Jim Lidowski of West Babylon.

The 6-3, 185-pound Gagliardi gave St. John the most prolific passing attack in high school football this season. Going into yesterday's Metro Bowl game against Bayside, he had completed 132 of 233 passes (a .567 percentage) for 1,915 yards and 19 touchdowns. He had been intercepted 11 times. "I knew we would be throwing a lot," he said. "I set a goal for myself of 2,000 yards, something to shoot for."

St. John changed from a traditional running game and even hired an extra coach, Vinnie Baratta, to work with the receivers.

The idea was to send out five receivers on each play and have Gagliardi find the open man. "They had to run disciplined patterns, be in the right place at the right time, and catch the ball, which is the hardest thing to teach a high school kid to do," Gamble said. "Joe made sure he got the ball to them."

The five all had their share of receptions: wide receiver Tom Corcoran (33), fullback Tony Corso (24), halfback Ken Gatti (20), split end Mike Maroney (19) and tight end Ben Bienkowski (19). "Joe put in audibles all the time," Corcoran said. "Mr. Gamble would send in a play, Joe would change it at the line of scrimmage, and we'd score."

Gagliardi appreciated his pass-catchers, but thought even more of the five linemen who had to block for him, one-against-one, on every pass play. "Please make sure we mention those guys," he said, referring to center Mike Grimaldi, guard Vinnie DiPalma, tackles Jim (Moose) McNulty and Gerry O'Hara, and the two players who shared the other guard position, Tony Fioravanti and Roger Ladermann. "They're not the tallest guys, but they sure can hit. At the start of each game, the other team's defensive line would say, 'Look how small these guys are.' But they always shut up after a few plays."

With Gagliardi calling the signals the past two seasons, St. John won consecutive league championships and compiled a record of 19 victories, one loss and one tie. He is being recruited by many colleges, including Notre Dame, Navy, Holy Cross, Syracuse, Pitt, Rutgers, Boston College, Iowa, Virginia, West Virginia, Duke, Wake Forest, Tulane, Arizona and Arizona State.

"He keeps us together," Fioravanti said, talking about Gagliardi as a leader. "If he sees two guys arguing over a play, he tells them, 'Cut it out, play the game.' He gives us all crazy handshakes before the game to get us ready. Earlier this week, after the Bayside coach predicted that they would beat us by 70-12, he taped the score on everybody's helmet."

"Joe's a good student and a good citizen," assistant principal Larry Jordan said. "He talks to the freshmen and encourages them to come to the games; very few high school athletes would do this. He stands in the hall and helps the cheerleaders sell tickets to the games. Everybody in school knows him, and everybody likes him."

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Winners

Hansen

- 1981—Joe Gagliardi, St. John, quarterback.
- 1980—Rodney Cooke, Bellport, back.
- 1979—Kevin Baugh, Deer Park, back.
- 1978—Kevin Riccio, West Islip, guard/linebacker.
- 1977—Brian Dehler, Sachem, quarterback.
- 1976—Mike Tice, Central Islip, quarterback.
- 1975—Chris Dieterich, Ward Melville, tackle.
- 1974—Tom Donovan, Holy Family, back.
- 1973—Rich Scudellari, Holy Family, back.
- 1972—Chad Smith, Sayville, quarterback.
- 1971—Curtis Smith, Brentwood, back.
- 1970—Jamie Franklin, Brentwood, back.
- 1969—Dan Scott, Amityville, tackle.
- 1968—Tom Tarazevits, Southampton, tackle.
- 1967—Frank Ahrenhold, Northport, tackle.
- 1966—Kevin O'Connor, Commack, back.
- 1965—Gary Steele, Commack, back.
- 1964—Bob Lavinia, Smithtown, back.
- 1963—Hal Becker, Port Jefferson, back.
- 1962—Bob Schroeder, Lindenhurst, center.
- 1961—Jim Smith, Harborfields, back.
- 1960—Len Sears, West Babylon, tackle.

The Selectors

The nominees for the Thorp and Hansen Awards are screened by a rotating panel of coaches and officials. The panel members study statistics, frequently view film clips, and, after lengthy debate, arrive at a decision.

The members of this year's Thorp Committee were: Bill Piner of Sewanoy, president of the Nassau Football Coaches Association; Sam Griffin, president of the Nassau Football Officials' Association, and the following league representatives: Don Snyder, Farmingdale; Bob Phelps, Calhoun; Erwin Gerung, Herricks; Dan Mantrone, Valley Stream Central; Dick Caproni, South Side; Joe Martone, Island Trees; Larry Blake, Carle Place; Victor Gaffan, Roosevelt; Barry Schmerler, St. Paul's; Ken Kreuscher, Hewlett, and Pat Kirwan, Maria Regina.

The members of this year's Hansen Committee were: Joe Cipp, Bellport, president of the Suffolk Football Coaches Association; Thomas O'Brien, president of the Suffolk Football Officials; Robert Macaluso, Northport; Wayne Shierant, West Islip; Don Crosby, Longwood; Pete Sansiviero, Half Hollow Hills West; Dick Herzog, Riverhead; Tom Murray, Mercy, and Tony Antonucci, St. Anthony's.



Joe Gagliardi Jr. of St. John the Baptist, at home in North Babylon. With him are his mother and father, Joe Sr. and Dolores, and his sisters, from left standing: Christine, Joanne, Ann Marie and Elizabeth

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