

THE FINAL DRIVE



*Leh, Lawrence and Lazorick
lead the way in their senior season*

2025 TIMES NEWS FOOTBALL PREVIEW

FEATURE

The Final Drive

Senior quarterbacks Leh, Lawrence and Lazorick ready for 2025 season

BY BRAD HURLEY
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“If you’re a quarterback, you want everything on your shoulders.”

That quote by Tom Brady rings true for most quarterbacks, especially the veteran signal callers.

In the Times News area this season, three senior quarterbacks will be taking the field for what will be the final drive of their high school gridiron careers — Northwestern’s Shane Leh, Lehigh’s Jayce Lawrence, and Jim Thorpe’s Cole Lazorick — with the trio expected to have big seasons for their respective ball clubs.

Northwestern Lehigh’s Shane Leh has already put together a tremendous career for the Tigers. Leh, last season’s Times News Offensive Player of the Year, threw for 1,583 yards with 24 touchdowns and just five interceptions. Leh was also effective with his feet, rushing for 401 yards and eight touchdowns.

In his career, Leh has thrown for 3,316 yards and 47 passing scores. He’s also rushed for 748 yards and 16 rushing scores. While under center, Leh has helped the Tigers to a combined 31-1 record the past two seasons, and to back-to-back PIAA 3A state championship appearances, with the Tigers winning it all a season ago.

“Shane had a fantastic soph-



Lehigh’s Jayce Lawrence



Northwestern’s Shane Leh



Jim Thorpe’s Cole Lazorick

omore season and then he parlayed that into a great junior season for us as well,” said Northwestern head coach Josh Snyder. “The way he finished off the season in the postseason, especially in the state playoffs, was tremendous.

“During the regular season we would get off to such fast starts that we didn’t really need to throw the ball or put too much on his plate. But then obviously in the state playoffs, you’re go-

ing to need to be more balanced against that level of competition and he delivered.

“Going into this season, he is faster and stronger; he has put on 30 pounds of muscle. We’re going to depend on him to run the ball for us more and help us carry the load a bit there. We’re also really excited about our passing game with the veteran receivers we have coming back. Shane is a veteran. He’s a leader. His command of the offense is

tremendous. We’re excited to see him get out there and perform.”

Lehigh quarterback Jayce Lawrence came on strong for the Indians late in the 2024 season. And as Lawrence got better, so did the Tribe.

Lawrence helped the Indians to finish the season on a high note with big wins over Tamaqua and Jim Thorpe and an upset victory over Blue Mountain in the District 11 4A playoffs. Once Lawrence settled in, so did the

Lehigh offense as it averaged 35 points per game in those victories. On the season, Lawrence finished with 1,247 yards passing with 17 touchdowns and 10 interceptions, while rushing for 553 yards and six touchdowns.

“Later in the year, we really opened it up for Jayce. I think we could have done that earlier in the year, but when you have a new player taking over the quarterback position, you try not to put a lot on his plate. That probably wasn’t the best approach, because once we did do that, he really responded,” said Lehigh head coach Tom McCarroll. “Jayce is a really good dual-threat quarterback. Last season, you definitely saw that when we started to incorporate him more into our running game.

“This offseason he has really grown. He’s very confident, and he is extremely comfortable running the offense. He has become like a coach on field for us and has really turned into a great leader for us. I’ve also been impressed with his progression from a skill level. He’s throwing to guys open. He’s making the more difficult throws and he’s putting the ball in the tough spots, and he’s doing it with confidence. He played his best in some of our biggest moments last season.”

Jim Thorpe quarterback Cole Lazorick
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THE STARTING LINEUP

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JIM THORPE



Thorpe has senior leaders, young talent

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Turn the page from a year ago.

This year's edition of Jim Thorpe football will feature a stable of young talent, led by four outstanding senior veterans.

Coach Mark Rosenberger, in his 28th season at the helm, will be counting on a group of very athletic underclassmen to improve upon last year's three-win record.

The team will be led by one of the most exciting players that Thorpe has had in their illustrious history. Senior dual threat quarterback Cole Lazorick is a game-changer. The three-year starter has accounted for 52 touchdowns — 34 passing and 18 rushing — included in his total of 1,213 yards gained on the ground.

"Cole's ability to understand defenses has improved steadily," said Rosenberger. "He knows when to go for the downfield pass and when to check down."

Rosenberger praised his signal

caller's leadership.

"He leads by example in the weight room and through his hard work. Cole is vocal, too, but he gains respect from his teammates because he walks the talk."

The Olympians will have exceptional speed at the other skill positions to accompany Lazorick.

Joshua Louk, who has averaged over six yards a carry in his career, will line up "everywhere" according to Rosenberger with the plan to get him as many touches as possible. As a receiver, the speedy senior has caught 88 passes for 14 TDs during the past three years.

"Josh is multi-dimensional," his head coach said. "He has great vision when he runs and great hands to catch the pass. His speed is exceptional when he gets into open space."

One of four freshmen expected to see plenty of varsity time is running back Bobby Levins.

Rosenberger likes Levin's maturity and patience to stay behind

his blocks until he accelerates through the hole. At fullback, junior Paxton Novack and sophomore Nick Faust will bring physicality to block and pick up blitzes.

Senior Connor Zurawa will switch off from tight end to wide receiver. Sophomores Spencer Gothard and Dominic Kiehl will provide a deep ball threat along with Louk. Also seeing time at tight end will be freshman Ben Rimmel.

As every coach will say, the offense succeeds only if the linemen do their jobs. Performing the snaps in JT's shotgun formation at center will be Adam Ziolkiewicz. The guards are junior Gavin Baker and sophomore Michael Solt. Manning the tackle positions will be senior Gavin Strohl and junior Logan O'Shura. Rotating into the line is sophomore Gaetano Sarnelli and freshman Lucas Knopf.

"We may be smaller across the line than in previous years, but we're quick off the snap," said Rosenberger. "Baker is a good

drive blocker with football intelligence. Solt is physically strong and has good leverage. Strohl can run and pass block, and O'Shura is football smart and versatile enough to play anywhere on the line.

"They are coming together as one unit and they play hard on every single down."

Last season, Thorpe's defensive side of the ball did not resemble the Red Swarm that Thorpe fans have been used to seeing. Rosenberger hopes that this year's version will greatly reduce the number of points allowed in 2024.

Solidifying the front four in the trenches will be Strohl and Baker on the inside with Solt and Ziolkiewicz manning the edges.

"They have all had playing time last season," said Rosenberger. "They're getting better at block recognition, shedding blocks, and being physical."

At the second level, he likes See **THORPE** on Page 4

POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Expect veteran Cole Lazorick to spark the offense with both his arm and his legs. Backing up the three-year starter is junior Kaden Hess, who can step in with his poise and ability to run all the plays in JT's multiple offensive sets.

RUNNING BACKS

Both backs behind the QB will carry the ball, as well as wide receivers in jet sweep formations. Senior Joshua Louk can take it to the house whether by the run or the pass. Freshman Bobby Levins has been turning heads in practice and should get his fair share of carries. Fullbacks Nick Faust and Paxton Novack will lead block through the tackles and pick up blitzes.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Defenses will have to key on Louk when he lines up at wideout where he can run or fly downfield to catch the homerun ball. Sophomores, Spencer Gothard and Dominic Kiehl bring speed to the passing game. Connor Zurawa will line up at the edge or at tight end.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Up front, Thorpe will start junior Adam Ziolkiewicz at center with junior Gavin Baker and sophomore Michael Solt at the guard slots. Anchoring the line at tackle will be senior Gavin Strohl and junior Logan O'Shura. Rotating into the games are sophomore Gaetano Sarnelli and freshman Lucas Knopf. Tight end belongs to Zurawa when he's not at wideout with freshman Ben Rimmel blocking the edge otherwise.

DEFENSIVE LINE

The defensive front will include Strohl and Baker on the inside with Solt and Ziolkiewicz protecting the edges. O'Shura, Knopf and Sarnelli provide depth.

LINEBACKERS

Rosenberger is stressing every helmet to the ball on every play. Sophomore Nick Faust mans the middle with the athleticism to tackle sideline to sideline. Zurawa and Kiehl intend to stop the sweeps and keep containment to the middle of the field. Novack and Rimmel will spell the starters.

SECONDARY

Lazorick and Gothard will play the corners with juniors Ralph Clay and Christian Ortiz getting into the action. Louk plays the deep middle. Knopf, Anthony Kiehl, Levins and freshman, Phillip Garner will be in the rotation and keep the secondary fresh.

JIM THORPE

2025 JIM THORPE ROSTER

SENIORS							
Player	Height	Weight	Position	Player	Height	Weight	Position
Joshua Louk	5-9	170	WR/DB	Tyler Hoherchak	5-11	160	QB/LB
Cole Lazorick	6-1	180	QB/DB	Colton Steigerwalt	5-9	105	WR/DB
Connor Zurawa	5-11	170	TE/LB	Colin Rogowitz	5-10	125	QB/DB
Gavin Strohl	6-1	281	OL/DL	Blaze Flyzik	5-10	150	K/P
JUNIORS				Ryan Broadbent	5-8	140	FB/LB
Player	Height	Weight	Position	Dominic Kiehl	6-0	160	WR/LB
Ralph Clay	5-11	145	WR/DB	Nick Faust	6-0	197	FB/LB
Connor Broadbent	5-9	138	RB/LB	Gaetano Sarnelli	5-10	197	OL/DL
Kaden Hess	5-10	184	QB/LB	Michael Solt	5-6	215	OL/DL
Christian Ortiz	5-7	134	WR/DB	Chase Karnas	6-0	203	OL/DL
Angel Rivera	5-8	135	WR/DB	Michael McGinley	5-8	214	OL/DL
Paxton Novack	5-10	189	FB/LB	FRESHMEN			
Adam Ziolkiewicz	6-0	215	OL/DL	Player	Height	Weight	Position
Gavin Baker	5-11	245	OL/DL	Dominic Calcano	5-8	170	QB/LB
Logan O'Shura	6-0	205	OL/DL	Bobby Levins	5-9	157	RB/CB
SOPHOMORES				Philip Garner	5-7	150	WR/DB
Player	Height	Weight	Position	Ben Remmel	5-11	165	TE/LB
Spencer Gothard	5-10	148	WR/DB	Dameon Rivera	5-3	140	RB/LB
Anthony Kiehl	6-0	170	WR/DB	Drake Klados	5-4	173	OL/DL
Mason Jacobs	5-10	169	FB/LB	Lucas Knopf	5-11	223	OL/DL
				Shane Thompson	5-7	175	OL/DL
				Scott Pychinka	5-10	165	TE/DL
				Camani Clarke	5-11	179	WR/CB



Cole Lazorick



Joshua Louk



Gavin Strohl



Connor Zurawa

Did you know? ... Jim Thorpe's Josh Louk had three touchdown catches in the Olympians' final game of the season a year ago. Over the past 30 years, Louk is just one of four Thorpe players to have three TD catches in a game. The others are Shawn O'Toole, Khaalq Lynch and Kysheem Lynch — who did it twice.

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Faust to patrol the middle with his size and ability to take on blocks. Zurawa and

Kiehl will be the outside linebackers. Both can stop the run and drop into pass coverage.

Lazorick will bring his speed and athleticism at defensive back along with Gothard. Starting safety belongs to Louk.

Rosenberger likes the chemistry of his team with their senior leadership bonding with the athletic, but somewhat inexperienced younger players.

"We're not setting expectations, but we're excited about the improved culture we have and our overall mindset to do what needs to be done. Our team will play hard and hungry to prove themselves."

In a league stacked with powerhouse programs, JT realizes it will be under the radar in 2025 and not favored in too many games.

And that's exactly how they want it to be.

COLE LAZORICK

JIM THORPE OLYMPIANS

Cole, Best of luck to you and all team members in your Senior Olympians football season.

Love, Dad, Pop, Maria, Mason, Aunt Rhonda, Uncle Mike, Chase & Kacey

Remember: G>^v

LEHIGHTON



Indians returning with high expectations

BY BROCK HECKMAN
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Culture can often reflect a team's identity both on and off the field.

For Lehigh football, this has certainly proven to be the case.

The Indians enter the 2025 campaign with head coach Tom McCarroll starting his 14th season leading the Tribe. Despite only finishing last season with a 5-7 record, the back half of the season featured a change in mentality that saw Lehigh pull out crucial wins against Tamaqua, Jim Thorpe — and most noticeably — Blue Mountain in the opening round of the District 11 playoffs.

"That was a huge momentum shifter for the program as a whole," said McCarroll. "We got to the point in the season where we knew that a change needed to be made. We made a very conscious effort to change our ap-

proach, attitude, and practice, and I think you saw the results on the field. All the credit really goes to the kids. They really bought in, and they're the ones that made the change."

With this new shift in culture, Lehigh has high hopes for success this season — especially with an experienced group of skill players returning.

Last season's quarterback — Jayse Lawrence — leads from the front. He has a great arm and downfield vision when passing the ball. However, after being given the green light to run the ball more often, it was revealed that he provides more of a dual-threat than originally expected.

"I think we really evolved throughout the course of the season in terms of how we were able to utilize him," said McCarroll. "He's always been a very good quarterback in terms of where

he can throw the ball, how he can throw the ball, and he makes all the throws that we need him to make, but to make him a dual threat really kind of opened up our entire offense."

With the departure of Jacob Ferguson, the running game features Lukas Croizier who not only succeeded but excelled in an elevated role as a sophomore. Now as a junior, he ran the ball 146 times for 702 yards and four touchdowns last year, and there is definitely the potential for him to become better.

"Croizier coming back at running back is a huge, huge get," McCarroll said. "He was only a sophomore last year. I thought he did a tremendous job kind of carrying the load for his first year."

Two seniors, Equan Warner and Austin Green, will also be important members of the running game. Warner in particular

was new last year and took time to learn the system, but now he's ready to jump in with no hesitations.

The Indians can take comfort in having well-experienced and talented receivers to compliment Lawrence's passing. Leading the charge down the field is two veteran seniors, 6-4 Blake Roberts and 5-11 Caden Meek.

"We have some depth behind them, but they're certainly going to get the bulk of our passes," said McCarroll.

For receiving depth, junior Kyden Hauser makes his return, while sophomore Ty Nansteel and senior Hunter Kintz will most likely round things out. Kintz and Nansteel primarily played in defensive roles as tight ends, and while they will return to this role, McCarroll hopes to expand it and give them more opportunities as

See **INDIANS** on Page 8

POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Lehigh's offense often goes how senior Jayse Lawrence goes. His greatest strength has been his passing abilities, but he proved last year how successful he can be running the ball. Having him as a dual-threat allows the Indians to expand their offensive possibilities. His backup is junior Owen Eckhart.

RUNNING BACKS

Junior Lukas Croizier leads the way after having a standout performance last season, rushing for 703 yards. He will be complemented by two seniors, Austin Green and Equan Warner, who are also expected to make big plays.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Coach McCarroll refers to seniors Blake Roberts and Caden Meek as a "quarterback's dream" with how reliable they are as receivers. He also values the importance of junior Kyden Hauser in this role. Others expected to see time are senior Hunter Kintz, who primarily played defense last year, and sophomore Ty Nansteel, who impressed the staff with his offseason work ethic.

OFFENSIVE LINE

With only two returnees up front in junior Marc Macias at center and sophomore Parker Rodgers at right guard, the other spots are still up for grabs. Possible names to fill these roles include junior Jonathan Mayers, and sophomores Chase Keller, Nick Blose, Dominic Lawrence and Lucas Voorhees. Kintz and Nansteel will solidify the tight end position.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Similar to the offense, the defensive line is open for competition. Macias and Rodgers return here too, but expect to see Mayers and Voorhees earn most of the playing time up front. In addition, freshman Zaden Martinez will likely be one of the Indians' main edge rushers after impressing the staff with his offseason preparations.

LINEBACKERS

Kintz and junior Preston Degrazia return with significant experience inside. On the outside, Roberts also returns and will be complimented by either Nansteel or sophomore Carl Lingham.

SECONDARY

Another position with experience as Croizier leads the way as the top safety with Lawrence supporting in the back as well. Makai Breiner, Austin Green, and Cash White provide depth at the corners, and Meek can play a combo of both.

2025 LEHIGHTON ROSTER

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Equan Warner	5-8	150	RB/DB
Jayse Lawrence	6-0	175	QB/DB
Caden Meek	6-0	180	WR/DB
Hunter Kintz	5-10	210	TE/LB
Blake Roberts	6-2	220	WR/LB
Austin Green	5-9	170	RB/DB
Makih Breiner	5-10	160	WR/DB
Philip Ebbert	5-11	175	K

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Owen Eckhart	6-0	160	QB/DB
Kyden Hauser	5-9	165	WR/DB
Nate Dubow	5-9	160	WR/LB
Peyton McLean	5-8	175	RB/LB
Tommy Blair	6-1	180	WR/DB
Jose Rodriguez	5-7	155	RB/DB

Lukas Croizier	5-9	165	RB/DB
Preston DiGrazia	5-9	185	OL/LB
Jonathan Mayers	6-0	220	OL/DL
Mark Macias	5-11	290	OL/DL
Keegan Swedar	5-11	240	OL/DL

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Cash White	6-0	180	WR/DB
Jack Lucykanish	5-7	150	QB/WR/DB
Carter Williams	6-0	170	TE/LB
Connor Loy	5-7	145	WR/DB
Ty Nansteel	6-0	185	TE/LB
Dustin Mammana	5-8	150	WR/LB
Kris Rodgers	5-8	155	RB/DB
Sebastian Yturriño	5-8	150	WR/DB
Lucas Voorhees	5-10	200	OL/DL
Noah Lusch	6-0	170	OL/LB
Nathan Sheckler	6-1	185	OL/DL

Parker Beltz	5-8	190	OL/DL
Parker Rodgers	6-4	345	OL/DL
Dom Lawrence	6-0	240	OL/DL
Nick Blose	5-11	240	OL/DL
Chase Keller	5-11	300	OL/DL
Zayden Martinez	5-10	175	OL/DL
Carl Lingham	6-1	180	WR/LB
Austin Brooks	5-9	160	K

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Ryder Croizier	5-5	135	RB/LB
Aiden McCarroll	5-7	145	WR/DB
Brock Atwood	5-11	170	QB/LB
Landen Steigerwalt	5-10	145	WR/DB
Dayton Moyer	5-10	155	TE/LB
Vinnie Hill	5-8	155	RB/LB
Noa Obranovic	5-9	180	OL/DL



Makih Breiner



Lehighton runs an offensive play during a recent practice.



Philip Ebbert

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Austin Green



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Hunter Kintz

2024 RESULTS

Jim Thorpe (3-8)

Jim Thorpe 38, Palmerton 15
Pottsville 48, Jim Thorpe 7
Blue Mtn. 49, Jim Thorpe 0
Tamaqua 48, Jim Thorpe 7
N. Schuylkill 50, Jim Thorpe 7
So. Lehigh 56, Jim Thorpe 12
Jim Thorpe 39, Catasauqua 0
Northwestern 55, Jim Thorpe 0
Jim Thorpe 43, Bangor 27
Lehigh 42, Jim Thorpe 26
+So. Lehigh 56, Jim Thorpe 27

Lehigh (5-7)

No. Lehigh 15, Lehigh 14
Lehigh 33, Bangor 7
So. Lehigh 34, Lehigh 3
Lehigh 61, Palmerton 17
Northwestern 42, Lehigh 7
Pottsville 21, Lehigh 3
Blue Mtn. 55, Lehigh 14

Lehigh 34, Tamaqua 14
N. Schuylkill 58, Lehigh 21
Lehigh 42, Jim Thorpe 26
+Lehigh 29, Blue Mtn. 28
+Becahi 35, Lehigh 14

Marian (6-5)

Marian 35, Hanover 0
Tri-Valley 24, Marian 0
Marian 27, Panther Valley 0
Marian 47, Shenandoah 23
Mahanoy Area 27, Marian 7
Marian 20, Minersville 14
Sch. Haven 36, Marian 0
Williams Valley 33, Marian 0
Marian 34, Pine Grove 7
Marian 21, Nativity 18
+Tri-Valley 27, Marian 0

Northern Lehigh (7-4)

No. Lehigh 15, Lehigh 14

Northwestern 56, No. Lehigh 7
No. Lehigh 26, Pen Argyl 14
No. Lehigh 46, Palisades 22
No. Lehigh 51, Palmerton 14
Notre Dame 49, No. Lehigh 19
No. Lehigh 42, Wilson 7
No. Lehigh 27, Catasauqua 3
No. Lehigh 44, Salisbury 24
Saucon Vy. 49, No. Lehigh 14
+Pen Argyl 32, No. Lehigh 14

Palmerton (3-7)

Jim Thorpe 38, Palmerton 15
Pen Argyl 24, Palmerton 7
Lehigh 61, Palmerton 7
Saucon Vy. 63, Palmerton 17
No. Lehigh 51, Palmerton 14
Palmerton 32, Wilson 28
Palmerton 44, Palisades 21
Salisbury 31, Palmerton 28
Notre Dame 52, Palmerton 0

Palmerton 28, Catasauqua 13

Panther Valley (2-8)

Salisbury 28, Panther Vy. 6
Sch. Haven 57, Panther Vy. 0
Marian 27, Panther Vy. 0
Panther Vy. 21, Pine Grove 13
Nativity 60, Panther Vy. 0
Tri-Valley 49, Panther Vy. 7
Williams Vy. 47, Panther Vy. 0
Panther Vy. 32, Shenandoah 0
Mahanoy A. 35, Panther Vy. 0
Minersville 43, Panther Vy. 0

Pleasant Valley (0-11)

Gov. Mifflin 35, Pleasant Vy. 0
Dieruff 40, Pleasant Vy. 26
Exeter Twp. 49, Pleasant Vy. 0
Parkland 52, Pleasant Vy. 0
ES South 54, Pleasant Vy. 14
Nazareth 60, Pleasant Vy. 7

ES North 21, Pleasant Vy. 20
PM East 10, Pleasant Vy. 7
PM West 17, Pleasant Vy. 12
Stroudsburg 35, Pleasant Vy. 21
+ES South 47, Pleasant Vy. 7

Northwestern (16-0)

N'western 47, Wilson 0
N'western 56, No. Lehigh 7
N'western 55, Bangor 7
N'western 30, Blue Mtn. 8
N'western 42, Lehigh 7
N'western 49, N. Schuylkill 7
N'western 35, Pottsville 0
N'western 55, Jim Thorpe 0
N'western 51, Tamaqua 0
N'western 23, So. Lehigh 17
+N'western 40, Saucon Vy. 12
+N'western 36, N. Schuylkill 7

+N'western 49, Conwell-Egan 7
+N'western 34, Scranton Prep 0
+N'western 31, Danville 14
+N'western 36, Avonworth 33

Tamaqua (7-4)

Tamaqua 38, Pen Argyl 7
Tamaqua 35, N. Schuylkill 17
Tamaqua 24, Pottsville 21
Tamaqua 48, Jim Thorpe 7
Tamaqua 49, Salisbury 7
Tamaqua 51, Bangor 0
So. Lehigh 43, Tamaqua 7
Lehigh 34, Tamaqua 14
N'western 51, Tamaqua 0
Blue Mtn. 21, Tamaqua 7
+Tamaqua 35, Pequea Vy. 0

+ postseason game

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We love you so much Mom & Dad

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LEHIGHTON INDIANS

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LEHIGHTON INDIANS

Have a fantastic senior year! You continue to make us proud!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Nana

MORGAN SHAFFER

LEHIGHTON INDIANS

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Good Luck Everyone on a Great Upcoming Season!

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Good luck to all the local teams on a successful season!

LEHIGHTON



Lehigh Valley players participate in practice while preparing for the upcoming season.

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receivers.

The offensive and defensive lines are still in the works of being finalized, but expect to see Marc Macias return at center or defensive tackle, with Parker Rodgers as a guard. With the loss of three key linemen in Joey Hauser, Yadiel Acosta-Rodriguez, and Brock Gower, many players are fighting for the chance to step in and fill those roles. Whoever earns the remaining positions, coach McCarroll already has high hopes for them.

"There's some youth there that are fighting out these spots, but I'll tell you right now, I like all of them," he said. "Whoever wins those battles, I'm excited about what all of them can do."

Players fighting for these roles include sophomores Chase Keller, Nick Blose and Dominic Lawrence, and freshman Junior Jonathan Mayers, with sophomore Lucas

Voorhees, are likely to play on both lines.

The remainder of the Indians' defense features more experience to a team that is already full of experience offensively. The linebacking roles will be filled by Kintz and junior Preston Degrazia on the inside, while Roberts comes back to his usual outside spot alongside Nansteel and sophomore Carl Lingham, which makes a team strength even stronger and deeper.

For the secondary spots, McCarroll wasn't quite sure how much depth he had in this area until last year's game against Jim Thorpe.

"We had three of our starting defensive backs hurt and didn't play in that game. Three new guys stepped in and they didn't miss a beat. So that developed a ton of depth for us."

Crozier will return as the primary safety along with Jayse Lawrence, who has also proven how beneficial he can be in the back. At the corners, expect to see a mixture of Makai

Breiner, Cash White, Austin Green and Caden Meek, who also has safety experience too.

The atmosphere around the Indian squad is one of both excited anticipation for the season to begin while also understanding exactly what's expected from them this year.

Coach McCarroll can't help but express how positive this offseason has been working with this group of players and how this hopefully translates to success on the field.

"The offseason has been fun so far; preseason has been fun," he said. "This group has a very unique personality, and we like it because sometimes as coaches, we have to dictate the energy. With a team like this, we don't have to do it every single day."

"So, we've got kids with great personalities and great work ethics. They keep it light when they can, but they're serious when they need to be. So I really like this group and what they're bringing to the table."

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LEHIGHTON RECORDS

Year	Record	Head Coach
2024	5-7	Tom McCarroll
2023	2-9	Tom McCarroll
2022	3-8	Tom McCarroll
2021	1-9	Tom McCarroll
2020	3-6	Tom McCarroll
2019	3-8	Tom McCarroll
2018	4-7	Tom McCarroll
2017	12-1	Tom McCarroll
2016	4-7	Tom McCarroll
2015	11-1	Tom McCarroll
2014	8-3	Tom McCarroll
2013	6-5	Tom McCarroll
2012	3-7	Tom McCarroll
2011	4-6	George Ebbert
2010	4-6	George Ebbert
2009	1-9	George Ebbert
2008	3-7	George Ebbert
2007	5-6	Bill Brong
2006	7-4	Bill Brong
2005	9-3	Bill Brong
2004	3-8	Bill Brong
2003	4-6	Bill Brong
2002	8-4	Bill Brong
2001	10-2	Bill Brong
2000	8-3	Dave Parsons
1999	3-8	Dave Parsons
1998	3-7	Dave Parsons
1997	7-4	Dave Parsons
1996	4-8	Dave Parsons
1995	6-5	Dave Parsons
1994	6-5	Dave Parsons
1993	7-4	Dave Parsons

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MARIAN



O'Gurek, Colts eye another step forward

BY SAM MATTA
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The storied football program at Marian Catholic High School has been vast and far-reaching.

Former coach Stan Dakosty set the bar high during his tremendous tenure, producing standout football players the way Hershey turns out candy bars.

That standard has long gone, but for second-year coach Bill O'Gurek, there is a brightness shining down. A disciple of Dakosty, O'Gurek is excited to welcome his second edition to the gridiron.

"Oh, I learned a lot in my first season," O'Gurek said with a smile. "I was well prepared by

Stan, but until you get in that position — running practice — you really don't understand the things that come up and how you have to deal with them. It was an eye-opener, and fortunately I have great assistant coaches."

He admits mistakes were made, but progress was evident.

"This is a crucial year for us. We're looking to make it three straight seasons of winning football," O'Gurek said. "Stan's last year, he produced a winner. Last year we went 6-5, and I know we could have been a little better — maybe won another two or three games."

The Colts pulled off a stunning overtime win against highly fa-

vored Minersville on the road last season.

To be sure, it was a signature victory for O'Gurek in just his third game as head coach. Though the rest of the season was a roller-coaster, that victory set the right tone — one O'Gurek and his staff hope to carry into 2025.

"The challenge for me was trying to live up to the expectations of the program — the fact that we've become successful again and trying to continue that tradition," O'Gurek said. "What we want to do is stack winning seasons, and we haven't done that in a while. We haven't had three straight winning seasons in 10 years."

Certainly, the upcoming season

looms large in that pursuit. The mantra: Continue to take the next step.

"We want the kids to believe in what Marian football is all about."

Marian graduated a dozen quality players, including much of its offensive line and Division I recruit Michael Gelatko.

An All-State selection, Gelatko filled multiple roles last season, finishing with 23 receptions for 381 yards and a touchdown, along with 80 tackles, three sacks and an interception. He was also the team's punter.

The glaring hole, however, is along the offensive and defensive lines, where seven starters depart-

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Coach O'Gurek has anointed Greg Tirpak as his quarterback. A solid three-sport athlete, Tirpak has been at the forefront all summer and has some game experience from last fall. Backup duties will go to senior Matt Spino, who will start at wide receiver.

RUNNING BACKS

Marian returns one of the premier running backs in the region in Rory Dixon, who rushed for 1,005 yards (211 carries) and eight touchdowns. Letterwinner Jason Ashfield paves the way at fullback, and is a threat coming out of the backfield to latch onto passes; the same for Dixon, too.

WIDE RECEIVERS

There is a bumper crop of good hands in this department, starting with Tyler Price, who can also play tight end and running back when called upon. Keep an eye on superb athlete Rocco Griguoli. A standout basketball and baseball player, he is now a junior and will get plenty of opportunities to catch the ball. Toss in senior Jake Tom to get targeted at wide receiver, who is a long jumper on the track team.

OFFENSIVE LINE

This is where Marian has to grow up in a hurry. O'Gurek does have some seasoned players returning. Damian Rodino 5-10 205, senior center; his brother junior Dominick Rodino at left tackle, right tackle finds Walker Sheer. Maning the guard position you'll find senior veteran Jah Bushati along with junior Billy Ebert. Waiting in the wings for playing time are sophomores Jack LeClair and Nick Polakovich.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Just flip things over from the offensive line and the group consists of defensive ends Ashfield and Griguoli with Sheer waiting in the wings. The tackles are led by Dominick Rodino, Ebert and LeClair.

LINEBACKERS

Once again, Marian will engage two-way players in their scheme. The Colts have two veteran led by Bushati and Damian Rodino.

SECONDARY

The cornerbacks find Tom and Tate, strong safety has a veteran crew with Dixon, who can also walk up as a linebacker, rice and Sartori. The free safety battle features Spino and Nolan Marsch.

MARIAN

2025 MARIAN ROSTER

SENIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Hunter Sartori	6-0	180	WR/DB
Jake Tom	5-7	140	WR/DB
Matt Spino	5-9	155	WR/LB
Nick Shigo	6-2	205	TE/DE
Damian Rodino	5-10	205	OL/LB
Jah Bushati	5-11	170	OL/LB

JUNIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Yaniel Nunez	5-10	175	WR/DB
Dante Tate	5-6	125	WR/DB
Caleb Gerhart	5-7	150	WR/DB
Rocco Griguoli	6-4	195	WR/DE
Nolan Marsch	5-9	145	WR/DB
Rory Dixon	5-10	170	RB/DB
Jason Ashfield	5-10	207	RB/LB
Billy Ebert	5-11	320	OL/DL
Dominick Rodino	6-1	210	OL/DL
Walker Sheer	6-3	180	OL/DL

Did you know? ... Marian has won more overtime games (8) than any other Times News area team. Northwestern and Tamaqua are tied for second with five. The Colts have won seven straight games when going to OT.

SOPHOMORES			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Tyler Price	6-1	190	WR/DB
Chris Del Rosario	5-5	135	RB/DB
Nick Ramirez	5-7	145	RB/DB
Gregory Tirpak	6-3	220	QB/LB
Loegan Joseph	5-10	150	RB/LB
Jack LeClair	5-11	195	OL/DL
Evan Perez	6-3	260	OL/DL
Nick Polakovich	5-11	160	OL/DL

FRESHMEN			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Tristan Kotsko	5-9	155	WR/LB
Cole Grochowski	5-11	178	QB/DB
Jaycee Piccione	5-9	150	WR/DB
Ray Koslop	5-5	138	RB/DB
Ethan Cabrera	5-7	115	WR/DB
Mason Joseph	5-2	101	RB/DB
Conner Giannelli	5-6	140	TE/LB
Keegan Betz	5-9	160	OL/DL
Liam Johnstone	5-8	180	OL/DL



Jah Bushati



Matt Spino



Jake Tom



Damian Rodino



Hunter Sartori

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The Colts return one of the premier running backs in the region in Rory Dixon, who rushed for 1,005 yards on 211 carries with eight touchdowns.

A two-way standout, Dixon also played linebacker, recording 80 tackles, three sacks and an interception.

O’Gurek has anointed Gregory Tirpak as his quarterback. A three-sport athlete, the 6-foot-3, 220-pound sophomore gained game experience last fall and has led the team in the summer.

Senior Matt Spino (5-9, 155), who will also start at wide receiver, will serve as the backup.

Junior letterwinner Jason Ashfield (5-10, 207) returns at fullback, paving the way for Dixon.

“Ashfield has good bloodlines,” O’Gurek said, noting his grandfather Mike Tracey was a star running back on the 1980 Eastern Conference Class B championship team. “He was our second-lead-

ing rusher last year, so he has the experience. We’re counting on him to play a bigger role this season.”

Sophomore Tyler Price (6-1, 190) is a triple threat who can line up at wide-out, tight end or halfback. Junior Rocco Griguoli (6-4, 195), a standout in basketball and baseball, is expected to make an impact.

Senior Jake Tom (5-7, 140), a state medalist in the long jump, also figures into the rotation.

Senior Damian Rodino (5-10, 205) anchors the line of scrimmage at center, joined by his brother, junior Dominick Rodino (6-1, 210), at left tackle.

Junior Walker Sheer (6-3, 180) slots in at right tackle.

Veterans Jah Bushati (5-11, 170) and Billy Ebert (5-11, 320) hold the guard positions.

Sophomores Jack LeClair (5-11, 195) and Nick Polakovich (5-11, 160) provide depth and are expected to push for playing time.

“What I like about our offense is that we’ve got a lot of skill guys who can play various positions,” O’Gurek said.

MARIAN RECORDS

Year	Record	Head Coach
2024	6-5	Billy O’Gurek
2023	7-5	Stan Dakosty
2022	4-6	Stan Dakosty
2021	4-7	Stan Dakosty
2020	1-7	Stan Dakosty
2019	1-9	Pat Morgans
2018	4-7	Pat Morgans
2017	4-7	Pat Morgans
2016	6-6	Stan Dakosty
2015	8-5	Stan Dakosty
2014	8-4	Stan Dakosty
2013	7-5	Stan Dakosty
2012	8-3	Stan Dakosty
2011	5-5	Stan Dakosty
2010	2-8	Stan Dakosty
2009	3-7	Stan Dakosty
2008	6-5	Stan Dakosty
2007	11-3	Stan Dakosty
2006	11-2	Stan Dakosty
2005	6-4	Stan Dakosty
2004	5-5	Stan Dakosty
2003	6-5	Stan Dakosty
2002	7-4	Stan Dakosty



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NORTHERN LEHIGH



Bulldogs return both experience, talent

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It's a recipe for success.

Experience + talent = wins.

Northern Lehigh proved that formula to be true last season, and the Bulldogs are hoping to take it a step further in 2025.

Two years ago, the program was forced to start numerous freshmen and sophomores which resulted in a 3-7 record.

That playing time proved to be beneficial, though, as the team flipped their mark around, going 7-3 in the regular season last year before losing to Pen Argyl in the district quarterfinals.

With a bulk of the roster back again — now bigger, stronger, faster and oozing with on-field savvy — expectations are high

for another winning year and a possible run in the postseason.

"The reps that they have, the experience that they have, we feel really good about that," said Joe Tout, who is in his 20th season as head coach of the Bulldogs. "We've tried to do a little more 11 on 11s this summer and even though it's non-contact we kind of upped the teams that we felt we were going to see. We went against Stroudsburg and Pocono Mountain West. We saw Schuylkill Haven, so you get a little bit more out of those than you do just having an in-house workout."

"We took our lumps two years ago playing some of those freshmen. Last year, the play-off loss left a bad taste in our

mouth ... But take that out of it and reflect on it, to go 7-3 with starting a ton of sophomores and juniors, I felt pretty happy with where we ended last year. This year our mentality, our motto is just win now ... When we get out there, our goal is to win that game. Our first two weeks, we know Northwestern is a returning state champion and Lehigh's got a lot back. But our goal is to win those games ... We don't want to just keep games close. We believe every team on our schedule we can beat."

One of the reasons many anticipate a big year from Northern Lehigh is an offense that could put up some big numbers.

Combining returnees at the skill positions, as well as the

offensive line, the Bulldogs are primed to score plenty of points.

Garrett Smoyer is back at quarterback, a year removed from being the first player in program history to throw for over 1,000 yards as a sophomore. The team's top ground gainer, senior Grady Newhard (821 yards), returns, as well as junior Chris Frame, who led Nolehi in touchdowns (16) and receiving yards (632) and is a threat to go the distance whenever he touches the ball. Ryan Zambo is another top receiver back, while Colin Karetsky is also a weapon.

"When you start looking at that production, we have to have about 95 percent of it back," said Tout. "We're going to lean

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Junior Garrett Smoyer returns after a stellar sophomore season that saw him throw for 1,253 yards and 12 TDs. Backing him up will be sophomore Caleb Oswald.

RUNNING BACKS

Grady Newhard, a senior, led the team in rushing (821 yards) a year ago and will be back to lead the Bulldog ground game. Junior Chris Frame is also a threat in the backfield. Others who could see time include junior Mason Rothrock and sophomore Keith Lectora.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Besides Frame, who caught 22 passes for 632 yards and seven scores, Smoyer's main targets will be juniors Ryan Zambo (16-222) and Colin Karetsky. Chris Vargas, a senior, and Carter Thomas, a junior, will get reps as receivers.

OFFENSIVE LINE

The Bulldogs return both starting guards from a year ago in junior Landen Klimek and senior Kayden Novicki, as well as their two tackles — seniors Nate Kuhns and Adam Neff. The center spot figures to go to sophomore Dawson Newhard. Novicki could slide to center if needed. Others that figure to see time include senior Ethan Grozier, juniors Bill Slatery and Gio Marino, sophomores Bryce Nance and Bill Kennedy, and freshman Riley Shimko.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Returning end Bill Slatery played in all 11 games a year ago, while Landen Klimek and Chase Gall will trade off at the other end spot. Nate Kuhns, a DE last year, will slide to tackle with the other spot to be decided between sophomore Bryce Nance, Kayden Novicki and Adam Neff.

LINEBACKERS

Grady Newhard will be a four-year defensive starter and line up outside with senior Kaden Quinones — last year's leading tackler — on the opposite end. In the middle will be Mason Rothrock. If needed, Ethan Grozier could move to a linebacker spot. Chase Gall will also see playing time.

SECONDARY

An experienced group returns. Corners Ryan Zambo and Chris Frame, and safety Ryan Zambo started all 11 games a year ago. Ethan Grozier, who started before being injured, will man the other safety spot. Backups are Caleb Oswald, Garrett Smoyer, Keith Lectora and Carter Thomas.

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Ethan Grozier



Chris Vargas



Kaden Quinones



Grady Newhard

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on those guys big time ... We're trying to look at some things in the passing game that might be different than what we've done traditionally. Between Frame, Zambo and Karetsky, they're all No. 1s. Any other year, those guys would easily be our top wideout, so we're blessed to have all three this year. And they're all juniors.

"Our offensive line, we have both guards back and then we have both tackles back. The only replacement we have is at center. I feel really good line wise where we are. Assignment wise, you can't replace reps. So having all those guys get those reps last year, we're

looking forward to this year having those guys back."

The offense isn't the only place where the Bulldogs have experience. The defense boasts a number of returnees, including their leading tackler from a year ago.

Probably the only concern is the front four.

"Our back seven is our strength on defense," said Tout. "Our secondary, we return all four ... 'At line-backer, we return two of three but to me it's almost like we're returning all three. Kaden Quinones, we call him Q, was our leading tackler last year. I think our guys feed off of him. He's a guy that goes one way and puts everything into that defensive spot. To have him back is huge."

"Our d-line is still a

work in progress. We bring back a d-end in Bill Slattery, who started all 11 games last year ... We just don't want to have a bunch of two-way guys on the line. We feel really good about our back seven. We don't have major losses on the front line, but we still have to build that depth, especially if we're trying to stay away from a lot of two-way guys, and especially early on when we're going against bigger schools."

While all signs lead to a strong season and Northern Lehigh being a contender in the district's Class 2A, Tout does point out that the class is one of the strongest in the state.

But no matter what happens, the longtime mentor is thrilled with the progression from the past.

"It's been enjoyable to watch them buy in to now become leaders," said Tout of his players. "To watch them kind of be thrown into the fire and maybe not be prepared for it to now step through and have that confidence. And now I think they realize now they kind of reap the rewards."

"This could be the most loaded 2A bracket we've seen in a long time. Williams Valley and Schuylkill Haven are strong, and Minersville has a Division 1 quarterback. Executive is a wild card and then you also have Pen Argyl. I don't get into the 'if we don't do this the season's a bust.' But I put it this way. We feel we're capable of winning a district championship as well as any other team."

2025 NORTHERN LEHIGH ROSTER

SENIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Ethan Grozier	6-2	170	WR/DB
Chris Vargas	5-9	135	WR/DB
Kaden Quinones	5-9	155	RB/LB
Grady Newhard	5-8	190	RB/LB
Caleb Bosch	5-9	190	OL/DL
Kayden Novicki	5-9	240	OL/DT
Adam Neff	6-0	250	OL/DL
Nate Kuhns	5-10	235	OL/DL

JUNIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Chris Frame	5-11	175	RB/DB
Garrett Smoyer	5-10	165	QB/DB
Ryan Zambo	5-11	160	WR/DB
Kaiden Smith	5-4	115	RB/DB
Mason Rothrock	5-11	170	RB/LB
Colin Karetsky	6-2	180	WR/DB
Andrew Rudolph	5-9	145	TE/LB
Chase Gall	5-10	162	TE/DE
Carter Thomas	5-6	130	WR/DB
Jolcris Monegro	5-6	140	RB/DB
Jaxon Bower	6-1	165	TE/DE
Bill Slattery	5-11	190	OL/DL
Anthony Hanna	5-7	150	K
Giovanni Marino	5-6	180	OL/DL
Landen Klimek	5-10	200	OL/DL
Rami Ouaziz	6-1	160	WR/DB

SOPHOMORES

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Keith Lectora	5-8	140	RB/DB
Caleb Oswald	5-10	160	QB/DB
Christian Fortino	5-8	135	WR/DB
Anna Trelease	5-4	140	WR/DB
Bryan Debias	5-6	135	WR/DB
Paul Porobenski	5-9	150	RB/LB
Bryce Nance	5-11	170	OL/DL
Brayden Nance	5-11	185	OL/DL
Bill Kennedy	5-10	220	OL/DL
Dawson Newhard	5-9	200	OL/DL

FRESHMEN

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Cooper Gladfelter	5-6	135	K
Connor Whalen	5-8	135	WR/DB
Ryder Gall	5-5	130	QB/DB
Brady Bielawski	5-3	110	WR/DB
Brayden Greene	5-10	145	RB/DE
Jayden Rehrig	5-6	130	RB/LB
Cole Chruscial	5-6	130	OL/LB
Cam Chruscial	5-6	125	OL/LB
Reilly Shimko	5-11	205	OL/DL
Aiden Reinik	6-2	175	OL/DL
Bryce Wanamaker	5-9	145	TE/DL

NORTHERN LEHIGH RECORDS

Year	Record	Head Coach	Year	Record	Head Coach
2024	7-4	Joe Tout	2010	13-1	Joe Tout
2023	3-7	Joe Tout	2009	10-3	Joe Tout
2022	12-2	Joe Tout	2008	4-6	Joe Tout
2021	11-4	Joe Tout	2007	7-4	Joe Tout
2020	5-4	Joe Tout	2006	7-4	Joe Tout
2019	6-4	Joe Tout	2005	11-1	Jim Tkach
2018	5-5	Joe Tout	2004	10-2	Jim Tkach
2017	0-10	Joe Tout	2003	14-1	Jim Tkach
2016	4-7	Joe Tout	2002	10-2	Jim Tkach
2015	4-6	Joe Tout	2001	7-4	Jim Tkach
2014	7-5	Joe Tout	2000	8-3	Jim Tkach
2013	2-8	Joe Tout	1999	11-3	Jim Tkach
2012	7-4	Joe Tout	1998	10-2	Jim Tkach
2011	10-2	Joe Tout	1997	5-6	Jim Tkach

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MOST POINTS SCORED IN SEASON (BY TEAM, 1969-2024)

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Name (Year)	TD	xp	2xp	FG	Pts.	Name (Year)	TD	xp	2xp	FG	Pts.	Name (Year)	TD	xp	2xp	FG	Pts.
Justin St. Hill (2017)	29	0	0	1	176	Mike Tracy (1980)	30	0	2	0	184	Mike Mitchell (2016)	25	0	2	0	154
Jason Figura (2004)	24	0	1	2	148	Al Donadi (2000)	28	0	1	0	170	Austyn Borre (2015)	20	0	0	0	120
Rick Kuhn (1975)	18	17	0	1	128	K.J. Snerr (2015)	24	2	0	0	146	Chris Jacobs (1998)	18	0	0	0	108
Robbie Heller (2015)	20	0	1	0	122	Jim Agosti (1976)	23	0	2	0	142	Justin Richardson (2016)	16	0	5	0	106
CJ Selby (2019)	20	0	0	0	120	Paul Martin (2011)	19	18	2	1	139	Alex Ecker (2023)	16	0	3	0	102
Ryan Saunders (2013)	17	10	4	0	120	Justin Barrasso (1998)	22	0	2	0	136	Austyn Borre (2012)	17	0	0	0	102
Gary Storer (1994)	19	0	0	0	114	Jason Donadi (1993)	20	14	1	0	136						
Gary Storer (1993)	19	0	0	0	114	Gary Grant (1971)	17	0	13	0	128						
Phil Redline (2006)	18	0	1	0	110	Mike Tracy (1979)	19	0	2	0	118						
CJ Selby (2018)	17	0	0	0	102	Greg Izzo (1988)	19	0	0	0	114						
Mike Gruber (1993)	15	0	5	0	100	Mark Makovec (1992)	18	0	1	0	110						
LEHIGHTON						NORTHWESTERN						TAMAQUA					
Name (Year)	TD	xp	2xp	FG	Pts.	Name (Year)	TD	xp	2xp	FG	Pts.	Name (Year)	TD	xp	2xp	FG	Pts.
Cody Scherer (2017)	24	0	22	0	188	Eli Zimmerman (2024)	38	0	2	0	232	Mike Stasko (2015)	21	0	1	0	128
Robbie Frey (2006)	27	0	1	0	164	Dalton Clymer (2023)	35	0	6	0	222	Mike Stasko (2016)	20	0	2	0	124
Chris Green (1991)	23	11	4	0	157	Brett Snyder (1995)	33	0	2	0	202	Chris Siracuse (1998)	20	0	0	0	120
Robbie Frey (2005)	25	0	2	0	154	Cade Christopher (2022)	30	0	4	0	188	Daniel Lucykanish (2022)	17	0	8	0	118
Bradley-Chambers (2017)	24	0	2	0	148	Cam Richardson (2014)	27	0	2	0	166	Justin Petersen (2007)	18	0	5	0	118
Wyatt Clements (2015)	24	0	1	0	146	Josh Snyder (1997)	25	0	1	0	152	Ty Sander (2023)	18	0	4	0	116
Jacen Nalesnik (2011)	19	25	0	2	145	Harry Hall (2015)	23	0	1	0	140	Kody Gildner (1994)	17	0	4	0	110
Wyatt Clements (2014)	23	0	0	0	138	Justin Holmes (2021)	21	0	6	0	138	Jordan Nelson (2018)	13	28	0	0	106
Joe Semanoff (2000)	21	0	5	0	136	Dalton Clymer (2022)	21	0	4	0	134	Jason Hernandez (1996)	17	0	0	0	102
Dwayne Fisher (1989)	20	0	2	0	124	Josh Snyder (1996)	22	0	1	0	134						
Clayton Andrews (1986)	20	0	0	0	120	Nick Henry (2019)	21	0	2	0	130						
Larry Mertz (1977)	18	0	6	0	120												
Kevin Snyder (1978)	18	0	1	0	110												
NORTHERN LEHIGH/SLATINGTON						PANTHER VALLEY											
Name (Year)	TD	xp	2xp	FG	Pts.	Name (Year)	TD	xp	2xp	FG	Pts.						
Cody Remaley (2010)	39	8	7	0	256	Brad Miller (1992)	24	0	4	0	152						
Cody Remaley (2009)	26	10	10	0	186												
Matt Frame (2021)	28	0	3	0	174												
Nick Hosford (2005)	27	0	1	0	164												

NORTHWESTERN



New chapter begins for state champions

BY MIKE HAINES
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Last year the Tiger football team had a storybook season, going 16-0 and capturing the program's first state title with an overtime win.

But it's time for that book to move to the next chapter.

"It was a quick offseason," said Tiger head coach Josh Snyder. "Last season went so long and then celebrating, snap your fingers and you're back in the mix. It feels good to turn the page and get ready for this season. These guys are excited for their opportunity to play."

After two straight trips to the

state championship game, the defending champs will see some turnover on their roster.

While Shane Leh returns for his third season as the starting quarterback, four first-year starters will be in front of him on the offensive line and he won't be handing the ball to Eli Zimmerman for the first time in his career as the 2025 PIAA Class 3A Player of the Year is now a Bloomsburg Husky.

Leh's backfield might be new, but he will have some familiar targets to throw to as all-state defensive athlete Mason Bollinger (senior) returns at wide receiver along with junior Michael La-

gowy.

Bollinger led the team with 520 receiving yards and six touchdown catches last year.

"This year our skill coming back, especially on offense, we're really comfortable there," said Snyder. "Even though we lost Eli, there's enough there that we can share the ball and be productive."

"I think we can be a little more balanced than last year. That being said, at Northwestern we hang our hat on being able to run the ball and stop the run. We look forward to being able to do that again."

Success in the pass game and

the run game will likely depend heavily on how well the new offensive linemen adjust to the varsity level.

"It's just how fast can that front five come together and jell as one," said Snyder. "It takes a lot of communication and talking up there to be on the same page. We run a pretty sophisticated offense. We're aware of that."

On the front line, senior left tackle Colton Popp and tight end Shane Hulmes will be the leaders helping along four new starters up front.

Hulmes is a three-year starter who does a lot for the offense.

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Shane Leh returns for his third season as the starter. He's started 32 games over the past two seasons. He completed 114 of 193 passes last year for 1,536 yards. He also ran 86 times for 401 yards and could get more carries this fall. Chase Sukanick and Trey Snyder will back up the senior.

RUNNING BACKS

Three players are in the mix to be the Tigers' primary ball carriers in senior Braxton Lakatos, junior Brady Zimmerman and sophomore Chase Sukanick.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Senior Mason Bollinger returns after leading the team with 38 receptions for 520 yards and six touchdowns last year. Junior Michael Lagowy had 11 catches for 149 yards and a pair of TDs last season. Senior Kemurry Morgan will also be a primary target.

OFFENSIVE LINE

With four graduates to replace, returning senior Colton Popp will lead the interior from the left tackle position. Sophomore Maddox Hurdle will play right tackle. Sophomore Nolan Koehler and junior Luke Rennels are battling for center, while three players, seniors Braidon Berk and Michael Boring, and sophomore Devin Rex are competing for the two guard spots. Tight end Shane Hulmes, a senior and three-year starter, scored 11 total TDs last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Popp, a nose tackle, will lead a three-man front of all new starters. Sophomore Fritz Scheirer will play one defensive end position while senior Ethan Steigerwalt and Michael Boring will be part of a rotation on the other side.

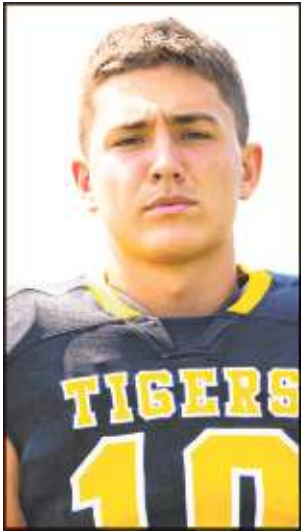
LINEBACKERS

All-State linebacker Hulmes returns as a starter in the middle of the team's 3-5 look. The senior led the team in solo tackles (53) last year and was second with 116 total stops. On the outside, Brady Zimmerman (team-high 121 tackles in 2024) and Bollinger return. Bollinger was an all-state pick last year. In the mix for the other two LB positions are Koehler and senior Evan Wagstaff.

SECONDARY

Lagowy returns and will play corner or safety, depending on the match-up. Morgan was recently leading the battle to play the other cornerback spot. Leh and Sukanick will get reps at safety.

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Mason Bollinger



Shane Leh



Shane Hulmes



Colton Popp



Kemurry Morgan



Evan Wagstaff

TIGERS

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He can line up as a fullback or run a wildcat offense, which the team used effectively last season, especially around the goal line. Last season Hulmes caught five touchdown passes and ran for six scores.

“We’ll move him around,” said Snyder. “He’ll take some direct snaps like he did last year. We’ll line him up at fullback and sort of flex him to different areas.”

Leh started running the ball more at the end of last season. Look for that to continue into this year.

“I think we’ll probably rely on him earlier in the season to run the football,” said Snyder. “Last year we sort of waited for the post-season. He put on about 30 pounds so he’s a little bigger, more physical as a runner. He has a big frame to put it on. He carries it well. He’ll be able to take hits and play defense.”

“We’re looking for big things from him in the air, on the ground, leadership on the field and off the

field.”

Graduation also hit the Tigers hard on defense, taking the starting front three in their 3-5 defense.

But Hulmes returns after an all-state season at inside linebacker for his third full season as a starter. He led the team in solo tackles (53) last season and was second in total tackles (116).

Junior Brady Zimmerman returns at outside linebacker after leading the team with 121 total tackles last year. Bollinger, who earned recognition as an all-state de-

fensive athlete last season, returns at the other outside linebacker position.

In the secondary, graduates Zimmerman (6) and Seth Kern (5) accounted for 11 interceptions last year and will be difficult to replace.

One advantage for the Tigers is that almost all of their first-year starters saw playing time last year, some over the past two seasons.

“Even though we lost a lot of starters, a lot of these guys played in a lot of football games,” said Snyder. “There were a lot of lop-

sided wins. Our backups last year probably played eight games because of how much we were able to get them in games.”

Northwestern has played 32 games over the past two seasons en route to reaching two state championship games. No other team in the state has played more. That also means the team has more experience and has had

more time to form chemistry than any other team in the state.

“Combine the two years, we’ve played an extra season,” said Snyder. “All those weeks of practice, our scout team players and freshmen, they’re playing and practicing an extra season. That goes a long way. They’re ready. They’re eager.”

N'WESTERN RECORDS

Year	Record	Head Coach
2024	16-0	Josh Snyder
2023	15-1	Josh Snyder
2022	11-3	Josh Snyder
2021	11-1	Josh Snyder
2020	7-2	Josh Snyder
2019	10-2	Josh Snyder
2018	9-3	Josh Snyder
2017	4-7	Josh Snyder
2016	5-6	Josh Snyder
2015	9-3	Josh Snyder
2014	11-2	Josh Snyder
2013	9-3	Josh Snyder
2012	3-7	Josh Snyder
2011	5-5	Tom Linette
2010	5-5	Tom Linette
2009	8-4	Bob Mitchell
2008	4-6	Bob Mitchell
2007	7-5	Bob Mitchell
2006	9-3	Bob Mitchell
2005	2-8	Bob Mitchell
2004	5-5	Bob Mitchell
2003	9-3	Bob Mitchell
2002	11-3	Bob Mitchell
2001	10-2	Bob Mitchell



Northwestern lines up to run a play during a recent practice.

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2025 NORTHWESTERN ROSTER

SENIORS											
Player	Height	Weight	Position	Player	Height	Weight	Position	Player	Height	Weight	Position
Colin Macauley	6-1	163	WR/DB	Michael Mish	6-1	167	TE/LB	Dean Lutz	5-11	159	OL/DL
Shane Hulmes	6-0	213	TE/LB	William Turner	5-9	156	WR/DB	Logan Grubb	5-5	191	OL/DL
Kemurry Morgan	5-8	154	WR/DB	Harrison Wertman	6-2	212	TE/DL	Fritz Scheirer	6-1	194	OL/DL
Braxton Lakatosh	5-9	176	RB/LB	Rhys Trotter	6-2	209	OL/DL	Maddox Hurdle	6-1	285	OL//DL
Mason Bollinger	6-2	188	WR/LB	Luke Rennells	5-9	187	OL/LB	Rhonin Jonassaint	5-9	142	WR/DB
Shane Leh	6-1	187	WR/DB	Robert DiGiacomo	5-9	183	OL/LB	FRESHMEN			
Evan Wagstaff	5-8	178	TE/LB	SOPHOMORES				Player	Height	Weight	Position
Ethan Steigerwalt	5-10	200	OL/DL	Player	Height	Weight	Position	Trey Snyder	5-8	122	QB/DB
Michael Boring	5-10	210	OL/DL	Chase Sukanick	5-8	155	QB/LB	Calvin Kulp	5-8	111	WR/DB
Colton Popp	6-0	234	OL/DL	Lucian Sterling	5-10	153	WR/DB	Tripp Sell	5-6	124	WR/DB
Braidon Berk	5-10	199	OL/DL	Landon Gauweiler	5-10	152	RB/LB	LJ Gonger	5-6	120	WR/DB
Craig Snyder	5-9	225	OL/DL	Kendall Wikert	5-10	148	WR/DB	Chase Kerschner	5-9	140	RB/LB
JUNIORS				Kollin Stringer	5-7	178	RB/LB	Adam Griffith	5-4	138	RB/LB
Player	Height	Weight	Position	Nicholas Whitney	5-10	168	TE/LB	Caleb Hulmes	5-5	147	OL//LB
Brady Zimmerman	5-6	149	RB/LB	Kaden Kumernitsky	6-1	203	OL/DL	Carter Appleby	5-6	175	OL/LB
Michael Lagowy	6-0	162	WR/DB	Devin Rex	5-9	222	OL/DL	Nathan Apina	5-11	218	OL/DL
				Nolan Koehler	5-8	175	OL/LB	Jeremy Jobmann	5-7	174	OL/DL
				Mack Hausman	5-10	180	OL/DL	Logan Lutzko	5-10	154	OL/DL
								Caleb Jones	5-6	271	OL/DL



Colin Macauley



Ethan Steigerwalt



Michael Boring



Craig Snyder

TN AREA DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

Team	Year	Class	Head Coach
Northwestern	2024	3A	Josh Snyder
Northwestern	2023	3A	Josh Snyder
Northwestern	2022	3A	Josh Snyder
Northern Lehigh	2022	1A	Joe Tout
Northern Lehigh	2021	2A	Joe Tout
Tamaqua	2019	3A	Sam Bonner
Marian	2015	1A	Stan Dakosty
Northwestern	2014	2A	Josh Snyder
Northern Lehigh	2010	2A	Joe Tout
Marian	2007	1A	Stan Dakosty
Northern Lehigh	2003	2A	Jim Tkach
Northwestern	2002	2A	Bob Mitchell
Lehighton	2001	3A	Bill Brong
Marian	2000	2A	Stan Dakosty
Northern Lehigh	1999	2A	Jim Tkach
Marian	1998	2A	Stan Dakosty
Northwestern	1997	2A	Bob Mitchell
Northwestern	1995	2A	Bob Mitchell
Palmerton	1993	2A	Manny Guedes
Marian	1993	1A	Stan Dakosty
Marian	1989	1A	Stan Dakosty
Panther Valley	1988	1A	Tom Bonner
Lehighton	1987	3A	Dave Parsons
Panther Valley	1987	1A	Joe Leonzi
Marian	1985	1A	Stan Dakosty

MOST OFFENSIVE YARDS IN A GAME (1987-2024)

Team	Opp.	Date	Yards	Team	Opp.	Date	Yards	Team	Opp.	Date	Yards	Team	Opp.	Date	Yards
Lehighton	vs. Jim Thorpe	10/27/17	643	Northern Lehigh	vs. Palmerton	11/1/02	554	Lehighton	vs. Marian	9/15/17	519	Palmerton	vs. Schuylkill Haven	10/1/21	504
Pleasant Valley	vs. ES South	9/30/16	617	Tamaqua	at Lehighton	10/11/19	550	Northwestern	vs. Tamaqua	8/26/22	518	Pleasant Valley	vs. Dieruff	9/6/13	504
Lehighton	vs. Sch. Haven	10/2/20	605	Marian	vs. Sch. Haven	10/10/14	547	Northern Lehigh	vs. Pine Grove	9/16/22	517	Palmerton	vs. Palisades	9/8/23	503
Lehighton	at Pottsville	10/13/17	596	Jim Thorpe	at Nativity	11/5/99	547	Northwestern	vs. Bangor	9/21/07	517	Lehighton	vs. E. Stroudsburg	10/17/97	503
Palmerton	vs. Jim Thorpe	9/16/22	594	Pleasant Valley	vs. Northampton	9/9/16	546	Lehighton	vs. PM East	9/28/02	517	Lehighton	vs. Jim Thorpe	11/11/17	501
Lehighton	vs. Whitehall	9/15/00	587	Tamaqua	vs. Blue Mountain	9/22/17	545	Jim Thorpe	vs. Panther Vy.	9/21/12	516	Palmerton	vs. Wilson	9/4/15	500
Northwestern	vs. Bangor	9/24/21	577	Palmerton	vs. North Schuylkill	10/13/23	541	Northern Lehigh	vs. Palmerton	11/13/21	514	Northern Lehigh	vs. WB-GAR	11/26/10	500
Northwestern	vs. Lehighton	11/9/07	574	Tamaqua	at Panther Valley	10/29/21	541	Lehighton	vs. Tamaqua	10/6/17	512	Palmerton	at Catasauqua	10/5/18	499
Jim Thorpe	vs. Marian	8/31/18	571	Northern Lehigh	at Northwestern	10/12/12	541	Northern Lehigh	vs. Saucon Vy.	9/17/10	512	Jim Thorpe	at So. Lehigh	10/31/24	498
Pleasant Valley	vs. ES North	10/14/16	571	Northern Lehigh	vs. Salisbury	10/23/20	540	Marian	vs. Jenkintown	11/10/07	512	Lehighton	vs. Jim Thorpe	10/25/24	498
Northwestern	vs. Lehighton	11/6/20	570	Northwestern	at Palmerton	10/9/20	540	Northern Lehigh	at Catasauqua	10/29/04	511	Marian	at Montgomery	11/2/01	498
Palmerton	at Pine Grove	9/30/22	569	Tamaqua	vs. Marian	11/6/09	538	Northwestern	at Palmerton	9/28/18	510	Tamaqua	vs. Mahanoy Area	9/1/17	497
Northwestern	at N. Schuylkill	9/27/24	568	Northern Lehigh	vs. Pen Argyl	10/15/21	537	Tamaqua	vs. Panther Vy.	9/16/16	510	Jim Thorpe	vs. C. Brennan	10/22/94	497
Tamaqua	at Annville-Cleona	9/28/12	566	Marian	vs. Jim Thorpe	10/28/11	537	Jim Thorpe	vs. Tamaqua	9/3/04	510	Jim Thorpe	at Pine Grove	9/24/22	496
Lehighton	at Schuylkill Vy.	9/9/16	562	Lehighton	vs. No. Dame	11/8/91	533	Northern Lehigh	at Pine Grove	9/16/23	509	Jim Thorpe	at Panther Vy.	9/6/19	495
Pleasant Valley	vs. Lehighton	9/21/12	560	Lehighton	vs. Palisades	11/18/17	531	Northwestern	vs. Saucon Valley	10/23/20	509	Jim Thorpe	vs. Salisbury	10/2/09	495
Palmerton	at Bangor	9/18/15	558	Northwestern	at Wilson	9/14/19	530	Jim Thorpe	at Panther Vy.	9/20/13	509	Palmerton	vs. Bangor	9/7/01	495
Pleasant Valley	vs. Stroudsburg	10/31/03	558	Jim Thorpe	vs. Palmerton	8/23/24	524	Palmerton	vs. So. Lehigh	9/16/94	508	Lehighton	at Panther Valley	9/11/20	493
				Jim Thorpe	at Northwest	10/8/99	520	Palmerton	vs. Palisades	10/4/24	506	Lehighton	at Shenandoah	10/23/15	492

PALMERTON



Bombers to have young QB, seasoned line

BY TJ ENGLE
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It's been a while since Palmer-ton has had a quarterback competition.

After having Matt Machalik run the show for a number of years and Jameson Trainer taking over the reins behind center last season, Blue Bomber head coach Chris Walkowiak will look to one of two sophomores to take snaps on Friday nights.

The veteran mentor is monitoring the progress of both TK Gursky and TJ Weller, who are battling for the starting job.

"Both have been growing daily since we started our summer workouts," said Walkowiak, who enters his 15th season leading the Palmerton progress. "They're both hard workers and battle each

day to get better, and more importantly make the team better.

"They each possess certain intangibles that will serve them well during the season."

Gursky and Weller have similar size and both have already seen action on the turf at the varsity level.

Their head coach is stressing priorities to his young signal-callers and not asking them to do too much.

"Right now, we are looking for consistency in their play and asking them to manage the game by making good decisions with the ball, not forcing things and increasing their anticipation with their throws to help get rid of the ball faster," said Walkowiak, whose team finished 3-7 a year ago.

"We have a very good nucleus around them of experience on offense, which will serve both of them well."

Walkowiak is pleased with their development so far and looks forward to working with them as the season moves along.

He is also excited to watch them "grow physically and mentally."

Helping them to do just that are the players that will be surrounding them. In the backfield, senior Caleb Sagastume and junior Cale Young, along with sophomore Michael Garey, will look to lighten the load for the Bomber QBs by churning out yards on the ground.

"Each brings a different style of running the ball, and we need to stay healthy with all of them since they all know our offense

and can make plays," Walkowiak said. "I like how they operate in our offense."

Young collected 294 yards rushing on just 46 carries last year, while Sagastume took 33 handoffs and gained 163 yards. The Bombers' leading ground gainer was Trainer, who topped 1,000 yards.

Trainer had very capable receivers in 2024, and they return this season. Vincent Taglieri (30 catches, 387 yards, five TDs) and Alex Keiper (13.18 yards per catch) lead the way, while Young also snared 18 receptions.

Others, whether lined in the slot or outside, who expect to contribute include juniors Connor Lawless and Jacob Walkowiak, and sophomores Ben Negley and Gaven Meixsell.

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Two sophomores – TK Gursky and TJ Weller – are battling to take snaps behind center for the Bombers. Gursky may have the upper hand, serving as the back-up last season behind Jameson Trainer.

RUNNING BACKS

Trainer (1,166 yards) accounted for more than half of the Bombers' 1,957 yards on the ground last season, but the Bombers do return a trio of experienced running backs. The Bombers will rely on senior Caleb Sagastume (33 carries for 163), junior Cale Young (46-294) and sophomore Mikey Garey (16-63).

WIDE RECEIVERS

Look for senior Vincent Taglieri to add to his team-leading 387 receiving yards and five TD receptions from a year ago. Looking to complement Taglieri at slot will be juniors Connor Lawless, Jake Walkowiak, and Young while fellow senior Alex Keiper and sophomores Ben Negley and Gaven Meixsell round out the receiver position.

OFFENSIVE LINE

The Bombers return their entire front line. Leading the way are seniors Logan Anthony and Beau Stahler, and returning to lend a helping hand are juniors Mason Heilman, Mason Konze, Cooper Henry and Colson Ruzicka. Sophomores Wyatt Gable and Parker Davis have experience upfront, while in-coming freshman Colby Kohler will also see time.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Anthony, Stahler and Company won't have much rest in the trenches, as they will also line up on defense. With nine linemen, though, the Bombers will have plenty of players to rotate in and out between plays.

LINEBACKERS

The Bombers lost both Trainer and Ortiz to graduation. Senior James Mack returns with the most experience. Fellow seniors Anderson Garcia and Caleb Sagastume figure to start, while others to see time include juniors Dillon Anthony, Chris Collier and Connor Lawless, as well as sophomores Mikey Garey and Ben Negley.

SECONDARY

Coach Walkowiak welcomes back senior Alex Keiper to the secondary, while Cale Young, Gaven Meixsell and Jake Walkowiak will lend a hand to a squad that had 13 interceptions in 2024.

PALMERTON

PALMERTON RECORDS

Year	Record	Head Coach
2024	3-7	Chris Walkowiak
2023	12-1	Chris Walkowiak
2022	7-5	Chris Walkowiak
2021	9-3	Chris Walkowiak
2020	3-5	Chris Walkowiak
2019	3-7	Chris Walkowiak
2018	3-7	Chris Walkowiak
2017	8-4	Chris Walkowiak
2016	6-6	Chris Walkowiak
2015	5-5	Chris Walkowiak
2014	7-4	Chris Walkowiak
2013	2-8	Chris Walkowiak
2012	0-10	Chris Walkowiak
2011	4-6	Chris Walkowiak
2010	3-7	Paul McArdle
2009	1-9	Paul McArdle
2008	9-3	Paul McArdle
2007	9-3	Paul McArdle
2006	6-5	Paul McArdle
2005	4-6	Paul McArdle
2004	2-9	Paul McArdle
2003	0-10	Rick Bennett
2002	1-9	Donn Nicholas
2001	1-9	Donn Nicholas
2000	3-7	Caz Kosciolk
1999	3-8	Caz Kosciolk
1998	7-4	Manny Guedes
1997	7-3	Manny Guedes
1996	3-8	Manny Guedes
1995	5-7	Manny Guedes
1994	9-2	Manny Guedes
1993	10-2	Manny Guedes



A Palmerton defender covers a receiver during a play at practice.

BOMBERS

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“Our seniors have very good knowledge of our system and bring speed and play making ability to the field,” Walkowiak said. “Our junior class is solid with their efforts and play-making abilities. They also have excellent attitudes that help make the whole unit cohesive.”

“They no doubt help our offense continue to get better in the pass game. I am excited about this group as a whole, they’re play makers, and they’re all selfless. They’re a very fun group to work with.”

Any success by the offense, though, starts up front with the offensive line. And the Bombers are blessed with quality in the trenches.

Seniors, and four-year starters, Logan Anthony — a

Division I recruit (Rutgers) — and Beau Stahler return. Juniors Mason Heilman, Mason Konze, Colson Ruzicka and Cooper Henry, as well as sophomore Wyatt Gable, give Coach Walkowiak a formidable front.

“In order to be successful, we need this entire unit to play well, and I believe we have many other key contributors in the trenches,” Walkowiak said. “Anthony and Stahler have the experience and knowledge of our system to make all the calls and mentor our other lineman. But, we need to be physical at all times with this unit and consistent with our mental approach.”

“I like how we are gelling together, and I expect this unit to be our core nucleus to lead the way this year. We are also in the process of developing (sophomore) Parker Davis and (freshman)

Colby Kohler to add even more depth up front.”

With some experience under their belt now — 68 percent of the program were sophomores and freshmen — Walkowiak expects his team to be much improved from last year.

“Last season is gone, and now it is time to show maturity and make plays,” Walkowiak said. “We have enough experience back; however, we need to have consistency in all phases of the game. We must act like a veteran team, although we still have quite a few underclassmen in our lineup.”

“Responding to adverse situations is a must, while playing fundamental football and executing our assignments are a priority. We no doubt can’t beat ourselves or put ourselves in bad situations as we have done in the past.”

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Player	Height	Weight	Position
Alexander Keiper	5-8	150	WR/DB
Vincent Taglieri	5-7	145	Slot/DB
Floyd Michael	5-10	157	WR/DB
Caleb Sagastume	5-7	185	RB/OLB
Anderson Garcia	5-8	212	RB/ILB
James Mack	5-9	154	OL/ILB
Beau Stahler	6-0	243	OL/DL
Logan Anthony	6-3	320	OL/DL

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Chris Collier	5-6	135	WR/QB/LB
Nathan Goldstein	6-0	170	WR/DE
Cale Young	5-9	155	Slot/DB
Jacob Walkowiak	5-8	145	Slot/DB
Hunter Sell	5-8	132	K
Connor Lawless	5-5	147	Slot/OLB
Dawson Takerer	5-10	160	WR/OLB
Dillion Anthony	5-8	155	Slot/ILB
Mason Konze	6-1	255	OL/DL
Mason Heilman	5-8	276	OL/DL
Colson Ruzicka	5-11	260	OL/DL
Cooper Henry	6-1	205	OL/DL
Devlin Moyzan	6-1	166	K

Player	Height	Weight	Position
TJ Weller	5-8	144	QB/DB
Lucas Mertz	5-0	120	WR/DB
Ben Negley	5-11	165	WR/OLB
Connor Buck	5-9	150	WR/DB
T.K. Gursky	5-7	135	QB/ILB
Gaven Meixsell	5-9	150	WR/DB
Michael Garey	5-9	173	RB/ILB
Ryan Sammy	5-6	150	RB/OLB
Bladimil Baez	5-5	132	Slot/DB
Wyatt Gable	6-1	240	OL/DL
Parker Davis	6-2	190	OL/DE

Player	Height	Weight	Position
John Bishop	5-9	145	WR/OLB
Colton Labukas	5-8	130	WR/DB
Carlos Rivera	5-8	180	RB/ILB
E.J. Jimenez	5-9	134	WR/DB
Steele Zalik	5-9	125	WR/DB
William Kresge	6-0	201	OL/DL
Colby Kohler	6-1	185	OL/DL
Lucas Szumigraj	5-7	217	OL/ILB
Mason Moyer	5-10	215	OL/DL
Preston Stepp	5-10	206	OL/DL



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Caleb Sagastume



Floyd Michael



James Mack



Logan Anthony



Vincent Taglieri

PALMERTON MOST YARDS PASSING, SEASON

Player	Comp-Att	Yards	Player	Comp-Att	Yards
Matt Machalik (2022)	156-270	2,554	Matt Machalik (2021)	92-170	1,301
Garrett Perschy (2016)	153-259	2,152	Garrett Perschy (2014)	94-167	1,299
Brian Morgan (1989)	149-308	2,030	Chris Lucykanish (1993)	81-175	1,220
Tekoah Guedes (2017)	157-305	1,707	Zach Heller (2006)	65-140	1,172
Matt Machalik (2023)	104-209	1,529	Matt Falcone (2008)	66-137	1,147

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PANTHER VALLEY



Panthers boast both chemistry, experience

BY JEFF MOELLER
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This summer, Brody Breiner has beamed about the team chemistry and overall experience at Panther Valley.

With several returning upperclassmen, the senior quarterback is confident the Panthers can be a force in the Schuylkill League. Breiner hasn't tempered his high expectations despite his team winning two games (2-8) last season, and a total of seven over his previous three campaigns.

"The summer has been going amazing," said Breiner, who battled through injuries and completed 25 of 69 passes for 224 yards and also ran for 259 yards. "Every day we are pushing each other to get one percent better, and it's paying

off so far.

"Our chemistry is amazing, we all work very well together and have been playing sports with each other for a while."

Breiner is confident the Panthers can reverse the course from previous seasons and find their way to the postseason.

"We have the tools and strength to win, we just have to put it all together on the field and treat every play like it's our last one," he added. "Some goals in mind include making the district playoffs, having an overall winning record and getting better each week and fixing any mistakes we have."

Head coach Mark Lavine has echoed his senior's thoughts and anticipations, as he was pleased with the team's development

during the summer.

"I am very happy with where we are after our summer workouts and the first week of heat acclimatization," said Lavine. "We like where we are as far as conditioning and having our stuff in on both offense and defense."

"We have really good chemistry, led by a really good senior class who has played a lot of football and are great at helping our younger players and getting them up to speed. We have a lot of players who saw significant action last year."

Besides Breiner, senior Marcus Rodriguez is back at fullback and fellow seniors Ben Baneravage and Gavin Yuricheck return at wide receiver. Rodriguez rushed for 198 yards and scored a

pair of touchdowns last season.

Freshmen Chase McArdle and Troy Nunez are expected to be regular contributors at wide receiver and tailback, respectively. Senior Gino Williams will take over at tight end.

Yuricheck also has seen a tighter bond among his teammates.

"We have developed great chemistry," said Yuricheck. "The younger players are adjusting very well and quickly learning the plays, and some are even making statements for starting positions. I believe our team has the strength and talent to compete with anyone as long as we play confident and use that talent and strength."

"Some goals for this season for us as a team would be to make

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Senior Brody Breiner is a returning three-year starter, and can be a dual threat as an effective runner. Breiner was injured for the final six games last season. Freshman Corrigan Crampsie will be the backup.

RUNNING BACKS

Senior fullback Marcus Rodriguez will be back for his third year in the backfield. Sophomore Troy Nunez, and freshmen Nolan Rolan and Carson Jones both had a productive summer, and they are expected to see plenty of playing time.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Senior tight end Gino Williams had a good camp, and he is expected to be a prime target. Seniors 6-1 Ben Baneravage and 6-4 Gavin Yuricheck will be counted on to use their height and will be primary targets. Sophomore 6-2 Chase McArdle will also be in the mix. The group should help the Panthers elevate their passing game and provide more overall balance.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Senior tackle Marco Tessitore has been a factor for the past three years. Junior Spencer Black will open at right tackle. Juniors Jerry Harrison and Carlos Maldonado spent plenty of time in the weight room and will be the starters at guard. Sophomore Brody Vermillion is highly regarded for his checks on the line. Freshman Nathan Rolon also figures to see some time.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Tessitore is known for his overall strength and could be one of the area's better tackles. Harrison and senior Ja'saad Smith will also be in the rotation, while Williams, Rodriguez, and Maldonado will share time at end. Junior Jayden Ramos will provide depth.

LINEBACKERS

Vermillion and senior Peter Kruslicky both started last year and should benefit from their experience. They both had an excellent camp. Jones won the job for the other spot.

SECONDARY

This will be one of the Panthers' stronger units. The Panthers will bring back Breiner as a four-year starter, and Baneravage led the team in tackles last season. They both will be at safety. Yuricheck and McArdle will be the starters at corner.

PANTHER VALLEY

2025 PANTHER VALLEY ROSTER

SENIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Gavin Yurichcek	6-4	205	WR/DB
Brody Breiner	5-10	170	QB/DB
Ben Baneravage	6-1	155	WR/DB
Peter Kruslicky	5-10	190	FB/LB
Marcus Rodriguez	5-10	220	RB/DB
Zack Zabroski	5-10	155	OL/LB
Marco Tessitore	6-2	315	OL/DL
Bobby Campomizzi	5-9	160	OL/LB
Ja'Saad Smith	6-0	325	OL/DL
Gino Williams	6-1	220	TE/DL

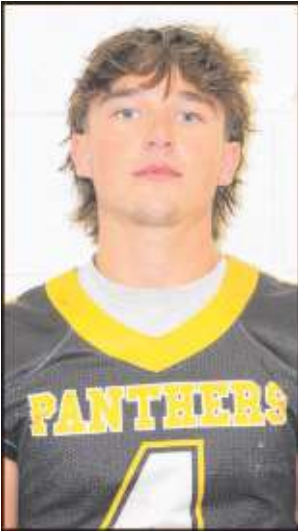
JUNIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Gabe Rodriguez Jr.	5-9	150	RB/DB
Aaron Wagner	5-9	140	RB/LB
Landon Hunsinger	5-7	150	RB/LB
Gabriel Rodriguez	5-9	170	RB/LB
Jayden Ramos	5-8	275	OL/DL
Jerry Harrison	6-1	270	OL/DL
Spencer Black	6-4	250	OL/DL
Carlos Maldonado	6-1	250	OL/DL

SOPHOMORES			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Lyric Ingrassia	5-6	165	FB/LB
Chase McArdle	6-2	175	WR/DB
Tyler Boyd	6-2	145	WR/DB
Troy Nunez	5-6	165	RB/LB
Cy Maynard	6-2	170	QB/DB
Jason Ahn	6-0	175	TE/DE
Brody Vermillion	6-1	210	OL/LB
Teegan Brideson	6-2	250	OL/DL
Anthony Iudicello	5-9	240	OL/DL
James Kelly	6-2	295	OL/DL

FRESHMEN			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Corrigan Crampsie	5-7	125	QB/DB
Giovanni Wilson	5-8	140	RB/DB
Carson Jones	5-9	205	RB/LB
Max Gasker	5-6	125	WR/DB
Nathan Rolon	5-7	155	RB/LB
Landon White	5-9	130	RB/LB
Markell Wilson	5-5	140	RB/DB
Ari Cambria	5-9	200	OL/DL
Ty Williams	5-8	170	OL/DL
Wyatt Helmer	5-6	185	OL/DL
Dennis Williams	5-10	210	OL/DL
Javie Martinez	5-9	210	OL/DL
Steven Weaver	6-0	160	TE/LB



Gavin Yurichcek



Brody Breiner



Ben Baneravage



Peter Kruslicky

PANTHERS

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playoffs and beat some rival teams like Marian, and have fun because that's what it's all about in the end."

Up front, senior Marco Tessitore and juniors Jerry Harrison and Spencer Black will help anchor the line. Freshman Brody Vermillion will get the nod at center.

Senior Ja'Saad Smith (6-0, 325) will be counted on to utilize his size, and junior Jayden Ramos should see plenty of playing time.

Lavine believes his team has developed, and he sees a victory in the season opener against Salisbury as a jump start for the season.

Panther Valley lost to Salisbury, 28-6, in last

year's opener.

From there, the Panthers dropped two more games and had a three-game losing streak later in the season. They haven't had a winning season since 2009 when they went 9-3.

"We believe that we have the talent and overall strength within the program to compete with anyone and win football games," emphasized

Lavine. "We need to stay healthy and continue to get better throughout camp and our first game and everything else will take care of itself."

"We definitely need an early spark, but we need to create a spark and not wait for something to happen as we have done in the past."

His players agree. "It would mean a lot to get an early win to start the

season off and start to roll the momentum for the season," said Breiner.

"Picking up an early win this year would be huge for us," added Yurichcek. "We need to bring it to Salisbury week one to prove ourselves as contenders in this league."

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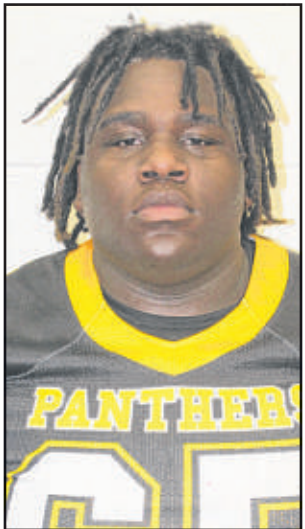
Bobby Campomizzi



One of Panther Valley’s coaches gives instructions during a recent practice.



Marco Tessitore



Ja'Saad Smith



Gino Williams

2024 TIMES NEWS FOOTBALL STATS

RECORDS						Rory Dixon, Mar.	237	1229	5.19	Justin Yescavage, JT	55	756	13.75				
Team	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Pts.	Jameson Trainer, Palm.	173	1166	6.74	Chris Frame, NL	22	632	28.73				
				For	Ag.	Bradley Whalen, Tam.	134	861	6.43	Joshua Louk, JT	49	629	12.84				
				Northwestern	16	0	1.000	669	126	Grady Newhard, NL	149	821	5.51	Mason Bollinger, NW	38	520	13.68
				Northern Lehigh	7	4	.636	305	284	Lukas Croizier, Leh.	146	703	4.82	Joe Roth, Leh.	32	421	13.16
				Tamaqua	7	4	.636	308	208	Luke Kane, Tam.	102	697	6.83	Landon Matson, NW	20	410	20.50
				Marian	6	5	.545	191	209	Chris Ward, PIVy.	105	696	6.63	Aaron Curran, JT	42	404	9.62
				Lehigh	5	7	.417	275	352	Jacob Ferguson, Leh.	71	619	8.72	Vincent Taglieri, Palm.	30	387	12.90
				Palmerton	3	7	.300	192	382	Jayse Lawrence, Leh.	102	553	5.42	Caden Meek, Leh.	29	356	12.28
				Jim Thorpe	3	8	.273	206	446	Chris Frame, NL	79	523	6.62	Michael Gelatko, Mar.	27	295	10.93
				Panther Valley	2	8	.200	66	359	Shane Leh, NW	88	448	5.09	Eli Zimmerman, NW	28	277	9.89
Pleasant Valley	0	11	.000	114	420	Brennan Kunkel, PaVy.	94	398	4.23	Blake Roberts, Leh.	27	264	9.78				
						Cole Lazorick, JT	123	368	2.99	William Breuer, PIVy.	13	251	19.31				
TEAM STATISTICS						Ryan Zambo, NL											
Offense						Passing			Scoring								
	Rush	Pass	Yds	Avg.		Comp	Att.	Yds.		TD	xp2xp	FG	Pts				
Northwestern	4565	1638	6203	387.7	Cole Lazorick, JT	167	266	2058									
Tamaqua	2277	1279	3556	323.3	Shane Leh, NW	114	186	1585	Eli Zimmerman, NW	38	0	2	0	232			
No. Lehigh	1972	1324	3296	299.6	Luke Kane, Tam.	96	174	1262	Seth Kern, NW	8	49	0	3	106			
Jim Thorpe	1044	2208	3252	295.6	Garrett Smoyer, NL	71	128	1253	Chris Frame, NL	16	0	1	0	98			
Lehigh	2089	1317	3406	283.8	Jayse Lawrence, Leh.	109	190	1247	Rory Dixon, Mar.	14	0	0	0	84			
Palmerton	1957	875	2832	283.2	Jameson Trainer, Palm.	83	164	875	Luke Kane, Tam.	14	0	0	0	84			
Pleasant Vy.	1735	498	2233	203.0	Dylan Rodino, Mar.	37	93	507	Mason Bollinger, NW	13	0	1	0	80			
Marian	1600	588	2188	198.9	Jaxson Haines, PIVy.	38	77	418	Joshua Louk, JT	13	0	0	0	78			
Panther Vy.	1333	444	1777	177.7	Brody Breiner, PaVy.	25	69	224	Jameson Trainer, Palm.	13	0	0	0	78			
						Ben Baneravage, PaVy.	18	33	173	Victor Schlosser, Tam.	12	0	0	0	72		
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS						Grady Newhard, NL											
Rushing						Receiving											
	No.	Yds.	Avg			No.	Yds.	Avg.									
Eli Zimmerman, NW	248	2665	10.75	Victor Schlosser, Tam.	65	769	11.83		Chris Ward, PIVy.	8	0	1	0	60			
									Cole Lazorick, JT	8	0	0	0	48			

PLEASANT VALLEY



Lessons learned put PV on path forward

BY PATRICK MATSINKO
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The 2024 season tested Pleasant Valley in ways few could have imagined.

A year removed from winning the Eastern Conference 5A/6A championship, the Bears graduated 20 seniors and were left with holes at nearly every position. What followed was a winless campaign — but also one filled with lessons that head coach Blaec Saeger believes will pay dividends this fall.

“Last year, a lot of our guys were thrown into roles they weren’t ready for, and they had to learn on the fly,” Saeger said. “But they competed, they got bet-

ter, and those experiences are only going to help us now. It was tough, but the kids grew through it.”

This fall, Pleasant Valley will lean on a large senior class — 24 in total — to reestablish the identity of the program. Saeger sees the experience of last year as a foundation for growth.

Instead of scrambling to plug holes, the Bears enter 2025 with veteran leadership and confidence that was forged through adversity.

“This is the most seniors we’ve had in a while, and they understand what it means to be part of Pleasant Valley football,” Saeger said.

“They’ve been through hard times. They’ve seen what it takes. Now they want to be the group that turns it around.”

That leadership begins under center with senior quarterback Jaxson Haines, who started every game last season.

Haines threw for 418 yards and two touchdowns, but more importantly gained the type of experience that can’t be replicated in practice.

“Having a second-year kid in the system always makes life easier,” Saeger said. “I expect huge things out of him. He’s really taken ownership of the offense, and he’s grown as a leader.”

The Bears also have depth in the backfield. Seniors Isaac Westerman and Jacob George will share time at fullback, with George rushing for 238 yards and three scores last year.

At wingback, junior Chris Ward returns after leading the team in rushing with 696 yards and five total touchdowns, while Marcelus Solt is back after missing much of 2024 with an injury.

The addition of Niko Payan, returning to the program after a year away, adds another playmaker, while sophomore Sean Cobb brings speed and athleticism.

Pleasant Valley’s passing
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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Senior Jaxson Haines returns after starting a year ago. Haines threw for 418 yards and two TDs as a junior, gaining valuable experience. Coach Blaec Saeger said Haines has taken major strides in leadership and maturity.

RUNNING BACKS

PV has depth at fullback, with senior Isaac Westerman and junior Jacob George splitting time. George rushed for 238 yards and three scores last year as a sophomore. At wingback, Marcelus Solt returns after missing much of 2024 with an injury. He’s joined by Chris Ward, who led PV with 696 rushing yards and five total TDs. Niko Payan, who returns to the program, brings two-way ability, while sophomore Sean Cobb adds athleticism and playmaking potential.

WIDE RECEIVERS/TE

Junior William Breuer caught 13 passes for 251 yards a season ago and is poised for a breakout year. Senior Ajani Wheeler, also a returning starter, provides steady hands and strong blocking on the edge. Depth will come from senior Andrew Schmids and other upper-classmen pushing for snaps.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Three seniors lead the unit: McGregor Edward (guard), Brad Serfass (guard/tackle) and Ricky Merklin (center). Senior John DePaul has emerged as a first-time varsity addition, while junior Colin O’Neil anchors the left tackle spot. Others competing for time include Nick Colella and Logan Czura.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Pleasant Valley will rely on rotation and depth up front. Merklin anchors the nose guard spot, while Wheeler and Edward line up at end. Serfass, O’Neil, and Czura will also see time in the rotation.

LINEBACKERS

Westerman and George will play inside, giving the Bears two physical presences in the middle. On the outside, Chris Ward returns after earning all-league recognition. Junior Tyler F. Brown is also in the mix for the other outside spot.

SECONDARY

Breuer returns at corner, while Cobb will start opposite him. Marcelus Solt, a returning starter, will play safety alongside Niko Payan. Haines will also see snaps as a DB when possible, and sophomore Gavin Dorshimer provides depth at safety. Tyler C. Brown is also in the mix in the secondary.

PLEASANT VALLEY

2025 PLEASANT VALLEY ROSTER

SENIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Adam Ahmed	5-9	175	FB/LB
Kevin Caron	5-9	185	FB/LB
Josh Cruz	5-8	210	OL/DL
Logan Czura	6-1	235	OL/DL
John DePaul	5-10	195	OL/DL
McGregor Edward	5-1	195	OL/DL
Uriah Gearhart	6-2	185	WR/DB
Jaxson Haines	5-9	165	QB/DB
Jaiden Jaquez	5-9	165	WR/DB
Stephen Matera	5-8	155	WR/DB
Christian Mercedes	5-10	185	FB/LB
Ricky Merklin	5-11	195	OL/DL
Zahmier Morant	5-11	210	OL/DL
Niko Payan	5-10	185	RB/DB
Brody Santo	5-9	165	RB/DB
Andrew Schmidts	6-1	185	WR/LB
Bradley Serfass	5-9	225	OL/DL
London Smith	5-9	175	WR/LB
Marcelus Solt	5-9	175	RB/DB
Storm Sykes	6-1	215	OL/DL
Malachi Watt	6-0	225	OL/DL
Matthew Watt	6-0	225	OL/DL
Isaac Westerman	5-9	205	FB/LB
Ajani Wheeler	6-2	205	WR/DL

JUNIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Noah Brandes	5-10	225	OL/DL
CJ Cornell	5-8	175	WR/DB
Justin Adamski	5-9	165	WR/DB
Anthony Antonucci	5-8	185	WR/LB
William Breuer	6-4	185	WR/DB

Tyler C. Brown	5-8	165	RB/DB
Tyler F. Brown	5-9	185	FB/LB
Nick Colella	6-0	210	OL/DL
Sam Deemer	5-8	190	OL/LB
Gerrit Deyoung	5-9	185	FB/LB
Jacob George	5-10	195	FB/LB
Collin O'Neil	6-3	275	OL/DL
Evan Tomaszewski	5-9	185	FB/LB
John Treantafelo	5-8	235	OL/DL
Nathan Tyner	5-9	185	RB/LB
Chris Ward	5-9	185	RB/LB
Brandt Wines	5-8	195	QB/LB

SOPHOMORES

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Sean Cobb	5-8	165	RB/DB
Gavin Dorshimer	5-9	165	RB/DB
Ethan Duran	5-9	165	K
Justin Estela	5-8	155	WR/DB
Ethan Frost	6-0	165	WR/DB
Chris Godshall	5-9	165	FB/LB
Garrett Hoffman	5-9	225	OL/DL
Conor Rakoski	5-9	165	WR/DB
Christian Roseo-Collins	5-8	165	RB/DB
Tyler Rudelitch	5-8	215	OL/DL
Anthony Salvi	6-0	255	OL/DL
Connor Serfass	5-8	165	FB/LB
Caiden Slack	5-9	165	WR/DB
Cole Vanderah	5-10	185	FB/LB
Maximus Vasquez	6-0	185	QB/DB

FRESHMEN

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Colby Campbell	5-10	215	OL/DL



Adam Ahmed



Kevin Caron



Josh Cruz



Jaxson Haines



Logan Czura



Jaiden Jaquez



Pleasant Valley head coach Blaec Saeger talks to his players during a practice session this season.

PLEASANT VALLEY

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game will benefit from a tall, athletic receiving corps. Senior William Breuer, who caught 13 passes for 251 yards (19.31 yds/catch) last year, is poised for a breakout season.

He's joined by classmate Ajani Wheeler, a returning starter who provides reliable hands and blocking.

Additional depth comes from seniors Andrew Schmits and other upperclassmen pushing for rotation snaps.

The offensive line is anchored by seniors McGregor Edward, Brad Serfass, and Ricky Merklin, with junior Colin O'Neil — a 6-foot-4, 275-pound tackle — emerging as a force on the edge.

Senior John DePaul has stepped into a bigger role, while several others provide depth.

"Colin has all kinds of potential," Saeger said. "He's tough, athletic, and can do great things for us. The rest of the group has worked hard, and we're counting on them to set the tone."

Defensively, the Bears will rely on a rotation up

front. Merklin anchors the middle at nose guard, while Wheeler and Edward play at end. Serfass, O'Neil, and junior Logan Czura will also rotate in to keep the unit fresh.

At linebacker, Pleasant Valley is experienced and physical. Westerman and George will man the middle, while junior Ward returns on the outside after earning all-league recognition last season.

Junior Tyler F. Brown is also in the mix for the other spot on the outside.

"We're very excited to have Westerman back healthy, and George has grown a lot since last year," Saeger said.

"Ward is one of our leaders, and he sets the tone defensively."

The secondary is a blend of experience and athleticism. Breuer returns at corner, with Cobb on the opposite side.

Solt will line up at safety alongside Payan, while Haines can also step in when needed.

Sophomore Gavin Dorshimer adds depth at safety.

"This is an athletic group with more speed than we've had in a while," Saeger said. "They've looked sharp and they're hungry to

prove themselves."

Special teams should also be a strength.

Junior Ward returns as punter after earning all-league honors last season, while Westerman handles kicking duties.

Saeger also noted the addition of a young soccer player who could develop into a future specialist.

More than anything, Saeger believes his team has regained its identity. The struggles of 2024 forced players to grow, and now, with depth, experience, and leadership, the Bears are determined to write a different story.

"Last year was tough, no question, but these kids didn't quit," Saeger said. "They showed up every day, they worked, and they learned."

"That's why I'm so confident in them this year. They're not the same group they were last fall. They're ready to show what Pleasant Valley football is all about."



Stephen Matera



Matthew Watt



McGregor Edward

PLEASANT VALLEY RECORDS

Year	Record	Head Coach	Year	Record	Head Coach	Year	Record	Head Coach
2024	0-11	Blaec Saeger	2014	6-5	Dave Pacchioni	2004	6-4	Mike Falcone
2023	6-5	Blaec Saeger	2013	7-4	Jim Terwilliger	2003	5-5	Neil Dangelo
2022	7-4	Blaec Saeger	2012	8-4	Jim Terwilliger	2002	5-6	Neil Dangelo
2021	5-5	Blaec Saeger	2011	5-5	Jim Terwilliger	2001	2-8	Neil Dangelo
2020	2-3	Blaec Saeger	2010	8-3	Jim Terwilliger	2000	8-4	Tony Caracio
2019	0-10	Blaec Saeger	2009	5-5	Jim Terwilliger	1999	8-4	Tony Caracio
2018	1-9	Matt Kosciulek	2008	1-9	Mike Falcone	1998	3-7	Tony Caracio
2017	2-8	Mark Versuk	2007	3-7	Mike Falcone	1997	3-7	Tony Caracio
2016	8-3	Mark Versuk	2006	1-9	Mike Falcone	1996	2-8	Tony Caracio
2015	6-5	Dave Pacchioni	2005	3-7	Mike Falcone	1995	2-8	Tony Caracio

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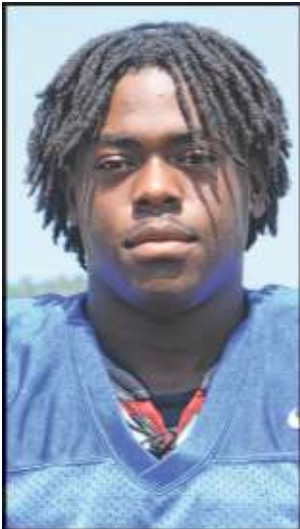
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MOST PASSING YARDS IN A GAME - TN AREA

Name, Team	Yards	Date	Name, Team	Yards	Date
Aidan McHugh, Pleasant Valley	445	Oct. 27, 2017	Richard Fronheiser, Lehigh	296	Sept. 11, 2020
Richard Fronheiser, Lehigh	398	Oct. 2, 2020	Brandon Leap, Pleasant Valley	296	Sept. 29, 2012
Cole Lazoric, Jim Thorpe	389	Oct. 31, 2024	Kyle Hunter, Lehigh	296	Sept. 4, 2009
Chris Whiteman, Lehigh	380	Aug. 31, 2018	Deven Bollinger, Northwestern	292	Sept. 9, 2016
Aidan McHugh, Pleasant Valley	352	Oct. 13, 2017	Brent Andrew, Marian	292	Oct. 24, 1997
Derrick Walling, Pleasant Valley	349	Oct. 22, 2010	Eric Schrantz, Jim Thorpe	291	Nov. 2, 1993
Matt Machalik, Palmerton	347	Sept. 30, 2022	Deven Bollinger, Northwestern	290	Sept. 27, 2019
Brayden Knoblauch, Tamaqua	347	Aug. 23, 2019	Ryan Saunders, Jim Thorpe	288	Nov. 8, 2013
Matt Machalik, Palmerton	345	Oct. 14, 2022	Eric Schrantz, Jim Thorpe	284	Nov. 14, 1992
Matt Long, Jim Thorpe	342	Oct. 29, 1999	Brandon Leap, Pleasant Valley	281	Oct. 25, 2013
Brett Balliet, Jim Thorpe	327	Oct. 14, 2022	Brandon Leap, Pleasant Valley	281	Sept. 6, 2013
Cazzie Kosciulek, Panther Valley	326	Aug. 30, 1991	Derrick Walling, Pleasant Valley	281	Oct. 8, 2010
Brandon Kuehner, Pleasant Valley	325	Sept. 6, 2014	Brent Andrew, Marian	280	Nov. 9, 1996
Cazzie Kosciulek, Panther Valley	325	Nov. 6, 1992	Derrick Walling, Pleasant Valley	279	Nov. 6, 2009
Cody Scherer, Lehigh	315	Aug. 26, 2016	Stan Dakosty, Marian	279	Oct. 30, 1999
Matt Long, Jim Thorpe	311	Sept. 23, 2000	Brandon Keyes, Pleasant Valley	278	Sept. 9, 2016
Cazzie Kosciulek, Panther Valley	307	Nov. 14, 1992	Brandon Keyes, Pleasant Valley	276	Oct. 14, 2016
Brandon Keyes, Pleasant Valley	306	Oct. 7, 2016	Cole Lazoric, Jim Thorpe	274	Sept. 27, 2024
Matt Long, Jim Thorpe	306	Sept. 8, 2000	Jake Canzoneri, Panther Valley	274	Sept. 15, 2000
Matt Machalik, Palmerton	305	Sept. 16, 2022	Brandon Williams, Lehigh	273	Aug. 31, 2007
Stan Dakosty, Marian	304	Nov. 13, 1999	Derrick Walling, Pleasant Valley	272	Oct. 30, 2009
Matt Machalik, Palmerton	302	Sept. 9, 2022	Brody Breiner, Panther Valley	271	Sept. 21, 2023
Corey Cinicola, Jim Thorpe	301	Oct. 3, 2008	Deven Bollinger, Northwestern	271	Sept. 24, 2016
Craig Goida, Panther Valley	300	Sept. 8, 1989	Brandon Leap, Pleasant Valley	271	Oct. 14, 2011
Geoff Kruczek, Tamaqua	297	Oct. 12, 1991	(Since 1988, according to Times News statistics)		

MOST RUSHING YARDS IN A GAME - TN AREA

Name, Team	Yards	Date	Jarred Muffley, Tamaqua	272	Oct. 14, 2011
Nate Boyle, Tamaqua	382	Nov. 1, 2019	Eli Zimmerman, Northwestern	271	Sept. 27, 2024
TaQuan Bradley-Chambers, Lehigh	373	Oct. 6, 2017	Jameson Trainer, Palmerton	268	Oct. 4, 2024
Tyler Hope, Tamaqua	350	Oct. 11, 2013	K.J. Snerr, Marian	266	Oct. 10, 2014
Nate Farber, Northern Lehigh	338	Nov. 7, 2014	Brett Snyder, Northwestern	266	Sept. 8, 1995
Eli Zimmerman, Northwestern	337	Nov. 29, 2024	Nasai Moon, Pleasant Valley	263	Oct. 19, 2018
Matt Frame, Northern Lehigh	334	Nov. 13, 2021	Nate Farber, Northern Lehigh	261	Oct. 3, 2014
Jim Hope, Tamaqua	331	Nov. 3, 1989	Gabe Robinson, Jim Thorpe	260	Sept. 24, 1999
Nasai Moon, Pleasant Valley	328	Sept. 28, 2018	Matt Frame, Northern Lehigh	259	Nov. 14, 2020
Justin St. Hill, Jim Thorpe	325	Sept. 29, 2017	Cody Remaley, Northern Lehigh	259	Sept. 11, 2010
Brennan Kunkle, Panther Valley	324	Sept. 15, 2023	Michael Pascoe, Panther Valley	258	Nov. 3, 2022
Robbie Frey, Lehigh	324	Sept. 2, 2005	Cody Remaley, Northern Lehigh	258	Nov. 26, 2010
Matt Machalik, Palmerton	319	Sept. 15, 2023	John Koehler, Panther Valley	257	Oct. 4, 2002
Joe Semanoff, Lehigh	315	Sept. 15, 2000	Austyn Borre, Pleasant Valley	255	Oct. 2, 2015
Cody Scherer, Lehigh	309	Oct. 13, 2017	Robbie Frey, Lehigh	255	Sept. 15, 2006
Alex Ecker, Pleasant Valley	302	Sept. 1, 2023	Alex Zukus, Tamaqua	255	Oct. 26, 2001
Robbie Frey, Lehigh	302	Oct. 14, 2005	Jacen Nalesnik, Lehigh	254	Nov. 4, 2011
Mike Mitchell, Pleasant Valley	301	Sept. 30, 2016	Ben Clymer, Northwestern	254	Nov. 9, 2007
Vinnie Andrews, Lehigh	301	Sept. 28, 2002	Ryan Hluschak, Northern Lehigh	254	Nov. 1, 2002
Robbie Frey, Lehigh	297	Oct. 20, 2006	JJ McDowell, Lehigh	253	Oct. 23, 2020
Griff Griffiths, Tamaqua	294	Nov. 6, 2009	Dave Muffley, Lehigh	253	Sept. 12, 1997
Warren Stewart, Tamaqua	289	Oct. 29, 2021	Todd Wolfe, Lehigh	251	Nov. 10, 1990
Robbie Frey, Lehigh	281	Oct. 13, 2006	Jim Hope, Tamaqua	251	Nov. 2, 1990
Brandon Belfonti, Northern Lehigh	274	Sept. 9, 2016	CJ Selby, Jim Thorpe	250	Sept. 20, 2019
Robbie Frey, Lehigh	273	Oct. 28, 2005	Nasai Moon, Pleasant Valley	250	Sept. 15, 2017
Dave Muffley, Lehigh	273	Nov. 6, 1998	(Since 1988, according to Times News statistics)		

TAMAQUA



Strong culture keeps Raiders thriving

BY JUSTIN CARLUCCI
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Competition breeds champions, and Tamaqua head coach Sam Bonner couldn't be happier with what he's seeing through the first two weeks of practice.

"I feel like we've had a pretty intense two weeks of practice," the 19th-year Tamaqua head coach said. "We have a lot of positions that aren't set in stone. I think that competition makes you better, and we definitely have more open competition for positions this year than we've had in the past."

That intensity stems from a culture that keeps producing results year after year.

This summer's turnout tells the story perfectly — 43 kids on the roster, with 24 of them attend-

ing 90% of the offseason workouts.

"I don't think we had a workout where we had under 32 kids," Bonner said. "We had some workouts where we had 40 kids. That's not bad for a 43-man roster."

While losing 11 or 12 seniors from any football team typically hurts, here's the thing about Tamaqua — they reload, they don't rebuild. And with 13 seniors in the fold this year, there's plenty of veteran leadership to guide the way.

That mentality served them well last season.

The Blue Raiders are coming off a roller coaster 2024 season that perfectly captured what makes high school football so compelling. A blazing 6-0 start was followed by four straight losses to close the regular season, which included a

battle with state champion Northwestern Lehigh.

But championships aren't won in October — they're won in November. And when it mattered most, Tamaqua delivered, capturing the Eastern Conference Championship with a signature win over Pequea Valley to finish 7-4.

"Obviously, you never try to get down, but starting off 6-0 and then losing four games back to back, it was a tough way to end the regular season," Bonner reflected. "But it lifted our spirits to get a chance to finish up with the win, finish with an Eastern Conference championship, and finish with seven wins."

Now comes the challenge every successful program faces — replacing proven talent while maintaining championship expecta-

tions.

"Seven or eight of them were probably pretty good players for us for a couple of years," Bonner said of his departed senior class.

While many positions remain up for grabs, one spot is solidly locked down — quarterback, where senior Chase Serfass has earned the keys to the offense.

"He doesn't have a lot of varsity experience, but he's a kid that's been in the program since he was in seventh grade," Bonner said. "He knows the offense. I think he developed a lot over the past off-season, realizing that he has a chance to be that guy."

Serfass embodies everything Bonner looks for in a quarterback — intelligence, work ethic, and dependability. The senior has been

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Senior Chase Serfass is the heir apparent to Luke Kane. Serfass has been preparing for this moment since seventh grade. Serfass has been hitting the weight room and developing into a leader. Junior Kaden Krajcirik provided valuable competition for Serfass, splitting reps at camp.

RUNNING BACKS

Tamaqua will likely feature both junior Quinn Coleman and sophomore Terrence McDowell as its 1-2 punch. Junior Camden Walker returns after missing last year. The "fourth" punch of the backfield is converted lineman and Swiss army knife Malachi Stewart. The fullback squats 500 pounds and will offer some serious bang with the ball and critical lead-blocking ability.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Senior Brady McCabe offers fantastic size at 6-2. He's a three-year starter who's been the go-to target, and can also move to tight end. Frosh Gavin Shannon is 5-11 and likely still growing. The promising newcomer "caught a lot of the coaches' eyes in the summertime." Sophomore Ace Schickram will play the flanker role. Teegen Phillips moved from tackle to tight end. He has size and speed. Damian Jazowski is currently in a boot but expected back by week two.

OFF/DEF LINE

Three seniors and a junior will be up front for Tamaqua. Returning starter Logan Pribila will be at left guard, while senior Logan Zimmerman will be at RG after being limited by an injury most of 2024. Three-year starter Shawn Chen will be at center, with junior Flynn Coleman at LT, and sophomore Carter Trotmon at right tackle. On the D-line, you'll see a majority of the same group, but Phillips will be at defensive end with Jazowski as the other bookend. Stewart, Trotman, Flynn Coleman will see reps.

LINEBACKERS

Quinn Coleman pulls double-duty at both running back and linebacker, showcasing his versatility. Walker will do the same and join him in the mix, while Bangor transfer Jon Kraeuter will add depth up the middle.

SECONDARY

Chen will be a key cog of the secondary, and he also plays center on the other side of the ball at 160 pounds. Schickram and McDowell will play defensive back, while Myles Schlosser and Peyton Schwartz will be in the mix.

TAMAQUA

2025 TAMAQUA ROSTER

SENIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Brady McCabe	6-2	196	WR/LB
Shawn Chen	6-0	165	WR/DB
Malachi Stewart	5-6	214	RB/DL
Chase Serfass	5-11	185	QB/LB
Justice Machuca	5-7	193	WR/DB
Parker Russell	5-10	169	WR/DB
Myles Schlosser	5-9	150	WR/DB
Hayden Magrini-Calkins	5-7	167	WR/DB
Zachary Kerestes	5-9	153	OL/DL
Logan Pribila	6-0	254	OL/DL
Luke Frohnheiser	5-10	180	OL/LB
Elijah Watkins	5-4	290	OL/DL
Logan Zimmerman	5-10	236	OL/DL
James Nalesnik	6-0	223	OL/DL

Gabriel Conville	5-9	158	RB/LB
Yaviel Vargas	5-11	191	OL/DL
Flynn Coleman	6-2	186	OL/DL
Alexander Alcantara Pojoy	5-7	208	OL/DL

SOPHOMORES			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Brian Godinez	5-8	147	K
Ace Schickram	6-0	167	FL/DB
Terrence McDowell	5-9	155	RB/DB
Jon Kraeuter	5-7	212	OL/LB
Carter Trotman	6-0	209	OL/DL
Henry Bazan	5-9	179	OL/DL
Konnor Sanders	5-9	241	OL/DL
Dylan Garcia	5-9	233	OL/DL
James Wronski	5-8	284	OL/DL

JUNIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Damian Jazowski	6-0	200	TE/LB
Peyton Schwartz	5-7	162	WR/DB
CJ Walker	5-11	191	RB/LB
Teegan Phillips	6-3	170	TE/DE
Kaden Krajcirik	6-2	218	QB/DL
Frank Hill	5-6	155	FB/DL
Chase Heffelfinger	5-9	167	WR/DB
Quinn Coleman	5-5	166	RB/LB

FRESHMEN			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Ryder Holmberg	5-8	143	RB/DB
Chance Makovec	5-8	164	TE/LB
Gavin Shannon	5-11	157	RB/LB
Thomas Heisler	5-10	242	OL/DL
Jayden Benson	6-1	229	OL/DL
Aaden Smith	5-8	143	OL/LB
Troy Hartman	5-9	156	RB/LB
Logan Sanders	5-5	205	OL/DL

TAMAQUA MOST YARDS PASSING, SEASON

Player	Comp-Att	Yards	Player	Comp-Att	Yards	Player	Comp-Att	Yards
Brayden Knoblauch (2019)	138-233	2,134	Brian Boyer (1994)	112-264	1,295	Nate Edmonds (2012)	45-93	1,143
Geoff Kruczek (1991)	92-184	1,459	Ryan Palsgrove (2008)	85-156	1,272	Kyle Spotts (2002)	76-173	1,107
Brayden Knoblauch (2018)	106-179	1,424	Luke Kane (2024)	96-174	1,262	Luke Kane (2022)	53-135	1,016
Thad Zuber (2016)	90-169	1,348	Geoff Kruczek (1992)	82-162	1,239	Nate Edmonds (2013)	58-122	1,015
Adam Knoblauch (1998)	107-218	1,339	Adam Knoblauch (2000)	90-196	1,156	(From 1988-2024 according to TN statistics)		



Brady McCabe



Chase Serfass



Shawn Chen



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Justice Machuca



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FEATURE

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Lazorick might be the most entertaining quarterback to play in the Times News area over the past few seasons. A dynamic athlete, Lazorick's speed combined with his ability to make off-schedule throws with his strong arm can certainly fill up the highlight reel.

Last season, Lazorick finished with 2,059 yards passing with 17 touchdowns and nine interceptions. He also rushed for 368 yards and eight touchdowns. In his career, Lazorick has thrown for 3,966 passing yards and 34 touchdowns, while rushing for 1,213 yards with 18 rushing scores.

"Cole is unquestionably our leader," said Jim Thorpe head coach Mark Rosenberger. "He has done a great job this offseason of working with our young receiving core, being patient with them and coaching them up. Cole is one of the best leaders we have had in the Jim Thorpe football program during my time here."


"He's a true dual-threat player. One of the best around. His speed is impressive as he's been running in the 4.5 range this offseason. He's a dangerous weapon and his overall understanding of the position and mastery of the position has improved immensely as well."

"We expect him to have a huge year for us."



Tamaqua runs a play during a preseason practice. The Raiders open their season Friday against Pen Argyl.

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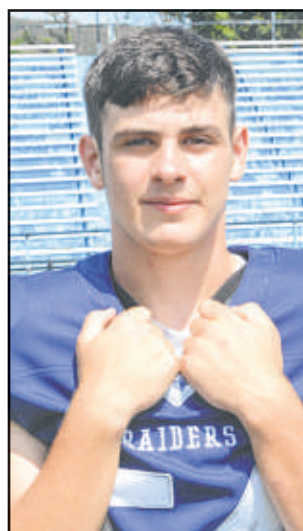


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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

2024

Week	Player	School
# 1	C. Lazoric	Jim Thorpe
# 2	E. Zimmerman	N'western
# 3	V. Schlosser	Tamaqua
# 4	J. Lawrence	Lehigh
# 5	L. Kane	Tamaqua
# 6	J. Trainer	Palmerton
# 7	J. Yescavage	Jim Thorpe
# 8	B. Kunkle	Panther Vy.
# 9	G. Smoyer	No. Lehigh
#10	J. Ferguson	Lehigh

2023

Week	Player	School
# 1	M. Machalik	Palmerton
# 2	A. Ecker	Pleasant Vy.
# 3	C. Lazoric	Jim Thorpe
# 4	B. Kunkle	Panther Vy.
# 5	T. Sander	Palmerton
# 6	D. Clymer	N'western
# 7	R. Dixon	Marian
# 8	S. Leh	N'western
# 9	N. Rosahac	Jim Thorpe
#10	L. Kane	Tamaqua

2022

Week	Player	School
# 1	M. Machalik	Palmerton
# 2	C. Dillon	Tamaqua
# 3	C. Christopher	N'western
# 4	M. Pascoe	Panther Vy.
# 5	D. Clymer	N'western
# 6	D. Lucykanish	Palmerton
# 7	N. Frame	No. Lehigh
# 8	B. Balliet	Jim Thorpe
# 9	F. Olaniyan	Pleasant Vy.
#10	AJ Jimenez	No. Lehigh

2021

Week	Player	School
# 1	M. Machalik	Palmerton
# 2	H. Crum	Lehigh
# 3	J. Holmes	N'western
# 4	Z. Coleman	Tamaqua
# 5	D. Smoyer	No. Lehigh
# 6	R. Papaleo	Pleasant Vy.
# 7	D. Clymer	N'western
# 8	M. Frame	No. Lehigh
# 9	M. Martin	Marian
#10	W. Stewart	Tamaqua

2020

Week	Player	School
# 1	R. Fronheiser	Lehigh
# 2	M. Pascoe	Panther Vy.
# 3	C. Serfass	Palmerton
# 4	J. Holmes	N'western
# 5	J. Rodda	N'western
# 6	M. Repsher	No. Lehigh
# 7	JJ McDowell	Lehigh
# 8	N. Wickersham	Tamaqua

2019

Week	Player	School
# 1	B. Knoblauch	Tamaqua
# 2	L. Sanguiliano	Lehigh
# 3	CJ Selby	Jim Thorpe
# 4	J. Holmes	N'western
# 5	N. Boyle	Tamaqua
# 6	D. Bollinger	N'western
# 7	E. Reis	Panther Vy.
# 8	M. Repsher	No. Lehigh
# 9	J. Barron	Tamaqua
#10	J. Nelson	Palmerton

RAIDERS

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putting in work since last season ended, hitting the weight room and preparing for this moment.

"He's one of those guys you could count on being at every practice, scrimmage,

being in every workout," Bonner noted. "Dependability is a big factor as well."

Of course, culture and preparation only take you so far when you're up against one of the most talent-filled schedules in the area.

After opening with Pen

Argyl, the Blue Raiders face a stretch that includes North Schuylkill, Pottsville and Jim Thorpe.

"There's no breeze in our schedule," Bonner said with the matter-of-fact tone of a coach who's been doing this for 19 years. "We go from Northwestern Lehigh to Southern Lehigh. We don't get too many breaks." Having Bonner at the

helm for his 19th season provides the kind of stability that championship programs require.

"I always try to make it that once you're a Tamaqua football player, you're a football player for life," Bonner said. "Friday nights, we have guys that come back and stop in the locker room and talk to us."

That connection showed when the Blue Raiders captured their Eastern Conference title — Bonner's phone lit up with messages from former players spanning nearly two decades.

"It's great to see guys that you coached 20 years ago that didn't forget," he said.

Bonner's steady hand and the program's deep-rooted culture will guide the Blue Raiders through the personnel changes, just as they have for nearly two decades.

And this year's journey begins on Aug. 22 against Pen Argyl.



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Mark Rosenberger

Jim Thorpe

August

23 - at Palmerton
29 - vs. Pottsville

September

5 - at Blue Mountain
11 - vs. Tamaqua
19 - at North Schuylkill
26 - vs. Southern Lehigh

October

3 - at Catasauqua
10 - vs. Northwestern
17 - at Bangor
24 - vs. Lehighton



Tom McCarroll

Lehighton

August

22 - vs. No. Lehigh
28 - at Bangor

September

5 - vs. Southern Lehigh
12 - at Palmerton
19 - vs. Northwestern
26 - vs. Pottsville

October

3 - at Blue Mountain
10 - at Tamaqua
17 - vs. North Schuylkill
24 - at Jim Thorpe



Billy O'Gurek

Marian

August

22 - at Hanover
29 - vs. Tri-Valley

September

5 - at Panther Valley
12 - vs. Shenandoah Vy.
19 - at Mahanoy Area
27 - vs. Minersville

October

3 - at Schuylkill Haven
10 - vs. Williams Valley
17 - at Pine Grove
23 - vs. Nativity



Joe Tout

No. Lehigh

August

22 - at Lehighton
28 - vs. Northwestern

September

5 - vs. Pen Argyl
12 - at Palisades
19 - vs. Palmerton
26 - vs. Notre Dame

October

4 - at Wilson
10 - vs. Catasauqua
17 - at Salisbury
24 - at Saucon Valley



Josh Snyder

Northwestern

August

23 - at Wilson
28 - at Northern Lehigh

September

4 - vs. Bangor
12 - vs. Blue Mountain
19 - at Lehighton
26 - vs. North Schuylkill

October

3 - at Pottsville
10 - at Jim Thorpe
17 - vs. Tamaqua
24 - vs. Southern Lehigh



Chris Walkowiak

Palmerton

August

23 - vs. Jim Thorpe
30 - at Pen Argyl

September

5 - vs. Saucon Valley
12 - vs. Lehighton
19 - at Northern Lehigh
26 - vs. Wilson

October

3 - at Palisades
10 - at Salisbury
17 - vs. Notre Dame
24 - at Catasauqua



Mark Lavine

Panther Vy.

August

22 - vs. Salisbury
29 - vs. Schuylkill Haven

September

5 - vs. Marian
13 - at Pine Grove
19 - at Nativity
26 - vs. Tri-Valley

October

3 - at Williams Valley
10 - vs. Shenandoah Vy.
17 - at Mahanoy Area
24 - at Minersville



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Pleasant Vy.

August

22 - vs. Governor Mifflin
28 - vs. Dieruff

September

5 - at Exeter Twp.
11 - at Parkland
19 - at ES South
25 - vs. Nazareth

October

3 - at ES North
10 - vs. PM East
17 - at PM West
24 - vs. Stroudsburg



Sam Bonner

Tamaqua

August

22 - vs. Pen Argyl
29 - at North Schuylkill

September

5 - vs. Pottsville
11 - at Jim Thorpe
19 - vs. Salisbury
26 - at Bangor

October

3 - vs. Southern Lehigh
10 - vs. Lehighton
17 - at Northwestern
24 - at Blue Mountain

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