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2026 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEW



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FEATURE

Running it Back

Top running backs McDowell, Croizier and Sukanick return for 2026 season

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There’s a famous line in one of the most iconic football movies of all time — Varsity Blues — where Coach Bud Kilmer explains to his quarterback, “You understand that by running the ball, we control the clock, and we can grind them—and the tempo of the game—way down?”

Tamaqua, Lehigh and Northwestern Lehigh certainly will have a chance to implement that type of game plan on a weekly basis this season with the return of the Times News Area’s version of the three-headed monster in running backs Terrence McDowell, Lukas Croizier and Chase Sukanick.

“Scary Terry” Terrence McDowell struck fear into the hearts of opposing defenses last season—and he did it as just a sophomore. The Raiders have long been known for their physical style of play under Coach Sam Bonner, and McDowell fit right in, rushing for a Times News-leading 1,740 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Word out of Stadium Hill is that McDowell has added nearly 30 pounds of muscle in the off-season, meaning that he is once again primed for an impressive year.

“He’s coming off a big season, and he’s taken that momentum



Tamaqua’s Terrence McDowell

and carried it into the offseason. He has put in a ton of time and really worked his tail off in the weight room. He’s matured, and he’s up to 185 pounds from 155 a year ago. And he was breaking tackles at 155 last season, so I think you’re going to see even more of that this year,” said Bonner.

“He’s really increased his power and his speed. What I love



Northwestern’s Chase Sukanick

about his running style is that he has great vision — he can cut back and make plays; he can turn it up to get that first down, and he always seems to find a lane. But what’s most impressive is that he gets stronger as the game goes on. I think he’s going to make a lot of noise as one of the best backs in the area again this season.”

Lukas Croizier has been making an impact on the defensive



Lehigh’s Lukas Croizier

side of the ball ever since he stepped on the field as freshman for the Indians. But in his junior campaign a season ago, Croizier grinded his way onto the scene from the running back position, rushing for 1,129 yards and nine scores.

With an experienced offensive line returning for the Tribe, Croizier is expected to pile up the yardage in his senior season.

“Croizier had a great junior season for us. He was our first 1,000-yard rusher since maybe 2017. He’s been a leader for us and he was making a name for himself on the defensive side of the ball since he was a freshman, but last year he was our featured guy on offense, and he did a really nice job with a younger offensive line in front of him,” said Lehigh head coach Tom McCarroll.

“He bulked up this summer, and he was always a dedicated guy for us in the weight room, but he really got after it this offseason. He took it to another level, and he told us he wanted to build his strength so he could carry the ball 30 times in a game if we needed him to. He just does everything the right way, and he is the type of guy who will do everything and anything for the team.”

Chase Sukanick served as a perfect change of pace to Northwestern’s starting running back last season in Braxton Lakatos. Sukanick’s speed and burst helped him to rush for 924 yards and 13 touchdowns at an impressive 7.9 yards per carry. The junior will be taking on the top ball carrier role for the vaunted Tigers offense this season.

“Chase has been a special player in our program for a long time

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JIM THORPE



JT's veteran line will set season success

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To the casual fan, football games are won by quarterbacks, running backs, and wide receivers.

Mark Rosenberger, beginning his 29th year as the head coach at Jim Thorpe, knows that the linemen on both sides of the ball have a huge impact in determining whether his team wins or loses.

The Olympians will rely heavily on their offensive and defensive lines winning the battles in the trenches this year.

"We return a lot of experience up front, which should help us on both sides of the ball," said Rosenberger.

JT's three-point stance starters average 233 pounds. Anchoring the line at center will be senior

Adam Ziolkiewicz. Gaetano Sarnelli will be at one guard spot, while seniors Gavin Baker and Logan O'Shura will play tackle. Chase Karnas and Drake Klados are also in the rotation.

"We have confidence in each of these players to provide a physical presence to our multiple set attack."

Although the O-line will present a veteran presence, the quarterback position has potential, but lacks varsity level experience. A trio of signal callers are competing to replace star quarterback Cole Lazorick, now playing at Muhlenberg. Lazorick combined for 2,300 rushing and passing yards a year ago to go along with his 23 touchdowns.

Coming from the junior varsity are Tyler Hoherchak and Dom-

inic Calcano.

"We have seen their progression each day on the practice field," said Rosenberger. "Tyler is very athletic and can run between the tackles. He can drop back or roll out as well. Dominic has had a lot of success at the younger levels. He's a pocket passer with a good arm."

Senior Kaden Hess has started one game at QB on the varsity level. Rosenberger likes his ability to run the ball, especially if his pocket protection should break down.

If any of the candidates do not win the position outright, Rosenberger is not overly concerned.

"I'm not opposed to alternating quarterbacks during games."

Lining up behind the quarterback will be two effective blocking fullbacks, senior Paxton Novack

and junior Nick Faust. Both also possess power running ability. A year ago, Novack averaged nearly five yards a carry, and Faust just over three yards each time he lugged the rock.

Thorpe features a dual-threat running back in sophomore Bobby Levins, who last year rushed for 223 yards and caught 32 balls for 389 yards and six touchdowns.

"Bobby has great speed and field vision," said Rosenberger. "If he gets into open space running or receiving, he can break away from the defense."

In Thorpe's offense, receivers are utilized as running backs from their flanks. A reliable weapon will be junior Spencer Gothard, who caught 21 passes for 380 yards and five TDs last season.

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

It's QB by committee. Kaden Hess, Tyler Hoherchak, and Dominic Calcano bring different skill sets to compete for the starting position. Varsity level experience is lacking in all three candidates so JT will play the hot hand or rotate all three, depending upon momentum or down and distance.

RUNNING BACKS

Sophomore Bobby Levins opened eyes last season with his speed and field vision. He is also an adept pass catcher. Fullbacks Paxton Novack and Nick Faust are solid blockers and run well between the tackles. Anthony Kiehl and Angel Rivera will bring toughness and speed into the rotation.

WIDE RECEIVERS

The go-to-guy might be Spencer Gothard, who had 21 receptions and five TDs last year. Kiehl and Rivera can add yards after the catch and have big play abilities. Ralph Clay, Colton Steigerwalt, and Christian Ortiz provide depth in Thorpe's multiple receiver sets.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Experience runs across the line with center Adam Ziolkiewicz and guard Gaetano Sarnelli, as well as tackles Gavin Baker and Logan O'Shura. Chase Karnas and Drake Klados will be in the rotation. Tight ends Mason Jacobs and Ben Rimmel will block the perimeter and provide good targets in the passing game.

DEFENSIVE LINE

JT hopes to see the return of Red Swarm that wreaked havoc on opponents. Ziolkiewicz, Baker, and O'Shura bring quickness and agility to both the middle and edges of the field. Sarnelli will see time off the other side of the ball. Outside containment will come from Hess and Hoherchak.

LINEBACKERS

Another key group to help keep opponents out of the end zone. Faust plays the Mike with good size and downhill physicality to fill gaps between the tackles. Novak and Kiel will be outside with athleticism. Remel will work into the mix.

SECONDARY

Good size and long arms come with the cornerbacks and safeties. Clay and Gothard will line up eye to eye wideouts with Dominic Kiehl and Phil Garner covering the deep middle. They all have shown ability to tackling running backs that get to the second level. Levins, Ortiz, will see time as well.

JIM THORPE



Kaden Hess



Ralph Clay



Gavin Baker



Paxton Novack



Christian Ortiz



Logan O'Shura



Jim Thorpe players run through a drill during preseason practices. The Olympians open their season Friday at Blue Mountain.

2026 JIM THORPE ROSTER

SENIORS							
Player	Height	Weight	Position	Player	Height	Weight	Position
Ralph Clay	6-1	158	WR/DB	Nick Faust	6-0	195	FB/LB
Kaden Hess	5-11	180	QB/LB	Gaetano Sarnelli	5-11	225	OL/DL
Christian Ortiz	5-9	145	WR/DB	Chase Karnas	6-1	220	OL/DL
Angel Rivera	5-10	136	WR/DB	SOPHOMORES			
Paxton Novack	5-11	205	FB/LB	Player	Height	Weight	Position
Adam Ziolkiewicz	6-1	220	OL/DL	Dominic Calcano	5-10	190	QB/LB
Gavin Baker	6-0	260	OL/DL	Bobby Levins	5-11	172	RB/CB
Logan O'Shura	6-1	231	OL/DL	Camani Clarke	6-0	175	WR/DB
JUNIORS				Philip Garner	5-9	150	WR/DB
Player	Height	Weight	Position	Ben Rimmel	6-1	180	TE/LB
Spencer Gothard	5-10	160	WR/DB	Drake Klados	5-8	185	OL/DL
Anthony Kiehl	6-1	180	WR/DB	FRESHMEN			
Colin Rogowitz	5-10	145	QB/DB	Player	Height	Weight	Position
Mason Jacobs	5-11	175	TE/DB	Zach Fougere	5-4	122	WR/DB
Tyler Hoherchak	6-0	175	QB/LB	Carmelo Torres	5-10	153	WR/DB
Colton Steigerwalt	5-11	125	WR/DB	Owen Carroll	5-8	135	WR/DB
Blaze Flyzik	6-0	165	K/P	Nathaniel Summers	5-5	176	OL/DL
Dominic Kiehl	5-11	170	WR/LB	Ryder Richardson	5-11	285	OL/DL

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JIM THORPE - MOST RUSHING YARDS IN A GAME (1988-2025)

Player	Yards	Date	Player	Yards	Date	Player	Yards	Date
Justin St. Hill	325	9/29/17	CJ Selby	217	11/1/19	Shane Edwards	189	9/24/10
Gabe Robinson	260	9/24/99	Salvatore Capria	213	8/26/22	Ngoyi Mukusa	189	10/31/98
CJ Selby	250	9/20/19	Pat Duvigneaud	211	9/21/12	Robbie Heller	188	9/18/15
Justin St. Hill	246	10/28/16	Phil Redline	206	9/21/07	Gabe Robinson	188	10/8/99
Robbie Heller	246	9/25/15	Jared Schrantz	205	9/23/95	Gary Storer	187	10/22/94
Ryan Saunders	232	10/11/13	Kraig Hickel	204	11/12/88	Ngoyi Mukusa	186	10/10/98
CJ Selby	230	9/21/18	Justin St. Hill	199	11/4/17	Ryan Saunders	185	9/27/13
CJ Selby	229	8/24/18	Craig Zurn	197	11/3/06	Justin St. Hill	184	10/20/17
Shane Edwards	225	10/1/10	Keith Hontz	195	9/23/05	CJ Selby	182	8/23/19
Jason Figura	220	10/22/04	Phil Redline	193	10/27/07	Justin St. Hill	180	10/6/17
Deonte St. Hill	219	9/20/13	Jason Figura	191	9/20/04	Shane Edwards	176	10/29/10

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Angel Rivera

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Anthony Kiehl can both run and receive, and senior Angel Rivera is a downfield threat who Rosenberger describes as an outstanding route runner with a high ceiling of athleticism.

At tight end are Ben Rummel and Mason Jacobs, who both have shown great footwork in their blocking schemes and good hands in the passing game.

In their four-win season in 2025, Thorpe scored an average of three touchdowns a game which might have earned the team more victories, but it was on the defensive side of the ball that cost them a better re-

cord. Opponents averaged 33 points a game.

This year, Rosenberger believes his team has the talent and the ability to help return the defense to JT's glory days when the Red Swarm dominated teams in the Schuylkill League.

The D-line features strength, quickness and the ability to run sideline to sideline to make tackles. Ziolkiewicz, Baker, and O'Shura will lineup in a 3-3 stack alignment.

Manning the middle linebacker position is Faust. Hess, a leading tackler last season, will be on the perimeter with Kiehl, Hoherchak, Faust, and Novak and Rummel in the defensive rotation.

At the corners are senior Ralph Clay and Gothard. The free safeties

are Anthony Kiehl and Phil Garner.

"We have good size behind the D-line," said Rosenberger, whose Olympian teams have won over 180 games during his tenure. "Long arms and athleticism should give us good matchups against the opposition's skill position players."

Junior Blaze Flyzik, a 30-point scorer a year ago, returns from the soccer team to do the extra point and field goal kicking.

Depth is a concern with roster numbers down substantially from previous years. Injuries play a role in every team's success.

If his team can stay healthy, Rosenberger believes the 2026 edition of Jim Thorpe football will make some noise in the Colonial League.



Adam Ziolkiewicz

Other names to know heading into the 2026 football season

Terrence McDowell of Tamaqua, Lukas Croizier of Leighton and Chase Sukanick of Northwestern are featured in our cover story. Here are 13 other players from around the Times News area to keep an eye on this fall.

BRADY ZIMMERMAN, NORTHWESTERN Senior • WR/LB

Few returning players in the area bring a résumé quite like Zimmerman's. He caught 45 passes for an area-leading 956 yards last season and scored 20 total touchdowns on his way to being named the Times News Wide Receiver of the Year. Zimmerman earned Football Writers All-State honors at wide receiver and PFN Coaches Select First Team recognition at slot/H-back. This season, he'll also move back to middle linebacker, where he'll call the Tigers' defense.

MICHAEL LAGOWY, NORTHWESTERN Senior • WR/DB

An impact player on both sides of the ball, Lagowy earned Times News Defensive Back of the Year honors after helping anchor the Tigers' secondary. He intercepted six passes and was also Northwestern's leader in receptions with 48

for 704 yards. Lagowy was a Football Writers All-State defensive back and a PFN Coaches Select First Team safety, giving the Tigers another highly decorated senior leader.

BILL SLATTERY, NORTHERN LEHIGH Senior • DL

Slattery established himself as one of the area's premier defensive linemen last season, collecting 91 tackles, 18 tackles for loss and seven sacks. His production earned him Times News Defensive Lineman of the Year honors as well as a spot on the PFN Coaches Select First Team at nose guard. Slattery will be a key piece of Northern Lehigh's new 4-3 defensive front.

CHRIS FRAME, NORTHERN LEHIGH Senior • RB/WR/DB

Frame's versatility makes him valuable wherever Northern Lehigh puts him. He rushed for 496 yards and also caught 26 passes for 450 yards last season while earning Times News All-Star recognition in the defensive backfield. Frame was also selected as a PFN Coaches Select First Team cornerback. He figures to again contribute in multiple roles for a veteran Bulldogs team.

DOMINICK RODINO, MARIAN Senior • OL/DL

At 6-foot-2 and 227 pounds, Rodino provides experience and physicality along both lines for the Colts. He was a Times News All-Star offen-

sive lineman last season and also earned PFN Coaches Select Second Team honors at defensive tackle. Marian coach Billy O'Gurek believes the defense can be a strength this season, with Rodino anchoring an experienced front.

TYLER PRICE, MARIAN Junior • RB/LB

Already an accomplished two-way player, Price earned Times News All-Star honors in the secondary and PFN Coaches Select Second Team recognition as a defensive athlete as a sophomore. The 6-foot-2, 205-pound junior will take on an expanded role this season, moving to middle linebacker while also becoming Marian's featured option in the backfield.

CARLOS MALDANADO, PANTHER VALLEY Senior • OL/DL

Panther Valley expects its experienced lines to be among the team's biggest strengths, and Maldonado is right in the middle of that group. He earned Times News All-Star recognition on both the offensive and defensive lines last season. Panthers coach Mark Lavine believes Maldonado has the ability to be one of the better players in the league this fall.

CHASE MCARDLE, PANTHER VALLEY Junior • WR/DB

McArdle already owns an impressive amount of varsity experience entering his junior season.

He caught 54 passes for 455 yards as a sophomore and earned Times News All-Star honors at both wide receiver and defensive back. His experience should be especially valuable this fall as he gives first-year starting quarterback Cy Maynard an established target in the passing game.

PRESTON DIGRAZIA, LEIGHTON Senior • LB/TE

Leighton coach Tom McCarroll refers to DiGrazia as the Indians' "quarterback on defense," a reflection of the leadership he provides from his inside linebacker position. A Times News All-Star linebacker last season, DiGrazia helps get the defense aligned before the snap and provides an experienced presence in the middle. He'll also contribute at tight end this fall.

SPENCER GOTHARD, JIM THORPE Junior • WR/DB

Gothard emerged as a big-play option for the Olympians as a sophomore, catching 21 passes for 380 yards and five touchdowns — an average of more than 18 yards per reception. His performance earned him Times News All-Star recognition at wide receiver. Now a junior, Gothard returns as an important part of Jim Thorpe's receiving corps while also contributing at cornerback.

BEN NEGLEY, PALMERTON Junior • WR

Negley established himself as Palmerton's

leading receiver during his sophomore season, finishing with 26 catches for 320 yards and earning Times News All-Star recognition. Bombers coach Chris Walkowiak has praised Negley's hands and ability to win contested catches. With experienced quarterbacks TK Gursky and TJ Weller returning, Negley should again be a prominent part of Palmerton's passing game.

CHRIS WARD, PLEASANT VALLEY Senior • RB/OLB

Ward made his presence felt in multiple phases last season. He led Pleasant Valley with 577 rushing yards on just 73 carries — an impressive 7.9 yards per attempt — and scored 11 total touchdowns. Ward also caught 20 passes for 217 yards and earned Times News All-Star recognition as both an athlete and linebacker. He returns as one of the Bears' most experienced playmakers.

ACE SCHICKRAM, TAMAQUA Junior • QB/DB

Schickram moves into a new role after earning Times News All-Star recognition as an athlete during his sophomore season. After playing receiver last fall, the 6-foot-1 junior takes over at quarterback and gives Tamaqua another athletic presence in the backfield. Coach Sam Bonner has praised Schickram's offseason work, which included adding size and strength as he prepared for the move under center.



Northern Lehigh's Chris Frame

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even when he was coming up through the youth ranks. He's always been a special athlete. He was kind of in that change of pace role last season, but this season he is going to carry the rock a lot for us. His knowledge and feel for the offense have grown a lot," said Northwestern Lehigh head coach Josh Snyder. "He's been really committed to the weight room and

he's been training hard. And I what I like about his running style is that he has a little bit of everything in his arsenal. He can stop and start, he has really good vision, he cuts on a dime and he's added some weight, so you're going to see him break some tackles as well. We want to create matchups where he's one on one with people as much as we can. His work ethic has been really impressive, too. He does a full 30-yard sprint after every rep he gets, and then he hustles back and does it again.

Over my 15 years, only a handful of guys have practiced like that."

Pleasant Valley's Chris Ward (577 rushing yards, 8 TDs), Palmerton's Michael Garey (420 rushing yards, 5 TDs), Northern Lehigh's Chris Frame (496 rushing yards, 4 TDs), Marian's Tyler Price (216 rushing yards, 3 TDs), and Jim Thorpe's Bobby Levins (223 rushing yards, 2 TDs) are all expected to make their mark in the rushing department this season as well.



Pleasant Valley's Chris Ward

LEIGHTON



Linemen to lead Indians into new season

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The battle in the trenches are a game within the game and can often make the difference in winning or losing.

For Leighton, this may prove to be its greatest strength.

Indians head coach Tom McCarroll, in his 15th season, has been impressed with his team's off-season work. His players have maintained a positive culture that has made showing up to practices and workouts an enjoyable experience.

"We couldn't be more excited about the prospect of the season, and I'm excited for these kids to get ready to go," said McCarroll. "These guys have really made it a point to change the feel of what goes on in the locker room, what goes on in the weight room, and

then ultimately, the effort and the product that's put out on the field.

"They have fun with each other. That's one of the things you can kind of tell when teams are having fun doing what they're doing, even though it's not always the easiest type of work."

A positive atmosphere, and a determined work ethic, have been instrumental in Leighton's ability to smoothly transition from one wave of athletes to another.

This year will be no exception, as many of the Indians' skill positions will need to be replaced.

The departure of two-year starting quarterback Jayse Lawrence creates the largest void after he threw for 1,470 yards last season. An ongoing fight for the starting QB between junior Jack Lucykanish and sophomore Brock Atwood

is yet to be won. Lucykanish may be seen as the current frontrunner, but both he and Atwood possess unique skill sets that could make them both effective runners.

"Jack ... I see probably a little bit more of a running threat on the edge, whereas Brock, maybe not quite as quick, but he certainly is a tough downhill runner," said McCarroll. "Both of those guys have done a great job. Watching a two-year starter ahead of them ... I think they really were students of the game, and I think they understand exactly what we're going to ask of our quarterbacks in our offense."

One position Leighton will not need to replace is running back, as senior Lukas Croizier returns to lead the charge. His 1,129 rushing yards last year easily led the Indi-

ans. There is plenty of quality support behind Croizier, senior Jose Rodriguez in particular.

Leighton is without receivers Caden Meek and Blake Roberts, who combined for 928 reception yards last year, opening the door for a number of players.

Junior Carl Lingham will move from defense to offense as a receiving option, while classmates Cash White and Connor Loy have both emerged from the JV level and look to transition to varsity. Others fighting for spots include senior Tommy Blair, and sophomores Aiden McCarroll and Landen Steigerwalt.

Most of the team's returning experience is on the offensive and defensive lines, and the Indians will lean on them to bring along

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

With Jayse Lawrence graduating, the QB role will be between Jack Lucykanish and Brock Atwood. Coach McCarroll sees both as reliable running options, with Lucykanish being a quicker threat along the outside and Atwood as a bigger and more downhill runner.

RUNNING BACKS

Lukas Croizier leads the charge after having an impressive season last year, rushing for 1129 yards. He is expected to be complimented by two seniors, Jose Rodriguez and Peyton McLean, who are expected to provide depth.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Carl Lingham transitions from defense to a primary receiving option along with other juniors Cash White and Connor Loy. The staff is hopeful the experience White and Loy got at the JV level last year translates into varsity success. Ty Nansteel and Preston DiGrazia will be the tight ends.

OFFENSIVE LINE

There's a plethora of experienced players coming back, starting with Marc Macias as a four-year starter at center along with Chase Keller and Parker Rogers as guards. The left tackle will be Dom Lawrence once again, while the right tackle is expected to be whoever wins out between Jonathan Mayers and Nick Bloose.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Most of the defensive side of the line will remain the same as those on the OL, but expect to see Zayden Martinez and Lucas Voorhees specialize as one-way starters. This gives Leighton an advantage that many other schools its size and smaller don't have.

LINEBACKERS

Coach McCarroll refers to DiGrazia as the team's "quarterback on defense" with the leadership he provides getting the defense ready to go each play. Lingham also returns looking to have a more consistent year, while Atwood, Mayers and Vinnie Hill fight for the other inside spots. Ryder Croizier and Nansteel come back for another year on the outside spots.

SECONDARY

Lukas Croizier is the only returning member as the team's primary safety, while the remaining spots are all in need of being filled. Expect to see a mixture of Blair, Loy, Lucykanish, McCarroll, Rodriguez, Steigerwalt and White all get playing time.

LEHIGHTON



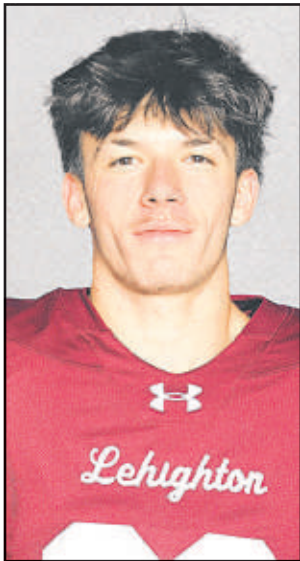
Preston DiGrazia



Jose Rodriguez



Jonathan Mayers



Thomas Blair



Peyton McLean



Keegan Swedar

Did You Know?... Lehighton has only had four head coaches since 1981. Only Marian has had fewer (three) over that time span. The most is 17 by Panther Valley.



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



LEHIGHTON - MOST RUSHING YARDS IN GAME

(1988-2025)

Player	Yards	Date
TaQuan Bradley-Chambers	373	10/6/17
Robbie Frey	324	9/2/05
Joe Semanoff	315	9/15/00
Cody Scherer	309	10/13/17
Robbie Frey	302	10/14/05
Vinnie Andrews	301	9/28/02
Robbie Frey	297	10/20/06
Robbie Frey	281	10/13/06
Robbie Frey	273	10/28/05
Dave Muffley	273	11/6/98
Robbie Frey	255	9/15/06
Jacen Nalesnik	254	11/4/11
JJ McDowell	253	10/23/20
Dave Muffley	253	9/12/97
Todd Wolfe	251	11/10/90
TaQuan Bradley-Chambers	247	10/13/17
Dave Muffley	241	10/23/98
Robbie Frey	238	9/23/05
Jacob Ferguson	233	10/25/24
Robbie Frey	232	10/27/06
Dave Muffley	232	10/24/97
Robbie Frey	231	9/22/06
TaQuan Bradley-Chambers	226	10/20/17
Robbie Frey	224	11/11/05
Dylan Moyer	214	9/15/23
Cody Scherer	214	10/27/17
Lukas Croizier	209	10/24/25
TaQuan Bradley-Chambers	207	11/11/17
Joe Semanoff	206	9/23/00
TaQuan Bradley-Chambers	202	10/27/17

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SENIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Sawyer Hoffman	5-1	185	K/P
Peyton McLean	5-8	185	RB/LB
Thomas Blair	6-1	180	WR/DB
Jose Rodriguez	5-7	155	RB/DB
Lukas Croizier	5-9	165	RB/DB
Preston DiGrazia	5-9	190	LB/OL
Jonathan Mayers	6-0	220	LB/OL
Marc Macias	5-11	275	OL/DL
Keegan Swedar	5-11	275	OL/DL

JUNIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Cash White	6-0	180	WR/DB
Jack Lucykanish	5-9	150	QB/DB
Zayden Martinez	5-11	170	DL
Connor Loy	5-9	160	WR/DB
Dustin Mammana	5-9	160	WR/LB
Kristopher Rodgers Jr	5-9	160	RB/LB
Sabastian Yturrino	5-9	150	WR/DB
Lucas Voorhees	5-10	210	OL/DL
Noah Lusch	6-1	180	OL/DL
Nathan Sheckler	6-1	195	OL/DL
Parker Beltz	5-9	190	OL/DL
Parker Rodgers	6-4	330	OL/DL
Dominic Lawrence	6-0	250	OL/DL
Nicholas Blose	5-11	270	OL/DL
Chase Keller	5-11	290	OL/DL
Carl Lingham	6-3	185	WR/LB

SOPHOMORES

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Ryder Croizier	5-8	145	RB/LB
Aiden McCarroll	5-8	155	WR/DB
Brock Atwood	5-11	180	QB/LB
Landan Steigerwalt	5-10	145	WR/DB
Ty Nansteel	6-2	195	TE/LB
Vincent Hill	5-9	160	RB/LB
Dayton Moyer	6-1	180	OL/DL
Jake Albert	5-10	160	WR/DB

FRESHMEN

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Myles Meek	5-8	125	WR/DB
Carter Spotts	5-8	130	QB/DB
Kaiden Simmons	5-6	130	WR/DB
Jayce Hunsberger	6-2	160	WR/DB
Joe Howard	5-8	150	WR/DB
Von Keiser	5-10	175	RB/LB
Liam Symington	5-11	190	OL/DL
Jacob Walker	6-1	180	OL/DL
Antoine Makoumbou	5-11	325	OL/DL



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MARIAN



Despite low numbers, Colts aim for success

BY SAM MATTA
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Has the tradition truly returned to one of the great football programs in Northeast Pennsylvania?

That stamp of approval on Marian is still a fringe notion, but dwindling enrollment and a shrinking population are slowly eroding the region. That is not just a problem for the Colts, but for the area in general.

Talent and numbers play a major role, yet Marian has always been considered one of the "teams to beat." The vibe coming out of camp over the past two weeks has been positive.

Billy O'Gurek was tutored by legendary mentor Stan Dakosty, who left a valuable impact on the third-year coach. O'Gurek doesn't go around pumping his fist to the

high heavens. He walks with confidence and sees growth in the squad, even though there are only 27 players in full gear. O'Gurek's leadership is rubbing off on the team.

"We can't control some things, but we can control a family atmosphere and togetherness. That's my job as a head coach, I try and lead by example," he said.

The Colts suffered a gut punch when Rory Dixon, a super two-way performer at running back and linebacker, informed O'Gurek the night before camp started that he wasn't coming out.

"It sure was a surprise to me," O'Gurek said.

Dixon's loss is immense. He was a 1,000-yard rusher for three straight years and scored 17 touchdowns. He was also a standout de-

fensive player.

Losing Dixon at linebacker, where the coach called him a "playmaker," also creates a major void. Dixon had five interceptions. The shuffling is now a high priority.

"He is such a great player, a skilled athlete and it set us back," O'Gurek said. "He's got a full ride to wrestle at Davidson ... athletes like him come around once in a while, and the entire school was all abuzz about Rory. He had a great three years here and we really want to wish him (the best)."

With the small numbers Marian has to deal with, O'Gurek's staff quickly found a solution.

"Tyler Price, he's our guy. He's a talent, he can play the position and be effective for us, we feel confident he will fill the void,"

O'Gurek said. "Tyler is quick, we worry too much that he wants to run over people, and we are trying to teach him to get to the (open space). Our entire staff likes him, and we feel he will be more than just adequate moving to linebacker."

Price not only becomes the featured back after switching from wide receiver, but is now also a linebacker.

"He was a safety for us, and that weakens us somewhat (at safety)," said O'Gurek. "Four out of five secondary players are now brand new."

A season ago, the Colts reeled off five straight wins before stumbling.

"We had a really great start last year, then we ran into some pretty darn good football teams" O'Gurek

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

It's been a tight preseason race, but the inside track belongs to veteran Greg Tirpak, beating out rising star Cole Grochowski. Tirpak is a gifted athlete. Last fall, he completed 58 of his 101 attempts, for 956 yards and seven touchdowns. He also has the ability to run, and with the Colts switching to the Pistol formation it will enhance his ability on both accounts. Grochowski is a capable backup and will see action as a receiver.

RUNNING BACKS

The loss of Rory Dixon puts a dent into the attack. Tyler Price will be the feature back. A year ago, he had 43 carries for 216 yards and three TDs. His backup Jason Ashfield will man the fullback spot where he had 32 carries (111 yards). Lending depth at the position is Connor Gianelli and Dante Tate.

WIDE RECEIVERS

There's an interesting group for Marian here where D-1 tight end prospect Rocco Grigouli stands at the head of the class. The senior has been a fixture since his freshman season. Last year, he had 14 catches for 206 yards and three scores. He should excel with the new offense, and his blocking ability makes him a key cog in the wheel. Other receivers include Tyler Rebarchak and Tate as the Colts seek depth through the early part of the season.

OFFENSIVE LINE

The headliner is Dominick Rodino, a second-team Class A all-state veteran, with Billy Ebert. Walker Sheer, Nick Polakovic, freshman Danny Archer, junior Jack LeClair make up the forward wall.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Head coach Billy O'Gurek calls this group the heart of the team, going so far as to call it the strongest overall. Again it is led by Rodino, Ashfield, Ebert, Sheer, Archer and LeClair.

LINEBACKERS

The loss of Dixon forced the staff to shuffle the position(s), moving Price inside and settling in with Polakovic while looking for playing time from junior Logan Joseph.

SECONDARY

Five corners and safeties in the 4-2-5 set has Rebarchak, Tate, Nolan Marsch with the safeties turning up Tirpak and Grochowski.

MARIAN



Rocco Griguoli

COLTS

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said, as the team eventually finished 7-4.

Things are not gloomy on the offensive side, as Marian has perhaps the premier tight end in the region in senior Rocco Griguoli, who is a tremendous asset to the club. He is a three-sport athlete (football, basketball, baseball) and has offers to play at the next level in Division 1.

"Rocco is strictly at tight end, where he gives us a big boost when we have to run the ball with his size and athleticism," O'Gurek said.

"We split him out at times, but we are going to keep him (inside) mostly."

Junior quarterback Greg Tirpak is another three-sport star who has leadership qualities.

"He and Cole (Grohowski) have had great camps, they've battled and with Greg he gives us stability having been a starter for us since (late) in his freshman (season)," said O'Gurek. "The coaching staff is excited about both of those athletes ... they play three sports and that is significant when you look at how athletic they are."

O'Gurek never hesitated, though, when asked about the strength of this year's team.

"It's our defense, no question," he said.

The front sits at 4-2, with Griguoli and Jason Ashfield at defensive ends. The tackles feature two physical standouts led by seniors Dominick Rodino, a second-team Class A all-stater, and Billy Ebert. Walker Sheer, freshman Danny Archer and junior Jack LeClair round out the main six players.

Price is at middle linebacker, and the coach said his offseason was sterling. Add junior Nick Polakovic, while junior Logan Joseph is looking for playing time at linebacker.

The five deep defenders include senior Tyler Rebarchak, fellow seniors Dante Tate and Nolan Marsch, and the two quarterbacks — Tirpak and Grochowski.

Getting the nod on the offensive interior are Polakovic, LeClair, Sheer, Ebert and Rodino, with Archer in a supporting role.

The pistol formation is the game plan, with Tirpak using his athletic ability to kick-start the offense.

With the aforementioned Price and Ashfield in the offensive backfield, depth comes from Connor Gianneli and Tate.

Griguoli will handle tight end, while Tate and Rebarchak are the receivers.



Dominick Rodino

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Games to watch during the 2026 season in the Times News area

Games and nights to watch during the 2026 football season:

AUG. 28 — OPENING NIGHT

There's nothing quite like the first Friday night of the season, and the Times News area will jump right into 2026 with seven games. Two are head-to-head area matchups, with Tamaqua visiting Leighton and Palmerton traveling to Marian. Jim Thorpe heads to Blue Mountain, Northern Lehigh hosts Executive Education, Northwestern opens at Valley View, Panther Valley welcomes Mahanoy Area and Pleasant Valley hosts Saucon Valley. Five of the area's nine teams will begin the season at home.

SEPT. 3 — NORTHERN LEHIGH AT NORTHWESTERN

The first Thursday night of September brings together two of the area's most accomplished programs. Northwestern enters the season after three consecutive trips to the PIAA Class 3A championship game, while Northern Lehigh brings back an experienced group led by four-year starting quarterback Garrett Smoyer. It also provides an early-season showcase for two teams with plenty of veteran talent. The Sept. 3 matchup is also listed on Northern Lehigh's published schedule.

SEPT. 11 — MARIAN AT TAMAQUA

Two neighboring programs meet in an early-season matchup at Tamaqua. The Raiders return plenty of experience around a powerful running game, while Marian brings back quarterback Greg Tirpak and an

experienced group along the line of scrimmage. It's also one of a handful of regular-season opportunities to see these two area programs on the same field.

OCT. 2 — NORTHWESTERN AT JIM THORPE

Northwestern heads to Jim Thorpe for the first of three consecutive games against Times News area opponents. The Olympians believe their experienced offensive and defensive fronts can be strengths, providing an intriguing matchup in the trenches against a Northwestern team that also considers its lines a major asset. The Colonial League schedule lists the matchup for Oct. 2.

OCT. 9 — AREA TEAMS COLLIDE

Two games put Times News teams directly across the field from one another, with Jim Thorpe visiting Northern Lehigh and Northwestern traveling to Leighton. Palmerton hosts Notre Dame, Panther Valley welcomes Pottsville, Pleasant Valley entertains East Stroudsburg North and Tamaqua travels to North Schuylkill. For Northwestern, it's the middle game of a three-week stretch against area opponents; for Leighton, it begins a closing stretch filled with familiar foes. The two head-to-head area matchups are also on the Colonial League schedule.

OCT. 16 — RIVALRY NIGHT

If there's one Friday to circle across the entire Times News coverage area, this might be it. Six of the nine area teams square off against each other: Leighton

at Jim Thorpe, Northern Lehigh at Palmerton and Panther Valley at Tamaqua. Three games, six local teams and plenty of familiar faces on opposite sidelines. Marian travels to Williams Valley, Northwestern hosts Wilson and Pleasant Valley visits Pocono Mountain East to complete the night's area schedule. The Colonial League also lists Leighton-Jim Thorpe and Northern Lehigh-Palmerton for Oct. 16.

OCT. 23 — THE STRETCH RUN

With the regular season nearing its conclusion, Week 9 brings another area matchup when Palmerton visits Leighton. Northwestern travels to Southern Lehigh, Northern Lehigh hosts Notre Dame, Marian welcomes Mahanoy Area, Panther Valley hosts Pine Grove, Pleasant Valley welcomes Pocono Mountain West and Tamaqua heads to Selinsgrove. By this point, teams will be turning their attention toward finishing the regular season strong and building momentum for the postseason.

OCT. 30 — ONE LAST FRIDAY

The regular season closes with two more all-area matchups: Jim Thorpe at Palmerton and Northern Lehigh at Leighton. Marian travels to Schuylkill Haven, Northwestern hosts Catasauqua, Panther Valley visits North Schuylkill, Pleasant Valley heads to Stroudsburg and Tamaqua travels to Pine Grove. It's one final Friday under the lights before the calendar turns toward postseason football. The Colonial League schedule confirms both area matchups on the final Friday.



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2026 MARIAN ROSTER

SENIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Dante Tate	5-7	130	WR/DB
Rocco Griguoli	6-4	215	TE/DE
Nolan Marsch	5-9	150	WR/DB
Tyler Rebarchak	5-9	133	WR/DB
Jason Ashfield	5-11	231	RB/DE
Billy Ebert	6-0	320	OL/DL
Dominick Rodino	6-2	227	OL/DL
Walker Sheer	6-4	190	OL/DL

JUNIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Tyler Price	6-2	205	RB/LB
Gregory Tirpak	6-3	195	QB/DB
Mitchell Knock	6-1	178	WR/DB
Nicholas Ramirez	5-7	145	RB/LB
Logan Joseph	5-11	165	RB/LB
Nick Polakovich	5-11	171	OL/LB
Jack LeClair	5-11	217	OL/DL
Chris Del Rosario	5-5	175	OL/DL

SOPHOMORES			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Brody Peiser	5-8	130	WR/DB
Cole Grochowski	6-0	187	QB/DB
Mason Joseph	5-2	101	RB/DB
Conner Giannelli	5-6	150	RB/LB
Liam Johnstone	5-11	181	OL/DL

FRESHMEN			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Mason Marek	5-9	135	WR/DB
Brad Dougherty	5-6	145	RB/LB
Josh Johnstone	5-9	132	WR/DB
Michael Fantanarosa	5-11	177	OL/DL
Daniel Archer	5-11	190	OL/DE
Jose Peguero	6-0	186	OL/DL



Tyler Rebarchak



Billy Ebert



Dante Tate



Nolan Marsch



Walker Sheer



Marian players go through drills at practice before their season opener Friday against Palmerton.

TIMES NEWS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (2017-2025)

2025			
Week	Player	School	
# 1	R. Dixon	Marian	# 4 J. Lawrence Lehigh
# 2	J. Haines	Pleasant Vy.	# 5 L. Kane Tamaqua
# 3	C. Frame	No. Lehigh	# 6 J. Trainer Palmerton
# 4	T. McDowell	Tamaqua	# 7 J. Yescavage Jim Thorpe
# 5	B. Breiner	Panther Vy.	# 8 B. Kunkle Panther Vy.
# 6	J. Lawrence	Lehigh	# 9 G. Smoyer No. Lehigh
# 7	S. Leh	Northwestern	# 10 J. Ferguson Lehigh
# 8	M. Garey	Palmerton	
# 9	C. Lazoric	Jim Thorpe	
# 10	L. Crozier	Lehigh	
2024			
Week	Player	School	
# 1	C. Lazoric	Jim Thorpe	
# 2	E. Zimmerman	Northwestern	
# 3	V. Schlosser	Tamaqua	

2023			
Week	Player	School	
# 1	M. Machalik	Palmerton	# 10 L. Kane Tamaqua
# 2	A. Ecker	Pleasant Vy.	# 1 L. Kane Tamaqua
# 3	C. Lazoric	Jim Thorpe	# 2 J. Trainer Palmerton
# 4	B. Kunkel	Panther Vy.	# 7 J. Yescavage Jim Thorpe
# 5	T. Sander	Palmerton	# 8 B. Kunkle Panther Vy.
# 6	D. Clymer	Northwestern	# 9 G. Smoyer No. Lehigh
# 7	R. Dixon	Marian	# 10 J. Ferguson Lehigh
# 8	S. Leh	Northwestern	
# 9	N. Rosahac	Jim Thorpe	
2022			
Week	Player	School	
# 1	M. Machalik	Palmerton	# 10 L. Kane Tamaqua
# 2	C. Dillon	Tamaqua	# 1 L. Kane Tamaqua
# 3	C. Christopher	Northwestern	# 2 J. Trainer Palmerton
# 4	M. Pascoe	Panther Vy.	# 7 J. Yescavage Jim Thorpe
# 5	D. Clymer	Northwestern	# 8 B. Kunkle Panther Vy.
# 6	D. Lucykanish	Palmerton	# 9 G. Smoyer No. Lehigh
# 7	N. Frame	No. Lehigh	# 10 J. Ferguson Lehigh
# 8	B. Balliet	Jim Thorpe	
# 9	F. Olaniyan	Pleasant Vy.	
# 10	AJ Jimenez	No. Lehigh	
2021			
Week	Player	School	
# 1	M. Machalik	Palmerton	# 10 L. Kane Tamaqua
# 2	H. Crum	Lehigh	# 1 L. Kane Tamaqua

2020			
Week	Player	School	
# 1	R. Fronheiser	Lehigh	# 10 L. Kane Tamaqua
# 2	M. Pascoe	Panther Vy.	# 1 L. Kane Tamaqua
# 3	C. Serfass	Palmerton	# 2 J. Trainer Palmerton
# 4	J. Holmes	Northwestern	# 7 J. Yescavage Jim Thorpe
# 5	J. Rodda	Northwestern	# 8 B. Kunkle Panther Vy.
# 6	M. Repsher	No. Lehigh	# 9 G. Smoyer No. Lehigh
# 7	JJ McDowell	Lehigh	# 10 J. Ferguson Lehigh
# 8	N. Wickersham	Tamaqua	
2019			
Week	Player	School	
# 1	B. Knoblauch	Tamaqua	# 10 L. Kane Tamaqua
# 2	L. Sanguiliano	Lehigh	# 1 L. Kane Tamaqua
# 3	CJ Selby	Jim Thorpe	# 2 J. Trainer Palmerton
# 4	J. Holmes	Northwestern	# 7 J. Yescavage Jim Thorpe
# 5	N. Boyle	Tamaqua	# 8 B. Kunkle Panther Vy.
# 6	D. Bollinger	Northwestern	# 9 G. Smoyer No. Lehigh
# 7	E. Reis	Panther Vy.	# 10 J. Ferguson Lehigh
# 8	M. Repsher	No. Lehigh	
# 9	J. Barron	Tamaqua	
# 10	J. Nelson	Palmerton	
2018			
Week	Player	School	
# 1	D. Bollinger	Northwestern	# 10 L. Kane Tamaqua
# 2	C. Whiteman	Lehigh	# 1 L. Kane Tamaqua
# 3	B. Knoblauch	Tamaqua	# 2 J. Trainer Palmerton
# 4	Z. Crum	Lehigh	# 7 J. Yescavage Jim Thorpe

2017			
Week	Player	School	
# 1	T. Guedes	Palmerton	# 10 L. Kane Tamaqua
# 2	N. Breiner	Tamaqua	# 1 L. Kane Tamaqua
# 3	T. Zuber	Tamaqua	# 2 J. Trainer Palmerton
# 4	N. Moon	Pleasant Vy.	# 7 J. Yescavage Jim Thorpe
# 5	N. Boyle	Tamaqua	# 8 B. Kunkle Panther Vy.
# 6	J. St. Hill	Jim Thorpe	# 9 G. Smoyer No. Lehigh
# 7	Bradley-Chambers	Lehigh	# 10 J. Ferguson Lehigh
# 8	C. Scherer	Lehigh	
# 9	Red Swarm Def.	Jim Thorpe	
# 10	A. McHugh	Pleasant Vy.	

NORTHERN LEHIGH



Senior laden Nolehi squad after D-11 title

BY JEFF MOELLER
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After a big loss to Schuylkill Haven in the District 11 Class 2A semifinals last year, Garrett Smoyer and his Northern Lehigh teammates didn't waste any time in the offseason seeking to achieve their top task for the 2026 season.

It was simple: get stronger.

"We definitely knew what needed to be done after the loss against (Schuylkill Haven)," said Smoyer, the team's senior quarterback. "We spent lots of time in the weight room during the off season, along with a lot of throwing routes and really getting timing down with the receivers."

Smoyer is among a veteran core returning for the Bulldogs,

who rallied to win their last five regular-season games and finish 8-4 overall. As a result, a deep post-season run this year already is a given.

"I believe that we had enough talent to compete with Schuylkill Haven," said Smoyer. "But we all knew that we individually needed to get stronger for next year to become stronger as a team."

"Expectations are definitely high this year because of the veteran group that we have coming in again this year."

Head coach Joe Tout, who begins his 21st year at the helm, also was well aware of their mission ahead.

"We were a junior-heavy team last year," said Tout. "Schuylkill

Haven was a senior-laden team, and you could see the difference in strength between us and them."

"They were stronger than us on both lines. We knew we had to put our emphasis on the weight room this year."

Along with Smoyer, a four-year starter who threw for 1,725 yards and 17 touchdowns a year ago, senior Kaiden Smith, Paul Porobenski, and Mason Rothrock will all rotate time in the backfield, while fellow senior Chris Frame (496 yards, 67 carries, nine touchdowns) will move between the backfield and a receiver spot. They will seek to fill the void left by Grady Newhard, who ran for a team-high 667 yards.

Tout is in total lockstep with

Smoyer, who holds the team career passing marks in completions (237), attempts (436), and yards (3,303).

"He has a great work ethic and gets the job done," said Tout. "He is very selfless, and could have every passing record. That speaks volumes about him."

However, Smoyer (474 yards, 145 carries, nine TDs) still looms as the Bulldogs' best running threat.

Yet, the Bulldogs offense will likely take the lead in their passing game with seniors Ryan Zambo (38 catches, 370 yards, 4 TDs) and Colin Karetsky (35-579-8). Frame also was a huge factor (26-450-4). Senior tight end Chase Gall will also be in the mix.

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

By the end of the season, senior Garrett Smoyer could have every NL passing record. He also is an effective runner. Sophomore Ryder Gall will be the backup, and he could see some time in blowout victories. Freshman Garrett Farakas is the third quarterback.

RUNNING BACKS

Seniors Chris Frame and Kaiden Smith are slotted at tailbacks and fellow seniors Mason Rothrock and Paul Porobenski will all see time to fill the loss of Grady Newhard. Sophomores Jayden Rehrig and Michael Bejarano along with freshman Lucas Eck provide depth.

WIDE RECEIVERS

This may be the Bulldogs' deepest position, and it was their most productive unit last season. Frame is equally productive here. Seniors Colin Karetsky and Ryan Zambo both had efficient seasons last year. Fellow senior Carter Thomas and junior Christian Fortino oth saw time last season. Two-year starter Chase Gall will be a factor, and sophomore Bryce Wanamaker is the second tight end.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Three-year senior starters Dawson Newhard and Landen Klimek are back to anchor the line. Senior Bill Kennedy, who was worked into the line in the latter part of last year will get a nod. Sophomores Reilly Shimko and Aiden Reinik fill out the line. Juniors Brayden and Bryce Nance, senior Gio Marino, and sophomore Cole and Cam Chruscial will all provide depth.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Senior Bill Slattery, who played both ways last year, is slated at nose tackle in the Bulldogs' 4-3 alignment. He'll be joined by Newhard, Klimek, and Bryce Nance. Kennedy, Brayden Nance, Cam Chruscial, and Wanamaker will be behind the starters.

LINEBACKERS

Rothrock is back to man the middle, and he will have Gall and Porobenski on either side. Rehrig, senior Andrew Rudolph and junior Hayden Lilly provide depth.

SECONDARY

Along with being a deep position, this may be the most experienced. Smoyer, Karetsky, Frame, and Zambo have been together the past few years. Smith and Fortino are experienced and will contribute. Thomas and soph Connor Whalen are also in the mix.

NORTHERN LEHIGH



Garrett Smoyer



Chris Frame



Chase Gall



Anthony Hanna



Colin Karetsky



Landen Klimek

2026 NORTHERN LEHIGH ROSTER

SENIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Chris Frame	6-0	195	RB/DB
Garrett Smoyer	5-10	170	QB/DB
Ryan Zambo	5-11	165	WR/DB
Kaiden Smith	5-6	135	RB/DB
Mason Rothrock	5-11	170	RB/LB
Carter Thomas	5-8	145	WR/DB
Colin Karetsky	6-2	180	WR/DB
Anthony Hanna	5-9	170	K
Andrew Rudolph	6-2	145	TE/LB
Chase Gall	5-10	175	TE/DE
Bill Slattery	5-11	190	OL/DL
Giovanni Marino	5-6	180	OL/DL
Landen Klimek	6-0	235	OL/DL

Bryan Debias	5-7	145	WR/DB
Paul Porobenski	5-10	160	RB/LB
Bryce Nance	5-11	170	OL/DL
Brayden Nance	5-11	190	OL/DL
Bill Kennedy	5-10	230	OL/DL
Dawson Newhard	5-11	215	OL/DL

Bryce Wanamaker	5-9	160	TE/LB
Anthony Loduca	5-9	110	WR/DB

JUNIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Christian Fortino	5-8	135	WR/DB
Hayden Lilly	5-10	160	TE/LB

SOPHOMORES			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Connor Whalen	5-11	155	WR/DB
Ryder Gall	5-8	145	QB/DB
Cooper Glatfelter	5-6	150	K
Brady Bielawski	5-5	115	WR/DB
Michael Bejarano	5-6	140	RB/LB
Jayden Rehrig	5-8	145	RB/LB
Cole Chruscial	5-8	145	OL/LB
Shawn Link	5-7	180	OL/DL
Cam Chruscial	5-8	135	OL/LB
Reilly Shimko	5-11	210	OL/DL
Aiden Reinik	6-3	205	OL/DL

FRESHMEN			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Ryder Richardson	5-11	285	OL/DL
Jaxson Hyman	5-7	140	WR/DB
Lukas Eck	5-9	140	RB/DB
Angelo Loduca	5-9	110	WR/DB
Garrett Farkas	5-8	135	QB/DB
Devin Thomas	5-2	115	WR/DB
Korbyn Horack	5-8	150	WR/DB
Ethan Henritz	5-9	215	OL/DL
Alex Neidert	5-11	240	OL/DL
Aiden Ryerson	5-8	170	OL/DL
Armani Marino	5-6	135	OL/DL
Gabriel DeBias	5-10	160	OL/DL
Albert Nunez	5-10	250	OL/DL
Ayden Koch	5-5	125	RB/DB
Chord Lindenmoyer	5-10	170	TE/DL

NORTHERN LEHIGH - MOST RUSHING YARDS IN A GAME (1988-2025)

Player	Yards	Date	Player	Yards	Date	Player	Yards	Date
Nate Farber	338	11/7/14	Cody Remaley	241	10/16/09	Cody Remaley	208	9/18/09
Matt Frame	334	11/13/21	Brad Walters	238	9/11/98	Mike Repsher	207	10/11/19
Brandon Belfonti	274	9/9/16	Kody Fedorchak	231	10/13/95	Nate Farber	207	9/27/13
Nate Farber	261	10/3/14	Cody Remaley	229	11/21/09	Brad Walters	205	9/3/99
Matt Frame	259	11/14/20	Cody Remaley	220	11/14/09	Nick Frame	204	10/7/22
Cody Remaley	259	9/11/10	Nick Hosford	219	10/28/05	Cody Remaley	204	9/3/10
Cody Remaley	258	11/26/10	Ryan Hluschak	218	10/26/01	Ryan Hluschak	203	10/25/02
Ryan Hluschak	254	11/1/02	Keith Blose	218	10/3/97	Cody Remaley	201	9/19/08
Cody Remaley	245	10/29/10	Cody Remaley	213	10/10/09	Ryan Hluschak	196	9/13/02
Nick Hosford	245	9/2/05	Brad Walters	213	11/13/98	Ryan Hluschak	196	10/4/02
Grady Newhard	243	9/16/23	Matt Frame	211	10/23/20	Jason Trainer	196	11/8/91
Trevor Yashur	243	9/23/11	Brad Walters	210	10/30/98	Justin Paul	195	8/30/18

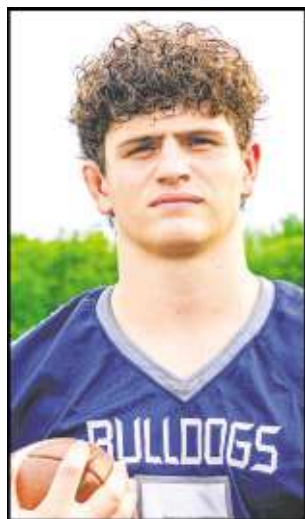
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Up front, seniors Dawson Newhard and Landen Klimek are both three-year starters at the guard spots. Senior Bill Kennedy, who started late in the season last year, is penciled in at left tackle. Sophomore Aiden Reinik should open at right tackle, and fellow sophomore Reilly Shimko will likely get the nod at center.

"Reinik and Shimko both had good offseasons and good camps," said Tout. "Newhard and Klimek will have a good year, and Kennedy came into his own last year. We're still looking to build our depth on the line."

Senior Bill Slattery, who could see time on the O-line, should be at nose tackle in the Bulldogs' new 4-3 alignment. Newhard, Klimek and junior Bryce Nance will fill out the front.

Rothrock, a three-year starter, will be in the middle at linebacker, and will likely be flanked by Gall and Porobenski.

The Bulldogs' secondary is probably their most experienced unit with Zambo, who has manned a corner for the past three seasons, along with Smoyer.

Karetsky and Frame will both be at safety, while Smith and junior Christian Fortino will both likely spell Smoyer.

Tout is confident in senior kicker Anthony Hanna, who he

believes can have a career in college. Hanna should also handle the punting duties, but sophomore Bryce Wanamaker may see time punting.

With 13 seasoned seniors on the 47-man roster, Tout hasn't been surprised by the early returns.

"We haven't missed a beat," said Tout. "Our attendance was outstanding with our workouts. We have a good feeling, and this was one of the cleanest camps I've ever had."

"They really know their stuff." Northern Lehigh will have a tweak to its schedule this season when it opens at home with Executive Education. The following week, it travels to Northwestern.

"Executive will be a wild card

because we've gotten some mixed reports about them," said Tout. "The first two weeks will be a challenge. After that, we should settle in. We have a lot of stuff in right now."

Tout is extremely optimistic that his team is set to compete for their first district title since 2021.

"Being excited about the season can be an understatement," said Tout. "We feel we have a good chance to play for a district title."

Smoyer echoed his coach's thoughts.

"I see the team very driven and focused because of the way we lost in the playoffs last year," said Smoyer. "That loss gave us more motivation for this year to get to a district final championship."



Northern Lehigh players go through a passing drill during the preseason. The Bulldogs open their season against Executive Education.

TIMES NEWS AREA OVERTIME GAMES

Date	Score	
Nov. 1, 2025	Northern Lehigh 29 , Palisades 28	Oct. 12, 2007
Dec. 7, 2024	Northwestern 36 , Avonworth 33	Sept. 7, 2007
Sept. 27, 2024	Marian 20 , Minersville 14	Nov. 11, 2006
Aug. 26, 2022	Blue Mountain 27, Jim Thorpe 26	Nov. 3, 2006
Oct. 15, 2021	Marian 19 , Nativty 13	Nov. 11, 2005
Oct. 25, 2019	Northern Lehigh 43 , Palmerton 42	Sept. 23, 2005
Sept. 28, 2018	Marian 17 , Minersville 14	Sept. 23, 2005
Sept. 7, 2018	Palisades 35, Northwestern 34	Oct. 1, 2004
Aug. 24, 2018	Northwestern 42 , Notre Dame 41	Sept. 10, 2004
Aug. 26, 2016	Marian 27 , Penns Valley 24	Oct. 31, 2003
Sept. 25, 2015	Palisades 14, Palmerton 13	Aug. 29, 2003
Sept. 25, 2015	Schuylkill Haven 27, Tamaqua 21	Sept. 27, 2002
Sept. 19, 2014	Tamaqua 26 , Schuylkill Haven 23	Sept. 6, 2002
Nov. 1, 2013	Northwestern 28 , Catasauqua 27	Nov. 9, 2001
Sept. 27, 2013	Dieruff 35, Lehigh 34	Sept. 1, 2001
Sept. 21, 2012	Panther Valley 49 , Jim Thorpe 48	Oct. 6, 2000
Nov. 18, 2011	North Penn 34, Tamaqua 28	Sept. 22, 2000
Nov. 11, 2011	Tamaqua 33 , Catasauqua 32 (2 OT)	Nov. 5, 1999
Nov. 4, 2011	Catasauqua 28, Northwestern 27	Oct. 15, 1999
Oct. 15, 2010	Jim Thorpe 18 , Mahanoy Area 12 (2 OT)	Oct. 2, 1998
Nov. 21, 2009	N. Schuylkill 35, Panther Valley 28 (3 OT)	Sept. 12, 1998
Nov. 14, 2009	Panther Valley 32 , Tamaqua 26	Oct. 31, 1997
Oct. 16, 2009	Tamaqua 13 , Schuylkill Haven 7	Sept. 26, 1997
Oct. 24, 2008	N. Schuylkill 40, Panther Valley 39 (2 OT)	Sept. 13, 1997
Oct. 17, 2008	No. Lehigh 27 , Northwestern 24 (2 OT)	Nov. 1, 1996
Oct. 29, 2007	Tamaqua 29 , Minersville 28	Oct. 21, 1996
		Nov. 3, 1995
		Marian 13 , Minersville 7
		Marian 34 , Schuylkill Haven 33
		Pen Argyl 14, Northern Lehigh 13
		Lehigh 27 , Jim Thorpe 20
		Lehigh 20 , North Pocono 14
		Lehigh 28 , Pleasant Valley 27
		Tamaqua 12 , Mahanoy Area 6
		Marian 6 , North Schuylkill 3
		Pine Grove 34, Panther Valley 28
		Minersville 26, Panther Valley 20
		Liberty 35, Pleasant Valley 28 (2 OT)
		Shenandoah Valley 20, Jim Thorpe 14
		Schuylkill Haven 3, Marian 0
		Northwestern 10 , Salisbury 7
		Northwestern 34 , Salisbury 31 (2 OT)
		North Schuylkill 21, Tamaqua 20
		Southern Lehigh 19, Palmerton 16
		Bishop O'Reilly 23, Tamaqua 20
		Palmerton 13 , Palisades 10 (2 OT)
		Shamokin 13, Marian 7 (2 OT)
		Wilson 14, Northwestern 13
		Catasauqua 3, Northwestern 0 (4 OT)
		Lehigh 21 , Stroudsburg 14
		Pleasant Valley 26 , E. Stroudsburg 23
		Pleasant Valley 34 , Pocono Mtn. 27 (2 OT)
		Marian 24 , South Williamsport 18
		Panther Valley 20 , Nativty 18

NORTHWESTERN



Tigers hope to continue winning legacy

BY MIKE HAINES
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No team in the state enters this season coming off a three-year stretch of success quite like Northwestern Lehigh.

The Tigers have gone 46-2 in that time frame, and played in three straight state title games, with their only two losses during that span coming in state finals.

But past success can be a help or a burden as this year's team tries to create its own championship legacy.

"The biggest challenge every year is getting it through to our kids that we're not invincible," said Northwestern head coach Josh Snyder. "What we did the

last three years isn't going to win us games.

"For us as coaches ... we know the formula for success. We don't have to reinvent that. We know what works and what works for us, the style of football we want to play, how we want to integrate the different stages of install."

The Tigers will install new leaders on each side of the ball this fall after graduating all-state linebacker Shane Hulmes, and three-year starting quarterback Shane Leh.

Hulmes was the heart and soul of the defense the past two seasons.

"Shane Hulmes did so much presnap, postsnap, getting us in the right alignments and keying

everyone on the probable play that was going to be run. He physically imposed his will several times throughout the game.

"You're not just going to plug someone in there. Everyone is going to have to lift their level of play. And we'll probably fall off a little bit at linebacker, but maybe our defensive line picks it up a little bit more."

Two-time all-state selection Brady Zimmerman will take over Hulmes' role as the defensive signal caller.

Zimmerman was third on the team with 102 tackles last fall, while also making a pair of sacks and four tackles for loss, picking off a pass and forcing one fumble.

He earned all-state honors at linebacker last season, and in 2024 as a receiver.

"Sophomore year he played in the middle," said Snyder. "Last year he moved outside. This year he'll be back in the middle, so he'll be calling our defenses and running the show."

Leh's shoes will be just as hard to fill after he started every game the past three seasons.

"You can't replace 48 starts," said Snyder. "You just can't replace that."

Sophomore Trey Snyder will take over as the team's quarterback. While his skill set might be different than Leh's was four

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Sophomore Trey Snyder takes over for Shane Leh, a two-time all-state selection who started 48 games. Snyder saw some reps, going 14-for-25 for 210 yards. He will lead a run-heavy offense, but won't be asked to win games early in his first season. He will be asked to make good decisions and lead the offense to the right plays.

RUNNING BACKS

Junior Chase Sukanick was second on the depth chart behind graduate Braxton Lakatos last fall. As a sophomore Sukanick ran for 924 yards on 117 carries and scored 12 times and is ready to be the Tigers' primary ball carrier.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Senior Michael Lagow returns after leading the Tigers with 48 receptions last year. Senior Brady Zimmerman, an all-state receiver, is back after leading the team in yards (956) and TD catches (11).

OFFENSIVE LINE

Three of last year's starters are back in juniors Nolan Koehler (center), Devin Rex (guard) and Maddox Hurdle (tackle). NW will have to make up for the graduation of tight end Shane Hulmes, who caught 21 passes last year. Senior Harrison Wertman saw some time at tight end and will be joined by junior Nick Whitney.

DEFENSIVE LINE

The defensive line is expected to be a strength with Hurdle (nose guard), Rex (tackle) and Fritz Scheirer (end) returning. Scheirer ended with 88 tackles last year. He also had five sacks and 10 tackles for loss. Whitney will be at the other end position. Snyder said the line will be versatile with several players able to "shuffle back and forth across the line and work in and out of the game."

LINEBACKERS

The graduation of Hulmes, a two-time all-state selection, leaves a large hole, but Zimmerman returns to the middle of the field. He's the team's top returning tackler with 102 last year. Junior Landon Gauweiler will likely be a starter on the outside. Senior Mike Mish, sophomore Chase Kerschner and senior Bobby DiGiacomo are also in the mix.

SECONDARY

Lagow returns after an all-state performance as a safety, when he picked off six passes and made 53 tackles. Sukanick and junior Kendall Wikert will line up at corner.

NORTHWESTERN

2026 NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH ROSTER



Robert DiGiacomo



Luke Rennells

SENIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Brady Krimmel	6-2	199	QB/DB
Brady Zimmerman	5-9	165	WR/LB
Max Beck	5-10	179	WR/LB
Michael Lagowy	6-0	178	WR/DB
Michael Mish	6-0	184	TE/LB
William Turner	5-9	154	WR/DB
Harrison Wertman	6-2	215	TE/DL
Rhys Trotter	6-0	215	OL/DL
Luke Rennells	5-11	210	OL/LB
Robert DiGiacomo	5-9	200	OL/LB

JUNIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Chase Sukanick	5-9	166	RB/DB
Landon Gauweiler	5-10	170	RB/LB
Nick Whitney	6-1	181	TE/DL
Lucian Sterling	5-11	175	WR/DB
Kendall Wikert	5-11	150	WR/DB
Rhonin Jonassaint	5-11	152	WR/DB
Kollin Stringer	5-10	175	TE/LB
Devin Rex	5-10	225	OL/DL
Kaden Kumernitsky	6-3	200	OL/DL
Nolan Koehler	5-8	198	OL/LB
Mack Hausman	5-10	184	OL/DL
Logan Grubb	5-7	203	OL/DL
Fritz Scheirer	6-2	200	OL/DL
Maddox Hurdle	6-2	309	OL/DL

SOPHOMORES

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Trey Snyder	5-9	143	QB/DB
Chase Kerschner	5-10	170	RB/LB
Calvin Kulp	6-1	131	WR/DB
Tripp Sell	5-8	145	WR/DB
Jakob Hausman	5-8	137	WR/DB
Adam Griffith	5-7	151	RB/LB
Caleb Hulmes	5-7	175	OL/DL
Carter Appleby	5-6	200	OL/DL
Nathan Apina	6-0	208	OL/DL
Logan Lutzko	5-11	162	OL/DL
Gabriel Markovitch	6-2	185	OL/DL
Jeremy Jobmann	5-10	206	OL/DL
Evan Miller	6-0	184	TE/LB

FRESHMEN

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Leo Martinez	5-5	110	WR/DB
Grayson Smith	5-8	135	WR/DB
Caden Schaffer	5-3	120	RB/DB
Jacob Spatz	5-11	185	RB/LB
James Baer	5-5	120	WR/DB
Lucas Koehler	5-4	147	RB/LB
Sean Renninger	5-11	225	OL/DL
Wesley Reinert	5-8	172	OL/DL
Ian Alboucq	5-8	180	OL/DL
Connor Wirth	5-10	170	OL/DL
Jacob Meleski	5-11	225	OL/DL
Mason Malkowicz	6-0	150	TE/LB



Rhys Trotter



William Turner

A Times News look at the 2026 season by the numbers

A numerical look at the 2026 Times News football season

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Teams make up the Times News football coverage area: Jim Thorpe, Lehigh, Marian, Northern Lehigh, Northwestern, Palmerton, Panther Valley, Pleasant Valley and Tamaqua.

46-2

Northwestern's record over the past three seasons, a remarkable stretch that includes three consecutive appearances in the PIAA Class 3A championship game.

4

Consecutive District 11 Class 3A championships won by Northwestern. The Tigers enter 2026

looking to continue one of the most successful runs in program history.

1,740

Rushing yards accumulated by Tamaqua's Terrence McDowell last season, the highest total among Times News area players. McDowell did it as a sophomore while carrying the ball 313 times and scoring 19 rushing touchdowns.

1,129

Rushing yards for Lehigh's Lukas Croizier in 2025. The senior averaged 6.31 yards per carry while becoming the Indians' first 1,000-yard rusher in several seasons.

924

Rushing yards for Northwest-

ern's Chase Sukanick on only 117 carries last season. Sukanick averaged 7.9 yards per attempt and scored 12 rushing touchdowns before moving into the Tigers' featured role this fall.

3,303

Career passing yards for Northern Lehigh quarterback Garrett Smoyer entering his senior season. The four-year starter already owns the Bulldogs' career records for passing yards, completions (237) and attempts (436).

956

Receiving yards for Northwestern's Brady Zimmerman last season, the highest total in the Times News area. Zimmerman averaged more than 21 yards per catch and earned Football Writers

All-State honors at wide receiver.

48

Receptions by Northwestern's Michael Lagowy last season, the most among Times News area players. The returning senior accumulated 704 receiving yards while also earning All-State recognition in the defensive backfield.

91

Tackles recorded by Northern Lehigh's Bill Slattery last season. The Times News Defensive Line-man of the Year also produced 18 tackles for loss and seven sacks.

27

Players in uniform for Marian entering the season. With depth at a premium, versatility will be important for a Colts team that

returns experience at several key positions.

76

Games involving Times News area teams on the 10-week regular-season schedule, which begins Aug. 28 and concludes Oct. 30.

29

Seasons Mark Rosenberger has been the head coach at Jim Thorpe entering 2026. The long-time Olympians mentor has won more than 180 games during his tenure.

21

Seasons Joe Tout has been at the helm of Northern Lehigh. The Bulldogs enter this fall with a veteran senior class and experience throughout the lineup.

13

Seniors on Northern Lehigh's 47-player roster, providing the Bulldogs with an experienced core on both sides of the football.

410.5

Yards of offense per game averaged by Northwestern last season. The Tigers accumulated 6,568 yards in 16 games, including 3,671 on the ground and 2,897 through the air.

6

Times News area teams involved in head-to-head matchups on Oct. 16. Lehigh visits Jim Thorpe, Northern Lehigh travels to Palmerton and Panther Valley heads to Tamaqua on a Friday night filled with familiar opponents.

PALMERTON



Bombers hope to improve, be competitive

BY TJ ENGLE
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Two is better than one.

That could be especially true for the Palmerton football team this season as the Blue Bombers return two experienced players at one of the game's most important positions.

After gaining valuable experience as sophomores, TK Gursky and TJ Weller are both expected to help lead Palmerton through Colonial League play in 2026.

The Blue Bombers finished 3-8 last season, but head coach Chris Walkowiak said the focus is less on the record and more on the development the team showed throughout the year.

"T.K. and T.J. gained a wealth of experience last year, and that experience has helped them grow in many ways as players," Walkowiak stated. "This season, both have had strong off-seasons and have grown in size and arm strength. The biggest improvement has come with their experience reading defenses. We are very fortunate to have two capable players to play QB for us, and both will continue to battle things out."

"At the current moment, we have not named a starter. However, we liked what we have seen from both players. We are no doubt excited about our QB play this season."

Palmerton also returns experi-

enced talent in the backfield after losing both Vincent Taglieri and Caleb Sagastume to graduation. Junior Mikey Garey and senior Cale Young are both expected to shoulder much of the rushing workload.

Garey led the team with 90 carries and five touchdowns, while finishing second with 420 rushing yards and averaging 4.7 yards per carry. Young is looking to bounce back after an injury-shortened season that limited him to 80 yards on 28 carries.

"Mikey had a very solid year for us at the running back position," Walkowiak said. "He came on very strong midway through last season, and was a big part of

our success in the run game. Complementing Mikey, we have Cale Young, who provides a different running style. He returns from an injury, and we are looking forward to seeing him remain healthy because we think he can provide a much-needed spark to the offense."

Freshman Carson Eckhart is also expected to contribute in the backfield, while junior Ryan Sammy impressed the coaching staff during the off-season and pre-season.

"Carson is a big, powerful back with very good speed and excellent hands. Getting Carson comfortable and up to varsity speed has been our primary goal this off-

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

TK Gursky and TJ Weller both received plenty of playing time as sophomores. The seasoned juniors are back and will share time again at the quarterback position. Freshmen Cade Serfass and Luke Machalik are there back up.

RUNNING BACKS

Vincent Taglieri, who ran for a team-high 473 yards and averaged 5.31 yards per carry, has graduated. Michael Garey ran for 420 yards a year ago and will start in the backfield. Senior Cale Young, junior Ryan Sammy and freshman Carson Eckhart will also get opportunities to run the ball.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Taglieri was also a weapon in the passing game, while Alex Keiper (19.08 yards per catch) has also moved on. Junior Ben Negley caught four TD passes a year ago and leads the receiving corp. Others expected to contribute include seniors Connor Lawless, Jake Walkowiak and Chris Collier. Adding depth are juniors Gaven Meixsell and Connor Buck, as well as sophomore Steele Zalik.

OFFENSIVE LINE

The Bombers took a hit in the trenches with the loss of Logan Anthony and Beau Stahler. But a number of upperclassmen do return – seniors Mason Konze, Mason Heilman, Colson Ruzicka and Cooper Henry. Also back with experience are juniors Wyatt Gable and Parker Davis, and sophomore Colby Kohler.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Konze, Heilman, Ruzicka, Henry, Gable, Davis and Kohler will be two-way players filling the trenches on the defensive side too. Looking to chip in will be freshman Caleb Eckhart.

LINEBACKERS

Anderson Garcia and Caleb Sagastume have both graduated, but seniors Connor Lawless and Chris Collier are back to lead this year's linebackers. Juniors Mike Garey, TK Gursky and Ryan Sammy, and sophomores Steele Zalik and John Bishop, will also see time at the position. Freshman Carson Eckhart may also see time.

SECONDARY

Seniors Cale Young, Jake Walkowiak and Dawson Takerer, and returning players in juniors Gaven Meixsell and Ben Negley will man the defensive backfield. Junior Lucas Mertz is looking to also contribute in the secondary.

PALMERTON



Mason Konze



Jacob Walkowiak



Devlin Moyzan



Connor Lawless

PALMERTON MOST RUSHING YDS. - GAME

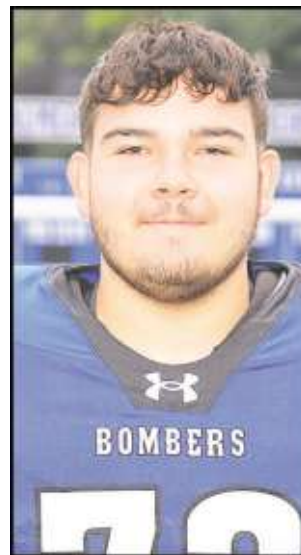
(1988-2025)		
Player	Yards	Date
Matt Machalik	319	9/15/23
Jameson Trainer	268	10/4/24
Mike Stasko	248	9/4/15
Matt Machalik	242	10/15/21
Matt Machalik	240	10/13/23
Chris Siracuse	240	10/16/98
Matt Machalik	237	9/22/23
Chris Siracuse	237	10/23/98
Matt Machalik	230	9/16/22
Matt Machalik	227	10/1/21
Cole Serfoss	227	9/25/20
Matt Machalik	221	9/8/23
Kody Gildner	221	11/12/93
Matt Falcone	219	10/17/08
Jason Hernandez	219	9/7/96
Matt Machalik	217	10/22/21
Matt Machalik	209	8/25/23
Jason Hernandez	206	10/4/96
Jeff Noyes	204	9/19/08
Jameson Trainer	202	9/28/24
Jason Northington	201	9/17/99
Matt Machalik	199	10/21/22
Kody Gildner	198	11/6/93
Matt Machalik	196	10/20/23
Jordan Nelson	194	10/25/19
Jeff Noyes	194	10/5/07
Mike Stasko	193	10/23/15
Chris Siracuse	190	9/11/98



Cale Young



Dawson Takerer



Colson Ruzicka

Did You Know? ... There have been four Palmerton players to be named the Times News Football Player of the Year. They include Matt Machalik (2022 and 2023), Matt Falcone (2008), Chris Siracuse (1998) and Kody Gildner (1994).

BOMBERS

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season,” Walkowiak said. “Ryan has shown flashes of some very good things in our offense, and we’re looking for him to continue to develop while learning the offense and being consistent in all facets. He’s capable of big plays with his speed and agility.”

Walkowiak also believes the Blue Bombers can make strides in the passing game. With an experienced quarterback group and a talented group of receivers, he expects the aerial attack to play a larger role this season.

That effort begins with junior Ben Negley, one of the team’s primary targets a year ago and a reliable red-zone threat.

“Ben Negley was our leading receiver last year and is very impressive winning the 50-50 balls thrown his way,” Walkowiak said. “He has a great skill set and a great set of hands. We are excited for what Ben brings to our offense.”

Negley may be the top target, but Walkowiak said other receivers are capable of making an impact. That group includes Gaven Meixsell, Jacob Walkowiak, Chris Collier, Steele Zalik Connor Lawless and Connor Buck.

“Meixsell has had an outstanding offseason as he has dedicated himself to football, and it has shown,”

Walkowiak said. “Lawless and Walkowiak are solid and consistent in the effort and energy they display on the field. They are total team players who do what is asked of them and are always looking for work.”

“Collier, Zalik and Buck have made big strides from last year and will be very effective with their blocking and receiving skills.”

While much of the attention goes to the offense, Walkowiak said success will also depend on the play in the trenches and on the defensive side of the ball. Seniors Mason Konze, Mason Heilman, Colson Ruzicka and Cooper Henry are all expected to play key two-way roles as Palmerton looks to take a step forward.

“First off, we need to remain healthy,” said Walkowiak, who enters his 16th season at the helm. “Last season, it seemed like we had key injuries each and every week. But our primary goals are to be a disciplined team that plays fundamentally sound while playing complementary football.”

“If we can do those three things consistently, then we can put ourselves in a position each week to win. Each day, our goal is to improve and get better.”

CADE SERFASS

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SENIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Chris Collier	5-7	145	SLOT/LB
Cale Young	5-9	165	RB/DB
Jacob Walkowiak	5-9	150	SLOT/DB
Hunter Sell	5-8	150	K/P
Connor Lawless	5-5	160	SLOT/LB
Dawson Takerer	5-11	160	WR/DB
Mason Konze	6-2	250	OL/DL
Mason Heilman	5-8	305	OL/DL
Colson Ruzicka	5-11	240	OL/DL
Cooper Henry	6-2	215	OL/DL
Devlin Moyzan	6-3	175	K/P

JUNIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Connor Buck	5-9	165	WR/DB
TJ Weller	5-9	160	QB/DB
Lucas Mertz	5-7	125	WR/DB
Ben Negley	6-2	175	WR/DB
T.K. Gursky	6-0	165	QB/LB
Gaven Meixsell	5-10	165	WR/DB
Michael Garey	5-11	185	RB/LB

Ryan Sammy	5-7	165	RB/LB
Wyatt Gable	6-1	245	OL/DL
Parker Davis	6-2	210	OL/DE

SOPHOMORES			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
John Bishop	5-11	150	WR/OL/LB
Steele Zalik	5-6	160	WR/DB
Colby Kohler	5-8	165	OL/DL

FRESHMEN			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Caleb Eckhart	6-0	180	RB/DL
Cade Serfass	5-10	175	QB/LB
Luke Machalik	5-7	135	SLOT/DB
Carson Eckhart	5-11	180	RB/LB
Zack Zelinsky	5-7	135	SLOT/DB
Cole Kramer	5-6	130	OL/DL
Charlie Coombe	6-2	205	OL/LB
Alberto Camacho	5-11	240	OL/DL
Jesse Fenkner	5-8	230	OL/DL
Chase Barachie	5-9	155	OL/DL
Ty Ader	6-0	155	OL/DL



Chris Collier



Mason Heilman



Cooper Henry



Hunter Sell



A Palmerton quarterback throws a pass during a recent practice.



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PANTHER VALLEY



Panthers will be strong in the trenches

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Football games are often won in the trenches.

If that cliché is true, then Panther Valley should be in good shape this season.

For the first time in his tenure with the Panthers, head coach Mark Lavine welcomes back experience at every position across both the offensive and defensive lines.

And because of that, PV is hopeful success is the end result.

"We essentially have five guys coming back," said Lavine about his guys upfront. "With being relatively new in the skill positions, we really want to build around that offensive line and our run-

ning game. They're strong kids, they bust their butt in the weight room. And hopefully that gives us some time to really develop the skill kids.

"I'm pretty excited about them because they compete against each other. We make sure they go good against good at practice and they push each other. They like to compete. There's some good kids there. For the most part, they're one-sport athletes so they've been in the weight room with us since December three days a week. They've really gotten stronger. It's a good group, it's the most depth we've had there too."

Anchoring the line will be seniors Jayden Ramos, Carlos Maldonado, Jerry Harrison and

Spencer Black. They will be joined by junior Brody Vermillion, with classmate Teggan Brideson also rotating into the mix. Junior Jason Ahn provides more physicality at tight end.

"Not since we've been here," said Lavine when asked if he's had this much experience returning on the line. "It's always been a lot of patch work, so it's nice. We lost Spencer (to an injury) in Week 2 last year ... And other guys like a Teggan and Jayden Ramos weren't starters last year but during the year with injuries or different things, they got a ton of playing time against the Williams Valleys and the Minersvilles. The second half of that year, although we lost those games, we played pretty

tough because those linemen really stepped up as sophomores and juniors. So by the end of the year ... that line really came together, so we're hoping to build on that with those guys this year."

A year ago, that line paved the way for quarterback Brody Breiner to run for 1,003 yards and 10 touchdowns. Breiner also threw for 1,406 yards and 10 scores.

The talented signal-caller has since graduated and will be missed, but others are ready to step in to supply offensive production.

"You don't replace Brody," said Lavine. "He was a 1,000/1,000-yard kid and four years in our program, three as a starter. But a lot of these

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Gone is Brody Breiner, who threw and ran for over 1,000. PV will hand the reigns to junior Cy Maynard, who dedicated himself to learning the position. Other QBs on the roster include sophomore Corrigan Crampsie and freshman Cooper Lynn.

RUNNING BACKS

Junior Troy Nunez could be PV's top ground gainer from the tailback position. Nunez picked up 143 yards last year. Fullback Carson Jones, a sophomore, will also get carries and pave the way for Nunez. Jones ended with 163 yards last season. Sophomore Lyric Ingrassia is also expected to see time in the backfield.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Chase McArdle will more than likely be Maynard's main receiver. The junior pulled in 54 passes for 455 yards last year and his 6-3 frame makes him a big target. Tyler Boyd will also line up outside, while Nate Rolon should also see time at the position.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Arguably PV's strength, Coach Lavine welcomes back plenty of experience up front. Brody Vermillion will start at center, with seniors Jayden Ramos and Carlos Maldonado manning the guard spots. Senior Tyler Black, who missed most of the year with an injury, is back at one tackle with another senior, Jerry Harrison, on the opposite side. Junior Teggan Brideson adds depth, while Jason Ahn is expected to start at tight end.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Jerry Harrison, Jayden Ramos, Carlos Maldonado, Tyler Black and Jason Ahn are slated to be two-way players on the line. Harrison and Ramos are scheduled to be tackles, along with Gabriel Rodriguez. Maldonado, Black and Ahn will all see time on the end.

LINEBACKERS

Brody Vermillion has plenty of experience at the position and should be a valuable stopper. Lyric Ingrassia is expected to line up inside with Carson Jones manning an outside spot.

SECONDARY

PV boasts depth in the secondary with Chase McArdle leading the way at safety. Tyler Boyd will also be at safety. Corners include Corrigan Crampsie and Nate Rolon. Other options include senior Gabe Rodriguez Jr. and sophomore Max Gasker.

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Spencer Black



Jerry Harrison



Carlos Maldonado



Jayden Ramos



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SENIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Gabe Rodriguez Jr	5-9	150	RB/DB
Cameron Rolon	5-7	160	RB/LB
Gabriel Rodriguez	5-9	170	RB/LB
Jayden Ramos	5-8	300	OL/DL
Jerry Harrison	6-2	300	OL/DL
Spencer Black	6-5	250	OL/DL
Carlos Maldonado	6-2	225	OL/DL

SOPHOMORES

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Corrigan Crampsie	5-9	145	QB/DB
Carson Jones	5-9	200	RB/LB
Max Gasker	5-7	135	WR/DB
Isa Gjoca	5-9	160	K
Lyric Ingrassia	5-6	165	FB/LB
Ethan Rolon	5-8	155	WR/DB
Nathan Rolon	5-7	155	RB/LB
Ari Cambria	5-9	200	OL/DL
Dennis Williams	5-10	230	OL/DL

JUNIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Tyler Boyd	6-3	155	WR/DB
Cy Maynard	6-3	170	QB/DB
Chase McArdle	6-3	190	WR/DB
Troy Nunez	5-7	180	RB/LB
Jason Ahn	6-1	205	TE/DE
Brody Vermillion	6-2	215	OL/LB
Teegan Brideson	6-2	270	OL/DL
James Kelly	6-2	290	OL/DL

FRESHMEN

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Ryder Richardson	5-11	285	OL/DL
Cooper Lynn	5-2	120	QB/DB
Kyle Ritter	5-6	130	WR/DB
Aiden Rolon	5-6	140	RB/DB
Noah Seifert	5-8	185	OL/DE
Alex Iudicello	5-5	185	OL/DL
Isaac Schoenburger	5-10	145	TE/LB

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PV RECORDS BY YEAR

Year	Record	Coach
2025	4-7	Mark Lavine
2024	2-8	Mark Lavine
2023	2-8	Mark Lavine
2022	3-8	Mark Lavine
2021	0-8	Rick Jones
2020	2-7	Rick Jones
2019	2-8	Rick Jones
2018	2-8	Scott Price
2017	3-7	Scott Price
2016	2-8	Matt Davis
2015	2-8	Matt Davis
2014	1-9	Matt Davis
2013	3-7	Lon Hazlet
2012	3-7	Lon Hazlet
2011	1-9	Lon Hazlet

PANTHER VALLEY

PANTHERS

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guys are itching to have their name called, I think they want to be the guy and get some of those stats and be the one that people are talking about. Those couple thousand yards rushing have to come from somewhere, and all those backs want to be part of that.

"The passing yards have to come from somewhere too, and I see Cy (Maynard) really wanting to step up into the quarterback position ... along with us, he

worked with a personal quarterback guy this summer to really work on it. It shows that the guys want to play and make a name for themselves, and that's awesome."

While Maynard gets the nod at quarterback, Troy Nunez (tailback) and Carson Jones (fullback) will also start in the backfield. Those two had a combined 84 carries a year ago.

While he didn't attempt any passes last season, Maynard does have an experienced receiver to throw to in junior Chase McArdle (54 receptions).

"There's some inexperience ... but in football, 11 guys have to be on the same page," said Lavine. "If one guy goes the wrong way ... you always worry about that concern but you have to make it a point as a coach that we're putting kids in good positions."

"We're not going to have Cy in Game 1 do some of the stuff we asked Brody to do as a three-year starter, so we have to make sure we're putting them in positions to be successful, and I think we've done a great job of that during camp."

If the offense does progress,

PV still has to get the job done on defense to have overall success.

Many of the linemen on offense will go two ways and see action on the other side of the ball.

"I think we're a little more athletic," said Lavine. "Our linebackers are fast. Our secondary, even though we're young, is athletic. Up front, Jerry's a strong kid, Carlos Maldonado I think could be one of the better players in the league ... I think that front seven, front eight can be really athletic and they run to the ball and they fly

to the ball."

If things fall into place, PV could surprise and compete with the "big boys" in the league.

"We definitely want to make improvements from last year," said Lavine. "Finishing 4-6 was nice and we made a jump but we want to be at the point where we're always over .500. That's the way it is and we have things in place, we have kids in this program that can make plays and our goal is to be above .500, get a better seed in districts, and win a playoff game."



Gabe Rodriguez Jr

TIMES NEWS 1,000-YARD RUSHERS (1989-2025)

Name, Team	Yards	Year	Name, Team	Yards	Year	Name, Team	Yards	Year	Name, Team	Yards	Year
Eli Zimmerman, Northwestern	2,665	2024	Mike Mitchell, Pleasant Valley	1,447	2016	Todd Wolfe, Lehigh	1,222	1990	Derek George, Palmerton	1,073	2006
Brett Snyder, Northwestern	2,367	1995	Dalton Clymer, Northwestern	1,445	2022	Kody Gildner, Palmerton	1,218	1993	Justin Holmes, Northwestern	1,070	2020
Cody Remaley, Northern Lehigh	2,322	2010	Brad Walters, Northern Lehigh	1,434	1998	Matt Machalik, Palmerton	1,216	2022	Vinnie Andrews, Lehigh	1,068	2002
Robbie Frey, Lehigh	2,272	2005	Jake Serfass, Northern Lehigh	1,419	2003	Alex Zukus, Tamaqua	1,216	2003	Caleb Johnson, Northern Lehigh	1,064	2012
TaQuan Bradley-Chambers, Lehigh	2,255	2017	Braxton Lakatos, Northwestern	1,404	2025	Brett Snyder, Northwestern	1,190	1994	Jason Deiter, Northern Lehigh	1,063	2000
Matt Machalik, Palmerton	2,250	2023	K.J. Snerr, Marian	1,395	2015	Tyler Hope, Tamaqua	1,185	2013	Joe Gillespie, Marian	1,057	1990
Cody Remaley, Northern Lehigh	2,155	2009	Josh Snyder, Northwestern	1,392	1997	Tekoah Guedes, Palmerton	1,184	2017	Dan Blazosky, Panther Valley	1,056	1999
Robbie Frey, Lehigh	2,028	2006	Justin Barrasso, Marian	1,385	1998	Chas Field, Panther Valley	1,179	2004	Nate Farber, Northern Lehigh	1,053	2013
Dalton Clymer, Northwestern	1,907	2023	Cody Remaley, Northern Lehigh	1,377	2008	Kody Gildner, Palmerton	1,179	1994	Matt Falcone, Palmerton	1,053	2008
Cade Christopher, Northwestern	1,888	2022	Shane Edwards, Jim Thorpe	1,375	2010	Wyatt Clements, Lehigh	1,174	2014	Gary Storer, Jim Thorpe	1,051	1993
Nate Boyle, Tamaqua	1,877	2019	Nate Farber, Northern Lehigh	1,367	2014	Fela Olaniyan, Pleasant Valley	1,170	2022	Nick Henry, Northwestern	1,048	2018
Harry Hall, Northwestern	1,830	2014	Nick Breiner, Tamaqua	1,339	2017	Jameson Trainer, Palmerton	1,166	2024	Mike Mayernik, Lehigh	1,046	2016
Terrence McDowell, Tamaqua	1,740	2025	Jarred Muffley, Tamaqua	1,339	2011	Paul Martin, Marian	1,163	2011	Chris Jacobs, Pleasant Valley	1,043	1998
Nick Hosford, Northern Lehigh	1,717	2005	Michael Pascoe, Panther Valley	1,334	2022	"Bud" Moyer, Tamaqua	1,152	2015	Ty Sander, Palmerton	1,042	2023
Matt Frame, Northern Lehigh	1,692	2021	Grif Griffiths, Tamaqua	1,333	2009	Dave Muffley, Lehigh	1,146	1997	Jason Kunkle, Northern Lehigh	1,037	2004
Chris Siracuse, Palmerton	1,689	1998	Trevor Yashur, Northern Lehigh	1,311	2011	Austyn Borre, Pleasant Valley	1,141	2013	Jeff Noyes, Palmerton	1,036	2007
Wyatt Clements, Lehigh	1,669	2015	Ryan Hluschak, Northern Lehigh	1,310	2001	Lukas Crozier, Lehigh	1,129	2025	Kyle Williams, Lehigh	1,034	1991
Harry Hall, Northwestern	1,651	2015	Jason Figura, Jim Thorpe	1,303	2004	Robbie Heller, Jim Thorpe	1,129	2014	Ty Cunningham, Northwestern	1,024	2010
CJ Selby, Jim Thorpe	1,640	2019	Nick Breiner, Tamaqua	1,300	2018	Nasai Moon, Pleasant Valley	1,123	2018	Rory Dixon, Marian	1,021	2025
Ryan Hluschak, Northern Lehigh	1,638	2002	Austyn Borre, Pleasant Valley	1,278	2012	Justin Malaska, Panther Valley	1,123	1992	Richard Nase, Panther Valley	1,017	2013
Cody Scherer, Lehigh	1,584	2017	Phil Redline, Jim Thorpe	1,276	2007	Jason Long, Lehigh	1,118	1994	Paul Martin, Marian	1,017	2009
Joe Semanoff, Lehigh	1,576	2000	Justin Holmes, Northwestern	1,267	2021	Austyn Borre, Pleasant Valley	1,110	2015	Robert Papaleo, Pleasant Valley	1,007	2021
Harry Hall, Northwestern	1,572	2013	CJ Selby, Jim Thorpe	1,263	2018	Josh Snyder, Northwestern	1,110	1996	Deven Bollinger, Northwestern	1,005	2019
Ryan Saunders, Jim Thorpe	1,570	2013	Jason Hernandez, Palmerton	1,261	1996	Ben Clymer, Northwestern	1,109	2007	Alex Zukus, Tamaqua	1,005	2001
Justin St. Hill, Jim Thorpe	1,557	2017	Alex Ecker, Pleasant Valley	1,254	2023	"Bud" Moyer, Tamaqua	1,108	2014	Keith Blose, Northern Lehigh	1,004	1997
Matt Machalik, Palmerton	1,542	2021	Brad Walters, Northern Lehigh	1,246	1999	Justin St. Hill, Jim Thorpe	1,104	2016	Brody Breiner, Panther Valley	1,003	2025
K.J. Snerr, Marian	1,534	2014	Jeff Noyes, Palmerton	1,244	2008	Gary Storer, Jim Thorpe	1,095	1994	Rich Smith, Panther Valley	1,002	2012
Jim Hope, Tamaqua	1,509	1990	Mike Stasko, Palmerton	1,233	2015	Nick Frame, Northern Lehigh	1,094	2022	Matt Falcone, Palmerton	1,001	2007
Robbie Heller, Jim Thorpe	1,483	2015	Kyle Ferryman, Panther Valley	1,231	2013	Jason Figura, Jim Thorpe	1,084	2003	Dave Muffley, Lehigh	1,000	1998
Matt Rizzo, Marian	1,472	2007	Rory Dixon, Marian	1,229	2024	Jon Suter, Northwestern	1,084	1997			
Al Donadi, Marian	1,449	2000	Brian DeGiosio, Panther Valley	1,228	1998	Matt Martin, Marian	1,074	2021			

(according to Times News statistics)



CJ Selby - 2019



Cody Remaley - 2010



Nate Boyle - 2019



T. Bradley-Chambers - 2017



Eli Zimmerman - 2024



Matt Machalik - 2023

PLEASANT VALLEY



Bears built to take another step forward

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There is a sense around Pleasant Valley that the Bears have been building toward this season.

A senior class that has grown together is back for one more run. Considerable offensive production returns, much of an experienced defense is intact, and a coaching staff that has been together for several years provides continuity.

For head coach Blaec Saeger, entering his eighth season at Pleasant Valley, there is plenty to like.

"We expect to be pretty good," Saeger said. "We expect

to compete in the North again and compete for the district."

Pleasant Valley took a significant step forward last fall, finishing 5-6, going 4-1 against EPC North opponents during the regular season and qualifying for the District 11 Class 5A playoffs.

Now the Bears want to build on it.

"I think these seniors want to take it a step further," Saeger said. "That's the goal. That's the plan."

"We're not the rebuilding year we were two years ago. We're kind of built a little bit for this year."

Several members of that senior class were pressed into

significant varsity roles as sophomores during a difficult 2024 season. They helped Pleasant Valley make a five-win improvement last fall, and Saeger believes those experiences have helped shape the group entering this season.

"I'll attribute that mostly to the seniors," he said. "They were not happy with their junior year obviously, and wanted it to be different."

Pleasant Valley should have plenty of ways to move the football.

The Bears remain committed to an option-based attack that emphasizes the running game and distributes touches among

several players. They rushed for 2,015 yards last season, with senior Chris Ward leading the returning group.

Ward carried 73 times for 577 yards and eight touchdowns, averaging 7.9 yards per attempt. He also caught 20 passes for 217 yards and two scores and finished with 11 total touchdowns.

Saeger expects Ward's workload to increase, but doesn't envision an offense revolving around just one player.

"I like to spread the ball around," Saeger said. "The option spreads the ball around. We will not be a one-man show."

"Chris will get more carries
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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

PV enters the season with a three-way competition between senior Brandt Wines, junior Maximus Vasquez and sophomore Cameron Ward. All three bring different attributes to the position. Wines saw limited varsity action at QB last season.

RUNNING BACKS

The Bears will spread the ball around in their option attack, with senior Chris Ward leading the returning group. Ward rushed for 577 yards and eight TDs last year, averaging 7.9 yards per attempt. Senior Jacob George returns at fullback after adding 235 yards on 61 carries. Junior Sean Cobb provides speed, while junior Gavin Dorshimer is another versatile option who can work out of the wing.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Senior William Breuer gives the Bears an experienced target after catching 19 passes for 215 yards last season. Breuer is a willing blocker in PV's run-heavy attack. Dorshimer is expected to work into the mix at wing and wide receiver, while Ward led PV with 20 receptions for 217 yards a year ago.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Senior Collin O'Neil is the lone returning starter and will anchor a unit replacing four starters. O'Neil and junior Anthony Salvi are expected to man the tackle spots, while sophomore Colby Campbell is a leading candidate at guard. Seniors Nick Colella and Gavin Bates are also in the guard mix. Senior Sam Deemer and junior Tyler Rudelitch will be at center.

DEFENSIVE LINE

O'Neil brings experience up front, with Salvi, Bates and junior Cole Vanderah expected to contribute. Sophomore Storm Anoa'i has impressed the staff and should be part of the rotation. Anoa'i could develop into an impact player.

LINEBACKERS

Experience is a strength with Ward, George and senior Nate Tyner all returning. Ward and George were TN All-Stars a year ago, while Tyner brings varsity experience. Senior Tyler F. Brown is expected to step into a larger role.

SECONDARY

Cobb and Breuer return at cornerback, giving the Bears experience outside. Dorshimer is expected to step into one safety spot after seeing time in the secondary last season. Vasquez and senior Tyler C. Brown are competing for the other safety position.

PLEASANT VALLEY

2026 PLEASANT VALLEY ROSTER

SENIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Gavin Bates	6-2	215	OL/DL
William Breuer	6-5	195	WR/DB
Tyler C Brown	5-8	165	RB/DB
Tyler F Brown	5-10	185	FB/LB
Nick Colella	6-0	210	OL/DL
CJ Cornell	5-8	165	WR/DB
Sam Deemer	5-9	195	OL/DL
Jacob George	6-1	215	FB/LB
Collin O'Neil	6-4	285	OL/DL
Nathan Tyner	5-9	185	FB/LB
Chris Ward	5-10	185	RB/LB
Brandt Wines	5-9	185	QB/LB

JUNIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Sean Cobb	5-8	165	RB/DB
Christian Collins	5-8	165	RB/DB
Gavin Dorshimer	5-9	175	RB/DB
Ethan Duran	5-9	165	K
Justin Estela	5-8	155	WR/DB
Chris Godshall	5-9	175	RB/LB
Tyler Rudelitch	5-8	215	OL/DL
Anthony Salvi	5-10	245	OL/DL
Cole Vanderah	6-0	195	FB/DL
Maximus Vasquez	6-1	185	QB/DB

SOPHOMORES			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Colby Campbell	6-0	215	OL/DL

Storm Anoa'i	6-1	205	OL/DL
Nate Benyahmeen	6-3	240	OL/DL
Micah Burpo	5-8	155	WR/DB
Aiden Carver	5-10	165	WR/DB
Jayden Coco	5-8	155	WR/DB
Daniel Fedik	5-10	195	FB/LB
Grayson Graziano	5-8	210	OL/DL
Carmelo Guzman	5-8	155	WR/DB
Ace Haring	5-10	165	WR/DB
Diakil McCray	5-8	240	OL/DL
Zidan Moore	5-10	185	RB/DB
Daniel Ortiz	6-0	225	OL/DL
Avi Sattaur	6-1	240	OL/DL
Russell Smith	5-9	195	OL/DL
Jimmy Stipeck	5-9	165	RB/LB
Joel Toledo	5-8	185	OL/DL
Cameron Ward	5-9	165	QB/DB

BEARS

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than he had last year, but I don't see it being a 'Chris gets the ball 30 times and everybody else gets the ball three.' We have plenty of guys to move the ball around."

Senior Jacob George returns at fullback after rushing for 235 yards last season, while junior Sean Cobb provides speed and junior Gavin Dorshimer offers versatility at wing and wide receiver. Senior William Breuer, a 6-foot-5 target who caught 19 passes for 215 yards and two touchdowns, also returns.

"They all have different attributes, which is nice," Saeger said. "Jake's a big bull. Chris has a little bit of everything. Sean's our speed guy. Will's our pass catcher. Gavin can do everything."

Exactly who directs the offense remains unsettled.

Senior Brandt Wines, junior Maximus Vasquez and sophomore Cameron Ward all entered camp competing for the quarterback job.

"It's a nice problem to have," Saeger said. "All three have worked their tails off, and they all have different attributes that they can bring to the table."

The Bears also must replace four starters on the offensive line, where senior Collin O'Neil returns as the lone hold-over.

Saeger believes O'Neil is ready to anchor the rebuilt unit.

"He's by far our biggest, and has just an enormous amount of potential," Saeger said. "He started to reach it last year, and I expect him to have a tremendous senior year."

There is more experience on defense.

Ward, George and senior Nate Tyner all return at linebacker, while both Cobb and Breuer are back at cornerback. O'Neil provides experience up front, while Dorshimer saw time in the secondary last season.

Saeger is also encouraged by a sophomore class he called the best he has had during his eight seasons at Pleasant Valley. Offensive lineman Colby Campbell is among those competing for a

significant role, while defensive lineman Storm Anoa'i has impressed the coaching staff.

That combination of youth and experience gives the Bears depth despite a roster of roughly 42 players.

"We have a pretty deep group for only 42 kids on our roster," Saeger said.

There is continuity beyond the roster.

Much of Saeger's coaching staff has remained together for several years, while former Pleasant Valley players have begun returning to

coach in the program. For Saeger, that familiarity has helped create an established identity and expectations throughout the program.

"The coaches know each other. The kids know us. They know what to expect," Saeger said. "That's very important."

The current seniors have grown within that environment and alongside each other, many dating back to their youth football days.

They've already helped Pleasant Valley

take one significant step forward.

Now they have one more season together to see how far they can take it.

"We've been through it together for a while

now," Saeger said. "We just have a great group of kids. There's no issue. There's no drama. They're here to play football."

"I believe we're in an upswing."

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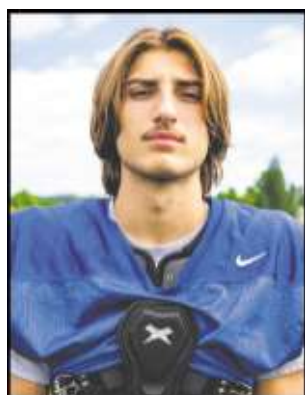
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Pleasant Valley football players work through a blocking drill as a member of the Bears' coaching staff looks on during a recent preseason practice.

DISTRICT 11

Path to the playoffs

A look at District 11 classifications, qualifying procedures and key dates for 2026

The road to the postseason will look a little different depending on classification for the Times News area's nine football teams in 2026.

Five area teams will compete in a crowded District 11 Class 3A field, while Marian, Northern Lehigh, Lehigh and Pleasant Valley will pursue playoff berths in four other classifications.

Here is a look at where each area team fits and how the District 11 postseason will work this fall.

2026 DISTRICT 11 FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PRIMER AREA TEAMS BY CLASS

CLASS 1A

Marian Catholic

CLASS 2A

Northern Lehigh

CLASS 3A

Jim Thorpe

Northwestern Lehigh

Palmerton

Panther Valley

Tamaqua

CLASS 4A

Lehigh

CLASS 5A

Pleasant Valley

Five of the Times News area's nine teams will compete in Class 3A this season. There are no area teams in Class 6A.

HOW THEY QUALIFY CLASS 1A



Northwestern's Brady Zimmerman, Braxton Lalatos, Shane Hulmes, Evan Wagstaff and Mason Bollinger celebrate after the Tigers captured their fourth consecutive District 11 Class 3A championship last season. Northwestern is one of five Times News-area teams competing in Class 3A this fall. TN FILE PHOTO

Four teams qualify for the District 2/11 subregional regardless of district, based on the District 11 Power Rating System. The semifinals are normally seeded 1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3.

If exactly two District 11 teams and two District 2 teams qualify, teams from the same district will meet in the semifinals to determine their respective district champions. Those winners will then meet in the subregional final for a berth in the PIAA tournament.

DISTRICT 11 PLAYOFF DATES NOV. 5, 6 OR 7

Class 1A semifinals/District 2-11 subregional semifinals

Class 2A and 5A semifinals

Class 3A, 4A and 6A quarterfinals

NOV. 12, 13 OR 14

Class 1A championship/District 2-11 subregional final

Class 2A and 5A championship games

Class 3A, 4A and 6A semifinals

NOV. 19, 20 OR 21

Class 3A, 4A and 6A championship games

District 11 tournament brackets and game times are scheduled to be posted by noon on Sunday, Nov. 1.

GAME SITES

Quarterfinal and semifinal games will be played at the home field of the higher-seeded team.

District 11 championship games will be played at neutral sites determined by District 11.

For the Class 1A District 2/11 subregional championship, the higher-seeded team will host unless the matchup features two District 11 teams. An all-District 11 Class 1A final will be played at a neutral site.

The higher-seeded team will be designated as the home team throughout the District 11 tournament.

ROAD TO THE PIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

PIAA first round: Nov. 20-21

PIAA quarterfinals: Nov. 27-28

PIAA semifinals: Dec. 4-5

PIAA championships: Dec. 10-12



Northern Lehigh celebrates its 2022 District 11 Class 1A championship, its second straight title after winning the Class 2A crown in 2021. TN FILE PHOTO



Marian celebrates its 2015 District 11 Class 1A championship. The Colts will compete in Class 1A again this season. TN FILE PHOTO

TAMAQUA



Raiders' 90 percent club sets standard

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One year ago, Tamaqua had a 150-pound sophomore tailback named Terrence McDowell who had never carried a varsity football workload.

The question wasn't whether he could run — but could he keep doing it?

Well, it didn't take very long for McDowell to put that question to bed.

McDowell tallied a whopping 313 carries, 1,740 rushing yards and 19 touchdowns by the end of the season, taking District 11 defenses by storm.

"We knew that he was eventually going to be a good one, but he was a small sophomore, so we didn't know what the durability would look like," said Tamaqua head coach Sam Bonner. "Is he going to be a guy that could run the ball 20 times?"

Indeed he was.

"He proved it to us by the end of the year; I think there were games where he was running the ball 30, 35 times while playing defense and not coming off the field."

McDowell and his Raider teammates went to the

weight room this offseason and beefed up even more this summer, just like a Bonner-led program typically does.

Bonner noted McDowell is probably playing in the 180-pound range now, a big-time transformation, which should be even scarier for opposing boxes to defend.

"He's squatting like 450, he's benching like 280," Bonner said. "I bet his bench is up probably 75 pounds."

"The squat's probably up a hundred pounds, if not more."

Enter the football team's "90% Club," an attendance-based workout program which motivates Bonner's group to stay committed while school isn't in session.

"We take roll starting the last day of school, when we do our first summer workout," he said. "So it's kids who made at least 90% of the summer workouts."

Tamaqua ran roughly 35 summer sessions. Miss more than a handful, and you wouldn't make the club.

Twenty-one Blue Raid-

ers cleared the bar out of a roster Bonner expects to sit around 38 players. The rewards are subtle but meaningful — first in line for food or having a first crack at equipment.

McDowell earned a spot on the club, and so did the junior quarterback replacing Chase Serfass under center: Ace Schickram.

Schickram, who spent last fall on the outside at receiver, put on 15 to 20 pounds of his own and stands about 6-foot-1, Bonner noted.

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Junior Ace Schickram moves under center after collecting 26 receptions as a wide receiver in 2025. Senior Kaden Krajcirik backs him up while currently starting at left tackle, the kind of double duty only small schools ask for.

RUNNING BACKS

Junior Terrence McDowell returns after a 313-carry, 1,740-yard, 19-touchdown sophomore season, and he is up to roughly 185 pounds from about 154 a year ago. Senior Camden "CJ" Walker starts at fullback and can both lead block and carry.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Senior Quinn Coleman opens at flanker with sophomore Ryder Holmberg splitting time there. Sophomores Chance Makovec and Gavin Shannon give Tamaqua two bigger-bodied targets on the outside and will rotate. Senior Teegen Phillips is the tight end.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Junior James Wronski anchors the middle at center, with juniors Carter Trotman and Dylan Garcia at the guard spots. Another junior, Bryce Nelson, and senior Kaden Krajcirik handle the tackles.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Senior Flynn Coleman sets the edge at one defensive end with Teegen Phillips at the other. Senior Alexander Pojoy and junior Carter Trotman occupy the interior at the tackle spots.

LINEBACKERS

Senior Damian Jazowski and junior Johnathan Krauter man the inside, with CJ Walker expected to take a third inside role. Chance Makovec will work outside with Flynn Coleman working in.

SECONDARY

Terrence McDowell, Gavin Shannon and senior Peyton Schwartz form the core of the back end. Ace Schickram rotates through, and Ryder Holmberg will be active there as well.

TAMAQUA



Flynn Coleman



Frankie Hill



Damian Jazowski



Alexander Alcantara Pojoy



Teegen Phillips



Quinn Coleman

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SENIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Damian Jazowski	5-11	200	OL/LB
Peyton Schwartz	5-8	162	WR/DB
Camden Walker	5-10	190	FB/LB
Teegen Phillips	6-3	185	TE/DL
Frankie Hill	5-8	150	FB/LB
Quinn Coleman	5-6	166	WR/DB
Kaden Krajcirik	6-2	215	OL/DL
Yaviel Vargas	5-11	200	OL/DL
Flynn Coleman	6-1	185	OL/DL
Alexander Alcantara Pojoy	5-8	222	OL/DL

JUNIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Ace Schickram	6-1	175	QB/DB

Terrence McDowell	5-10	180	RB/DB
Johnathan Kraeuter	5-9	197	FB/LB
Brian Godinez	5-10	147	K/P
Carter Trotman	6-0	215	OL/DL
Bryce Nelson	6-2	240	OL/DL
Konnor Sanders	5-9	265	OL/DL
Dylan Garcia	5-10	225	OL/DL
James Wronski	5-9	274	OL/DL

SOPHOMORES

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Ryder Holmberg	5-8	150	WR/DB
Chance Makovec	5-11	175	WR/LB
Gavin Shannon	6-0	170	WR/DB
Damien Ems	5-7	125	WR/LB
Troy Hartman	5-9	175	FB/LB
Bryce Danko	5-9	159	TE/LB

Thomas Heisler	6-0	245	OL/DL
Jayden Benson	6-2	233	OL/DL
Aaden Smith	5-10	145	OL/DL
Nash Burke	5-8	160	OL/DL
Logan Sanders	5-6	220	OL/DL

FRESHMEN

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Jaxon Faneck	5-7	132	QB/DB
Cain Conner	5-7	130	WR/DB
Tavin Makovec	5-10	166	WR/DB
Ayden Kovalchick	5-5	135	WR/DB
Zach Roseland	5-6	136	FB/LB
Blaityn Ancrum	6-0	151	TE/LB
Will Miles	5-5	215	OL/DL
Cooper Bush	5-9	209	OL/DL



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Player	Yards	Date
Brennan Kunkle	324	9/15/23
Michael Pascoe	258	11/3/22
John Koehler	257	10/4/02
Lou Clouser	238	10/24/20
Roger Gehring	228	11/5/94
Dan Blazosky	228	10/15/99
Rich Smith	223	9/14/12
Rich Smith	218	9/21/12
Rich Smith	215	8/31/12
Chas Field	207	11/5/04
Brody Breiner	205	10/24/25
Kyle McAvoy	204	9/19/08
Michael Pascoe	203	8/26/22
Lou Clouser	203	10/2/20
Brody Breiner	202	9/19/25
Rene Figueroa	200	10/6/17
Chas Field	198	10/8/04
Brian DeGiosio	198	10/23/98
Michael Pascoe	195	9/15/22
Justin Malaska	194	10/10/92
Matt Kosciolk	193	9/17/99
Michael Pascoe	186	10/7/22
Dan Blazosky	186	9/15/00



Peyton Schwartz



Yaviel Vargas



Camden Walker



Tamaqua players practice a running play during a recent workout. The Blue Raiders open their season Friday against Leighton.

RAIDERS

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"He's got some wheels on him, so we think that he could give us another

dimension in the backfield that we didn't have for the last year or so."

Tamaqua's backfield has led by example, and its teammates have been drinking the Kool-Aid.

"Seeing those guys work their tails off, obviously it's contagious, especially for the young guy," Bonner added.

But there's another name to watch who is joining McDowell and Shickram in the backfield again this season.

Senior Camden "CJ" Walker grew into Tamaqua's power back by the

end of the fall, and Bonner said he had six or seven pancakes in last year's Saucon Valley District 11 playoff victory game alone.

Walker can definitely lay the lumber, but he could also tote the rock 10-12 times a game to help out McDowell, according to Bonner.

It sounds like a little

thunder and lightning is the recipe for the Raiders in 2026.

Four of Tamaqua's five projected offensive line starters will play one way, which could help provide some extra tread on the tires when the fourth quarter rolls around.

Tamaqua won four games a year ago; one of them was that 22-15 District 11 first-round upset at Saucon Valley that ended a long playoff drought

before Notre Dame-Green Pond ended Tamaqua's run at Lafayette College.

Bonner said there are takeaways from both halves of the season.

"Obviously, we want to do better than a 4-8 campaign," he said. "But we want to build off the victory we had in the playoff game last year."

"This year, the kids know what they're capable of doing. It's just a matter of doing it."



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SCHEDULES



Mark Rosenberger

Jim Thorpe

August

28 - at Blue Mountain

September

4 - vs. Minersville
11 - vs. Southern Lehigh
18 - at Bangor
24 - vs. Wilson

October

2 - vs. Northwestern
9 - at Northern Lehigh
16 - vs. Lehigh
23 - at Saucon Valley
30 - at Palmerton



Tom McCarroll

Lehigh

August

28 - vs. Tamaqua

September

3 - at PM West
10 - at Wilson
18 - vs. Saucon Valley
25 - at Southern Lehigh

October

2 - at Bangor
9 - vs. Northwestern
16 - at Jim Thorpe
23 - vs. Palmerton
30 - vs. Northern Lehigh



Billy O'Gurek

Marian

August

28 - vs. Palmerton

September

4 - at Panther Valley
11 - at Tamaqua
18 - vs. Minersville
26 - vs. Shenandoah Vly.

October

2 - at Tri-Valley
9 - vs. Nativity
16 - at Williams Valley
23 - vs. Mahanoy Area
30 - at Schuylkill Haven



Joe Tout

No. Lehigh

August

28 - vs. Executive Ed.

September

3 - at Northwestern
11 - vs. Pen Argyl
18 - at Palisades
25 - vs. Salisbury

October

2 - at Catasauqua
9 - vs. Jim Thorpe
16 - at Palmerton
23 - vs. Notre Dame
30 - at Lehigh



Josh Snyder

Northwestern

August

28 - at Valley View

September

3 - vs. Northern Lehigh
10 - vs. Bangor
18 - at Salisbury
25 - vs. Saucon Valley

October

2 - at Jim Thorpe
9 - at Lehigh
16 - vs. Wilson
23 - at Southern Lehigh
30 - vs. Catasauqua



Chris Walkowiak

Palmerton

August

28 - at Marian

September

4 - vs. Nanticoke
11 - vs. Palisades
18 - at Catasauqua
26 - at Pen Argyl

October

3 - at Salisbury
9 - vs. Notre Dame
16 - vs. Northern Lehigh
23 - at Lehigh
30 - vs. Jim Thorpe



Mark Lavine

Panther Vly.

August

28 - vs. Mahanoy Area

September

4 - vs. Marian
11 - at Shenandoah Vly.
18 - vs. Nanticoke
25 - at Tunkhannock

October

2 - at Blue Mountain
9 - vs. Pottsville
16 - at Tamaqua
23 - vs. Pine Grove
30 - at North Schuylkill



Blaec Saeger

Pleasant Vly.

August

28 - vs. Saucon Valley

September

3 - at Dieruff
10 - vs. Pottsville
18 - at Whitehall
25 - vs. ES South

October

1 - at Northampton
9 - vs. ES North
16 - at PM East
23 - vs. PM West
30 - at Stroudsburg



Sam Bonner

Tamaqua

August

28 - at Lehigh

September

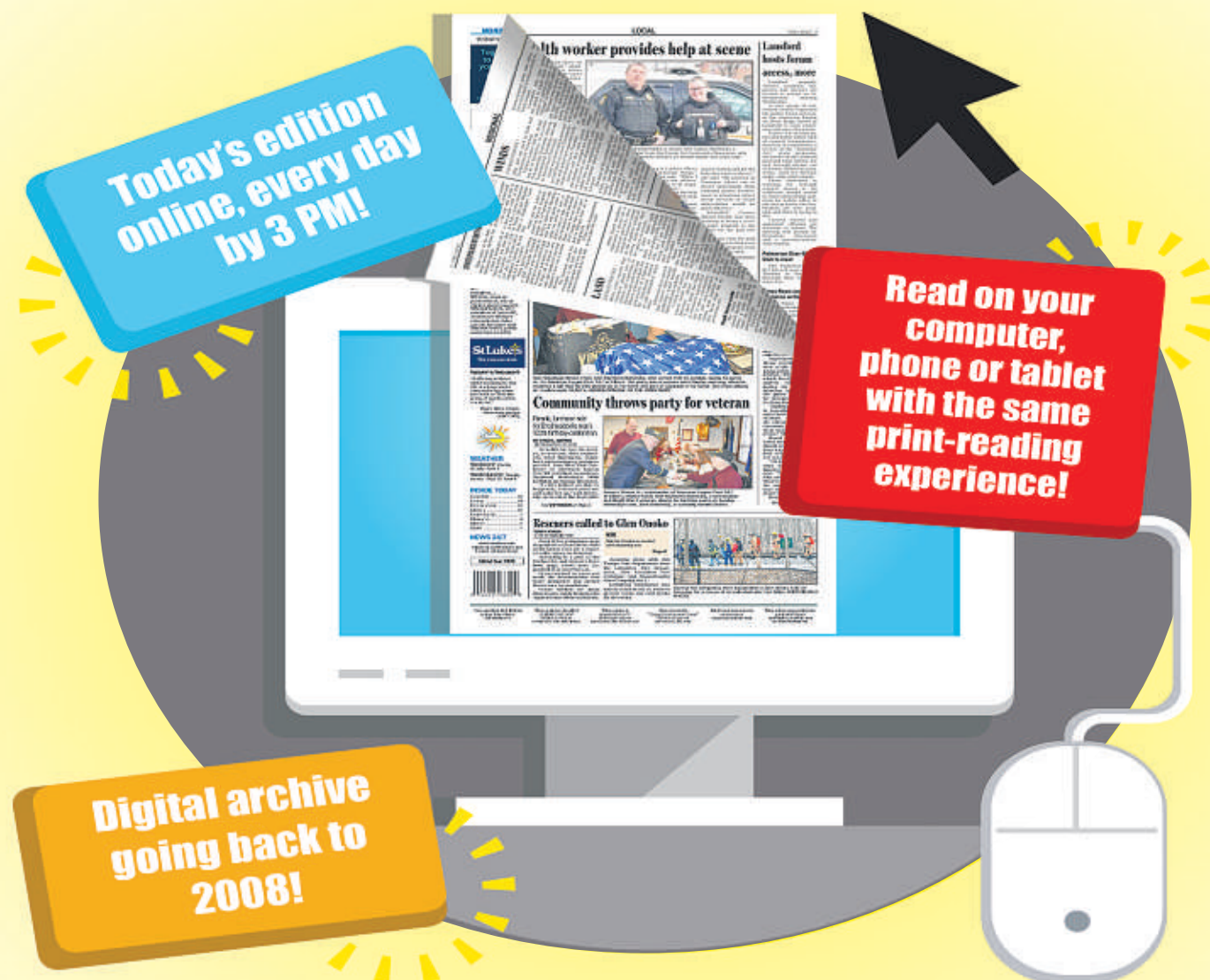
4 - vs. Schuylkill Haven
11 - vs. Marian
18 - vs. Executive Ed.
25 - vs. Blue Mountain

October

1 - at Pottsville
9 - at North Schuylkill
16 - vs. Panther Valley
23 - at Selinsgrove
30 - at Pine Grove

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