



# Hyacks Football Headlines

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## News & Notes

### NASSER JAMAL DRAFTED BY ARGOS



Congratulations to Nasser Jamal who became the first NWSS Grad drafted into the CFL since the football program was resurrected in 2003. Jamal, a 6'6", 290 pound offensive lineman, was selected by the Toronto Argos in the 6<sup>th</sup> round (40<sup>th</sup> overall). Jamal is currently playing at University of Louisiana at Lafayette (NCAA Div 1).

"It was a dream come true, I can't describe the feeling," said Jamal. "It means a lot to know that I can continue to play football after my senior year. It also made me realize how much more work I have to put in. I'm staying for my senior year in Louisiana, and I'm completely focused on winning a conference championship and winning a bowl game, but for now I can't help but to be excited."

Jamal was a 3-year starter at NWSS, earning provincial all-star honors in 2005. After redshirting in 2006, he saw his first playing time at ULL in 2007, before missing the following year because of a knee injury. Jamal saw extensive playing time in 2009 and played against the likes of Ndamukong Sue from the University of Nebraska, who was taken 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the NFL draft.

Jamal was ranked as high as 11<sup>th</sup> by the CFL scouting bureau in September. He has also been on the Sun Belt Conference Commissioners list since his first season for his strong performance in the classroom. Jamal is expected to start at right guard this fall with the Cajuns opening the season against the University of Georgia on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>.

Jamal was one of five players from BC selected in this year's draft.

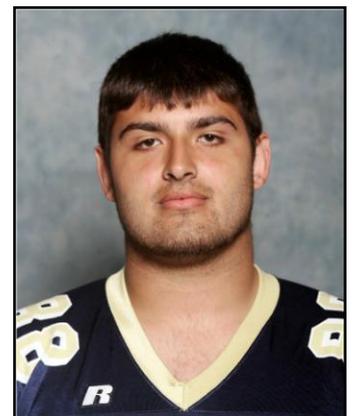
"Despite his injury issues, his size and athletic ability make him a great future candidate to fill our pipeline as he finishes his career at Louisiana-Lafayette," said Argos Head Coach, Jim Barker.

"Nasser is an outstanding young man who has worked hard to get this opportunity, said Hyacks Coach Farhan Lalji. "I'm not surprised he is our first player to get drafted. When he played for us he had tremendous footwork and athleticism for a big man. When he got to Louisiana, he combined that with a real commitment to the weight room and is now one of the strongest players in their program."

### CODY HUSBAND TO SIGN WITH TIGER-CATS

While Cody Husband was not taken in Sunday's draft, he was quickly added to the Hamilton Tiger Cats protected players list. He will sign with the team this week and attend their training camp in June. Husband (6'7", 290 lbs) has been a starter along the offensive line for the past two years at UBC and will likely return for his final season. Cody was a 3-year member of the Hyack program, earning provincial all-star honors in 2005. He was the 8<sup>th</sup> best tackle prospect available in the draft according to TSN draft expert Duane Forde.

"I'm not surprised Cody is getting this opportunity," said Hyacks Head Coach, Farhan Lalji. "Cody comes across as a very laid back kid, but on the field when he gets his hands into you he is awfully hard to play against. Cody is just scratching the surface of how good he can be and if he can add some strength he could have a long career in Hamilton. He has the body type and the skill set they are looking for in the CFL. We are very proud of both Cody and Nasser and know they will be the first of many Hyacks to play in the pros."



The last NWSS player to play in the CFL was David Sidoo, who played five seasons with Saskatchewan before spending his final year with the BC Lions in 1988. David is now an active football alumni supporter at both NWSS and UBC.

## THREE MORE HYACKS SIGN WITH SFU CLAN

The NWSS football program is pleased to announce that three more Hyack grads have signed letters of intent to attend and play football at Simon Fraser University in 2010. Linebackers **Vivie Bojilov** and **Casey Chin** have accepted scholarships to play for the Clan and they will be joined by defensive back **Warren Reece**.

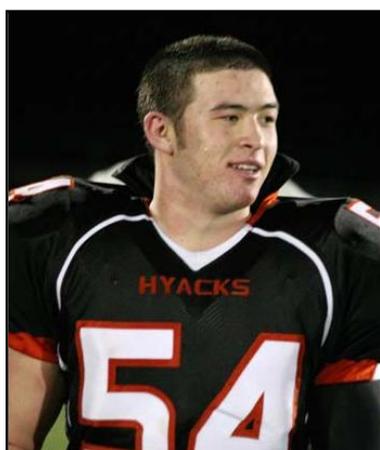
### VIVIE BOJILOV

Vivie had a dominating season on both sides of the ball. He was named Provincial Defensive Player of the Year and was also 2<sup>nd</sup> in BC in rushing with 1576 yards, a gaudy 12.7 ypr and 14 TDs. He finished his career at New West with 4 school rushing records and 4 weight room records. Defensively he registered 77 tackles, 4 sacks and an interception. Vivie was named first-team All-Canadian by All-Canada Gridiron and was selected to play in the All-American Bowl Game Classic in Austin, TX in January where he was named MVP at LB for the East team.

"I wanted to play in the NCAA and go to a school with a great kinesiology program and SFU gave me a chance to do both at a high level," said Bojilov. "The coaches and facilities were great and the opportunity to play college football is a dream come true. We had a great season and I can't thank the New West program enough for helping me get this chance."

"In 22 years, I have never coached a player who was as dominating on both sides of the ball as Vivie was for us this season," Coach Lalji. "Week after week, he proved he was one of the best players in this province. It is rare to find someone who can combine his strength, speed and athleticism."

Bojilov (5'11", 225 lbs) is a 6-year member of the Hyacks Football program, a three-year varsity starter, a two-year captain and co-MVP. Other schools interested in Bojilov included Weber St, Western Kentucky, Illinois St, and UBC.



### CASEY CHIN

Casey was the heart and soul of the Hyacks defense for the past two seasons. He was named to the Provincial All-Star team in 2008 and 2009. In his senior season he finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in BC with 110 tackles and ended his career with 200 tackles, both are NWSS records. Casey also started at guard on the Hyacks offensive line for 3 seasons and was an outstanding long snapper. Casey was named second-team All-Canadian by All-Canada Gridiron and was selected to play in the All-American Bowl Game Classic in Austin, TX in January.

"SFU was easily the best choice because it is the only university where I can get the best Canadian education while playing at one of the highest levels of NCAA football," said Chin. "I made the best decision for both my academic and football careers. I am prepared to start my schooling and athletics and am looking forward to my future here at SFU. I have learned so much from being a Hyack for the past four years and will carry the lessons that I have learned with me throughout university."

"You couldn't ask for more in a linebacker and leader than what Casey brought to our program," said Coach Lalji. "He is an explosive hitter and has tremendous instincts. He rarely ever made a mistake and was at his best when the game was on the line. You can tell he is a coach's son and I know his late father Kevin is very proud of him right now."

Chin (5'11", 220 lbs) is a 4-year member of the Hyacks Football program, a three-year varsity starter, a two-year captain and co-MVP. Other schools interested in Chin included McGill, Western Ontario, St Mary's, Bucknell, and UBC.

"Casey and Vivie are the hardest working players I've ever had the pleasure of being around. I have always believed that they will excel at whatever level of competition is placed in front of them. They are outstanding role models for the young kids in our program. I look forward to being able to watch them develop at SFU."

## WARREN REECE

Warren was a 2-year starter at defensive end and running back for the Hyacks. He also saw some time at linebacker last season and will play either running back or defensive back at SFU. Offensively he finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on the team in rushing with 738 yards, a 9.3 yard average and 13 TDs, earning All-Conference honors. Defensively he tied the school QB sack record with 13.

"I feel like SFU is the right place for me and a place where I can flourish," said Reece. "It's a great school and I'm excited to grow with the program as it moves into the NCAA. I've really enjoyed the past two seasons and New West and I think it has really prepared me for the next step in my life both on and off the field."

"Warren has a huge upside and isn't even close to being the player he is going to be," said Coach Lalji. "He is an exceptional athlete and once he settles into his position I think he will get onto the field sooner than most expect. Warren is very coachable and has an infectious personality. The coaches and teachers at SFU are going to enjoy being around him and we will certainly miss him." Other schools interested in Warren were Alberta and UBC.

"Three STUDS! They are the foundation of our future success," said SFU Head Coach, **Dave Johnson**. "We are not only excited that they have chosen to attend Simon Fraser University to study and play football, but they are going to be great representatives of Canadian high school football in the NCAA."

Casey, Vivie and Warren will join another pair of NWSS graduates at SFU, defensive backs **Kevin Semenowich** and **Marko Susic**. In February it was announced that Daniel English would become the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hyack to earn an NCAA Div 1 Football scholarship when he signed a letter of intent to play at New Mexico State. With the additions of the players from the 2010 grad class, the total number of Hyacks to play college football reaches sixteen, in just seven seasons.



## SPRING CAMP COMING FAST

We are now just 2 weeks away from the start of spring camp. The camp consists of 10 practices and 1 scrimmage for both Varsity and JV teams. The JVs begin practice on May 17th while the Varsity begins on May 26th. Scrimmages will be held on June 4th (JVs) and June 12th (Varsity). There will be a JV team meeting on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm in room 188.

Equipment issue for all new players has already begin – please see coach Oatway ASAP to get your gear. **Equipment will not be issued until \$200 registration fee has been paid, or alternate arrangements have been made with Coach Lalji.** Please check the website for a complete practice schedule.

The \$200 registration fee for Varsity and JV players was due in February. Hyack team clothing will be provided for returning players once fees have been paid. All cheques should be made out to: NWSS. Please check the Parent Handbook on the website for the refund policy.

## YOUTH FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

It's not too late to register for the Royal City Hyacks youth football program. If you know of anyone between the ages of 5 and 13 interested in playing football, please have them register online via our website at <http://www.hyackfootball.com/rchfc/>. We are already more than 75% of the way towards reaching our target number of players for the upcoming season, so please hurry as spots are quickly filling up.

Also for anyone interested in coaching or volunteering for youth football, please contact Coach Leslie at [leslie@hyackfootball.com](mailto:leslie@hyackfootball.com).

## HYACKS U.S. TRAVEL

Once again the Hyacks will be making three trips to the United States this season and the coaching staff encourages all parents to make appropriate preparations:

Fri, June 11 - Spring scrimmage at Blaine, WA (Varsity only - day trip)

July 5-9 - Team Camp in Warrenton, Oregon (All Varsity and selected JVs)

Sept 3-4 - Season opening game in Mt Angel, Oregon. This will be an overnight trip that will include watching the University of Oregon game the next day. (Varsity only)

If you are not a Canadian citizen, please begin the process of obtaining a visa to travel to the US immediately. These documents take at least 3 months to process, so please start the paperwork now. If you are a Canadian citizen, please make every effort to obtain a passport.

# HELP NEEDED FOR TAILGATE AUCTION

Planning is already underway for our major fundraiser of the year, the Hyack Football Tailgate Auction. **WE NEED NEW PARENTS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THIS EVENT.** This event has raised over \$100,000 in support of Hyack Football. As we are graduating so many players, our auction committee is in a transition phase and this is the perfect time for new parents to get involved in this terrific event. For more information please contact Mary at [m\\_feldhaus@hotmail.com](mailto:m_feldhaus@hotmail.com).

## HYACK FESTIVAL PARADE – May 29<sup>th</sup>

It is the biggest day of the year in New Westminster and Hyack Football players will be front and center.

### Sat, May 29<sup>th</sup> – Hyack Parade

All Hyack players will be invited to take part in the parade. Players should meet at the locker room at 10 am to pick up their jerseys. Youth players should check with coach Leslie if they are interested in taking part.

### Sat, May 29<sup>th</sup> - Uptown Street Fair

10 players are needed for set up at 8:30 am (breakfast vouchers provided), another 10 players are needed for tear down at 3 pm. Meet at the corner of 6th and 6th. Please confirm with Coach Lalji what shift you can do.

## PLATINUM



**Dave Sidoo**

**Ryan Beedie**

## GOLD



## SILVER



Royal City Centre

## BRONZE

Stuart Crown @ Co.

Big Kahuna

Boston Pizza-Queensborough

Enterprise Rent-a-Car

Cobs Bread

Columbia Square Law

Westminster Club

Ritchie Bros.

Mott Electric

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Royal Westminster Regiment

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