



Newark Youth Athletic Foundation known as Brick City Lions is a youth based football and cheer non profit organization. Brick City lions was started in 2012 by Nasir Gaines, who had the support of a select few to start this Newark NJ youth based organization. With all of the obstacles placed in front of him, he managed to stay focused and steadfast to accomplishing his dream.

Nasir was a well seasoned coach in Newark Pop Warner football, who wanted more exposure and opportunities for the young men and women coming through his program. With that in mind he modeled his program after prominent High Schools, and Colleges to prepare the student athletes for what is expected of them down the road as it relates to higher education and athletics.

Brick City has been in existence going on its 6th year and it has become one of the most successful youth based pop warner organizations in NJ. Our Cheer program ranked 5th in the country in the 2013-2014 season. In 2015 our Pee Wee Level ranked 2nd in the country. Our Junior Varsity level Ranked 3rd in the country in 2015, and our most recent accomplishment is our Unlimited Level that ranked 3rd in the country in 2016.

Additionally Coach Nasir has Coached over 84 student athletes that are currently in High School playing varsity football. Some of the noted players to date include, Drew Singleton(Under Armour All American and 2 Time State Champion) linebacker,who currently attends Paramus Catholic and is currently committed to play at the Univ of Michigan. Drew is just one of many All State, All American Student Athletes that has come through the Brick City Lions Organization and destined to play division 1 college football.

Coach Nasir is an avid believer that the game of football is not just about winning. It's about building character, confidence, comradery, and brotherhood. His main focus for his players is to become the best student first and athlete second. Learning how to maintain both is a challenge for many so he has set up a structure with resources to aid in that process such as literacy and math tutoring, as well SAT/ACT prep courses.

