UNIVERSITY

Location: West Long Branch, NJ 07764
(50 miles south of NY City on the Jersey Shore)

Founded: 1933

Enrollment: 5,369 (3,419 undergraduate)

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Dan Coia (Monmouth, 2000), Matt Koenig (Brookdale CC)

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Nickname: Hawks
Colors: Royal Blue and White
2000 Record: 25-27, 15-7 NEC
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Northeast Conference

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Dean Ehehalt enters his second campaign. The Middletown, N.J., native spent the previous year as an assistant coach at Kennesaw State College in Marietta, Ga., where he was directly responsible for all aspects of defensive play and recruiting. Ehehalt spent the Fall of 1989 as an assistant coach at Princeton University where he was involved in recruiting, hitting fundamentals and outfield play. Ehehalt began his coaching career in 1988 as an assistant at his alma mater, East Carolina. He graduated in 1987 with a B.S. in physical education. In 1990, he earned his second degree from the school, receiving a master's in education, in the discipline of physical education.

As a senior at the North Carolina school, Ehehalt was named to the 1987 NCAA Scholar-Athlete team. The same year, he helped lead the Pirates to a league tournament championship.

Prior to his arrival at East Carolina, Ehehalt spent two years playing at Brookdale Community College where he was named First Team Senior College All-Region XIX (1984).

Besides directing baseball clinics and summer camps at Monmouth, Ehehalt has also worked camps at Kennesaw State, Clemson, Princeton, and East Carolina, to name a few.

Ehehalt resides in Bricktown, with his wife, Lee Ann and their nine-year old daughter Kelsi Mae.
Jeff Barbalinardo begins his sixth season within the collegiate coaching ranks. It has become a familiar sight to see #31 on the Monmouth diamond, first as a player and now as an assistant coach.

The Beachwood, N.J. native assists with all the daily activities of the program, with a special emphasis put on outfield development. Barbalinardo, who graduated in 1995 with a degree in education, collected some impressive numbers while patrolling the Monmouth outfield. The rightfielder posted a .282 batting average, 98 runs, 104 runs batted in and 157 hits.

Barbalinardo received his master of education degree in May of 1999 and is currently a teacher in the Toms River School District.

Dan Coia begins his first season as a Hawks’ assistant coach.

The Buena, N.J. native brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his current position. Prior to his appointment, Coia was a three-year starter at catcher for Head Coach, Dean Ehehalt.

The 22-year old Coia enjoyed a solid playing career at MU. Following an All-League career at Buena H.S., Coia enrolled at Monmouth where he was a part of back to back NEC Championship teams in 1998 and ’99 and helped MU’s rise on the national scene.

Matt Koenig joins the Monmouth staff for his first year. A 1991 graduate of Manasquan H.S., Koenig pitched and played first base at Army. Matt transferred to Brookdale Community College after one year at Army and earned All-America honors in 1993.

He was drafted in the 24th round of the amateur draft and played two seasons in the New York Mets system, but his career was cut short by a shoulder injury.

Koenig will be responsible for working with the talented Monmouth pitching staff.
2001 Outlook

The 2001 edition of the Monmouth University Baseball team will look to experience and a wealth of athleticism to get them back to the NEC Championship and the NCAA Regionals. With a very deep pitching staff and an improved defense, the Hawks look poised to shut down their opponents, while posting some impressive offensive numbers of their own.

Monmouth boasts a talented stable of pitchers, with a multitude of experience that will throw a number of different looks at the opposition. The Hawks also return a number of key position players, players who, like Monmouth’s pitching corps, have had a tendency for performing best when the stakes are at their highest. Collectively, Monmouth is a squad with a veteran core yearning to return to NCAA competition yet well aware of the rugged and competitive nature of the NEC. With a versatile, athletic and interchangeable infield, and a veteran outfield, the Hawks hope to improve on the 25-27 record of a year ago, which saw them make it to the NEC Championship game against Wagner College.

“Once you go (to the NCAA’s) you want to go back,” Ehehalt says. “Deep down, everybody realizes all the hard work and dedication that goes into it. Baseball is a funny game, the best team does not always win. It’s also a very humbling game. We can’t worry about expectations, we just have to go out and play.”

Pitching

From start to finish the Monmouth pitching staff is the deepest staff in Coach Ehehalt’s career at Monmouth. The Hawks will look to get quality innings from the entire staff. The loss of Dan Severino will hurt the Hawks (All-Time winningest pitcher in Monmouth history), but the crew of pitchers, guided by Senior left-hander Mike Benfield and Sophomore Glen Keeton, will give the Hawks a formidable 1-2 punch at the top of the rotation. After going 4-5 in 2000 with a 4.77 ERA in 77.1 innings, Benfield has gotten bigger and better according to his coach, as dedication both in the weight room and in the off-season with his mechanics has paid dividends. His aggressive nature and competitiveness has allowed him to develop during his career. Keeton, a sophomore, made an immediate impact as a freshman, as he went 2-2 with a 4.10 ERA in 52.2 innings. Senior closer Brian Gismonde, The New Jersey Collegiate Baseball Association Fireman of the Year for the second year in a row, will also see time at first base and designated hitter. The left-handed Gismonde will look to pick up where he left off over the last two seasons, as the Cherry Hill West H.S. product was simply dominant during the Hawks’ season. With an 8-5 record, that included seven saves, Gismonde has his team’s greatest confidence when he is on the mound. Gismonde made a team-high 30 appearances in the 2000 season, posting a 2.89 ERA and a Monmouth-high 56 strikeouts. Senior Tom Botwin, who is coming off of Tommy John surgery, will be a real force on the mound if he can remain healthy. A power pitcher, he will be counted on to bolster what should be a strong conference rotation. Senior right-hander Chris Heycock and Junior transfer Enrique Genao will see plenty of work and produce positive results throughout the season. Ehehalt describes Heycock, who saw action 14 times last year, including six starts, as durable and versatile, with a multitude of experience both starting and coming out of the bullpen, while Genao will add another quality starter to a deep staff. Sophomore Mike Hoffman, who started the Championship game last season, is continually learning how to pitch. Hoffman will make significant contributions on the mound and is also a very capable outfielder. Other pitchers figuring prominently into Ehehalt’s plans for the 2001 campaign include sophomores Jim Carone, Joe Castle, Andrew Palmieri (a transfer from Seton Hall), and Brian Driber, all of whom will battle for innings. Carone posted a 1-0 record in 2000, making 11 appearances. The incoming freshmen who will contribute include Andrew Chiappano and Matt Soto. Both will add depth to arguably the deepest pitching staff in the Northeast Conference, and will vie for valuable innings.

“Our pitching should keep us in every game. We definately have a deep staff, however, the key to our season will be how many strikes we throw,” said Ehehalt.
Infield

The experience of the Hawk infield is as good defensively as Ehehalt has had over the past couple of seasons. Senior Jeff Toth, a four-year member of the Monmouth program, who has played third base and the outfield over the last few years, has settled in at first base. The move to first base will allow the senior to focus on offense better (third on the team in 2000 with a .323 batting average). He hits for power, including two home runs and 33 RBIs in 2000. Ian Magley, a sure-handed infielder with great range, moves to second base this season after patrolling the left side of the infield last year. Magley is an excellent defensive player and will be counted on to provide much needed offensive production. Freshman Mike Kelly, who is slated to start at shortstop is a legitimate two-position player. Kelly will also see time on the mound in either a starting or reliever role. Kelly is an extremely talented player and should bolster a very potent double-play combination with Magley. Lance Koenig will round out the infield at third. The emerging sophomore has "really come into his own" and is a tremendous talent, combining speed and power.

A key to this year's infield is its versatility. When Kelly toes the rubber, the Hawks infield can shift without missing a beat, including the insertion of Brian Marsh, who will make an immediate impact with his bat. The freshman could see time at three infield positions. Chris Ciminiello is also a freshman who swings a live bat. Anthony Laspad, a fall walk-on, will add depth to the infield, and works hard both offensively and defensively. He will see time at first base and designated hitter.

"Combined with our pitching, the athletes we will have patrolling the infield will help us get out of more innings via the double play," Ehehalt remarked.

Catcher

With the loss of three year starter, Dan Coia, the Hawks will be inexperienced behind the plate. Spoiled with Coia's management of the pitching staff over the past three years, Freshmen CJ DeFilippo and Mike St. Martine will battle for the starting catcher's position this year.

"Inexperience could be a concern behind the plate this season. Not having Dan back there is like losing a coach on the field. CJ and Mike will be thrown right into the fire. If our catchers can settle in to the pace of the college game it will solidify a very sound defensive infield," commented the coach.

DeFilippo, a Middletown North H.S. product (the same high school as Coach Ehehalt) is a sound defensive player with a good arm from behind the plate. He will see considerable playing time as he continues to develop offensively. St. Martine, who could play a variety of positions, was moved to catcher and can contribute immediately. He swings a very live bat from the left side and possesses a great throwing arm. Matt Clark and Dave Kittle will battle for playing time behind the plate. The two add depth to the position and will work tirelessly to see action.

Outfield

The Hawk outfield is set with Greg Landis, Jason Law, and Paul Grasso. The experienced outfield is the glue of the 2001 Hawks squad along with Jeff Toth and will look to be the nucleus of the lineup. Landis, an NEC First-Team All-Conference performer, will leadoff and play center for Monmouth. The speedster stole a record 28 of 29 stolen bases in the 2000 season. Landis, hampered by injuries the past two seasons, is showing a great deal of power, which will add to the Hawk arsenal. Jason Law, who fractured his leg last season, is a tremendous hitter with power. Arguably the best hitter in the league, Law is showing no ill-effects from his surgery last spring. Law possesses a great outfield arm and batted .313, with one home run and 17 RBI in only 21 games last year. Grasso, an everyday player, will be counted on in the middle of the batting order to continue his offensive production. Grasso, who was selected to Second-Team All-NEC last season, hits for power and is solid defensively. Chuck Gookins, a solid defender, will add depth to the talented outfield and battle for time. A player with good speed and a live bat, Gookins figures into the mix for playing time, along with St. Martine when he is not behind the plate.
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**Head Coach:** Dean Ehehalt (#7)

**Assistants:** Jeff Barbalinardo (#31), Dan Coia (#3), Matt Koenig (#41)

### HAWKS BY CLASS

**Seniors (6)**
- Mike Benfield
- Tom Botwin
- Brian Gismonde
- Chris Heycock
- Greg Landis
- Jeff Toth

**Juniors (4)**
- Enrique Genao
- Paul Grasso
- Jason Law
- Ian Magley

**Sophomores (8)**
- Jim Carone
- Joe Castle
- Brian Driber
- Chuck Gookins
- Mike Hoffman
- Glen Keeton
- Lance Koenig
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- Andrew Chiappano
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- Matt Clark
- CJ DeFilippo
- Mike Kelly
- Dave Kittle
- Anthony Laspada
- Brian Marsh
- Matt Soto
- Mike St. Martine
2001 HAWKS
Quickly: A great competitor, is a fastball, change-up pitcher, who hits his spots...Has very good velocity...Has made great progress over his career at Monmouth...Made Dean's List in the Fall of 2000...Was 1999 NEC Tournament MVP...Was 5-1 for the Delaware Valley Gulls of the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League last summer. 2000: Appeared in 15 games, making 13 starts...Pitched 77.1 innings (second in IP on the team behind Dan Severino)...Had 4-5 record and 4.77 ERA, which which placed him fourth on the team...Had 3-2 record in conference matchups...Threw three complete games. High School: An all-conference selection at Triton Regional H.S. ...Lettered in baseball and basketball. Personal: Born 9/14/79...Psychology major.

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Quickly: Coming off of Tommy John surgery on his right shoulder...A power pitcher, will be competing for conference starts...When healthy, a very good pitcher...Played in the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League over the summer for the Jersey Pilots. 2000: Missed entire 2000 season. 1999: Saw action three times, pitching 14.1 innings...Made only start of the season against Nova Southeastern, picking up the victory in a 5-1 Monmouth win... High School: A Second-Team All-State selection at East Brunswick H.S. ...Named team MVP...Helped lead squad to a Group 4, Section 3 Title. Personal: Born 3/19/79...Business major.

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Brian Gismonde
Senior • Pitcher
L/L • 6-3 • 185
Cherry Hill, NJ

Quickly: Made Dean's List in the Fall of 2000...New Jersey Collegiate Baseball Association's "Fireman of the Year" for the second year in a row...Team has great confidence in him when he enters the game from the pen...Will see time at first base and designated hitter...Holds Monmouth's single-season ERA record at 1.96, posted in 1999. 2000: Posted a team-best 8-5 record, with a 2.89 ERA...Made a team-high 30 appearances...Team-high seven saves which increases his all-time career record in saves to 21...Led team in strikeouts, with 56. High School: A second-team all-conference selection at Cherry Hill West H.S...Helped lead squad to conference championship...Ledged in baseball and wrestling. Personal: Born 5/31/79...Criminal Justice major.

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Chris Heycock
Senior • Pitcher
R/R • 5-9 • 175
High Bridge, NJ

Quickly: Possesses a great deal of experience both starting and closing...Has a real good arm, including an arsenal with a fastball and curveball...A power pitcher, competing for a spot in the starting rotation...Versatile arm that can perform day after day. 2000: Posted a 4-2 record...Made 14 appearances, including six starts...ERA of 7.54...Tied for third on team in wins (4)...Made eight appearances in relief...Figured in all four Northeast Conference games in which he made an appearance. High School: Led Voorhees H.S. to three Skyland Conference championships...Named second-team all-conference...Ledged one year in football, helping Voorhees to a state title in 1996. Personal: Born 4/23/79...Criminal Justice major.

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**Greg Landis**
Senior • Outfield  
R/R • 6-0 • 185  
Royersford, PA

*Quickly:* Tremendous athletic ability and pure speed...Has never been 100% in his career due to injuries, but came on strong in the second half of the 2000 season...Will play centerfield and be the catalyst at leadoff hitter for the Hawks this season.  
*2000:* Named First-Team All-Northeast Conference...Was successful on 28 of 29 stolen base attempts...Batted .275 with 2 home runs and 21 RBI...Played tremendously in the field, posting a 1.000 fielding percentage, while committing no errors.  
*High School:* Named team and league MVP at Spring-Ford H.S...Earned Pottstown Mercury Player of the Year award...American Legion team placed second in Pennsylvania.  
*Personal:* Born 2/7/79...Business Administration major.

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**Jeff Toth**
Senior • Infield  
R/R • 6-1 • 225  
Beachwood, NJ

*Quickly:* Has potent power...Played outfield and third base over the past few years...Move to first base for 2000 season will help him focus on hitting...Expected to provide even more power to the Hawk lineup...Was New Jersey Collegiate Baseball Association First Team as a utility player...Smart base runner...Has great anticipation and instincts.  
*2000:* Was third on team with .323 batting average...Led Hawks with 38 RBI, including two home runs...One of only two players to play in all 52 of the Hawks’ games in 2000...Second on team in total bases (81) and first in hits (63)...Led team in at-bats with 195...  
*High School:* A first-team All-South Jersey Group III selection at Toms River South H.S....Named first-team All-Shore by the Asbury Park Press...Led Toms River South to Shore Conference Championship and #7 ranking in the state.  
*Personal:* Born 10/4/78...Business major.

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ENRIQUE GENAO
Junior • Pitcher
R/R • 6-1 • 185
North Bergen, NJ

Quickly: Transfer from Brookdale Community College...Has a wealth of experience...Is a unique pitcher with three very good pitches, all with a lot of movement...Will be competing for a spot in the starting rotation immediately. Brookdale C.C.: Compiled a 50-25 record at Brookdale...Named First-Team All-Region and First-Team All-Conference in 2000...Ranked sixth in nation in overall pitching in 2000...Led nation in strikeouts per inning in 1999...Led team to third place finish in the region in 1999 and second place finish in 2000. High School: Lettered four years at North Bergen H.S....Named First-Team All-County in 1997.... Personal: Born 6/30/79...Communications major.

PAUL GRASSO
Junior • Outfield
L/L • 6-3 • 185
Somers Point, NJ

Quickly: Slated to be Monmouth’s everyday left fielder...Will be counted on to produce offensively in the middle of the order...Hits for power with his solid swing...Strong defensive outfielder...Played in the New England Collegiate Baseball League last summer for the Eastern Tides...Will play in the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League for the New Jersey Colts. 2000: Named Second-Team All-Northeast Conference...Had .333 batting average, which was second on the team...Led Monmouth in doubles (14), total bases (84), and slugging percentage (.452)...Second on the team in at bats (186) and hits (62)...Had 116 put-outs and 64 assists from his outfield position. High School: Connected on 12 home runs his senior year at Mainland Regional H.S....Named Second-Team All-State and All-South Jersey...High School teammate of Jason Law...Led Mainland to three conference championships... Personal: Born 9/1/79...Business major.
PLAYER PROFILES

JASON LAW
Junior • Outfield
L/L • 6-3 • 210
Linwood, NJ

Quickly: Will be Monmouth’s everyday right fielder...Fractured leg in April of 2000...Showing no ill-effects from the surgery...Tremendous hitter, one of the best in the league...Great outfield arm...Will play in the Valley League for the Winchester Royals this summer...1999 NEC Newcomer of the Year. 2000: Played in only 21 games because of fractured leg...Had a .313 batting average prior to injury...Had a .957 fielding percentage, committing only two errors on the season.

High School: All-South Jersey and All-Group III selection at Mainland Regional H.S....Led Mainland to the South Jersey Group III title game...Teammate of Paul Grasso.

Personal: Born 7/18/80...Both Dad (baseball) and Mom (swimming) were athletes at Monmouth...Management major.

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IAN MAGLEY
Junior • Shortstop
R/R • 5-10 • 175
Chester, NJ

Quickly: Switching from shortstop to second base for the 2000 season...Became team’s everyday shortstop halfway through the 1999 season...A sure-handed infielder, who is excellent on defense...Possesses great range...Solid offensive production...Will form a tremendous double-play combination with freshman Mike Kelly...Part of a very athletic and interchangeable infield for the Hawks. 2000: Was the starting shortstop for the Hawks...Played in 43 games, making 43 starts...Handles the bat very well, leading the team in sacrifice bunts with nine...Had a .924 fielding percentage with 64 put-outs and 155 assists...Was part of 28 turned double-plays...Had five multiple-hit games. High School: Named Second-Team All-County and Third-Team All-Area as a senior at Mendham H.S....Earned three letters in baseball. Personal: Born 6/13/80...Marketing major.

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Quickly: A local product who saw valuable innings last season to continue his development...Has good control over his pitches, which include a strong breaking ball and changeup...Worked quality innings out of the bullpen...Will be handed the ball on spot starts this season. **2000:** Appeared in 11 games, making one start...Posted a 1-0 record, with a 5.34 ERA, in 28.2 innings pitched...Provided relief in 10 games, which was second on the team to Brian Gismonde’s 30 bullpen appearances. **High School:** A three-year letter winner at Point Pleasant Beach H.S....Was the Team MVP and took home the Coaches Award following his senior year...Was a Shore Conference Coaches Team pick his junior and senior years. **Personal:** Born 4/13/81...Business major.
PLAYER PROFILES

JOE CASTLE
Sophomore • Pitcher
R/R • 6-0 • 180
Voorhees, NJ

Quickly: Came to Monmouth from powerful Gloucester Catholic...Suffered mild case of tendonitis last season and has been slowed by nagging arm injuries...Will be competing for a spot in the starting rotation, but will provide relief out of the bullpen when needed...Has a strong fastball and changeup...Is a tenacious competitor. 2000: Made five appearances, including one start...Pitched in 11.1 innings, firing 10 strikeouts. High School: A three-time letter winner at Gloucester Catholic H.S. in baseball...Team captured the 1999 Parochial A State crown...Played on the powerful Brooklawn American Legion squad that won state titles in 1997 and 1998. Personal: Born 10/6/80...Academic major is undecided.

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BRIAN DRIBER
Sophomore • Outfield
R/R • 6-1 • 185
Point Pleasant, NJ

Quickly: Adds depth to the pitching staff...Dropped to side-arm this year and has made tremendous progress in his overall delivery and pitching...Great team player...Looking to get considerable innings out of the bullpen...Made Dean's List in the Fall of 2000. 2000: Made four appearances for Monmouth, pitching 5.2 innings...Did not figure in the decision in any of his four appearances, posting a 0-0 record on the season. High School: A three-year letter winner at Point Boro High School...Served as team captain his senior year...An All-Athletic/Academic Honoree in 1997-98. Personal: Born 10/6/80...Academic major is undecided.

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CHUCK GOOKINS  
Sophomore ♦ Outfield 
R/R ♦ 6-1 ♦ 180 
Toms River, NJ

Quickly: A great athlete who runs well and hits for power...Will add depth to the outfield and will contend for playing time...Product of the Toms River East program, consistently one of the state's best...Is a solid defensive player and will become more consistent offensively. **2000:** Appeared in 17 games, making five starts...Tallied seven total bases in 30 at bats...Played a solid outfield, committing only one error on the season. **High School:** Earned seven total varsity letters at Toms River East H.S., including three in baseball...An All-Ocean County baseball player in 1998 and ’99...Team won the Ocean County Title in 1997-1999...Won Toms River East’s Sportsmanship Award in 1999...All-Shore and All-Ocean County selection his final two years. **Personal:** Born 1/9/81...Business major.

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MIKE HOFFMAN  
Sophomore ♦ Pitcher 
L/L ♦ 6-1 ♦ 175 
Mineola, NY

Quickly: Has shown a lot of promise for a young pitcher...Cut in the same mold as Monmouth pitcher Mike Benfield...Impressive fastball and changeup...Continually learning how to pitch...Will make a significant contribution...Very athletic...May see time in the outfield...Will play in the Valley League this summer for the Winchester Royals (with teammate Jason Law). **2000:** Appeared 14 games, starting five...Struggled to a 1-4 record, spanning 35 innings pitched...Started the Championship game. **High School:** Earned four baseball letters at Chaminade High School on Long Island...Was named an All-League and All-Long Island player his senior year...Earned two letters in track as well. **Personal:** Born 10/11/81...Academic major undeclared.

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Quickly: Has a strong arm and good velocity...Missed all of 1999 with an arm injury and has recovered nicely...Attended Orange County Community College for one year but did not participate, leaving him with two years of eligibility left after the 2001 season...Had a tremendous freshman campaign, providing a quality start every time out...Power pitcher with a good fastball, curve, and slider...Will be looked upon to start for the Hawks this season. 2000: Pitched in 11 games, eight of them starts...Had 38 strikeouts in 52.2 innings of work...Posted a 2-2 record with a 4.10 ERA (which was third on the team)...Was fourth on the team in innings pitched...One of his wins came by way of a complete game shutout vs. Central Connecticut State University. High School: A three-time letter winner at Minisink Valley H.S....Was team MVP in 1997...An All-Empire State Team selection in 1997...Competed in the Empire State Games in skiing in 1996 and '97. Personal: Born 4/7/80...Anthropology major.
Quickly: Made an immediate impact upon arriving at Monmouth...A solid defensive player...Played a couple of different positions last year...Great runner...Tremendous talent looking for a breakthrough year, hitting in the top of the order. 2000: Appeared in 37 games, making 30 starts...Led the team in triples...Recorded 15 RBI on the season. High School: Lettered three years in baseball at Manasquan H.S....Two-time All-Shore Conference selection in baseball...Two-time All-County selection as well...Part of Manasquan's 1999 Shore Conference "B" Division South title team. Personal: Born 12/10/80...Mathematics/Education major.

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Quickly: Transfer from Seton Hall University...Good changeup...A lot of movement on all of his pitches...Will be competing for starts this season...Could see action out of the bullpen as well...Hoping to make an immediate impact on the program. High School: Lettered in baseball at St. John Vianney H.S. and helped lead the team to the Conference Finals in 1998...All-Monmouth County Team Selection his junior and senior years...Posted a 21-5 record in two years of varsity action...Was an Honor Roll student. Personal: Born 8/27/81...Finance major.
ANDREW CHIAPPANO
Freshman • Pitcher
R/R • 6-0 • 170
Toms River, NJ

Quickly: A strike pitcher with good off-speed stuff...Will help the program immediately by providing strong innings. High School: Led Toms River East H.S. to Ocean County Tournament Championship in 1997 and 1998...Named All-Shore (1st team), All-County (1st team), All-Group 4 (1st team), and All-State (3rd team)...Inducted into Toms River H.S. East Pitching Hall of Fame...Played in Carpenter Cup twice. Personal: Born 3/9/82...Academic major is currently undeclared.

CHRIS CIMINIELLO
Freshman • Catcher
R/R • 5-11 • 185
St. James, NY

Quickly: A relentless hardworker and Dean's List student...Swings the bat well...Good head for the game. High School: Four-year player at Smithtown H.S....Led team to League Championship in 1999 and 2000...Named All-League and All-State. Personal: Born 8/30/82...Academic major is undeclared...Brothers played baseball at Princeton and Providence Universities.

MATT CLARK
Freshman • Catcher
R/R • 5-9 • 180
Pennsauken, NJ

Quickly: Battling for time at catcher...Adds depth to the position...Tough competitor...Throws well from behind the plate. High School: Led Pennsauken H.S. to conference championship in 2000...Was four-time All-Conference catcher...Captained the 2000 championship team. Personal: Born 10/19/81...Business Management major.
CJ DeFilippo  
Freshman • Catcher  
R/R • 6-2 • 185  
Middletown, NJ

Quickly: A sound defender who will be thrown into the mix immediately...Throws well from behind the plate...Will see considerable playing time...Continues to develop offensively...Attended same High School as Coach Ehehalt.

High School: Played four years at Middletown North H.S., finishing second in the conference twice (1997, 2000)...Was named First-Team All-County, First-Team All-Shore and Third-Team All-State...An NJSIAA All-Star and Carpenters Cup Team selection.  
Personal: Born 12/18/81...Major is currently undecided.

Mike Kelly  
Freshman • Infield/Pitcher  
R/R • 6-2 • 185  
Freehold, NJ

Quickly: A very good player who had a great fall...Legitimate two-position player...Has steady glove in the field and possesses good range...On the mound, is a power pitcher with good velocity.  
High School: Led Freehold H.S. to County Tournament in 2000...Named All-District, First-Team All-Conference, Third-Team All-State...Played in the 2000 NJ State All-Star Game.  
Personal: Born 10/22/81...Academic major is currently undecided.

Dave Kittle  
Freshman • Catcher  
R/R • 5-9 • 175  
Jackson, NJ

Quickly: Made the Hawks squad as a walk-on...A very hard worker...A solid defensive catcher who will add depth to the position.  
High School: Two year letter winner at Jackson Memorial H.S....Named Second-Team All-Ocean County in 2000...Voted to Ocean/Monmouth, East/West All-Star Game...1999 Honorable Mention All-Ocean County in football.  
Personal: Born 10/29/82...Mathematics/Education major.
ANTHONY LASPADA
Freshman • Infield
L/L • 6-0 • 210
River Vale, NJ

Quickly: A Fall walk-on...Will add depth, specifically at first base...Swings the bat well...Works hard defensively. High School: Four-year player at Pascack Valley H.S....Won Bergen County Tournament as a freshman...Named Third-Team All-League his sophomore year...First-Team All-League & Honorable Mention All-County his junior year...First-Team All-County in 2000. Personal: Born 5/27/82...Major undecided.

BRIAN MARSH
Freshman • Infield
R/R • 6-0 • 180
Castleton, NY

Quickly: Will make immediate contributions with his bat...Shows great understanding of the game...Shows good power at the plate...Could see time at three different infield positions...Shows a lot of promise. High School: Played four years at Columbia H.S., finishing 3rd in the state...Played golf for four years, and basketball for two. Personal: Born 2/9/82...Academic major is undecided.

Mike Benfield
**Matt Soto**  
*Freshman ♦ Pitcher*  
*R/R ♦ 6-1 ♦ 175*  
*Ocean, NJ*

**Quickly:** Will add depth to the pitching rotation...Working on his delivery and location...Good fastball and curveball pitcher.  

**High School:** Qualified for the Shore Conference and State Tournaments at nearby *Ocean Township H.S.* in 1999 and 2000...Participated in the Carpenters Cup in 2000.  

**Personal:** Born 2/9/82...Academic major is currently undeclared.

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**Mike St. Martine**  
*Freshman ♦ In/Outfield*  
*L/R ♦ 5-10 ♦ 185*  
*Levittown, PA*

**Quickly:** A versatile athlete who can play anywhere...Moved to catcher...Throws very well...Good offensive player...Will see time in the outfield and behind the plate.  

**High School:** A three-year letter winner at *Harry S. Truman H.S.*...Named First-Team All-American...Named First-Team All-Golden Team.  

**Personal:** Born 4/17/82...Academic major is currently undecided.