

# Joe Sampson

*Class of 2002*

## **Football - 3 Varsity Letters**

**Positions:** Receiver/defensive back (sophomore year)

Running back and linebacker (junior and senior years)

**Honors:** Captain 2001

Standard Times Player of the Year 2001

Boston Globe All Scholastic Team

1<sup>st</sup> in Apponequet's history to be selected to play in the Shriners' All Star Game

Brockton Enterprise, Taunton Gazette and the Herald News All Star Teams

SCC All Star Team 2000, 2001

**Highlights:** Joe might have only scored a single touchdown that 7 and 3 season, but as a sophomore he was already a big player on both sides of the ball. Junior year, Joe was the feature back scoring ten touchdowns and was the leading tackler on defense from his outside linebacker position. In his final season, Joe led the 2001 team to a 9-1 record and a South Coast Conference Championship, scoring 14 TDs (8 rushing, 6 receiving) and was the leading blocker on a backfield that scored an additional 26 rushing TDs. Again the leading tackler on defense, he passed for a touchdown and 5 two-point conversions. Coach Bob Lomp recalls - "During his senior year Joe became one of the most dominant players in the area. He led our team in a breakout year for the program. We beat Case for the first time in 13 years and DR (with the help of Joe's 11 receptions and 4 TDs) for the first time in 10. I was lucky enough to coach many great receivers at Apponequet. Without question, Joe had the best hands."

## **Baseball - 3 Varsity Letters**

**Position:** Third base

**Honors:** Captain 2002

SCC and New Bedford Standard Times All Star 2001, 2002

**Highlights:** Joe was a three year starter at third base, playing 61 games during his varsity baseball career. Many of his biggest hits were during those tense moments - very little disrupted his approach to the game. He had season ending batting averages of .273 (10 RBIs), .295 (12 RBIs) and .338 (17 RBIs) his senior year. Coach Dave Courtemanche wrote "I had the pleasure of coaching Joe for three years of varsity baseball. Joe worked hard to make himself a very good third baseman and hitter, especially in the clutch."

*Joe continued to play football while at Bridgewater State and, for the next ten years after college, was a sales representative for an Anheuser Busch wholesaler. He is living in Lakeville, working in landscape construction, and Joe tells us he likes spending time with friends and family, exercising, golfing and skiing in the winter months.*