

### WFAN ANNOUNCES FANTASY PHENOM 4 FINALISTS

WFAN's "Fantasy Phenom 4 challenge" has narrowed its field to five finalists who will vie for the Grand Prize of a chance to host a once a week air shift on WFAN for one year, plus a two year lease of a 2013 Hyundai Sonata courtesy of Lester Glenn Hyundai. The finals of the "Fantasy Phenom 4 Challenge" will take place on <u>Friday</u>, <u>August 23</u>, at Bar A, Lake Como, New Jersey. The event will be broadcast live on the Mike Francesa program, "Mike's On," between 1:00pm-6:30pm, on-air, streaming online at <u>www.wfan.com</u>, through mobile devices and simulcast on the YES television network. WFAN listeners are invited to Bar A to attend the event and watch the competition live.

The five "Fantasy Phenom 4" finalists are all local to the New York Metropolitan area and were chosen from over hundreds of fans and loyal listeners who showed up at the auditions. Auditions were held at area Modell's locations this July, as well as at Winner's in Bayonne, NJ and Dave & Buster's in West Nyack, NY.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**



## Demetri Adrahtas- Long Beach, NY

Demetri is a Special Education teacher at Valley Stream South High School, where he is also the head Varsity Soccer and Girls Varsity Softball coach. Since he could remember, this sports fanatic has dreamed of playing centerfield for the Mets or being a sportscaster.



#### James Buzzone - Jersey City, NJ

Along with his love for basketball, James is a rabid fan of the Giants and Mets. James previously hosted his own two hour show on WFAN and is now looking to secure his dream of landing a permanent slot on New York's number one sports talk radio station.

### John Schiavone II - Far Rockaway, NY



John is a lifelong resident of Far Rockaway and a lifelong sports fan. He pursued his interest in radio at school as program director of both WHCS Hunter College Radio and WBCR Brooklyn College Radio, as the voice and coordinating producer for the inaugural season of WBCR's coverage of the Brooklyn Bulldogs and as an intern with WNYC Radio's morning show, The Takeaway.

He earned a degree in broadcast journalism from Brooklyn College and co-hosts the Downtown Sports show on WBCR. After four consecutive years as a WFAN Fantasy Phenom Challenge semifinalist, John is making his first appearance in the finals, and he's as determined now as ever to achieve his sports radio dream.

# Matthew Shortis - Baldwin, NY



Matt Shortis has worked in the New York sports scene since 2007. He got his start covering Islanders games for Bloomberg radio, while still a student at Hofstra University. During his time at Hofstra he served as sports director of WRHU-FM. He currently is a play-by-play announcer covering high school sports for MSG –Varsity and spends his morning hours as a personal trainer at Equinox on Long Island. Matt is a lifelong Yankee fan and is passionate about sports, health and fitness. He met his wife Kathleen at Hofstra; they live in Baldwin with their 1-year old twin sons Jack and James.

# Jonathan Lauder & Christian Heimall Belleville, NJ Riverdale, NY



Jonathan was born and raised in Northern New Jersey, the oldest of two boys. A passion for sports started at a young age, and he was introduced to sports broadcasting at Hofstra University, where he was a four-year member of the sports department at WRHU-FM. In addition to play-byplay for multiple sports, he also hosted and

produced various sports & news talk shows. Since graduating in 2010, his broadcasting experience includes work for Major League Baseball, the New York Islanders, 1500 AM WGHT, the NBA, and MSG Varsity, while he is currently broadcasting for Fairleigh Dickinson University and the Wall Street Journal Radio Network. He is also employed as a media teacher at Tenafly Middle School, and is studying for a Masters in Sports Administration at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

An avid sports fan since early on, Christian is the oldest of three boys in a military family and has spent much of his life living in the south and Mid-Atlantic. He moved into the broadcasting world in college where he spent four years as a member of Hofstra University's student-run radio station, WRHU-FM. During that time he hosted multiple talk shows and served as a play-by-play announcer for a variety of sports. Upon graduating in 2011 he spent two summers in Vermont as the play-by-play voice of the Vermont Mountaineers in the New England Collegiate Baseball League. Currently he is a Graduate Assistant at Manhattan College where he

serves as a Sports Information Director and broadcaster for nine of the schools Division 1 teams. He is die-hard Red Sox, Celtics, New York Giants and New Jersey Devils fan.

A panel of judges, plus listener voting will determine the Grand Prize winner. Listener voting will begin at 6pm Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> and continue at <a href="www.wfan.com">www.wfan.com</a> through noon on Monday. Everyone is invited to see the competition and the show in person. There will be live music provided by The Smithereens throughout the afternoon.

For more information and full details on the WFAN FANTASY PHENOM 4 CHALLENGE go to <a href="www.wfan.com">www.wfan.com</a>. Please contact Jodi Salidor Bustillo at 212-314-9287 or <a href="jodi.salidor@cbsradio.com">jodi.salidor@cbsradio.com</a> for photo, video or interview opportunities.

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