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*(Left to right) Daniel Arisco, Neil Powers, Dominic Giampietro, Jacob Caron, Headmaster Ralph Van Inwagen, Chris Stewart, Head Football Coach Roger Caron, Chris Hunt, Conor Maher, Sidney Cummings and Director of Athletics Brett Torrey*

### **EIGHT CHESHIRE ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETES HONORED BY ALL COLONIAL LEAGUE TEAM**

Cheshire, CT – – Eight players of the Cheshire Academy Fighting Cats recently received one of the highest honors of the 2006-07 football season – being named as players to the All Colonial League Teams. Coaches from the Colonial League, in its second year of competitive season, and the New England Prep School Athletic Association selected the best players from over 400 gridiron contenders to first team and second team/honorable mention all-star status.

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Named to the First Team were **Dan Arisco** and **Jacob Caron** of Cheshire, **Dominic Giampietro** of Meriden and **Neil Powers** of Westford, MA. Second team/honorable mention all-stars include **Sidney Cummings** of Hamden, **Chris Hunt** of Westford, MA, **Conor Maher** of Stony Point, NY and **Chris Stewart** of New Haven.

In addition, two players – Dominic Giampietro and Dan Arisco - were honored as All New England. They were two players of a 40-man team chosen from 150 college prep schools from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and Rhode Island.

The Fighting Cats had their best year in decades. They finished third in the Colonial League against ten traditionally strong prep school teams. They were second in total offensive yards and third in total defensive yards. Some impressive season stats include 83 tackles by Dominic Giampietro, 608 yards passing by Jacob Caron and 358 yards rushing by Conor Maher.

"This group of outstanding players helped make Cheshire one of the most competitive football teams in decades and have positioned us as a leading contender in the years to come," said **Roger Caron**, head coach and former NFL lineman for the Indianapolis Colts. "They trained hard and played smart, beginning in pre-season and right up to the last game. This is what great teamwork is all about." Director of Athletics **Brett Torrey** agreed. "Their commitment to the game paid off and they will be a stronger team going into next season."

Next season, all eight honored players who are seniors and postgraduates will be playing Division 1AA, 2 or 3 college football. Several players are considering full scholarships. Although no final decisions have been made, their top picks include Central Connecticut State University, Temple University, Trinity College, Pomona College, Pitzer College, St. Anselm's University, Ithaca College, Nichols College, Sacred Heart University, Southern Connecticut State University, Salve Regina University, and the University of New Hampshire.

When asked about his players, Coach Caron remarked, "These athletes deserve the praise and recognition they have earned. They are a tremendous group of students who will long be remembered as having paved the way for the resurgence of football at Cheshire Academy."

For more information about Cheshire Academy's football program, please contact Brett Torrey, Director of Athletics at 203.439.7242 or [brett.torrey@cheshireacademy.org](mailto:brett.torrey@cheshireacademy.org).

*About Cheshire Academy*

Founded in 1794, Cheshire Academy is one of the oldest private boarding schools in the country. Led by Headmaster **Ralph D. Van Inwagen**, the Academy currently enrolls day and boarding students from grade 6 through a postgraduate high school year. For the 2006-07 school year, Cheshire Academy hosts 387 students representing 11 states, 22 countries and 60 towns in Connecticut. For more information Cheshire Academy, visit [www.cheshireacademy.org](http://www.cheshireacademy.org)

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