



**University at Buffalo 2004 Football  
Signing Day Recruit Information**



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# BUFFALO RELEASES FOOTBALL SIGNEES

*19 players, including five from Empire State, make up Hofher's fourth class*

**BUFFALO, NY** – Head football coach Jim Hofher announced the following players as having signed National Letters of Intent to pursue their academic and athletic careers at the University at Buffalo on the first day of the college football signing period.

The initial 2004 Buffalo football signees:

| <u>Name</u>      | <u>Pos.</u> | <u>Ht.</u> | <u>Wt.</u> | <u>Hometown/High School/Previous School</u> |
|------------------|-------------|------------|------------|---|
| Chris Callahan   | LB          | 6-2        | 220        | Webster, NY/Webster Thomas                  |
| Joe Cerminara    | RB          | 5-9        | 190        | Lewiston, NY/Lewiston-Porter                |
| Jamal Chisam     | DB          | 5-11       | 180        | Glendale, MD/DeMatha Catholic               |
| Jon Geddes*      | OL          | 6-4        | 330        | Colonie, NY/Colonie                         |
| Datwan Hemingway | QB/DB       | 6-2        | 190        | Albany, NY/Christian Brothers Academy       |
| Jesse Imes       | DB          | 5-11       | 190        | Cincinnati, OH/Kings Mills                  |
| Danzel Issac     | DE          | 6-2        | 205        | Gainesville, FL/Buchholz                    |
| Gerald Jackson   | DB          | 5-11       | 165        | Alexandria, VA/DeMatha Catholic             |
| Bryan Kisabeth   | WR          | 6-3        | 190        | Plymouth, MI/Divine Child                   |
| Gerry McGroarty  | PK          | 6-2        | 205        | Wilkes-Barre, PA/Bishop Hoban               |
| Jeff Niedermier  | OL          | 6-2        | 275        | New Washington, OH/Buckeye Central          |
| Frankie Pointer  | DL          | 5-11       | 285        | Detroit, MI/Clarenceville                   |
| Dwayne Reid      | WR/DB       | 6-0        | 185        | Summit, NJ/Summit                           |
| Dwight Reid      | WR/DB       | 6-0        | 185        | Summit, NJ/Summit                           |
| Brad Robison     | LB          | 6-2        | 227        | Groton, NY/Groton                           |
| Chris Scharon    | LB          | 6-1        | 215        | Salem, NH/Salem                             |
| Mike Thompson    | DL          | 6-2        | 261        | Seffner, FL/Armwood                         |
| Ben Woods        | P           | 6-2        | 192        | Hermitage, PA/Hickory                       |
| Robert Yealu     | WR          | 6-3        | 215        | Cedar Grove, NJ/Cedar Grove                 |

\*enrolled in January

# 2004 Recruiting Class Capsule Bios

## **CHRIS CALLAHAN**

**LB • 6-2 • 220**

**Fr. • WEBSTER, NY • WEBSTER THOMAS HS**

A two-time All-County selection and versatile athlete who helped Webster Thomas to a 15-3 record over his final two seasons...an All-Greater Rochester selection as a senior...two-time captain who helped the Titans to the county title as a senior...has also played two seasons of lacrosse.

## **JOE CERMINARA**

**RB • 5-9 • 190**

**Fr. • LEWISTON, NY • LEWISTON-PORTER**

First-team All-State selection (Class A) and finalist for WNY Player of the Year...set school records for career offensive yards (4,387), yards rushing in a season (1,790), touchdowns in a career (54) and touchdowns in a season (29)...scored 236 points in his career...first-team All-Western New York selection who led Lancers to 15-5 record in final two years...four letters and twice a captain...cousin of UB standout wrestler Kyle Cerminara.

## **JAMAL CHISAM**

**DB • 5-11 • 180**

**Fr. • GLENDALE, MD • DeMATHA CATHOLIC**

Part of powerhouse DeMatha program that won state title with 12-0 record...had 45 tackles, including five for losses, while earning All-Conference kudos...also has earned three letters in track and one in basketball...joins teammate Gerald Jackson in recruiting class.

## **JON GEDDES**

**OL • 6-4 • 330**

**Fr. • COLONIE, NY • COLONIE HS**

A 2002 New York State "Golden 50" selection who participated in the Governor's Bowl (New York vs. New Jersey last summer)...played in that game with current Buffalo teammates DeSean Larmond, Jon Burgio, Trevor Scott, Ken Sussman and Todd Robertson...All-Conference selection for coach Mike Ambrosia while helping Raiders to sectional final...enrolled at UB in January.

## **DATWAN HEMINGWAY**

**QB/DB • 6-2 • 190**

**Fr. • ALBANY, NY • CHRISTIAN BROS. ACAD.**

Versatile athlete who was third-team All-State (Class AA) selection on defense...a captain as a senior and two-year letterwinner...also an outstanding point guard on the basketball team and a sectional champion in the high jump...led his South team to a 20-7 win in post-season all-star game.

## **JESSE IMES**

**DB • 5-11 • 190**

**Fr. • MAINEVILLE, OH • KINGS MILLS**

A second-team (Division II) All-State selection who ran for 1,700 yards and threw for 1,400 yards while accounting for 37 total touchdowns...also had 50 tackles and three interceptions on defense for coach Andy Olds...selected to play in the East-West All-Star game and was a first-team All-Southwest Ohio selection...also an excellent kick returner...also an all-league baseball player.

## **DANZEL ISSAC**

**DE • 6-2 • 205**

**Fr. • GAINESVILLE, FL • BUCHHOLZ**

Tremendous speed enabled Issac to record 16 sacks as a senior while earning All-State honors in football and All-American honors in track and field...won the national AAU 400 meter title in :47.39...earned three letters for coach Jay Godwin while helping the Bobcats to an 8-3 record...an All-County selection.

## **GERALD JACKSON**

**DB • 5-11 • 165**

**Fr. • ALEXANDRIA, VA/DeMATHA CATHOLIC**

An All-County and All-State selection who helped DeMatha Catholic to a state title and perfect 12-0 record...had 45 tackles, five for loss, an interception and two punt returns for touchdowns for the Stags...earned five letters...has also boxed in several clubs.

## **BRYAN KISABETH**

**WR • 6-3 • 190**

**Fr. • PLYMOUTH, MI • DIVINE CHILD**

Outstanding three-sport athlete who was a first-team All-Catholic selection and second-team All-Detroit Metro pick for coach Gary Forystek...team was 17-7 over final two years...had 35 receptions for 701 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior...has also earned All-City honors in basketball and track (110 and 300 hurdles, high jump).

## **GERRY MCGROARTY**

**PK • 6-2 • 205**

**Fr. • WILKES-BARRE, PA • BISHOP HOBAN**

A two-time All-State selection whose 64-yard field goal is the longest in state history and the fourth longest in high school football history...had eight field goals as a senior and 32 kicks that were touchdowns...also averaged 42.5 yards per kick in punt duties...a Super Prep All-American in 2004...made ESPN's Top Ten plays with Chris Berman after record field goal...also an All-State swimmer and excellent soccer player...rated the 20th-best prospect at his position in the nation by *Rivals.com*.

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**JEFF NIEDERMIER**  
**OL • 6-2 • 275**

**Fr. • NEW WASHINGTON, OH • BUCKEYE CENTRAL**

A three-year All-League selection and second-team All-State choice for Mike Tracey...earned four letters and was captain as senior at Buckeye Central...the North Central Ohio Coaches Association Offensive Lineman of the Year...has also lettered in wrestling and track.

**FRANKIE POINTER**  
**DL • 5-11 • 285**

**Fr. • DETROIT, MI • CLARENCEVILLE**

An All-State selection and All-Metro choice for coach Greg Hudkins who helped his team to a 17-4 record in final two seasons...four-year letterwinner and first-team *Free Press* All-Western Detroit pick...also has lettered in wrestling, track and basketball.

**DWAYNE REID**  
**WR/DB • 6-0 • 185**

**Fr. • SUMMIT, NJ • SUMMIT**

A first-team All-Conference selection for coach George DiGrande...had 44 receptions for 951 yards on offense and three interceptions on defense...has also lettered in basketball and track...helped team to an 8-3 record...tied school record with four pass receptions for touchdowns...twin brother of fellow signee Dwight Reid.

**DWIGHT REID**  
**WR/DB • 6-0 • 185**

**Fr. • SUMMIT, NJ • SUMMIT**

A versatile athlete who excelled on both sides of the ball...had 16 receptions or 313 yards while helping his team to a conference title...excelled in defensive backfield as well...also has lettered in basketball and track and field...twin brother of fellow signee Dwayne Reid.

**BRAD ROBISON**  
**LB • 6-2 • 227**

**Fr. • GROTON, NY • GROTON**

A two-time team MVP and *Ithaca Journal* All-Star selection...a two-time captain and four-year letterwinner for coach Greg Sciera who had 84 solo tackles as a senior in just six games...chosen to play in Ernie Davis All-Star game...has also lettered in basketball and baseball, where he has a career .465 average.

**CHRIS SCHARON**  
**LB • 6-1 • 215**

**Fr. • SALEM, NH • SALEM**

A first-team All-State selection chosen to play in the Vermont-New Hampshire Shrine Bowl...four-year letterwinner

## 2004 UB Recruiting Breakdown

*By State/Province*

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| New York .....      | 5 |
| New Jersey .....    | 3 |
| Florida .....       | 2 |
| Michigan .....      | 2 |
| Ohio .....          | 2 |
| Pennsylvania .....  | 2 |
| Maryland .....      | 1 |
| New Hampshire ..... | 1 |
| Virginia .....      | 1 |

*By Position\**

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Defensive Backs .....     | 5 |
| Linebackers .....         | 3 |
| Wide Receivers .....      | 3 |
| Defensive Linemen .....   | 3 |
| Quarterbacks .....        | 2 |
| Punter/Placekickers ..... | 2 |
| Offensive Linemen .....   | 2 |
| Running Backs .....       | 1 |

\*some players slated in multiple positions

and senior captain for coach Jack Gati...racked up 106 tackles and recovered two fumbles as a senior...has also lettered in indoor and outdoor track and field.

**MIKE THOMPSON**  
**DL • 6-2 • 261**

**Fr. • SEFFNER, FL • ARMWOOD**

Helped lead his Armwood team to a perfect 15-0 record and a state championship while excelling on both the offensive and defensive lines...an All-State selection for coach Sean Callahan who earned three letters...selected to play in the Hillsborough County All-Star game...blocked for five 1,000-yard rushers in his career, including three on last year's team.

**BEN WOODS**  
**P • 6-2 • 192**

**Fr. • HERMITAGE, PA • HICKORY**

A four-year letterwinner who helped the Hornets to an 8-3 record as a senior while hitting 5-of-7 field goals and averaging 43.1 yards per punt...had three kicks downed inside the one-yard line in senior season...a first-team All-Conference selection as both punter and kicker and third-team All-State punter...also has excelled in basketball, baseball and track and field, where he is an all-state performer.

**ROBERT YEALU**  
**WR • 6-3 • 215**

**Fr. • CEDAR GROVE, NJ • CEDAR GROVE**

An outstanding athlete who led his Cedar Grove team to a 17-5 record in final two years...recruited as wide receiver, but was also ranked the 24th-best tight end prospect in the nation by *Fab 50 Recruiting*...had 22 catches for 524 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior while earning All-County, All-Conference and All-State kudos...a three-year letterwinner who has lettered four years in basketball (earning conference Player of the Year honors) as well as track and field (where he has high jumped 6-8).