

HOFSTRA'S DEFENSIVE PHILOSOPHY

- Make all the *routine plays* during the game
- Make one *great play* per game
- During a big inning—make a *“break the back”* play under pressure
- Be fundamentally perfect. Never lose the game with poor defense
- Intense double “L” defense – (leading lady defense)
- Be a closer—learn to close out an inning and game
- After we score a run, we must throw up a donut on defense (0)
- Trust your teammates to make it happen
- Don't dwell on the negative—“flush the mistake”
- Respond to pressure
- When called upon **the bench must step up** (potential players)
- Never be surprised or get beat by the short game
- No missed defensive signs--everyone on the same page
- Be flexible look for options and secondary runners
- Always play the situation