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Cougars Jones leading on, off field

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In high school, few athletes start on varsity sports teams all four years of their careers.

Holy Spirit Prep senior Max Jones has done that and much more.

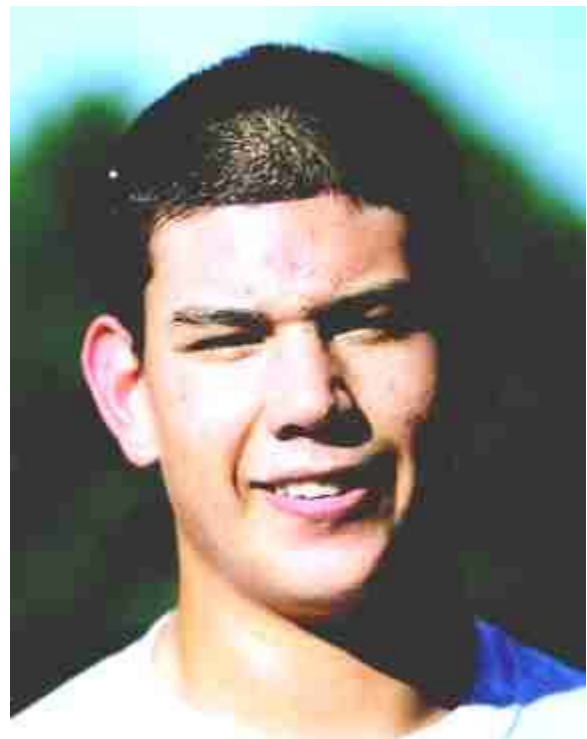
"He's been our captain for four straight years now," Cougars head coach Dan Pepitone said of the offensive tackle/defensive end. "He was a captain as a ninth-grader. Game in and game out, he's a guy we rely on to run behind [on offense]. He's also a guy that motivates the team on defense."

Jones has helped lead Holy Spirit Prep to a 6-2 overall record entering this week's game against rival Mount Vernon Presbyterian School. The team is 3-0 in GISA Region 4-AA.

Pepitone singled out Jones, a straight-A student off the field, for "his leadership and how hard he plays on Friday nights, the time he puts in at practice.

"He's a great role model for all the younger players we have," the coach added.

Max is the son of Cliff and Victoria Jones of Marietta. He said he wants to play football in college and is currently looking at schools.



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