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# MSG VARSITY'S ALL METRO FOOTBALL TEAM ANNOUNCED ON "A QUICK: 60"

National #1 Bergen Catholic (NJ) Leads All Schools with Three Honorees; Stephen Boyd, Chaminade (LI) Named Coach of the Year; Jabrill Peppers, Paramus Catholic Named Player of the Year

**BETHPAGE, N.Y., December 18, 2012** — Tonight, MSG Varsity and The National Football Foundation announced the third annual MSG Varsity All Metro Team, comprised of 26 standout high school football players from the tri-state area. Selected by the network's panel of football experts from hundreds of tri-state area high schools, the honorees were revealed live on MSG Varsity's "A Quick :60," Optimum TV Channel 14 at 8:00 p.m. The broadcast also recognized both the coach of the year, the player of the year and the Second team. Honorable mentions are available on <a href="https://www.msgvarsity.com">www.msgvarsity.com</a>.

For the first time, Bergen Catholic High School had the most players recognized in the tri-state. Three players from Bergen Catholic of Oradell, NJ—ranked number four in MSG Varsity's Tri-State Top 25—received first team honors, including senior wide receiver J.J. Kulcsar; junior defensive lineman Kurt Holuba and senior quarterback Jon Germano who received offensive athlete recognition.

"The football players who make up the MSG Varsity All Metro Team are among the best in the tri-state area," said Michael Lardner, Senior Vice President and Executive Producer, MSG Varsity. "We are thrilled to partner with The National Football Foundation to honor these student athletes and their coaches who demonstrate on a regular basis the passion, athleticism and sportsmanship it takes to succeed both on and off the field."

"This year MSG Varsity covered 185 high school football games, giving viewers the opportunity to watch these players excel throughout the fall season," said MSG Varsity's Mike Quick. "Each year I'm honored to recognize these talented athletes on my show for what they've already accomplished on the field."

The following players have officially been named to MSG Varsity's All Metro Team:

### Offense:

Position	Name	School	Class
QB	PJ Walker	Elizabeth, NJ	Sr.
RB	Jabrill Peppers	Paramus Catholic, NJ	Jr.
RB	Jahad Thomas	Elizabeth, NJ	Sr.
RB	Curtis Samuel	Erasmus Hall, NYC	Jr.
OL	Joe Tustin	St. Anthony's, LI	Sr.
OL	Shawn Flaherty	St. Joseph (Montvale), NJ	Sr.
OL	Dorian Miller	Metuchen, NJ	Sr.
OL	Marcell Lazard	Bloomfield, NJ	Sr.
OL	Quenton Nelson	Red Bank Catholic, NJ	Jr.
WR	J.J. Kulcsar	Bergen Catholic, NJ	Sr.
WR	James Frusciante	Staples, CT	Sr.
ATH	Jon Germano	Bergen Catholic, NJ	Sr.

## Defense:

Position	Name	School	Class
DL	Ebenezer Ogundeko	Jefferson, NYC	Sr.
DL	Jay Hayes	Poly Prep, NYC	Jr.
DL	Alquadin Muhammad	Don Bosco Prep, NJ	Sr.
DL	Razohnn Gross	Don Bosco Prep, NJ	Sr.
DL	Kurt Holuba	Bergen Catholic, NJ	Jr.
LB	Mark Fossati	St. Joseph (Montvale), NJ	Jr.
LB	Steven Casali	Sachem East,LI	Sr.
LB	Joe Clarke	New Rochelle, NY	Sr.
DB	Nadir Barnwell	Piscataway, NJ	Sr.
DB	Isaiah Cureton	Sayreville, NJ	Sr.
DB	Eddie Robinson	Lawrence, LI	Sr.
ATH	John Haggart	Sayville, LI	Sr.
WR	Saeed Blacknall	Manalapan, NJ	Jr.
K	Zane Wasp	Chaminade,LI	Sr.

The following players have officially been named to MSG Varsity's All Metro Second Team:

## Offense:

Position	Name	School	Class
QB	A.J. Otranto	William Floyd, LI	Sr.
RB	Billy Andrle	East Meadow, LI	Jr.
RB	Justin Goodwin	Madison, NJ	Sr.
RB	William Stanback	Uniondale, LI	Sr.
OL	Sam Zeff	Montclair, NJ	Sr.
OL	Joel Campo	St. Joseph (Montvale), NJ	Sr.
OL	Devlin Brennan	Our Lady of Lourdes, NY	Sr.
OL	Kyle Vaughn	Staples, CT	Sr.
OL	O'Shane Morris	Iona Prep, NY	Sr.
WR	John Maddaluna	Bernards, NJ	Sr.
WR	Thomas Zenker	Chaminade, LI	Sr.
ATH	Noel Thomas	St. Luke's, CT	Sr.

#### Defense:

Position	Name	School	Class
DL	Anthony Denunzio	MacArthur, LI	Sr.
DL	Johnny Appice	Manalapan, NJ	Sr.
DL	Khilyni Kennedy	Paramus Catholic, NJ	Sr.
DL	Rashaad Coward	Sheepshead Bay, NYC	Sr.
DL	Tashawn Bower	Immaculata, NJ	Sr.
DL	Troy Kay	St. Joseph (Montvale), NJ	Sr.
LB	Al-Rasheed Benton	Shabazz, NJ	Sr.
LB	Marquise Watson	Paramus Catholic, NJ	Sr.
LB	Shane Huber	St. Peter's Prep, NJ	Sr.
DB	Kyle Queiro	Bergen Catholic, NJ	Sr.
DB	Tre Bell	St. Peter's Prep, NJ	Sr.
ATH	Matt Oplinger	Delbarton, NJ	Jr.
WR	Kason Campbell	Elizabeth, NJ	Sr.
K/P	David Bonagura	Ramapo, NJ	Sr.

Paramus Catholic High School (NJ) junior running back Jabrill Peppers was named Player of the Year. The junior standout was named to the All Metro Team in 2010 and 2011 when he played for Don Bosco Prep. With the addition of Peppers to the Paramus Catholic roster, the team ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the MSG Varsity Tri-State Top 25, two spots above last year's number one team, Don Bosco Prep.

Chaminade High School (Long Island) head football coach Stephen Boyd, who led the Flyers to their first CHSFL Championship win since 1998 has been named All Metro Coach of the Year. It was the first time the Chaminade team defeated rival, St. Anthony's High School after 15 consecutive losses. In fact, it was the only team who beat them in the regular season.

The episode of "A Quick :60" announcing the All-Metro Football Team can be viewed online by visiting <a href="https://www.msgvarsity.com">www.msgvarsity.com</a> or by watching MSG Varsity's on-demand channel 614.

### **ABOUT MSG VARSITY**

MSG Varsity is a multi-platform suite of services comprised of: an Emmy award-winning 24/7 HD television network, a comprehensive online destination, and a groundbreaking interactive service, all dedicated to high school sports, academics and activities happening throughout the tri-state area. Content for these services includes MSG Varsity's professionally produced programming as well as content created by the high schools themselves. Working in partnership with MSG Varsity, students and faculty are given extraordinary access to curriculum and training in multimedia creation and distribution, empowering them to become active participants in telling their school's stories. MSG Varsity is a Cablevision exclusive service not available to satellite or phone company TV subscribers and reaches three million households throughout the New York market. For more information, please visit www.msgvarsity.com.

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