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This Weeks Connolly Cup Nominees

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CONNOLLY CUP
Memorial

WEEK 3
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Carsen Bane
(Jamestown)

Logan Halladay
(Pioneer)

Jameson Walsh
(Southwestern)

Jahkwon Davis
(Lockport)

Bryce Hinsdale
(CSP)

Landon Welka
(St. Francis)

Brayden Gibbs
(CL/W/B)

Tyler Pagano
(Depew)

Noah Willoughby
(South Park)

Dalton Giboo
(Pioneer)

Terrence Pendergrass
(St. Francis)

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New Play Caller, Krupka leads Lancaster

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Quarterback has been a position of strength for the Lancaster football team. Starting with the Mansell brothers leading the way to five straight Section VI championships, the passing game has been there for the Legends during the Rupp Era.

Alex Krupka is the next man up and the junior is ready for the challenge of quarterbacking the Legends to an eighth straight sectional championship game appearance.

“I have to fill in some big shoes,” Krupka said. “There have been some great quarterbacks in our program and now I just have to step up to the plate and get better every week.”

Krupka threw for a pair of touchdowns and the Legends moved to 3-0 with a 35-0 win over Frontier on Friday night at Foyle-Kling Field. He’s thrown for 533 yards and nine touchdowns in the first three games.

“I think Alex is learning and getting better every week,” Legends coach Eric Rupp said. “He’s more than capable of making the big throws when we need it and we’re very encouraged by his starts.”

Senior Colton Jayden (nine catches, 131 yards, three TDs) and junior John Gang (10 catches, 130 yards, two touchdowns) have been Krupka’s top targets.

He threw for 154 yards and two scores, both to Gang, in Lancaster’s third straight blowout win to start the season against the Falcons, who return to Class AA this season. Senior running back Chris Gill added 177 yards and two more scores on the ground for the Legends.

The schedule gets real in the coming weeks for Lancaster, starting with Friday’s game against Orchard Park at Foyle-Kling, followed by road games against Bennett and Jamestown, the reigning Class AA and Class A sectional champs.

“It’s nice to get some league wins to start the season but we still have a lot of work to do,” Rupp said.



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Class A Feature

McDuffie shines as Macks hope for a return to the Playoffs

By Colton Pankiewicz @ColtonPankiewi1

Nigel McDuffie didn't get the chance to carry the football too often during his junior season with a couple of talented running backs in front of him on the depth chart.

But with the departures of last year's top runners - the opportunities are coming.

In his third game as the feature back, McDuffie found his stride accounting for 141 of McKinley's 350 rushing yards en route to their 40-16 victory at Niagara Wheatfield.

Through just three games in 2023, the senior has team highs in carries (38), rushing yards (371), and rushing touchdowns (2).

Much of the running back's burst can actually be attributed to his involvement in indoor track and field, which is a team his football coach also coaches.

"It means a lot to coach him in both sports. We're building a relationship year-round, and once football ends I can make sure he's training for both track and football," said head coach Brian Davis.

McDuffie exploded onto the scene in his first game of the season, totaling 202 yards on the ground as well as two trips to the endzone in a 32-22 win over Hamburg. The Macks' only loss came to Class AA power Bennett.

Outside of the athletic abilities of McDuffie, his head coach raved about the positive attitude in which he carries.

"He's been real positive, finding ways to motivate his teammates to be better," Davis said. "He leads by example both on and off the field, carrying a 3.8 GPA in the classroom."

The Macks host Lockport next on Friday as they look to improve to 3-1 early in the season against a team that allowed 198 yards on the ground, in Week 3.

Photo by Andrew Miller



Marcus Rivers, Lackawanna trying to take the Next Step

By Tony Fiorello @anthonyfiorello

A year after Lackawanna won their first Section VI title since 2008 and made a run to the state semifinal, the Steelers are attempting to get to the next level and reach the state championship game.

Only this time, they'll have to do it with a new head coach.

Marcus Rivers – who had spent the last several seasons on the Steelers' coaching staff – has taken over as the team's head honcho from Adam Tardiff, who stepped down from the post after spending 25 years with the program. While doing so, he's putting his own twist on the team.

"I've been telling the kids that everything is earned and nothing is given," Rivers said. "What happened last year goes with the 16 seniors that graduated. They will be credited for all of our success last year, and it's up to these guys to make a statement and leave their legacy.

"I tell kids before every game that what we do on the field is your product. Sell it to the coaches and to whoever wants to come see you, because at the end of the day how you perform will propel you in life. Never settle and never try to be average."

Rivers knows that having Lackawanna take the next step to get to a state championship game won't be easy. That's why he's focused on the day-to-day process of getting his athletes to improve.

"I don't want our team to be complacent and not get comfortable," Rivers said. "It's basically getting our kids to understand that I



Photo by Shawn Turri



I will not accept mediocrity and strive for perfection. So it's just trying to pass along little things that I've learned as a player and from all the coaches that had an impact on me."

A graduate of Lackawanna's Class of 2007 and a former player at the University at Buffalo, Rivers knows what success on the field looks like. He also, as a member of the Lackawanna community, understands what it takes for members of the Steelers to succeed off the field.

"Our coaching staff is involved in the community, so we know everyone's parents and grandparents and we grew up with everybody," Rivers said. "Because of that we have a full understanding and a sense of where these kids are coming from and what the needs and wants are that they seek.

"I feel like the passion is there too because this is our school that we went to and we love this place. Granted, a lot of us could have gone elsewhere, but why would you want to coach somewhere else when you're accustomed to the navy blue and silver?"

Rivers also has experience playing in the NFL. Having spent time with both the Green Bay Packers and Baltimore Ravens, he's taken bits and pieces from those two franchises to try and help his roster get better.

"The guys always ask me what the pros were like and I said to them 'Just watch Hard Knocks and multiply that times four', unless you're a first round draft pick or a veteran," Rivers said. "They expect you to be a machine. There were times where I had to run down a kickoff 15 times in a row at full speed in practice because they expect that if they pay you that much that you should perform. So I'll just try and give them a glimpse of certain things like that.

"We have a conditioning test that I took from the Ravens, and I told the kids about what we had to do to pass it before we could even practice. Our kids wanted to try it, but none passed it, so that was just giving them a sense of what to expect if they ever make it to the pros. It's not going to be easy, that's for sure."

Some of those players such as Amir Douglas, Sam Ikegwuono, Jeremy Perez, Rayshawn Handley and Kingston Alexander, have taken those challenges head-on and have led Lackawanna to a 3-0 record. It's an encouraging start to the season, but Rivers knows that more challenges lie ahead for his guys.

"We need leaders and alpha males, and they're some of those type of guys," Rivers said. "A lot of them have taken the step forward that we needed them to do, and that's a good start.

"I understand that no one wants to fall short like what happened to us last year. Granted, it was considered a successful season. But every team wants to win a state title, and I feel like all the seniors want to go out with a bang. Winning one championship is great in a career because some people never get close, so accomplishing that goal is I think driving our whole team."



Nagel Take Over in Newfane

By Frank Wolf @wolf3328

Photo by Jennifer Jellings- Snow



There seems to be an awakening up in Niagara County this Fall, all you have to do is look at the football standings in Class C North to see it. The Newfane Panthers are 3-0 thus far and have the makings of what should be one of the finest overall seasons of the Chuck Nagel era.

Nagel, now in his 12 th season helped end a 20-plus year playoff drought back in 2017. In fact he was a

player on that '93 team that had last qualified for the post-season. The former Panther has this years squad poised to make a solid run into the post-season after impressive opening wins over Eden/North Collins, Roy-Hart/Barker and just last week versus Akron.

They'll have their hands full Friday against Lake Shore (2-1). Newfane, however, has plenty of momentum heading into this non-league match-up. Nate Snow is a big reason for the recent success. The senior back has amassed over 500-yards passing, throwing four touchdowns. A dual threat quarterback , Snow has picked up another 265-yards rushing and another four touchdowns. He's not doing it all though, he has a stockpile of weapons performing just as well.

Brayden Walker and Ayden Buttery have two rushing TD's each while Ben Dickinson has caught 18 passes for 262 yards and two scores. Isaiah Gerstung has also hauled in two TD receptions, his only 2 receptions on the year.

Defensively, the Panthers have recorded a dozen sacks, have forced eight turnovers and have only given up 24 points in those three games. Khalil Golden leads the way with 19 tackles with Richard Doxey and Dickinson right behind him. Mac Capen has picked off three passes. Doxey has four sacks, Colin Doxey and Buttery have recorded two sacks each.

Newfane is showing that they are a well-balanced team.

"Our mindset this season was different than in the past." Nagel said "Last year, our players went into the season telling others we wouldn't be very good. We lost a lot of (one score) close games due to that. The mindset this year was the exact opposite. We are going to compete in the offseason, during practices, stick together on and off the field, and let it translate on the field. So far, it has!"

After the win over Roy-Hart/Barker, Nagel found himself the recipient of the ADPRO Sports high school Coach of the Week for the Buffalo region, an honor he had won before back in 2017.



“We are light years ahead of where we were last year. We lost a bunch of close games early, but never quit and kept working. Every year, we expect to be successful, but this group was different. With all the work they put in behind the scenes, we knew they had a chance to make some noise early on.”

There’s a lot working for Newfane at the moment, but this coaching staff understands there is still a long way to go.

One of the joys of coaching for Nagel has been the opportunity to coach his son, CJ. The younger Nagel is in his 2nd season on varsity and is excited to be playing a part in the teams success.

“I enjoy playing for my dad because we have the same mindset, and that’s to win,” CJ said. “He is also a great coach and always tries to help me and the team get better each practice. My role in the past 3 games has been to run block to the best of my ability, run crisp pass routes, and catch the ball when given the opportunity. I like that I am able to contribute to this team in whatever way possible.”

CJ is also a member of the school’s basketball and baseball teams. He’s been playing football since he was 6 years old. For the Panthers, he plays wide-receiver, defensive back and some special teams.

“I told him prior to his 11th grade season that our coaching staff sets a high standard for our players, Nagel said. “We put a ton of work in for them and we expect that in return. Now, being the coach’s son, I also told him he has to work extra hard and cannot slack. In every town, there will be people thinking that a coach will play favorites, and I’m sure our town is no different. But, every one of my son’s other coaches (basketball and baseball) can attest that I never question their decisions on his playing time, whether it be a little or a lot. He’s not the biggest or fastest kid on my team, but he is one of the smartest receivers I have with great hands and blocking ability in the open field. He understands his role and can take my constructive criticism to get better. In my mind, those are great assets to have in any player.”

In addition to CJ, Nagel also has a daughter Melanie who attends every Panthers game. She also accompanies him to a number of Bills home games during the NFL season as well.

“The game has changed so much since I played,” Nagel said. “We didn’t have coaches that worked with us in the offseason or in the weight room. We were a darn good team, but we put the work in on our own. I never had the opportunity to play organized football until my freshman year of High School, I was far down on my coaches depth charts, but I busted my butt with lifts, camps, track practice, etc., to make myself more marketable on the field. Everything I did as a teenager was to get better for my football coaches.

The players today, in any good program, are working 10-11 months a year with their high school coaches, in the weight room and with organized team activities throughout spring and summer. The players today are more cognitive and their football’s are much better, probably due to the enormous hours spent playing Madden football with their buddies.

“I’ve helped coach this group from the youth level to Varsity since they were 6 and 7

years old. I knew it was a special group way back when they played youth football. We had a great offseason as a team, so really no surprise on our 3-0 start.”

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WEEK 4
FOOTBALL BROADCAST SCHEDULE

FRIDAY - 7 PM WEST SENECA WEST VS. CLARENCE

SATURDAY - 2 PM ST. JOE'S VS. CANISIUS

Class D/ 8-Man Feature

Week 3 Report

By Frank Wolf @wolf3328

Class D Report

Even though we are only three weeks into the season, the Class D pretenders and contenders are starting to take shape.

After Clymer/Sherman/Panama (CSP) and Franklinville/Ellicottville (FE) took care of business last Friday winning by double digits over division opponents, the stage appears set for another Sectional VI show down between merged programs.

Randolph (0-3) fell to a non-divisional opponent in Bishop-Timon. The Cardinals would like to play spoiler even though they already suffered a defeat to the Wolfpack in week 2. CSP will play a tough Falconer/Casadaga Valley/Maple Grove team on Saturday. It will be there 2nd of three contests between Class C opponents this year.

FE hosts Wilson at Ellicottville Friday.

Gowanda/Pine Valley (201) earned an honorable mention in the first two weeks of the New York State Sports Writers weekly rankings. They travel to Monsignor Martin's Cardinal O'Hara (0-3) on Saturday in a non-leaguer.

Catt/L. Valley has not won a game in three seasons, their last victory came on September 17th 2021 versus O' Hara. They travel to Randolph on Friday.



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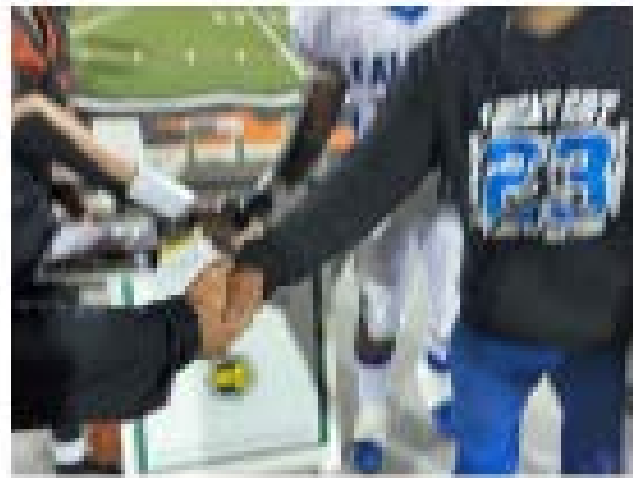
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Lowell Gambin
TerShaun Mathews
Jackson Ross
Cole Rhodes
Nathan Cohen
Sheldon Cunningham

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Fronder
Lancaster
Grand Island
Eden/N Collins
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"8" Man Report

Allegheny-Limestone (3-0) is off to a great start in their first season of 8-Man football. Last week they defeated Holley 48-22. The Gators will host Finney (0-1) Saturday at 7pm.

The Frewsburg Bears (2-1) are no stranger to playing 8-Man. After a year away due to scheduling issues, the Bears are back in the swing of things. They had a little hiccup last week against Bolivar-Richburg losing 24-16. Frewsburg will host Pembroke (3-0) Saturday at 7pm.

Green a Star at O'Hara

By Tony Fiorello @anthonyfiorello

While the Cardinal O'Hara Hawks haven't had much success in the win-loss department over the last few years, they've had a major talent hidden on their roster.

That would be Jarrell Green. Green, a senior who plays wide receiver and cornerback for coach Shawn Mangold, is the standard that is held up for the rest of his roster to look to.

"Jarrell is probably the perfect model of a kid to have on a program and he's an all-around good kid," Mangold said. "He's someone that incoming freshmen look to because he sets the example for everyone. He's definitely our go-to guy on this team.

"His leadership skills are top-notch. He always takes the time to help anybody on the team who has an issue, whether it be on or off the field. As far as practice goes, he's someone that I can count on to get everybody on the same page and get everybody on the field going during warmups. He's a great kid."

Green has shown off his talents in multiple areas. Not only can he play wide receiver and cornerback, but he also can line up at other positions and affect the game in many ways.

"He's an all-around player," Mangold said. "If you look at our stats from last year, you'll see that he was one of the top guys on the team in receiving and someone who was able to come in at quarterback when needed.

"The kid can do it all. He can do everything except play on the offensive and defensive lines. He's kind of on the smaller side but wherever we need him, he's always opening to doing what's beneficial for the team."

Green, who plays for O'Hara but attends The Park School, is also a very good basketball player at Park. Playing another sport has allowed him to develop some skills that have helped in football as well.

"Jarrell's got great footwork and he's just a shifty kid," Mangold said. "I could probably put together a highlight tape where we get him the ball and he'll just make guys miss all day. He's ultra-elusive and that's something that separates him from a lot of kids on the field.

"We've had coaches at the end of games come up to us and say 'Man I'll tell you what, that kid who wears number 1, he's a good player.' And we're glad to have him."

Whether Green decides to play football or basketball at the collegiate level, he has a bright future ahead of him according to Mangold.

"He just keeps growing as a player and as a person," Mangold said. "He'll be successful in whatever he decides to do."





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MARAUDERS **VS** **CANISIUS**

ST. JOE'S **CANISIUS**

SATURDAY - 2 PM

Dunkirk Dialed 9-1-1. Officer Gomez reporting for duty

By *MATT VOLZ @mattmanzf*

In many high schools across the country, football takes the cake as the most popular sport. Seemingly half the student population will flock to the field each Friday night to watch their classmates battle on the gridiron.

But, with great popularity comes great pressure.

Understandably, when a team is struggling the pressure is amplified, maybe more so in football than other sports.

That's been the case for the Dunkirk Marauders, who entered the 2023 season with a record of 3-21 over the previous three seasons.

The Marauders also entered the season searching for their first win since Nov. 4, 2021, a 20-8 win over Burgard.

New head coach Edwin Gomez sought to rewrite the script in his first season.

Gomez, a 2014 graduate of Dunkirk, played for the Marauders from modified all the way up through his senior year.

He had been an assistant coach for the school for the past three years, as well as the head coach of the junior varsity team.

But Gomez isn't just the high school varsity football coach in Dunkirk.

He also works as an officer for the Dunkirk Police Department, a position he has held for the last five years.

Despite the challenges and headaches that came from juggling both jobs, Gomez makes it work..

In order to work around their coach's work schedule, the Marauders hold practice in the late afternoon and early evening.

"I'm able to move stuff around during the day, but I'm able to coach in the evening and still work," Gomez said.



Photo by Alyshah Flores

Even if it may cost him some a little sleep, Gomez said he is proud to coach the team he once played for.

"I feel honored to be able to [coach] because, you know, it comes full circle," he said. "I graduated from here, I played here, and now to be able to come back and give back to the school I played for. It's a great sense of pride."

Pride, according to Gomez, is something that has been lacking in the recent past.

"A lot of people count out Dunkirk football after the last three years," he said. "Dunkirk football kind of lost a little bit of respect."

As many coaches would agree, one of the most important steps in turning around a program is improving the locker room culture.

Hernandez has been coaching with Gomez for the

past three years. Last year, the two of them ran the junior varsity program together.

“He’s real big on structure,” Hernandez said of Gomez. “Structure and togetherness.”

Hernandez also said that by his estimate, 99% of the team has bought in to Gomez’s coaching model.

“We’ve still got people that we wish would buy in, but 99% is very good in his first year,” he said.

To help the players come together and subscribe to the coaches’ messages, Gomez and Hernandez have captains, or as Hernandez described them, “coaches on the field.”

One such captain is running back Mike Hanlon, a senior who also takes defensive snaps as an outside linebacker.

“He’s a dog,” Gomez said of Hanlon. “He’s the type of guy that’s going to leave it all on the field.”

In just three games so far this season, Hanlon has rushed for 625 yards and six touchdowns. According to Gomez, Hanlon is a source of inspiration for many of his teammates.

“That leadership that he provides by actions, not just the way he carries himself ... It creates a spark,” Gomez said of his team captain. “Not only that, but when one of his teammates goes and lays a big hit or does something crazy, he’s one of the first ones to pick them up and celebrate them too.”

In Week 2, Hanlon gashed the Albion defense for 242 yards and three touchdowns, another dominant game in the senior’s career.

When the final whistle blew, the score read Dunkirk 40, Albion 26.

The drought was finally over.

“It was a great feeling,” Hanlon said of the victory. “[We] haven’t felt that in a while, but we’ve all been putting in the work ... [We] finally got to it.”

“After going almost two years without the varsity winning, I think it was something that they all knew they had,” Gomez said. “I think that they all had the heart and the ability to win, and it was a matter of just putting everything together.”

Gomez admits that, with this group of seniors, it means slightly more to him, as they are the first group of seniors that he has been able to coach.

“To see them work for it and fight, claw and scratch to get that win ... You can just tell that they were really excited,” he said.

However, Gomez and the Marauders don’t plan to be content with just the one victory. He says the team’s biggest goals for the rest of the season are to take things one game at a time and “prove the naysayers wrong.”

It seems like he’s off to a pretty good start.



Wolf's Den

By Frank Wolf @wolf3328

The strike has ended. Good to see and hear the behavior was much better this weekend. Thank goodness because I was hoping to do a column this week.

Three weeks into the 2023 season and there are more than a dozen teams still undefeated. The competition among WNY high school football programs is as fierce as ever. There were a number of teams that were moved down a Class in the offseason (and a few moved up). Nonetheless it has made for some interesting storylines and if nothing else, new rivalries are being born, some old ones are reigniting.

I started off last week at Williamsville East as they hosted Jamestown. The Red Raiders made it look easy at times but the Flames never quit. This was a non-conference match-up and not much on the line for either. Not sure what good it did either program. I always worry about injuries when a team the size of Jamestown plays a school with much lower numbers.

On Friday I had the chance to work with Tom Prince on the Cheektowaga vs Pioneer broadcast. I have to say, the Panthers played the finest first quarter of high school football I have ever seen. I will tell you though, the play I will always remember was that of Cheektowaga senior lineman Jermaine Parsons, stripping a Pioneer player of the football and turning up field towards the goal line. He didn't cross it, but the individual effort of Parsons gave his teammates some momentum at a time when they surely needed some. I spoke to Parsons afterwards and although he and his teammates were frustrated with the outcome, they were already looking forward to practice Monday to get ready for Kenmore East.

I caught the Randolph versus Bishop Timon stream on Saturday. Although the Cardinals are down a few studs from last year, they are still a very physical team. Timon dominated that game. It wasn't long ago where the Tigers were losing to Section VI Class C and D programs on the regular. Things have changed in South Buffalo. Matt Weiser and his staff deserve a ton of credit for the turnaround there. James McNeil Jr is a baller any way you slice it. Gerald McCloud, Clarence Prude and Dominic Anzalone provide a great supporting cast. I wish these guys had a chance to play for an overall Monsignor Martin title this year. They deserve it. I firmly believe there is time to make that happen. Is anyone listening?

Bennett was the Class AA favorite heading into this season with or without Demari Clemons. Having the young man back on the field makes them a favorite to win another State title (at least from this corner).

You can't ever count out Lancaster though. They are too well coached and play their hearts out and for each other. There are no individuals on that team, they play as a unit and do not take penalties. That's always a scary recipe. They have a good test this Friday when they host Orchard Park before they take on Bennett at All-High.

Jamestown is a carbon cut-out of Lancaster. They are a lot alike. But the Legends have had the Red Raiders number as of late. They host Lancaster October 6th before they themselves face Bennett.

Class A is wild man. After playing in one of the craziest opening games of the season Starpoint looked shaky in week 2 versus Williamsville East. Nothing was working and they didn't even look like the same team that almost upset Health Sciences. Whatever the coaches did between the Will East game and Sweet Home worked. The Spartans clobbered the Panthers who were previously unbeaten.

The talk of the Class however has to be Clarence. The Red Devils improved to 3-0 after beating Lockport 28-26 to stay atop the division. Bryce Tubin threw three touchdowns and rushed for another, earning himself a Connolly Cup "Top Performer" for week 3. WNYAthletics will carry their next game against West Seneca West (2-1) which should be a doozy.

Speaking of the WarHawks, quarterback Cayden Stupak has found his rhythm after a rough week 1. The junior has tossed four touchdowns since throwing three picks in game one. Stupak absolutely has his team believing they can make a run this year.

Grand Island (3-0) leads the A2 division. After back-to-back wins over Lew-Port and North Tonawanda who are still winless on the season, we weren't sure how to grade the Vikings. But they passed a stiff test Friday night with a 25-20 home win over Hamburg. That sets up a nice division tilt with Sweet Home (2-1) on Friday night. Head coach Dean Santorio was scouting the Panthers a couple weeks ago. Grand Island is in the meat of their schedule now, they'll travel to Clarence and then Will East before closing out the season against Lockport and Starpoint. We will know a lot more about this team over the coming weeks.

Not sure where McKinley fits into the picture, but Brain Davis their head coach has something up his sleeve for sure. Lockport (1-2) stands in their way this week. I like this Lockport team, do not let that record scare you. They lost to Bennett week 1, nothing to be ashamed of. The Lions were actually in that game. The following week they hammered Kenmore West before last weekends loss to Clarence. Lockport just might have the toughest schedule in all of Section VI.

Did you see the highlights from Depew vs Springville? What an epic comeback for the Wildcats. A couple Hail Mary plays help keep Depew undefeated. It's nice to see Springville staying competitive, hope that continues.

Lackawanna, the reigning Class B champions haven't lost yet either. They host Springville Saturday. This would be a good time to start paying attention to freshman running back Tyrone Clark. Through three games, Clark has over 400-yards rushing, 7 touchdowns on the ground and another via reception.

Class B is loaded as we all know. Iroquois will have a bye due to Lew-Port having to forfeit. Health Sciences will host Pioneer at Buff. State this Friday. Another battle of unbeatens. The keys to the game for the Panthers will be trying to slow down that high octane offense of the Falcons. Not only can Health put up points running and passing the ball, their kick return game is one of the more dangerous parts to their game. Could be the best in the State. If you're Health Sciences, you can't afford to let Pioneer hang around like they did with Starpoint in week 1. The Falcons need to come out and set the tone early. Let their speed take over.

I'm really liking this Newfane Panthers team. They are atop the Class C North division standings with Medina. Those two teams have a date October 12th. Both teams could still be unbeaten by the time they kick-off in Newfane.

Salamanca (2-1) seems to have righted the ship after back-to-back wins following their week 1 loss to Franklinville/Ellicottville. The Warriors should be able to handle Silver Creek/Forestville on Friday. Not sure what has gotten into Southwestern, but after a disappointing performance against CSP the Trojans have also posted two wins in a row. Their latest victory over Fredonia was especially eye opening. Not because they knocked off a heated rival, but in the manner they did it, 48-18 at the Orange Bowl, crazy.

CSP (3-0) is playing as well as expected as is Franklinville/Ellicottville in Class D. Randolph is still looking for their first win and Wilson is right where we thought they would be. Can they disrupt what appears to be a runaway between the Wolfpack and Titans?

The graphic features the NFHS Network logo at the top left, which includes a shield with a checkered pattern and the text 'NFHS NETWORK'. Below the logo, the text reads 'WEEK 4 FOOTBALL BROADCAST SCHEDULE' in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom left, the 'WNY Athletics' logo is displayed in red and white. The right side of the graphic is a dark blue background with a blurred image of football players in action. Three game matchups are listed in white and red text: 'FRIDAY - 7 PM ORCHARD PARK VS. LANCASTER', 'FRIDAY - 7 PM PIONEER VS. HEALTH SCIENCES', and 'SATURDAY - 1 PM SPRINGVILLE VS. LACKAWANNA'.

The Dick Gallagher "Sky" lines Report

By Tom Prince @WNYTomPrince

Tackling Machine: David Amuka (Frontier)
Top Quarterbacks of the Week: Bryce Tubin (Clarence), Julian Woodworth (Medina)
Top Running Backs of the Week: Trevor Barry (Iroquois), Dalton Giboo (Pioneer), Jameson Walsh (Southwestern)
Top Wide Receiver of the Week: Patrick Wind (Clarence)
Top Offensive Lineman of the Week: Marcus Harrison (St Francis)
Top Defensive Lineman of the Week: Sam Ikegwonu (Lackawanna)
Top Linebacker of the Week: Carson Bane (Jamestown)
Top Defensive Back of the Week: E'Ryan Lawrence (Bennett)
Top Kicker of the Week: Brendan Griffey (West Seneca West)
Slogan for the Week: You win as a team, you lose as a team. What we can do together makes a difference
Top JV Program: St Francis
Assistant Coaches of the Week: Health Sciences/Basc/Charter (Shaq Dudley, Louie Bell, Marcus Cotton, Andrew Sullivan)

Top Athletic Complex: Salamanca
Referees of the Week: Paul Gagliardi, Craiq Donnelly
Top Band: Lake Shore (You have to see this band play at home games)
Top Refreshment Stand: Panama (Chicken BBQ)
Best Chain Crew: Orchard Park
Top Ambassador: Nelson Adams
Most Media Friendly Football Program: Buffalo Public Schools
Best Interview of the Week: Roosevelt Mitchell
Alumnus of the Week: Cole Snyder (Southwestern/UB)
Best Team Nickname: Warhawks (West Seneca West)
Best Fan: Timm Ciffa
Best Uniform: Bennett
Class Act: Frank Wolf (This doesn't happen without him)
Best Team Fans: Pioneer
Journalist of the Week: Joe Kraus
Photographer of the Week: Harry Scull (Buffalo News)- THE BEST
Videographer of the Week: Russ Battaglia
Best Mascot: Bennett



Leaderboard Post Week 3

PASSING LEADERS

NAME	SCHOOL	YARDS	TDS
Bryce Tubin	Clarence	856	7
Rocco Panepinto	Sweet Home	655	5
Justus Kleitz	Iroquois	613	7
Coy Patterson	Akron	595	7
Noah Willoughby	South Park	544	5

RECEIVING LEADERS

NAME	SCHOOL	CATCHES	YARDS	TDS
Patrick Wind	Clarence	23	383	3
Josh Neeley	Williamsville South	21	360	5
Shey Williams	Lockport	18	307	4
Nate Blair	Iroquois	18	266	6
Ben Dickinson	Newfane	18	262	2

TACKLES FOR LOSS

NAME	SCHOOL	TFL	TOTAL TACKLES
Sam Ikeguwonu	Lackawanna	12	36
Jackson West	Roy-Hart/Barker	10	25
Max Perry	Springville	10	25
Keith Miller	Jamestown	9	27
Dan Aquilina	Roy-Hart/Barker	9	32

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

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NYSSWA Football Rankings

CLASS AA

1. St. Anthony's-CHS 2-1
2. Erasmus Hall-PSAL 1-2
3. Cardinal Hayes-CHS 2-1
4. Iona Prep-CHS 2-1
5. Farmingdale-8 2-0
6. Massapequa-8 2-0
- 7. Bennett-6 3-0**
8. Christian Brothers Academy-2 2-0
9. University Prep-5 3-0
10. Cicero-North Syracuse-3 3-0
11. Christian Brothers Academy-3 3-0
12. Archbishop Stepinac-CHS 2-1
13. William Floyd-11 2-0
14. Monsignor Farrell-CHS 2-1
15. Sachem North-11 2-0
16. Arlington-1 3-0
17. Newburgh Free Academy-9 2-0
18. Shenendehowa-2 2-0
19. McQuaid Jesuit-5 3-0

20. Lancaster-6 3-0

21. Abraham Lincoln-PSAL 2-0
22. James Madison-PSAL 2-0
23. Ward Melville-11 1-1
24. North Rockland-1 3-0

25. (tie) Jamestown-6 3-0

25. (tie) St. Francis-MMA 0-3

Honorable Mention:

Ballston Spa (2-1), Bay Shore (2-0), Bellport (1-1), Bronx JFK (3-0), Carmel (1-1), Canarsie (0-2), **Canisius (0-3)**, Chamianade(0-2), Commack (1-1), Connetquot (1-1), Curtis (0-3), East Meadow (2-0), Elmira (1-1), Freeport (1-1), Half Hollow Hills East (1-1), Hempstead (2-0), Hilton (3-0), Holy Trinity (2-1) John Jay (EF) (3-0), Lindenhurst(1-1), Longwood (1-1), Middletown (2-0), Monroe-Woodbury (1-1), New Dorp (1-1), North Babylon (2-0), Northport (1-1), Oceanside (2-0), **Orchard Park (2-1)**, Sachem East (1-1), **St. Joseph's Collegiate (2-1)**, Shaker (3-0), Syosset (1-1), Tottenville (1-2), Walt Whitman (1-1)

CLASS A

1. (tie) Garden City-8 3-0
1. (tie) Somers-1 2-1
3. South Side-8 2-0
4. Westhampton Beach-11 2-0
5. Victor-5 3-0
6. West Islip-11 2-0
7. Half Hollow Hills West-11 3-0
8. Niskayuna-2 2-1
9. Carey-8 3-0
10. East Islip-11 1-1
11. Yorktown-1 3-0
12. Our Lady of Lourdes-9 2-1
13. Cornwall-9 3-0
14. Horseheads-4 3-0
15. Bethlehem-2 3-0
16. East/WOI-5 3-0
17. Whitesboro-3 2-1
18. Moore Catholic-CHS 1-2
19. St. Peter's-CHS 3-0

20. Clarence-6 3-0

21. Mahopac-1 2-1

22. West Seneca West-6 2-1

23. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake-2 2-0
24. A. Philip Randolph-PSAL 0-2
25. (tie) St. John the Baptist-CHS 1-1
25. (tie) Harrison-1 2-1

Honorable Mention:

Boys & Girls (1-0), Calhoun (1-2), Canandaigua (2-1), Clarkstown South (1-1), Comsewogue (1-1), Deer Park (2-0), DeWitt Clinton (2-1), Eastchester (2-1), Elmont (2-1), Frank Macchiarola (1-1), Goshen(1-2), **Grand Island (3-0)**, Greece Arcadia (2-1), Harry Truman (2-1), Irondequoit (3-0), LaSalle Institute (1-2), **Lockport (1-2)**, Long Beach (1-1), Manhasset (3-0), McKee/SI Tech (0-1), **McKinley (2-1)**, Mepham (1-1), Minisink Valley (1-1), New Hyde Park (1-2), Smithtown West (1-2), South Shore (0-1-1), **Starpoint (1-2)**, **Sweet Home (2-1)**, Vestal (2-0), Warwick (2-1), Webster Schroeder (2-1), West Babylon (2-0), West Genesee (2-1), **Williamsville East (1-2)**, Xavier (1-2)

CLASS B

1. Maine-Endwell-4 2-0
2. Sayville-11 2-0
3. Plainedge-8 2-0
4. Pleasantville-1 2-0
5. Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk-2 3-0
6. Malverne-8 2-0
- 7. Health Sciences/Global Concepts-6 3-0**
8. Rye-1 2-1
9. Indian River-3 3-0
10. Long Island Lutheran-AIS 3-0
11. Bayport-Blue Point-11 2-0
12. Wantagh-8 2-0
13. Seaford-8 2-0
- 14. Pioneer-6 3-0**
- 15. Iroquois-6 3-0**
16. Monroe-5 2-0
17. Windsor-4 3-0
18. Ardsley-1 2-0
19. Peru-7 3-0
20. John Glenn-11 2-0
21. Glens Falls-2 2-0
22. New Hartford-3 3-0
23. Port Jervis-9 2-1
- 24. Lackawanna-6 3-0**
25. Poly Prep-AIS 0-2

Honorable Mention:

Alden (3-0), Batavia (2-1), **Bishop Timon-St. Jude (3-0)**, Byram Hills (1-1), Center Moriches (2-0), Central Valley (2-1), Clarke (1-1), Cold Spring Harbor (2-0), **Depew (3-0)**, **Dunkirk (1-2)**, Fieldston (1-0), Floral Park (1-1), Geneva (3-0), Homer (1-1), Honeoye Falls-Lima (1-2), **Lake Shore(2-1)**, Lansingburgh (3-0), Locust Valley (1-1), Lynbrook(2-0), Marlboro (2-0), **Maryvale (3-0)**, Massena (3-0), Miller Place (0-2), Mount St. Michael (1-1), Mount Sinai (1-1), Norwich (2-1), Pearl River (1-1), Putnam Valley (2-0), Riverdale Country Day (2-0), Rye Country Day (1-0), Schalmont (2-0), Shoreham-Wading

CLASS C

1. Attica/Alexander-5 3-0
 2. Cazenovia-3 2-0
 3. Schuylerville-2 3-0
 4. Adirondack-3 3-0
 5. Babylon-11 2-0
 6. Fonda-Fultonville-2 2-1
 7. Westlake-1 1-0
 - 8. Medina-6 3-0**
 9. Waverly-4 2-1
 10. Gouverneur-10 2-0
 11. Susquehanna Valley-4 2-0
 12. Saranac/Northern Adirondack-7 3-0
 13. Dobbs Ferry-1 2-0
 14. LeRoy-5 3-0
 15. General Brown-3 1-1
 16. East Rochester/Gananda-5 2-1
 17. Valhalla-1 1-1
 - 18. Newfane-6 3-0**
 19. James O'Neill-9 1-2
 - 20. (tie) Salamanca-6 2-1**
 20. (tie) Chenango Forks-4 1-1
- ### Honorable Mention:
- Bronxville (1-1), Canastota (2-1), **Chautauqua Lake/Westfield/Brocton (2-1)**, Chester/Seward (2-1), **Fredonia (1-2)**, Hoosick Falls/Tamarac (2-0), Hornell (3-0), Johnstown (1-2), Lowville (3-0), **Portville/Cuba-Rushford (2-1)**, Solvay (2-0), Southwestern (2-1)

CLASS D

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

Honorable Mention:

Canajoharie/Fort Plain (2-0), **Gowanda/Pine Valley (2-1)**, Greenwich (2-1), Haldane (2-0), Pulaski (2-1), Walton (2-0), **Wilson (2-1)**

EIGHT-MAN

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

Honorable Mention:

Caledonia-Mumford/Byron-Bergen (1-1), Eldred (1-0), Fallsburg (2-0), **Frewsburg (1-1)**, Greene (1-1), Sullivan West (2-0), Trumansburg (2-0), Unatego/Franklin (1-1)