

JOHN CRONE

John Crone's athletic career began in 8th grade at Williamsburg Middle School and continued into his freshman year at Yorktown High School as a member of the Yorktown freshman football program, which won every game during those two seasons. Crone became a member of the varsity as a sophomore as a tight end and earned recognition as an All-District talent. During his junior and senior seasons, Crone was a three-way starter, playing offense as a fullback, switching to linebacker for the Patriot defense, and serving as the long snapper. He earned both All-District and All-Region recognition each season. Crone was voted team captain during both his junior and senior years, the first junior to earn this role under Coach Bruce Hanson's three decades as head coach. During his senior year, Crone rushed for more than 1,800 yards and scored 35 touchdowns, and was recognized as an All-Met running back.

In addition to playing football at YHS, Crone played baseball during his sophomore, junior, and senior years. John hit .511, set school records for RBIs with 42 and a slugging percentage of over 1,000, and hit seven home runs during his senior year. This effort earned him First Team All-Region and All-Met honors.

Upon graduation from Yorktown, Crone earned a football scholarship to the University of Richmond where he majored in criminal justice. Initially, he played both football and baseball, but after his sophomore year, he decided to focus his energies on football. As fullback on the Richmond Spiders, Crone earned All-Conference recognition after his sophomore, junior, and senior years. His teammates voted him Captain for both the 2007 and 2008 seasons, and the Spiders won the NCAA Division I Football Championship after the 2008 season. Crone threw a touchdown pass during Richmond's 24-7 win over Montana in the championship game.