

# Amityville: No regrets as win streak ends

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Amityville's unlikely run to the Class IV Long Island Championship ended with a loss.



Photo credit: Patrick E. McCarthy | A pair of Seaford defensive players take down Amityville's Mark Jerrick during the Class IV [Long Island](#) Championship. (November 27, 2009)

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**The Seaford football team hoisted** its trophy high above the wave of emerald green and toward the clearing blue skies while Amityville's players forced themselves to watch.

By all logic, Amityville was not supposed to get this close. That much was evident when the Warriors began the season 2-2 and when they drew [Babylon](#) and Glenn on their arduous and unexpected road to the Long Island Class IV championship Friday against Seaford at [Hofstra University](#).

But what began with seven straight wins to punch a ticket to the LIC ended with a 34-20 loss in the title game for Amityville.

"We made it to the LIC, you know?" Amityville coach [Chris Taylor](#) said. "It's a great season . . . this group of seniors is a great group of seniors. There's some incredible leadership quality."

Taylor was in no mood to second-guess after the game.

"We had a couple of good drives," he said. "We ran the ball, we were passing well . . . [Seaford] obviously played very well."

Indeed, going into the fourth quarter, the Warriors showed that they were more than capable dance partners for undefeated Seaford.

Mark Jerrick's 2-yard touchdown run capped a 56-yard drive in the middle of the third quarter to put Amityville within one at 21-20, but the extra point was blocked.

"We kept fighting, but they outworked us in the second half," Amityville quarterback Gavin Kretz said.

Minutes later, down 27-20 with fourth-and-2 on their own 18, Taylor called on Kretz to try and get the first down.

But Kretz's throw to Willie White came up a yard short. The Vikings took possession on downs and never relented.

"With the wind, the most we were going to gain on that punt was 20 yards, at best," Taylor said. "I really thought we were going to get it."

Kretz, who completed 9 of 15 passes for 74 yards and a touchdown, said he had no regrets.

"We had a great run," he said, "And win or lose, we're still the [Suffolk](#) champions."

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