

New Haven QB Osiecki fills void

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. -- In addition to one of their largest rookie free-agent classes in recent memory, the Patriots have also invited a handful of prospects to participate in their rookie minicamp on a tryout basis.

One of them is University of New Haven quarterback Ryan Osiecki.

Because the Patriots didn't draft a quarterback, and also didn't sign one as a free agent after the draft, there was somewhat of a void to be filled on who would be throwing to rookie receivers Aaron Dobson (second round, 59th overall), Josh Boyce (fourth round, 102nd overall) and Co. in the team's rookie minicamp which begins today.

The 6-foot-4, 232-pound Osiecki has been tapped to help fill that void, and if things go as he hopes, it could lead to a contract with the club.

A few notes on the right-handed throwing Osiecki:

1. Originally attended the University of Louisville before transferring to Division II New Haven following his 2008 redshirt season.
2. School record 9,572 yards passing, with 91 touchdowns and 31 interceptions.
3. Career completion percentage of 62.4.
4. Served as a team captain.
5. Played some of his best games in the Division II playoffs.
6. Worked with longtime NFL quarterback Vinny Testaverde, among others, at the Performance Compound in Tampa leading up to his Pro Day.
7. His father Sandy played quarterback at Arizona State and was with the Kansas City Chiefs in 1984. His brother Mike is a linebacker at the University of Connecticut.