

## Saints well represented on Team Ontario football

**By Jake Courtepatte**

It may not have been the final score he was looking for, but Nathan Falconi can now say he scored a touchdown at AT&T Stadium. The St. Andrew's College student joined Team Ontario last week at the 2019 International Bowl against Team USA at the home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas.

The only major for the Canadian squad in a 61 ? 7 defeat, the up-and-coming recruit in the class of 2020 still said he had ?an absolutely amazing experience.?

The highly-touted receiver/quarterback told [canadafootballchat.com](#) late last year he has been working hard to put his name in the mouth of scouts.

?I have been training to make myself stronger and faster and have been working with a QB coach to improve my football and throwing.?

Starting as a running back in his first season of football at the age of eight, Falconi switched to quarterback in his second season?a move that has paid off in dividends, winning the first of seven Most Valuable Player awards that have come his way.

?If I had a chance to speak to all the scouts out there right now, I would describe my playing type as dual-threat QB, that works hard on and off the field and by being a leader to my teammates. No matter where I am on the field or position, I give nothing less than one-hundred percent and work just as hard to improve mentally and physically.?

His long resume, including a pair of MVP nods while on the Saints Jr. Varsity squad in 2017 and the Varsity squad in 2018, was instrumental in Falconi being chosen as a team captain for the Bowl.

Joining Falconi on the Arlington, Texas field was SAC teammate Brendan Dilworth, a centre/defensive back for the Saints for the past three seasons.

The six-foot-two, 265-lb. Dilworth said it is his physicality that gives him the edge to earn such prestigious opportunities.

?The thing I love about playing centre and defensive tackle is?just the aggression and drive required to win one battle at a time using both physicality, mental strength, and technique.?

Dilworth will also join Falconi in the class of 2020.

SAC Varsity coach Len Gurr tweeted out that he was ?extremely proud? of both Falconi and Dilworth, adding ?the future is extremely bright? for the players.