



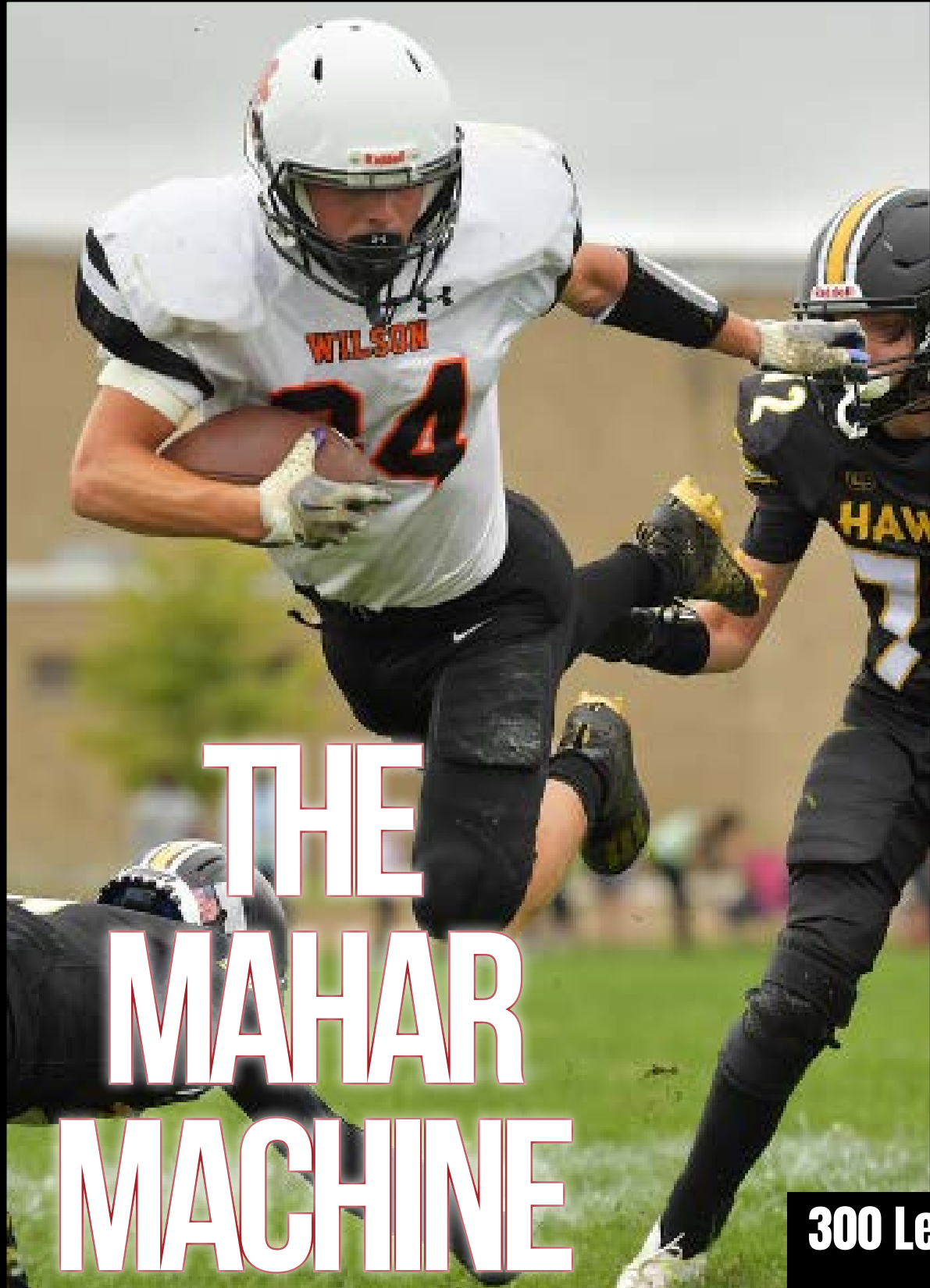
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# This Weeks Trench Trophy Nominees

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KEENAN BANKS | MARYVALE

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DOUG CROWLEY | GRAND ISLAND

AIDEN DEVEREAUX | JAMESTOWN

JACOB DEXTER | RANDOLPH

ZAID ELNASSER | WILLIAMSVILLE EAST

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# This Weeks Connolly Cup Nominees

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**CONNOLLY CUP**  
Memorial

**WEEK 4  
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

<b>Hayden Arrison (Clarence)</b>	<b>Noah Irby (Maryvale)</b>	<b>Keith Miller (Jamestown)</b>
<b>Tyrone Clark (Lackawanna)</b>	<b>Ryan Isenberg (Olean)</b>	<b>Blake Minsterman (Lancaster)</b>
<b>Amir Douglas (Lackawanna)</b>	<b>Elijah Kimble (Canisius)</b>	<b>Coy Patterson (Akron)</b>
<b>Christian Earnst (North Tonawanda)</b>	<b>Alex Krupa (Lancaster)</b>	<b>Hunter Smith (Franklinville/Ellicottville)</b>
<b>Kaedon Holcomb (Portville)</b>	<b>Brandon Liggans (McKinley)</b>	<b>Ja'Meer Thomas (Bennett)</b>

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# Class AA Feature

## Frontier Back In Class AA Looking To Find Winning Ways Again

*By Mike Pidanick @mkpidanick*

Frontier is “back home” in Class AA and the results have been mixed to start the season. After down-to-the-wire battles with Clarence and Orchard Park, the Falcons suffered lopsided losses to Jamestown and Lancaster.

“We played two very good games and then we didn’t play two very good games,” Frontier coach Rich Gray said. “So we need to get things going again.”

The Falcons will look for their first win of the season at 2 p.m. on Saturday against Niagara Falls.

Frontier opened with a 30-27 loss to Class A Clarence, a team that is still undefeated, and followed that with a 36-35 overtime loss to perennial large school contender Orchard Park.

But then came losses to the Red Raiders and Legends by a combined 82-0.

Frontier was a mainstay in Class AA for years, reaching the sectional title game in 2013. But numbers at the school fell and the Falcons moved to Class A starting with the 2017 season.

They’re back with the big boys now.

“Enrollment kind of dropped a bit and we went down to A,” Gray said to WNY Athletics’ Tom Prince in the preseason. “Now we’re back up to Double-A and we’re kind of back home. But when you’re back home against these teams, you know they’re going to be very well-coached and they have tons of great athletes.”

In the first two games, quarterback Rob Kibler ran for 233 yards and a TD and also threw for 164 yards. Gregory Walters also ran for 233 yards. Tommy Alleca was the leading receiver with four catches for 84 yards.

David Amuka led the team with 51 total tackles, while Eli Caldwell had 42.



*Photo by  
Jeff  
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## Tubin shines as Clarence stays undefeated

By Colton Pankiewicz @ColtonPankiewi7

Clarence extended their unbeaten streak in Week 4 as they dominated West Seneca West 27-6.

The Red Devils totaled nearly 400 yards while holding their opponent to 250 total yards and just one trip to the endzone. With their record at 4-0 for the first time since 2016, much of the success lay at the hands of quarterback Bryce Tubin.

Tubin has burst onto the scene in his first year at the varsity level, leading Section VI with 1,068 yards to go along with nine touchdowns through just four games. Clarence has completely transformed their offense into a passing attack after majorly running the veer offense last year. Tubin is just 18 yards short of the mark set by Clarence's



Photo by Jake Ruchala

starting quarterback last year, despite having at least four games remaining in the regular season.

Despite the 6'2 210-pound quarterback's physical giftedness, head coach Paul Burgio is most impressed with Tubin's intangibles.

"He could be a coach just based off his understanding of coverages. On top of his IQ he's a leader. We don't have junior captains very often but he's the voice in the room," said Burgio.

Clarence looks ahead to Grand Island next week to extend their impressive record to 5-0.

On pace to throw for over 2,100 yards, Tubin carries high expectations to help Clarence make a run deep into the postseason after reaching the Section VI semifinals last year.



## Shamere Banks is Getting Better & Better for Falcons

By Tony Fiorello @anthonyfiorello

Buffalo sports fans are familiar with one quarterback who was a late bloomer in the Bills' Josh Allen. There might be another one at Health Sciences in senior Shamere Banks.

Banks, a senior at the school, has blossomed into a top-tier signal-caller and captain for the team

and coach Ty Parker has had a front row seat to watch it happen.

"Shamere's a competitor, a great kid with great character and a very social person," Parker said. "His teammates love him. Just a great person to have on our program and he's become a perfect leader for us."

"He's always the first one in the weight room and the last to leave. He's always making sure that he and his receivers are on the same page – he really does approach the game like he's a college-level quarterback."

Banks, who transferred to the school from Hutch Tech, originally came to the Health Sciences program a year ago to compete with incumbent starter Montrice Webster for the starting job. While he didn't become the team's featured signal caller right away, Parker knew he could still help the team in numerous ways and had to take advantage of his athletic gifts.

"Last year Shamere was learning the terminology in our system and had to get comfortable with the coaches and his teammates while also competing for the quarterback job.

That's a lot to deal with," Parker said. "Even though he wasn't ready yet, we still needed to figure out a way to get both him and Webster on the field at the same time because he could do different things. So he lined up at wide receiver, defensive back and quarterback and played well.

"This year he's directing people, he's telling everybody what their role is and what their job is on the field. He has a great arm and a high IQ for the game, and the difference in his game compared to last year is like night and day."

How did Banks get to this level? Like Allen, it just took some time to learn how to play the position properly and eventually his mind for



Photo by Shawn Turri

the game caught up with his athletic talents to form a lethal combination.

"He's making all the right throws – last year he was looking downfield a lot and always trying to go for the home run. Now he knows how to find holes in zone coverages and he's become a field general," Parker said. "I think that's just the result of studying the playbook, learning coverages, putting in hard work in the weight room and

working on his craft. It's all paying off.

"I've got to give him a lot of credit for that, he hasn't even scratched the surface yet of what he could be. We haven't really gotten the chance to get into our playbook to the point where we can really expose a lot of stuff that he can handle. But he's one of the best quarterbacks, if not the best quarterback in Western New York this year and that's saying a lot coming from where he was last year."

Banks has had some college interest, namely from Buffalo State, Alfred State and Morrisville. Still, Parker believes that the better he gets, the more of a chance he'll have to land a scholarship.

"Without a doubt," Parker said. "I really do believe that. I'm enjoying watching him this year because he's getting better every day. I'm just so happy that we have a quarterback who can handle the pressure as well as he's been handling it."



**WEEK 5**

**FOOTBALL BROADCAST SCHEDULE**

**WNY Athletics**



**THURSDAY - 7 PM**  
**JAMESTOWN AT HUTCH-TECH**

**FRIDAY - 7 PM**  
**LANCASTER AT BENNETT**

**FRIDAY - 7 PM**  
**MARYVALE AT IROQUOIS**

**SATURDAY - 1 PM**  
**DEPEW AT LACKAWANNA**

**SATURDAY - 1 PM**  
**SWEET HOME AT ORCHARD PARK**



## Portville/Cuba-Rushford crashing Class C Playoff Picture

By Frank Wolf @wolf3328

The Portville Panthers moved up to Class C this season after going 6-3 in D a year ago. The move to C was happening even before the program's decision to merge with Section V's Cuba-Rushford and Hinsdale. So far the alliance is working as the team sits at 3-1 ahead of Friday's league game with Chautauqua Lake/Westfield/

Brocton (2-2).

Josh Brooks now in his sixth season as head coach believes his team is tough enough to make a strong playoff run.

"The merge has been good," Brooks said. "The kids have gotten along so well, much better than we anticipated.



Photo by Ashley Rose/Fredonia

The Panthers started off the season with a 71-6 thrashing of Catt/L. Valley but were humbled a week later when they fell to Southwestern in a 3-0 defensive juggernaut. Adding insult to injury, literally, with the loss of starting senior quarterback Luke Petryszak.

"Luke is a great kid and athlete. Losing him was a big deal because he also brings a lot of toughness to our team," Brooks said.

Petryszak is still hanging around but due to the extent of his injury, his return to the field as a player is highly doubtful.

"We threw in our junior Eli Sleggs who did not have a lot of reps heading into that game and our team struggled. We turned the ball over four times," Brooks said. "To Ely's credit though he worked hard in practice and had a nice showing against

Silver Creek the following week and threw two touchdowns against Fredonia last week."

It was at the Orange Bowl where I had a chance to see for myself what we had been hearing about the Panthers. We had been hearing about this running back tandem of Kaedon Holcomb and Ethan Coleman. Holcomb alone rushed for 139

yards on a very tough defensive front in Fredonia. He scored three touchdowns in route to a 41-20 win. Defensively Holcomb recovered a fumble and had an interception. It was an all around solid effort for the senior.

Coleman and Aiden Defazio each caught touchdown receptions.

"I've never seen an "O" line or "D" line that big and athletic as I did Fredonia," Brooks said. "I told the local paper here that they (Fredonia) could be the best 1-3 team in the Country."

The Panthers didn't just beat the Hillbillies Friday, they left them battered. It was a statement win for the Portville/Cuba-Rushford program.

"We have a pretty intelligent group of players. They study the film and understand what they're seeing. We're wearing teams down, that's our style."

After the loss to Southwestern coach Brooks noticed something that still impresses him, his players weren't finger pointing or making excuses.

"Just like in Fredonia, we were down 21-7 before we rallied," Brooks said. "We scored two



touchdowns before the half to take the lead and then another early in the third. We kept them off the scoreboard in the second half. The kids are mature and they saw they were in a hole and accepted the challenge”

The season will not get easier for the Panthers as they have some very good teams before they close out the season. They still have trips to Falconer and Randolph before they close out the season at home against Salamanca.

One thing is for certain though, Class C opponents went on notice, Portville/Cuba-Rushford is for real.

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# Class D/ 8-Man Feature

## Harper Confident in Catanese

*By Frank Wolf @wolf3328*

The relationship between a head coach and quarterback is paramount when it comes to football. The player has to trust his coach, have a good understanding of the playbook, show confidence in himself, lead his teammates and above all else believe in himself.

The coach on the other hand has to make sure the player is capable of running the style of offense he implements, has a high football IQ and mentor the young man as if he was his own son.

The head coach/quarterback relationship is like no other in sports.



*Photo by Alex Kolstee*

CSP head coach Ty Harper had a very special relationship with Gerrit Hinsdale years ago and won two NYSPHSAA Class D titles together. The mutual respect between the two was evident during their time together, so much so that they still have a solid bond.

Tate Catanese is developing the same bond with Harper. The closeness between the two is as noticeable as it was years ago when Hinsdale was in a similar position. Only this goes a step further, Catanese dates Harper's stepdaughter, Tanleigh.

"They've been dating for 2 1/2 years, Harper said. "He's a great young man, comes from a great family. I think I'm as excited as anyone else in the house when he comes over."

Catanese is a junior with plenty of high school football left to play. The 6', 200-pound athlete has been working with John Kinder, a local coach who works with quarterbacks during the off-season. The progressions and the improvements Catanese has made under Kinder's watch are quite noticeable.

The footwork, timing of his release, the way he sees the field, have all contributed to a quick 4-0 start for the Wolfpack. Catanese has thrown 10 touchdowns thus far. His mobility is setting him apart from other QBs in the area, giving CSP another weapon on offense. Catanese leads the Wolfpack in rushing with 297 yards and four scores.

Heading into the season, Bryce Hinsdale received a lot of worthwhile attention. Hinsdale had a great 2022 season, so much so he was being considered for a final 10 spot at the Connolly Cup banquet.

Opposing defenses knew they would have their hands full with Bryce, now with Catanese firing on all cylinders and Alex Barmore stepping up along side Carter Brink and many others this has become one of the best offenses in the section.

"(Tate's) an absolute joy to coach," Harper said. "We



knew when he was in 7th grade that he was going to be a special player, and since that time he's worked hard every offseason to improve. It's been a lot of fun to watch him grow as a player over the course of the past year. He's so much more comfortable in the offense this year after starting as a sophomore. He was 2nd Team All-State last year and he was really figuring things out on the fly. Now, he knows how we want the offense to run, why we're calling certain plays to set up other plays, etc. You can just see it clicking for him, and as a coach, that's really satisfying."

Catanese is also getting it done in the classroom.

"I definitely want to play quarterback at the next level. Ever since I was young it has been my dream to be a successful quarterback at the collegiate level. I have been working all off-season and season to hopefully make that a possibility," Catanese said.

"My grades are pretty good, and they mean a lot to me. For me, it is very important to keep my grades up and maintain a high GPA. I enjoy studying history the most, it has always been very interesting to me."



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## McNeil an All-Around Stud for Timon

*By Tony Fiorello @anthonyfiorello*

The defending Monsignor Martin 'B' Division champion Bishop Timon-St. Jude Tigers have a battering ram at running back, and his name is James McNeil.

McNeil, the reigning 'B' Division Player of the Year, was one of the Tigers' driving forces on their way to the title, and not only is he a good football player but he's also a model citizen according to coach Matt Weiser.

"James is such a respectful, driven young man," Weiser said. "He's someone who strives to be the best in everything he does. He's someone who truly does care about the people around him. He really does appreciate the people who have helped him get to where he is and is one of the nicest young men you'll ever get to be around and watch work. I can't say enough good things about him."



*Photo by Shawn Turri*

"One of my favorite things about him is off the field, he's all those incredible things, but on the field he's a dog. He plays hard. He plays fast. He plays physical. He's competitive and he wants to win at everything he does. That's one of the things that as a coach you love – someone who, when off the field you're kind, you're respectful and compassionate but once you cross those lines, you're ready to attack and win. And that sums up James McNeil to a 'T'."

Those qualities made McNeil an obvious choice to be one of the Tigers' captains, and Weiser said that honor couldn't have gone to a better person.

"James has earned that title as one of our captains," Weiser said. "He has done a lot of incredible things, but it doesn't change who he is. At the end of the day, James wants to lead and help his teammates win, which is obviously the most important thing. The win is the most important statistic in sports, and James, who has had a lot of success on his own, hasn't forgotten that part of the game."

That sort of success and his will to win also extends to other sports. McNeil, who has accumulated 281 rushing yards and six touchdowns through three weeks, is also a two-time New York State rugby player of the year and his experience playing that sport has helped him make an impact not only at running back, but at other football positions too.

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“We could plug and play him in numerous different positions – running back, wide receiver, cornerback, safety, middle linebacker, he plays all over the place,” Weiser said. “When he transferred here from Canisius, he just wanted to make an impact somehow. He’s one of those special players that will do anything for his team, and he can make things happen at a lot of different positions.”

“It’s great to have him be a part of our team and he’s bought into our system, what we expect and what we do here. And it was great to have him be a part of our team last year and help us get back to being champions.”

McNeil has committed to playing college football next year at the University at Buffalo. While also drawing interest from other schools such as Fordham and Colgate, among others, what made McNeil decide to go to UB was being able to buy into what the Bulls’ coaching staff was selling him.

“As a young kid it’s hard sometimes to make those big decisions,” Weiser said. “Thankfully, we’ve got some coaches on our staff who have gone through it as well, including myself as a UB alum.

“I tried to step back from being excited when (Bulls coach) Maurice Linguist offered him because I was pumped that I can have one of my own guys go to the school that I played at, but I decided to step back and be a coach and I wanted to help him make the decision that was best for him. He had a lot of opportunities but at the end of the day, he felt comfortable with what UB’s coaching staff talked to him about and saw their vision for him, and he’s excited about it.”

Weiser knows that McNeil is the type of guy who doesn’t come around often – he’s one of a kind, and he’s thankful to be his coach.

“James has untapped potential – he really is a special young man,” Weiser said. “He works very, very diligently and very hard. That’s one of the things that Coach Linguist and I talked about with him is his work ethic and his attention to detail.”

“You go back to him being a captain – one of his favorite things that he breaks the team down with is ‘ATD on three’. Which stands for attention to detail. He’s very, very detail-oriented and he’s a young man who’s going to be successful at no matter what he wants to do, whether it be sports or something off the field because he does work that hard.”

## Wilson's Mahar making the most of it

By Jerry Sullivan @ByJerrySullivan

John Mahar says he didn't know a thing about diabetes when the doctors informed him that his youngest son, Jack, had the disease about 15 years ago.

He and his wife, Margaret, were summoned to Children's Hospital, where they got a swift and sobering education on the disease. Jack was just two and a half years old, a rare age for a diagnosis.

"We go up there and the doctor says, 'Well, your life just changed forever'," John Mahar recalled.

Type 1 diabetes, which used to be known as juvenile diabetes, is a chronic condition in which the body can't create its own insulin, the hormone that allows sugar to enter cells to produce energy.

Little Jack would have to take insulin for the rest of his life. In former times, that would mean injection with a needle. But almost from the start, they had Jack equipped with an insulin pump, a device the size of a cell phone that's attached to the outside of the body and connects to a catheter under the skin.

It was difficult for a boy at such a young age. After Jack's diagnosis, the Mahars had their three older boys tested. Ben, the second-eldest, was diagnosed with diabetes at around 12. Their dad gave them both the same message.

"We looked at diabetes as 'You have to live with this, but you can't let it stop you from doing whatever you want to do'," John said.

"And it hasn't. He was always really good with it. He's a rule-follower and wants to do right. So when you're a diabetic, there's rules on how you live and all that stuff.

"It's doable, but your life is essentially more difficult than everyone's else's. That's just what it is. But he always followed those rules."

Nothing was going to stop one of the Mahars, which has been the first family of football in Wilson for years. All four boys played for the Lakemen — Mitch, Ben, Evan and Jack. The three eldest all played on the 2019 team that reached the Class C sectional



Photo by Shawn Turri

finals at what was then New Era Field in 2019.

Matt Faery, the defensive coordinator for the Lakemen, is Margaret Mahar's first cousin. He was a star at Wilson and played college football at Holy Cross. His son, Declan, was a standout on the 2019 team. Several other members of the family have played football for Wilson, in northern Niagara County.

Jack, a star senior running back and strong safety for the 2-2 Lakemen, represents the end of an era for the Mahar family.

"It's definitely going to be different for my parents," Mahar said after practice last week. "No more sports. They'll have a lot of free time."

Mahar, who is 5-9, 160 pounds, gives them plenty to cheer for. Through four games, he leads the Lakemen in rushing with 521 yards on 50 carries (a 10.4 average per run) and seven touchdowns. He also has three receptions for 66 yards and a TD. Wearing an insulin pump is evidently no impediment.

"I've never known anything different," Jack said of his diabetes. "I've had it since I was 2. I don't even think about it, really. I go home, have a good meal, and regulate it through the whole warmups.

"I have my phone out there to keep track of my blood. If something starts going sideways, I have everything I need here. My parents will run down and give me food if I need it."

Atlas, who has coached at Wilson for 23 years, also monitors Jack's sugar on his cell phone. He has an app that alerts him if Jack's levels get too low.

"So if he ever goes below 50, or whatever the threshold is, my phone goes beeping," Atlas explained. "It happened at the end of a game. That was an accident because his pump fell off."

John Mahar said it happened late in Friday night's 41-20 loss at Franklinville/Ellicottville. He said Jack threw the pump onto the bench and went the rest of the game without it.

That sort of toughness goes a long way. Atlas said Jack is a quiet, but assertive, leader on a team with an 18-man varsity roster. Players need to play both ways. They need to learn multiple positions on a smaller roster. It unifies a football team, forges a competitive bond.

"Yeah, definitely," Mahar said. "Everybody has to have trust in everyone. Everybody plays, so it's kind of fun. You walk out there and you know the other team is looking at you like, 'Look at these guys, there's barely any of them.'

"And we come out and just keep going," he said. "Got to dig in."

Digging in comes naturally. Jack also plays basketball and runs track. He's not sure if he'll play after high school, but if some college shows interest, he'll listen. He's leaning toward attending Alfred State, where he'd study electrical construction. Then he might take a course to become an electrical lineman.

The linemen that matter now are the ones blocking for him. Mahar's goal is to rush for 1,000 yards and lead Wilson back to sectionals. That's looking shaky after two straight losses.

There's little margin of error on a small roster, which dropped to 17 last week when a two-way starter tore a ligament in his finger.

"Everybody's still sore," he said last Tuesday. "Oh yeah, it's so bad. But by the time Friday comes around, you're pretty much ready."

A little adversity, a few bumps and bruises, that's no big deal to the last of the Mahar boys. After all, Jack has never known any different.





# “The Wolf’s Den”

## Wolf’s Den

*By Frank Wolf @wolf3328*

Believe it or not but we’re past the halfway point of the 2023 football season.

We’re entering the championship rounds now, and some teams playoff hopes are starting to become crystal clear.

I’ve talked to several coaches and players over the weekend and most were still very optimistic about their chances. Practices are starting to go a little smoother then when they first began a month ago. Players are becoming more comfortable with themselves and trusting their coaches more. Those two things should make for a more competitive product on the field.

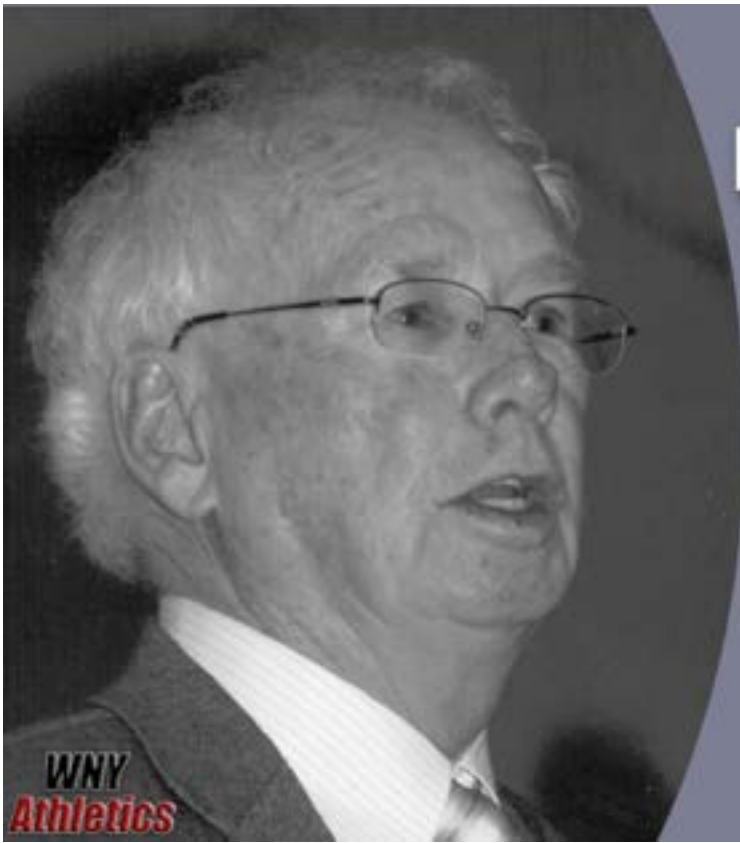
You can see the teams that have collectively bought into their coaches game plan and those that haven’t.

This game, team sports in general, is a great educational tool. Those that participated often do very well in their professional lives. The lessons learned between the lines of a football field will serve them well further down the road.

My team of the week for week 4 is Portville/Cuba-Rushford. Congrats to Coach Brooks and his staff, kids and all involved. They have me believing in what they’re selling.



*Photo by Nicole Williams*



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**WEDNESDAY - 8 PM**



# The Dick Gallagher "Sky" lines Report

By Tom Prince @WNYTomPrince

**Top Athletic Complex:** Grand Island  
**Referees of the Week:** Al Fuller, James Foster, Sr  
**Top Band:** Niagara Falls  
**Top Refreshment Stand:** Clarence  
**Best Chain Crew:** Clarence  
**Top Ambassador:** Stu Boyar  
**Most Media Friendly Football Program:** Depew  
**Best Interview of the Week:** Sam Ikeguwanu (Lackawanna)  
**Alumnus of the Week:** Shaun Dolac  
**Best Fan:** Jim Craig  
**Best Uniform:** Health Sciences/BASC/Charter  
**Class Act:** Tim Gardner (WNY Athletics)  
**Best Team Fans:** West Seneca West  
**Journalist of the Week:** Clevis Murray (Buffalo News)  
**Photographer of the Week:** Shawn Turri  
**On Air Talent of the Week:** Jack Kreuzer  
**Top Producer of the Week:** Francis Boeck  
**Videographer of the Week:** Mario Hall  
**Top JV Program:** Lewiston Porter  
**Tackling Machine:** Tristin Grimball (Lockport)  
**Assistant Coaches of the Week:** Lancaster: Brian Wild, David Mansell, Sean Brusco, Matt Kozlowski, Jeremy Lynch, Mike Wilson, Corry Gruenthaner  
**Slogan for the Week:** A team above all, above all

**Top Quarterbacks of the Week:** Vincent Zimmerman (Canisius), Carter Capozzi (Gowanda), Nate Snow (Newfane), Brady Ciano (Orchard Park), Ryan McKinnon (Will East)  
**Top Running Backs of the Week:** Layne Jaworowicz (Alden), JaMeer Thomas (Bennett), Elijah Kimble (Canisius), Hunter Smith (Franklinville/Ellicottville), Tyrone Clark (Lackawanna), Christian Earnst (North Tonawanda)  
**Top Wide Receivers of the Week:** Corey Cummings (Clarence), Bryce Hinsdale (CSP), Ben Dickenson (Newfane)  
**Top Offensive Linemen of the Week:** Hezekiah Mercado (Kenmore West), Roosevelt Mitchell (Medina), Robert Bouton (Orchard Park)  
**Top Defensive Linemen of the Week:** Sheldon Cunningham (Health Sciences/BASC/Charter), Tommy Pratten (Jamestown), Laferald Hines Jr (Lackawanna)  
**Top Linebackers of the Week:** Cole Bloomquist (Jamestown), Brendan Mahony (Lancaster), Dylan Buciferro (Lancaster), Heaven Lee (WNY Maritime)  
**Top Defensive Back of the Week:** Demari Clemons (Bennett), Jack Ciano (Orchard Park), Dalton Giboo (Pioneer)  
**Top Safety of the Week:** Noah McDuffie (Bennett)  
**Top Kicker of the Week:** Justin Moeller (Orchard Park)



# Leaderboard Post Week 3

## PASSING LEADERS

NAME	SCHOOL	YARDS	TDs
Bryce Tubin	Clarence	1068	9
Rocco Panepinto	Sweet Home	803	6
Coy Patterson	Akron	761	8
Nate Snow	Newfane	761	7
Noah Willoughby	South Park	753	6

## RUSHING LEADERS

NAME	TEAM	YARDS	TDs
Layne Jaworowicz	Alden	747	13
John Mahar	Wilson	645	9
Michael Hanlon	Dunkirk	625	6
Tyrone Clark	Lackawanna	582	8
Kaedon Holcomb	Portville	558	8

## RECEIVING LEADERS

NAME	SCHOOL	CATCHES	YARDS	TDs
Patrick Wind	Clarence	26	417	3
Shey Williams	Lockport	21	416	4
Ben Dickinson	Newfane	29	394	3
Josh Neeley	Williamsville South	21	360	5
Steven Butler	Sweet Home	22	349	4

## TACKLES FOR LOSS

NAME	SCHOOL	TFL	Total Tackles
Sam Ikeguwonu	Lackawanna	12	48
Jackson West	Roy-Hart/Barker	12	31
Dan Aquilina	Roy-Hart/Barker	11	39
Keith Miller	Jamestown	11	35
Tommy Pratton	Jamestown	11	32

WNY Athletics would like to dedicate this season to Joe Foyle, Roger Weiss and Carl Kuras.

# NYSSWA Football Rankings (9/24/23)

## CLASS AA

1. St. Anthony's-CHS 3-1
2. Erasmus Hall-PSAL 2-2
3. Cardinal Hayes-CHS 3-1
4. Archbishop Stepinac-CHS 3-1
5. Farmingdale-8 2-0
6. Massapequa-8 3-0
- 7. Bennett-6 4-0**
8. Christian Brothers Academy-2 3-0
9. University Prep-5 4-0
10. Cicero-North Syracuse-3 4-0
11. Christian Brothers Academy-3 4-0
12. William Floyd-11 3-0
13. Monsignor Farrell-CHS 3-1
14. Arlington-1 4-0
15. Sachem North-11 3-0
16. Iona Prep-CHS 2-2
17. Newburgh Free Academy-9 3-0
18. Shenendehowa-2 3-0
19. McQuaid Jesuit-5 4-0
- 20. Lancaster-6 4-0**
21. Abraham Lincoln-PSAL 3-0
22. Ward Melville-11 2-1
- 23. Jamestown-6 4-0**
24. Tottenville-PSAL 2-2
25. (tie) North Babylon-11 3-0
25. (tie) James Madison-PSAL 2-1

### Honorable Mention:

Ballston Spa (2-2), Bellport (2-1), Bronx JFK (4-0), **Canisius (1-3)**, Carmel (2-1), Curtis (1-3), East Meadow (2-1), Freeport (1-1), Hempstead (3-0), Hilton (4-0), Holy Trinity (2-2), John Jay (EF) (3-1), Lindenhurst (2-1), Liverpool (4-0), Longwood (2-1), Middletown (3-0), Monroe-Woodbury (2-1), New Dorp (2-1), New Utrecht (2-1), Oceanside (3-0), **Orchard Park (2-2)**, **St. Francis (0-4)**, **St. Joseph's Collegiate (2-2)**, Shaker (3-1), Syosset (2-1), Walt Whitman (2-1)

## CLASS A

1. (tie) Garden City-8 4-0
1. (tie) Somers-1 3-1
3. South Side-8 3-0
4. Victor-5 4-0
5. West Islip-11 3-0
6. Niskayuna-2 3-1
7. Carey-8 4-0
8. East Islip-11 2-1
9. Yorktown-1 4-0
10. Cornwall-9 4-0
11. Horseheads-4 4-0
12. East/WOI-5 4-0
13. Whitesboro-3 3-1
14. Westhampton Beach-11 2-1
15. Moore Catholic-CHS 2-2
16. St. Peter's-CHS 4-0
- 17. Clarence-6 4-0**
18. Mahopac-1 3-1
19. A. Philip Randolph-PSAL 2-2
20. St. John the Baptist-CHS 2-1
21. Half Hollow Hills West-11 3-1
22. Sweet Home-6 3-1
23. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake-2 2-1
24. Harrison-1 3-1
- 25. McKinley-63-1**

### Honorable Mention:

Auburn (3-1), Averill Park (2-2), Bethlehem (3-1), Boys & Girls (2-0), Calhoun (2-2), Canandaigua (2-2), Clarkstown South (1-2), Comsewogue (2-1), Deer Park (3-0), DeWitt Clinton (3-1), Eagle Academy II (2-0), Eastchester (3-1), Elmont (2-2), Fordham Prep (2-2), Goshen (1-3), **Grand Island (3-1)**, Greece Arcadia (3-1), Harry Truman (3-1), Hewlett (2-1), Irondequoit (4-0), LaSalle Institute (2-2), Lockport (1-3), Manhasset (4-0), Mepham (2-1), Minisink Valley (2-1), New Hyde Park (2-2), Our Lady of Lourdes (2-2), South Shore (2-0-1), **Starpoint (2-2)**, Warwick (3-1), Washingtonville (3-1), Webster Schroeder (3-1), West Babylon (3-0), **West Seneca West (2-2)**, **Williamsville East (2-2)**, Xavier (2-2)

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**CLASS B**

1. Maine-Endwell-4 3-0
2. Sayville-11 3-0
3. Pleasantville-1 3-0
4. Wantagh-8 3-0
5. Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk-2 4-0
6. Malverne-8 3-0

**7. Health Sciences/Global Concepts-64-0****8. Iroquois-6 4-0**

9. Bayport-Blue Point-11 3-0
10. Long Island Lutheran-AIS 4-0
11. Monroe-5 3-0
12. New Hartford-3 4-0
13. Seaford-8 3-0
14. Windsor-4 4-0
15. Plainedge-8 2-1
16. Ardsley-1 3-0
17. Rye-1 2-2

**18. Pioneer-6 3-1**

19. John Glenn-11 3-0
20. Glens Falls-2 3-0

**21. Lackawanna-6 4-0**

22. Poly Prep-AIS 1-2
23. Marlboro-9 3-0

**24. Bishop Timon-St. Jude-MMA 4-0**

25. (tie) Floral Park-8 2-1

25. (tie) Indian River-3 2-2

**Honorable Mention:**

**Alden (3-1)**, Batavia (2-2), Byram Hills (1-2), Center Moriches (3-0), Clarke (2-1), Cold Spring Harbor (2-1), **Depew (4-0)**, **Dunkirk (2-2)**, Fieldston (1-1), Geneva (3-1), Honeoye Falls-Lima (2-2), Island Trees (2-1), **Kenmore East (2-2)**, Lakeland (3-1), Lynbrook (2-1), **Maryvale (4-0)**, Massena (4-0), Mount St. Michael (1-1), Mount Sinai (1-2), North Shore (1-2), Norwich (2-2), Nyack (2-1), Pearl River (2-1), Peru (3-1), Port Jervis (2-2), Riverdale Country Day (3-0), Rye Country Day (1-1), Saugerties (3-1), Schalmont (3-0), Shoreham-Wading River (1-2), **South Park (2-2)**, Syracuse Tech (3-1), Wayne (2-1), **Williamsville South (2-2)**, Xaverian (2-2)

**EIGHT-MAN**

1. Pembroke-5 4-0
2. Groton-4 3-0
3. Moravia-4 4-0
4. Frankfort-Schuyler-3 3-0
5. Morrisville-Eaton-3 3-0
6. Pine Plains/Rhinebeck-9 2-0
7. Sauquoit Valley-3 4-0
8. Pawling-1 3-0
- 9. Allegany-Limestone-6 4-0**
10. (tie) West Canada Valley-3 3-1
10. (tie) Trumansburg-4 3-0

**Honorable Mention:**

Caledonia-Mumford/Byron-Bergen (2-1), Bolivar-Richburg (2-2), Fallsburg (3-0), Greene (1-2), Red Jacket (1-2), Sullivan West (3-0), Unatego/Franklin (2-1), Waterville (2-1)

**CLASS C**

1. Attica/Alexander-5 4-0
2. Cazenovia-3 3-0
3. Schuylerville-2 4-0
4. Adirondack-3 4-0
5. Babylon-11 3-0
6. Fonda-Fultonville-2 3-1
7. Westlake-1 2-0

**8. Medina-6 4-0**

9. Waverly-4 3-1
10. Gouverneur-10 3-0
11. Saranac/Northern Adirondack-7 4-0
12. Dobbs Ferry-1 2-0
13. LeRoy-5 4-0
14. General Brown-3 2-1
15. Valhalla-1 2-1

**16. Newfane-6 4-0****17. Salamanca-6 3-1**

18. James O'Neill-9 2-2
19. Chenango Forks-4 2-1
20. (tie) Solvay-3 3-0
20. (tie) Susquehanna Valley-4 2-1

**Honorable Mention:**

**Chautauqua Lake/Westfield/Brocton (2-2)**, Chester/Seward (2-1), East Rochester/Gananda (2-2), **Falconer/Cassadaga Valley/Maple Grove (2-2)**, Hoosick Falls/Tamarac (4-0), Hornell (4-0), Letchworth/Warsaw/ Perry (2-2), Lowville (3-1), **Portville/Cuba-Rushford (3-1)**, **Southwestern (3-1)**

**CLASS D**

1. Tioga-4 4-0
- 2. Clymer/Sherman/Panama-6 4-0**
3. Warrensburg/Lake George/Bolton-2 4-0
- 4. Franklinville/Ellicottville-6 4-0**
5. Stillwater-2 4-0
6. Mount Markham-3 4-0
7. Sandy Creek-3 3-0
8. Delhi-4 3-1
9. Spencer-VanEtten/Candor-4 4-0
10. Avon-5 3-1
11. Burke Catholic-9 2-1
12. Moriah-7 2-1
13. Haldane-1 3-0
14. Walton-4 3-0
15. Tuckahoe-1 2-1

**Honorable Mention:**

Canajoharie/Fort Plain (3-0), Canisteo-Greenwood (3-1), **Gowanda/Pine Valley (3-1)**, Oakfield-Alabama/Elba (2-2), **Randolph (1-3)**, York/Pavilion (3-1)