

Will Mike Lowell still be a member of the Red Sox in 2008?

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URI season opener

Read Kevin McNamara's pre-game and in-game reports from the Ryan Center at belo-blog.com/ProJo_Blogs/hoops/

A-10 stargazing

Members of the Atlantic 10 preseason All-Conference team, with stats from last season.

	PPG	RPG
Will Daniels, F, URI	17.4	5.6
Bryant Dunston, F, Ford.	14.5	7.2
Drew Lavender, G, Xavier	11.2	2.4
Ahmad Nivins, F/C, St. Jos.	16.6	7.6
Brian Roberts, G, Dayton	18.5	2.9

For up-to-the-second stats and scores: projosports.com/uri



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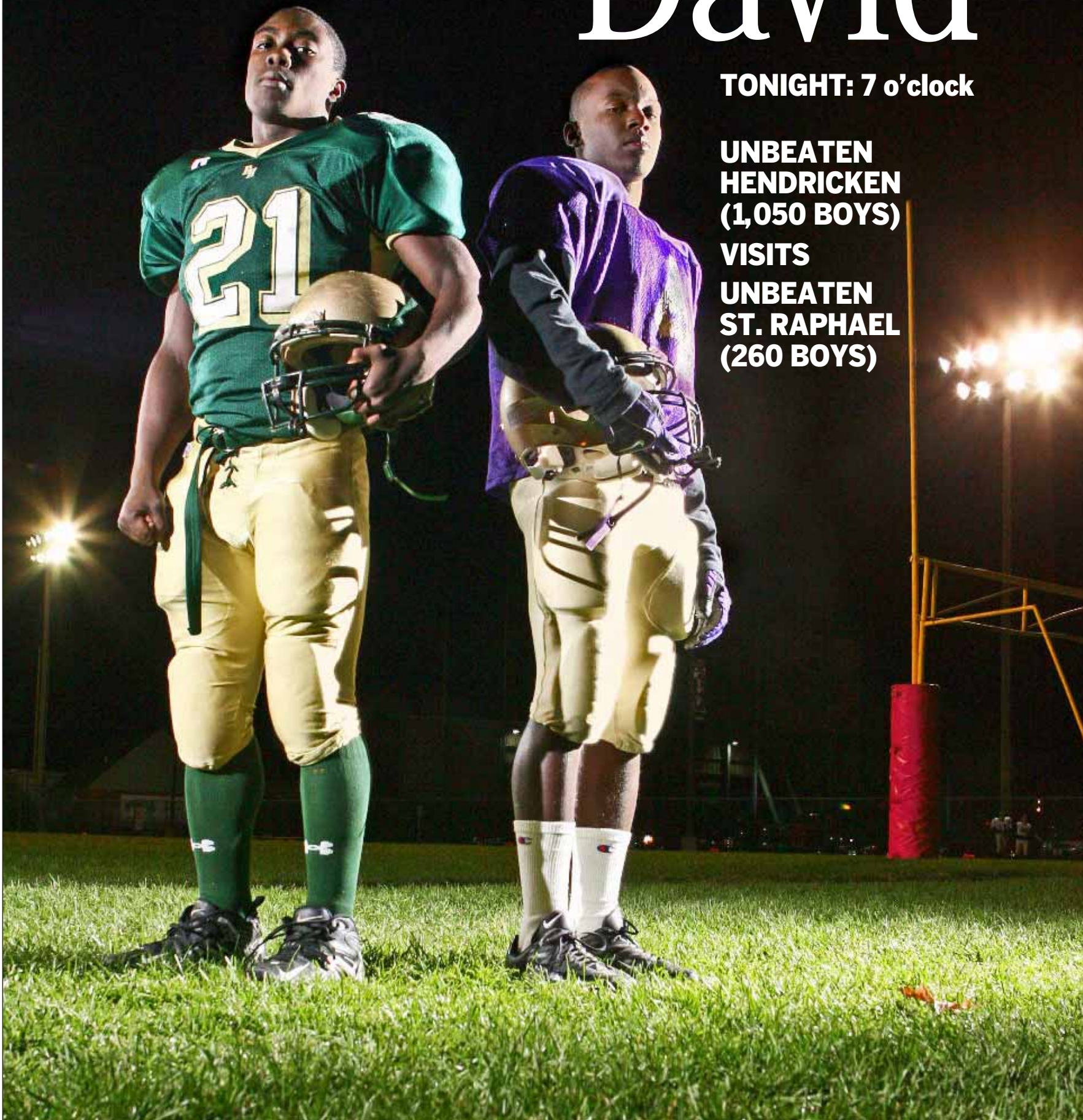
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Goliath vs. David

TONIGHT: 7 o'clock

UNBEATEN HENDRICKEN (1,050 BOYS) VISITS UNBEATEN ST. RAPHAEL (260 BOYS)



Bishop Hendricken running back Brandford Sowah, left, and St. Raphael quarterback Stanley Dunbar at Pariseau Field (McCoy Annex), Pawtucket, where they meet tonight.



JOHN GILLOOLY

It may be scripted from a playbook rather than from the Bible, but it's still the ultimate Rhode Island David vs. Goliath scenario.

In high school football, where numbers play a huge role, it doesn't get more "big guy vs. the little guy" than Bishop Hendricken against St. Raphael.

Hendricken, the all-boys parochial school from Warwick with an enrollment of approximately 1,050. St. Raphael, the coed parochial school from Pawtucket with only 260 boys.

In the past, they have battled for state supremacy in boys basketball, even baseball, but numbers aren't as important in those sports.

It's not unusual for a "little" school to win in high school basketball. Every state has its version of *Hoosiers* and a couple of good pitchers can be all you need to win a state high school baseball title.

But football is different. Football is where you need offensive linemen, defensive backs and a corps of linebackers as well as the star quarterback and running backs. Football is a game loaded with unsung heroes and the more boys you have in the school the better the chances are of finding more of those guys who are willing to toil in the trenches without seeing their names in headlines.

So it's probably not surprising in the 48 years that both Hendricken and St. Raphael have been in existence the Hawks and Saints haven't met in many, if any, memorable football games.

But that will change tonight at Pariseau Field (McCoy Annex) in Pawtucket when St. Raphael and Hendricken stage a November showdown for the Interscholastic League Division I regular-season title.

The scenario was set up last weekend when both the Hawks and Saints kept their

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SCORE VS. COMMON OPPONENTS

	Hendricken	St. Raphael
Barrington	36-0	28-6
Cranston	29-22	23-14
East Providence	41-6	14-7
LaSalle	7-0	22-19
North Kingstown	34-13	45-20
Portsmouth	56-22	23-14



HSGameTime.com/rhodeisland readers were asked to list their favorites for tonight's football games. All games are at 7 p.m. The favorite is listed in bold:

Visitors	Home team	Favored by
Hendricken	St. Raphael	54%-46%
Portsmouth	N. Kingstown	67%-33%
Cranston West	E. Providence	54%-46%
Barrington	La Salle	88%-12%
Smithfield	Central	59%-41%
Scituate	Central Falls	62%-38%
Classical	Middletown	84%-16%
N. Smithfield	Johnston	88%-12%

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES: 848
Poll results as of 3:40 p.m. yesterday. The polls will remain open until game time. See the latest results, and cast your vote, at HSGameTime.com/rhodeisland

SCOREBOARD

- NHL**
Montreal 2, Boston 1
Tampa Bay 5, Carolina 1
New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Rangers 4, Pittsburgh 2
Washington 4, Ottawa 1
Phoenix 5, Dallas 2
Vancouver 3, Calgary 2
- NBA**
New Jersey 87, Washington 85
Chicago 97, Detroit 93
Dallas at Golden State
- MLS**
New England 1, Chicago 0
- COLLEGE FOOTBALL**
West Virginia 38, Louisville 31

BC's Silva a one-man hit parade

BY MIKE SZOSTAK
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

The heat-seeking missile of a free safety for the 8-1 Boston College Eagles remembers his first direct hit.

"In seventh and eighth grade, I played for Riverside Junior High and we played a lot of freshman teams," he said from the end of the telephone line at Chestnut Hill. "Eighth grade, that must have been when I started hitting hard and knocked somebody out. It might have been against Cumberland or Coventry."

Nine years later, Jamie Silva, a 5-foot-11, 210-pound maroon-and-gold projectile, is still hitting hard,



AP / WINSLOW TOWNSON

Boston College's Jamie Silva (44) returns an interception 65 yards for a touchdown against Bowling Green on Oct. 6.

this time at the highest level of college football. The fifth-year senior from East Providence leads the Eagles' defense and is seventh in the Atlantic Coast Conference in tackles with 82. He has 54 solo tackles and 28 assists. He shares the league lead in interceptions with Patrick Robinson of Florida State with five each, and they are tied for seventh in the nation.

Silva picked off three passes

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3 more Friars' greats to stand tall in rafters

Jimmy Walker, Ernie DiGregorio and Marvin Barnes will have their jerseys honored on March 8.

BY KEVIN McNAMARA
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

PROVIDENCE — Lenny Wilkens is about to get some company in the rafters of the Dunkin' Donuts Center.

Wilkens, the Hall of Fame player and coach who starred for Providence College from 1958-60, is the only Friar player to have his jersey honored by the school. But yesterday PC announced that three more players who'd certainly land on the Friars' all-time starting five will join Wilkens.

At halftime of this season's

home finale against Villanova on March 8, PC will unveil banners with the names and numbers of Jimmy Walker, Ernie DiGregorio and Marvin Barnes. The night before the school will hold a dinner at The Providence Westin hotel to recognize three of the legendary players in Providence's history. PC is also using the two events to invite all former players back to the city for an alumni game and to raise money to name part of the school's new Concannon Fitness Center in honor of

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