

'The Bachelorette' finalist from Roslyn

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Getting to know Roslyn's
J.P. Rosenbaum

So what is J.P. Rosenbaum really like?

We recently caught up with a few folks who knew "The Bachelorette" finalist back in the day -- when the Roslyn native was a star lacrosse player at [Herricks High School](#) and was named "best looking" in the class of 1995.

Doug Greco, who went to [Herricks](#) with Rosenbaum and played lacrosse with him from sixth to 12th grade, describes Rosenbaum as "a super-nice guy." (Greco and Rosenbaum were named to Newsday's 1995 all-county and all-conference high-school lacrosse squads, respectively.)

"You can't get any nicer than J.P.," says Greco, 33, of [Merrick](#). "We were really good friends, especially the first few years of high school. We reconnected on [Facebook](#) about a year ago."

Greco, however, was not aware that his former teammate was going to be on the popular prime-time show until he got an email from a mutual friend.

"I was really surprised. Who would have thought he would have ended up on 'The Bachelorette'?" says Greco who remembers his friend as being a definite ladies' man who always had a girlfriend.

Now that his friend is on national television, Greco is tuning in.

"I think he is doing really well. Watching the last episode or two, I definitely think he is a shoo-in. I am ready to invite them to come over for a barbecue to celebrate their engagement!"

Eric Welles, 27, who lives in Manhattan but grew up on Rosenbaum's block and played hockey with him after school, calls him a "good dude." "I was the young kid who played goalie and I looked up to the older guys -- mostly J.P. I've watched the show a couple of times. I think it's hysterical that he is on the show."

Amy Singer, 34, of [Great Neck](#), who has known Rosenbaum since he was 3, is rooting for her childhood friend. "J.P. is a sweetheart. He has a lovely family."

Asked whether she thinks [Ashley Hebert](#) is a good choice for her pal, Singer replies: "Ashley seems like a smart girl. If she picked J.P., then she made a great choice. I have known J.P.'s family forever. Ashley would be so lucky to get in-laws like that!" Rosenbaum's parents, Peter and Ilene, still live in Roslyn and were prominently featured in the recent "hometown date" episode of "The Bachelorette."