

Island Sports

John Perrotti named to R.I. All-Star football team

By Stephanie Heelan Cotsonas

Islander and North Kingstown High School senior John Perrotti was among 49 football players recently selected to play for the Rhode Island team in the 2008 Rhode Island-Connecticut Senior All-Star game. Also known as the Governor's Cup, the game pits the best seniors from Connecticut against those from Rhode Island.

Perrotti is excited about making the team and sees it as a great experience and opportunity to play before heading to Ithaca College this fall.

He wrapped up his high school football career last fall when North Kingstown beat South Kingstown on Thanksgiving Day at the University of Rhode Island. Perrotti was named defensive MVP of the game and was later named to the First-Team All-Division and the second team All-State.

Making the All-Star team was no easy feat. According to Perrotti, after a film review the field of players was reduced to 100 players, then the final roster of 49 was announced.

Coincidentally, Skippers Head Coach and Athletic Director Keith Kenyon was again named



definitely good to have your high school coach as your coach for the All-Star game."

Kenyon is also pleased to be coaching the All-Star team again. "I really enjoy coaching kids from other schools in Rhode Island. This is my third time being the head coach in the 10 years of the game and I find it to be one of the most rewarding experiences of my career."

In the near future, Perrotti will start practicing with the All-Star team. "We have captain's practices to get us in shape, which are organized by the kids, and then we start playing games. There will be two weeks where we will prepare for the game and learn all the plays and the moves."

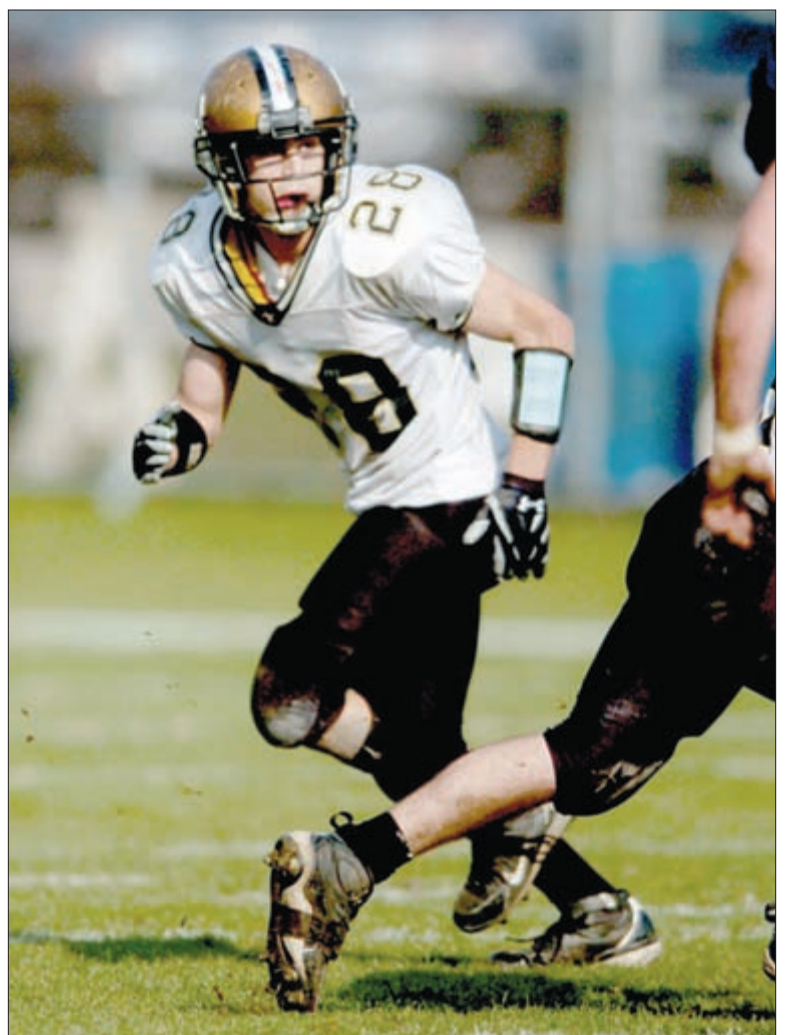
Perrotti is a member of the North Kingstown outdoor track team, where he competes in the high jump, long jump, triple jump and with a relay team.

In addition to Perrotti, representing North Kingstown High School on the team will be Brent Semple and Riley O'Brien of North Kingstown.

The All-Star game will be played at Rentschler Field on the University of Connecticut campus on June 28.

head coach of the Rhode Island All-Stars. Kenyon was pleased with the addition of Perrotti to the roster. "This is a great honor for John to even make the team. We take the best 50 senior players in Rhode Island by position. John made the team because of his outstanding defensive ability to find the football and make great hits when he gets there."

Perrotti is happy having Kenyon as his coach again. "I know his level of play and he knows my level of play. I know what he expects of me as a player and it is



Senior John Perrotti, a Jamestown resident, was one of the three North Kingstown High School football players to be named to the Rhode Island All-Star football team.

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