



SPECIAL TEAMS SOLUTIONS
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More than 150 kicking, punting and long snapping prospects from 14 states and Canada competed at the Special Teams Solutions College Exposure Camp December 12-13, 2009 inside the Rutgers University Football bubble. The 6th Annual event featured instruction, competition and evaluation from current and former Division I players. “This was a perfect opportunity for any high school kicker, punter or snapper to compete against many of the best at their position,” said Lee McDonald, former Rutgers kicker and director of Special Teams Solutions. “This event levels the playing field and provides a platform for exposure to college programs.” Twelve college coaches attended the event to evaluate talent while hundreds of programs across the country will receive camp statistics and prospect evaluations from Special Teams Solutions.

Staff included former Rutgers punter Charlie Titus ('99), Buffalo kicker Gerry McGroarty ('08), Hofstra punter Chris Hanly ('07), Massachusetts kicker Chris Koeplin ('07), Temple kicker Jim Cooper ('86), Albany snapper Geir Gudmenson ('04) and Rutgers kicker Jeremy Ito ('07), now kicking for the Hamilton Tigercats of the Canadian Football League. Several current college players were on hand including Rutgers punter Teddy Delaganna, Maryland kicker Nick Ferrara, Monmouth kicker Eric McCutcheon, Wagner kicker Mark Mangion, Montclair State kicker Marco Capozzoli and Northeastern snapper Jeff Black. “The exposure camp was a great experience and the coaching was awesome,” said senior kicker Tim Divers of Wayne Hills High School in New Jersey. “STS always runs a good camp but this was the best yet,” added Divers who connected on 4 of 5 field goals with a long of 50 yards in the opening round. “Tim showed why he was one of the best kickers in northeast this year. He strikes a solid ball almost every time and responds well to pressure,” said McDonald. Two under the radar prospects emerged in the field goal finals led by junior college prospect Brett Ullman of Baltimore Community College and Kingsville, Maryland who won the field goal finals with a 47 yarder. “Brett hit the ball well and could transfer in immediately to push for playing time,” said McDonald. Nicholas Napitonia of Harrison Area Community College and Middletown, Pennsylvania finished as the runner-up with a long of 45 yards. “Nick displayed flashes of what’s to come. He has a good leg and really stepped up in the finals,” said McDonald.

Class of 2010 kicker George Solujich of Notre Dame High School and East Windsor, New Jersey blasted several kickoffs including a 65 yard 3.8 second hang kick from a one inch tee. “George could be a major weapon on kickoffs at the next level,” said McDonald. In the finals, Corey Gibson of Monroe Community College in Rush, New York took home top honors with several deep kicks while Trey Cover of Fallston High School in Joppa, Maryland was the runner up. “Corey is a former soccer player still finding his groove but he shows a ton of potential,” said McDonald. “Trey also comes from a soccer background but has a bright future and a lot to offer,” McDonald added.

Class of 2010 punter Jordan Neidig from Tuscarawus Catholic High School in Mineral City, Ohio dropped several bombs in averaging 48 yards with 4.3 seconds hang time in the opening round. “Jordan displayed the type of consistency you like to see in a punter with nice hang and distance. He has a great frame that will only get stronger,” said McDonald. However, James Devens of James Madison High School in Vienna, Virginia stole the show in winning the punting finals with a 48 yard and 4.5 hang time average. “James is a solid combo kicker/punter with above average leg strength. He gets great lift on his field goals and turns

over his punts almost every time,” said McDonald. Josh Diaz of The Woodlands High School in The Woodlands, Texas took home runner up punting honors after averaging 42 yards and 4.3 seconds of hang time per punt. “Josh won’t wow you with a huge leg but is a polished, consistent prospect that will compete immediately for playing time,” said McDonald.

Hayden Boskovich of Somerspoint, New Jersey is a solid DI snapping prospect. The Mainland Regional senior led all snappers with a .76 long snap average at 15 yards. “Hayden gets good zip on the ball and has a big athletic frame colleges are looking for,” said McDonald. Garrett Moore of Rising Sun High School in Rising Sun, Maryland was right behind him with a .78 per snap average. “Garrett is a 2009 grad that could step right in come January as a both a snapper and defensive lineman,” said McDonald. Two top class of 2010 specialist who were in attendance but did not compete were kicker/punter Sean Baner of Tennett High School in South Hampton, Pennsylvania who is committed to Delaware and Ramapo High School kicker Ross Krautman of Franklin Lakes, New Jersey who is Syracuse bound. Both were finalists at last year’s event.

In the class of 2011, Jon Testani of Masule High School in Monroe, Connecticut showed everyone he is a legit IA prospect after connecting on 5 of 5 field goals with a long of 50 off the ground. “Jon could start for a number of college programs right now,” said McDonald “He hits a great ball off the ground and really impressed everyone with his mechanics, leg and poise.” Anthony DiPaula of St. John Vianney in Holmdel, New Jersey also stood out with a best punt of 50 yards 4.8 seconds of hang time, a 65 yard 4.0 second kickoff and a long field goal of 45 yards. “Anthony has a monster leg that is just scratching the surface,” said McDonald. Michael Branthover of DeMatha Catholic High School and Dayton, Maryland showed huge potential on all three skills with a best punt of 55 yards 4.6 seconds hang time, a 69 yard 4.0 hang time kickoff and a long field goal of 45 yards. “Michael has a powerful leg that can do it all,” said McDonald. Among long snappers, Rick Lovato of Middletown South High School in Middletown, New Jersey snapped several .72 long snaps at 15 yards. “Rick is just showing his potential to be a big time snapper with a super quick release and outstanding size,” said McDonald. Curtis Struyk of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina and West Canteret High School was right there with a .77 long snap average at 15 yards. “Curtis is a competitive snapper with great speed and a thick frame,” said McDonald.

The top overall 2012 kicking prospect was Colby Cooke of Goochland High School in Sandy Hook, Virginia who took home underclassmen field goal champion honors after hitting 4 of 5 field goals with a long of 45 yards. Cooke also won the underclassmen kickoff title with a 63 yard 3.8 seconds hang time average. Nick LaPerche of Methacton High School and Audobon, Pennsylvania proved to be the top 2012 punter with a 41 yard 3.9 second hang time punting average.

More than 100 prospects have been signed from the camp including Maryland kicker Nick Ferrara, Connecticut kicker Dave Teggart, Pittsburgh kicker/punter Dan Hutchins, Virginia Tech kicker Justin Myer, Syracuse kicker Ryan Lichenstein, Penn State kicker Colin Wagner and many more. For complete camp statistics and video, please visit www.specialteamssolutions.com