

# Two sport athlete makes his mark

Sean Stellato steps up his play and thanks those who helped him

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Not everyone is born with every athletic tool needed to succeed in sports.

Then again, not everyone has a certain passion to excel, the work ethic to do it, and the support system to make it all possible.

Not everyone can be Sean Stellato and have a starting wide receiver spot on the Red Foxes' football team and a walk-on position on the basketball squad.

Stellato stands in the 5'9" to 5'10" range, and he weighs 190. What does he credit as the reason behind his success?

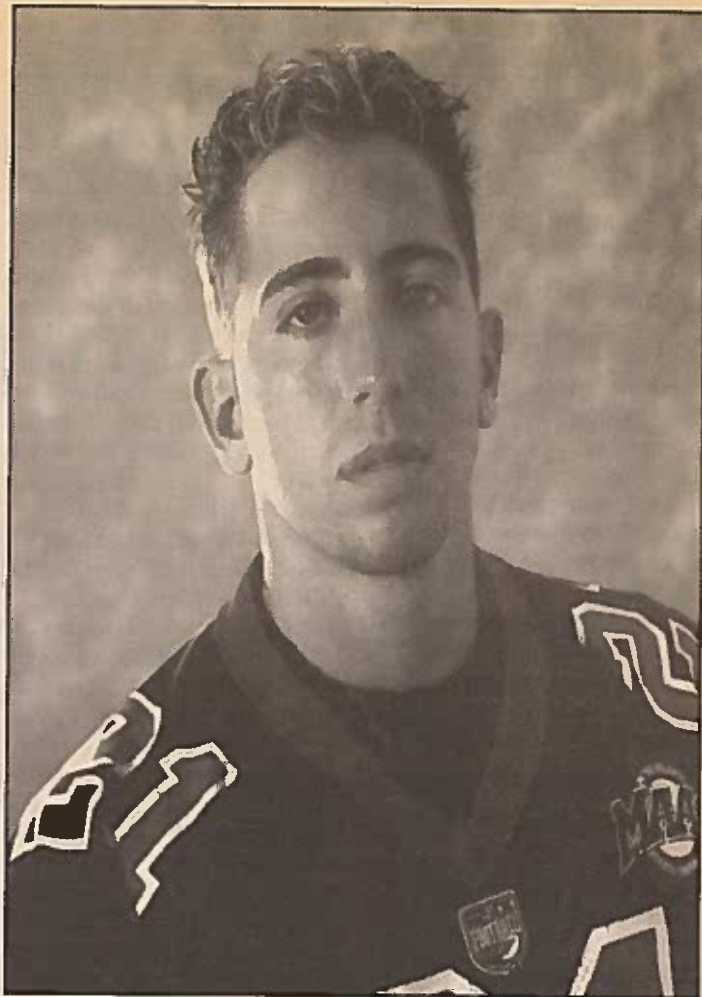
"I always believed that someone could be bigger, someone could be faster and stronger, but *nobody* was going to out-work me," Stellato said.

Stellato is making his mark as one of Kevin Chartrand's favorite targets in the Marist passing attack. On the season, he has five receptions for 73 yards. The five grabs rank second on the team, while the 73 yards lead the team.

Stellato is relatively new to the wide receiver position. Halfway through camp during his sophomore year, he converted from quarterback.

The reason for the switch was to benefit from his athleticism. His talents as a quarterback did not exactly mesh with the Red Foxes' style of offense, but head coach Jim Parady wanted to find a way to get Stellato on the field.

"We had a need for an athletic wide receiver, which he fit the bill for," Parady said. "With



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Sean Stellato has earned the starting wide receiver spot with the Red Foxes, and he leads the team in receiving yards.

his athleticism, we wanted to get him on the field, and this was the quickest way to do it."

The quarterback-turned-wide receiver proved his athleticism in his prep school days. In one season at Gunnery prep school, Stellato surpassed 1,000 yards passing in rushing in just eight games. The offense he played in featured several types of

passes, including options, waggles, rollouts, and straight dropbacks.

The prep school experience did more than just taught him how to play quarterback. He said it expanded his horizons in terms of football and academics, especially in terms of time management.

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