



***Villanova Football State-By-State Listing***

California .....	10	Michigan .....	1
Connecticut .....	1	New Jersey .....	11
Delaware .....	1	New York .....	6
Florida .....	10	Ohio .....	4
Georgia .....	2	Pennsylvania .....	25
Kentucky .....	1	Rhode Island .....	1
Maryland .....	4	Virginia .....	3
Massachusetts .....	5	Washington .....	1



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***Pronunciation Guide***

Darrell Adams .....	.Da-rell	Jonathan Krohe .....	.Crow-ee
Allyn Bacchus .....	.Back-us	Zach Mariacher .....	.My-ocher
Indriz Bauta .....	.Bow-ta	DeQuese May .....	.Da-Key-ss
Kalise Cook .....	.Ka-lease	Osayi Osunde .....	.O-sigh O-sunday
John Dieser .....	.Dee-ser	Andre Pogue .....	.Pog with a long o
Brian Hentosz .....	.Hen-toss	Chris Polite .....	.Po-Light
Tyrone Hughey .....	.You-E	Marco Radocaj .....	.Rad-A-kuy
Brian Hulea .....	.Hool-e-a	Darrel Young .....	.Da-rell



## Walk-On Success

Every college football team around the country is filled with players who come to school looking for a shot to be a contributor to the team. While not offered a scholarship coming out of high school, these individuals known as walk-ons, join the team in hopes of earning a scholarship through hard work and determination. On each and every college football roster across the country, there are numerous walk-ons chasing a dream on the gridiron.

At Villanova, it has become the norm that a walk-on's dream becomes a reality.

Throughout head coach Andy Talley's tenure on the Main Line, recruited walk-ons have not only earned a scholarship, but in many cases, these players have turned into starting players and sometimes even developed into bona fide superstars.

There is no greater walk-on success story than former Wildcat Jay Strippoli who graduated in 1999. Upon graduation from Mater Dei High School in New Jersey, Strippoli joined the Villanova squad as a walk-on linebacker. After struggling to earn playing time, Strippoli moved to fullback where he again was not able to find his way on to the Wildcat depth chart. With the Villanova tight end spot lacking depth during pre-season practice in 1996, Strippoli was converted to his third position in three years. Through hard work, Strippoli climbed his way to No. 2 on the depth chart by years end. Also, that season, Strippoli became a valuable member of the Villanova special teams.



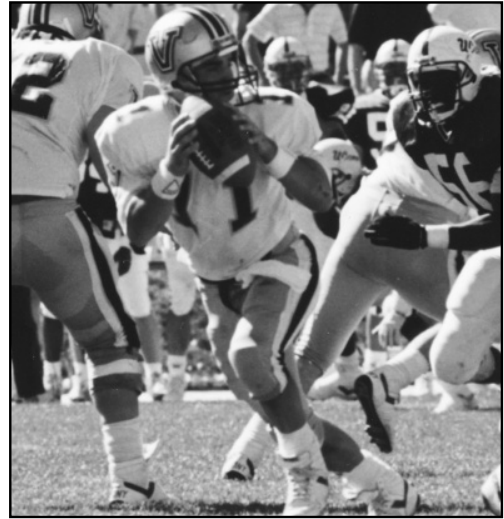
As a walk-on in 1995, Todd Golemi led Villanova in rushing with 624 yards on 130 carries.

During summer camp in 1997, Villanova's starting tight end was injured and lost for the first six weeks of the season. With this, Strippoli became the starting tight end. Strippoli flourished in his starting role and occupied the starting tight end for the entire season for a Wildcat team that went 12-1, captured the Atlantic 10 Championship and was ranked No.1 for the final six weeks of the regular season. In 12 games, he made 19 receptions for 127 yards and two touchdowns. At the conclusion of the 1997 season, Strippoli was awarded for his tireless work ethic and unselfish attitude as he was granted a full scholarship, in addition to be voted team captain by his teammates.

"Jay Strippoli is the epitome of the many walk-on success stories we have had here at Villanova," said Talley. "Jay came to Villanova as a walk-on and through hard work and dedication he became a starter and earned himself a scholarship. It is not everyday that a former walk-on is voted team captain by his teammates."

Another former walk-on success story is running back Todd Golemi, who finished his eligibility in 1998. In 1995, Golemi arrived on the Main Line from Kenner, Louisiana as a walk-on running back who was adding depth in the Villanova backfield. When the season was over, Golemi had gained 624 yards on 130 carries and led the 'Cats in rushing. In addition, he made 23 receptions for 184 yards. For his efforts, Golemi was given a scholarship for the remainder of his three years. As his career has progressed, Golemi also became one of the team's top special team performers.

Two former Villanova walk-on success stories who deserve mention are quarterback Tom Colombo and offensive lineman Chris Okano. Colombo showed up at Villanova in the fall of 1989 as a five foot, seven inch quarterback looking for a chance. Growing up as a coach's son in Brockton, Mass., Colombo had a dream of being a college quarterback. However, due to his size, Villanova was one of the few



Tom Colombo began his career as a walk-on and finished with 5,825 yards passing.

schools to give the "Diminutive Dynamo" an opportunity. Through hard work and dedication, Colombo started under center for three seasons, leading the Wildcats to two NCAA I-AA playoff appearances and currently rates third on Villanova's all-time passing yards list. In 1991, Colombo finished ranked 19th in the country in passing efficiency en route to earning second team All-Yankee Conference honors.

Okano made his way to Villanova as a walk-on from his native Hawaii and served as a backup for three seasons. In 1996, Okano's perseverance paid off as he started every game at guard and helped Villanova return to national prominence and garner a bid to the I-AA playoffs. Okano played so well in 1996 that he was named third team All-Yankee Conference.

The latest walk-on success story is Ryan Breeden who finished his eligibility in 2003. Breeden arrived on the Main Line as a walk-on linebacker and through hard work he was given a full scholarship during the 2001 season. As a senior in 2003, he played in all 11 games and tallied 40 tackles, three tackles for loss, three sacks, a team-best three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

"We have never turned away a walk-on player here at Villanova. The great thing about Villanova walk-ons is that they many become starters and achieve star status," stated Talley. "At Villanova, we view the walk-on player as an extremely integral part of our program."