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This Weeks Trench Trophy Nominees



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(North Tonawanda)

Terrence Pendergrass
(St. Francis)

Jack Carlson
(Jamestown)

Cole Gabel
(Springville)

Jakson Ross
(Cardinal O'Hara)

Brady Ciano
(Orchard Park)

Elijah Kimball
(Canisius)

Nate Snow
(Newfane)

Tyrone Clark
(Lackawanna)

Jaxsyn Moritz
(Maryvale)

Ja'Meer Thomas
(Bennett)

Carter Capozzi
(Gowanda/Pine Valley)

Christian Moss
(Medina)

Shey Williams
(Lockport)

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Engineers Starting to See Success In Year Two Under Harris

By Mike Pidanick @mkpidanick

Micah Harris took over as head coach of the Hutch Tech football team with visions of turning things around after years of very limited success and felt like the pieces were in place to make that happen.

“I think everyone is just really excited for the potential of Hutch Tech High School and this program,” he said.

The results didn’t come last year for Hutch Tech, which again finished with a winless record but Year 2 of the Micah Harris era has seen marked improvement.

Hutch Tech was 1-31 in the previous four seasons but started out this season with an overtime win over North Tonawanda, the program’s first win of the decade. The Engineers also took Class AA rival Niagara Falls to OT and has been competitive even with the more established large school programs.

“Their kids played hard and made us earn it,” Lancaster coach Eric Rupp said after the Legends 49-22 win at Riverside in Week 2. “Coach is doing a really nice job of building things here.”

Junior Ishmael Adams leads the Engineers with 218 rushing yards and three touchdowns. Junior Ashton Rogers has thrown for 205 yards and a touchdown, while senior Zy’iere Brinson has thrown for 119 yards and another score.

Junior Carnell Young has 12 catches for 131 yards and a TD and junior Romeo Kidd has 15 grabs for 128 yards and the Engineers’ other receiving score.

Defensively, sophomore Adam Kilminster and junior Carnell Young each have a pair of interceptions for Hutch Tech.





WEEK 6

**FOOTBALL
BROADCAST
SCHEDULE**

**WNY
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THURSDAY - 7 PM

**NORTH TONAWANDA
AT SWEET HOME**

FRIDAY - 7 PM

**LANCASTER AT
JAMESTOWN**

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**GRAND ISLAND AT
WILLIAMSVILLE EAST**

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**MCKINLEY AT
WEST SENECA WEST**

**Lancaster
Legends**



**Jamestown
Red Raiders**



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7pm**



Williams' Versatility a weapon for Lockport.

By Colton Pankiewicz @ColtonPankiewi7

Lockport currently sits in fourth place in Class A1 after a key 23-11 victory over West Seneca West in Week 5. The Lions threw the ball just 11 times in the win, moving their star wide receiver Shey Williams to the backfield where he took 11 carries for 200 yards and three touchdowns.

The Lions, who already have two wins this season against divisional opponents this season, have already improved interdivisional play after finishing with just one league win a year ago.

Much of the team's improvement has stemmed from Williams, a senior, who's found a way to somehow make a larger impact after a strong 2022 season. Last year, he finished 12th in Section VI in yards (716) and third in the section in receiving touchdowns (14). In 2023, Williams is accounting for 81% of his team's receiving yards and four of the Lions' six receiving touchdowns.

He's also added an aspect to the game that wasn't as prominent last season, his ability to run the ball. Finishing with five rushing yards a year ago, the do-it-all player has 241 yards on the ground through five games. Williams was responsible for 86% of

Lockport's total yardage in the Lions' last outing, with 200 on the ground and nearly all of their yards in the air.

Williams was Lockport's lone scorer Friday claiming all three of the team's touchdowns in the victory.

"Shey's been our Pokemon as we like to call him. He can play quarterback, running back, wide receiver, safety as well as return kicks and punts. He's willing to do whatever it takes to win," Lions Head Coach Trait Smith said.

Coach Smith mentioned Williams' involvement in all aspects of the game and as a returner. The senior has 149 total yards to accompany two touchdowns, while on



Photo by jennifer friend rumschik.



defense their “Pokemon” has an interception to his name.

Lockport’s coaching staff complimented Shey’s drive and willingness to grow - leading the team in hours of film watched.

“I uploaded the film from Friday’s game this morning and Shey’s already logged over two and a half hours on Hudl,” said Smith.

Lockport hosts Niagara Wheatfield this week, before facing Grand Island and Williamsville North to close out the regular season. With two must-win divisional games remaining, Williams will be relied on heavily.

“I trust him 100%,” said Smith.

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Large School Power Rankings

1		Bennett	6		Clarence
2		Canisius	7		Orchard Park
3		Jamestown	8		McKinley
4		St. Francis	9		Sweet Home
5		Lancaster	10		Starpoint

Others receiving votes: St. Joe (3), Will North (2), Lockport (1).

Week 5

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Small School Power Rankings

1		Maryvale	6		Medina
2		Lackawanna	7		CSP
3		H Sciences	8		Bishop Timon
3		Iroquois	9		Newfane
5		Pioneer	10		F-Ville/E-Ville

Others receiving votes: Depew (9), Salamanca(7), Will South (7), Portville (5), Southwestern (4).

Maryvale has Impressive Pair of Backs

By Tony Fiorello @anthonyfiorello

Any football program who wants to base its offense around the running game would love to have a stud at running back.

You can count the Maryvale Flyers as one of those programs. They're fortunate to have two very good backs in junior Brayden Tryon and

sophomore Isaiah Hill and while they're different types of backs and personalities, coach Nick Todaro said he is lucky to have them.

"Brayden doesn't say much and is very focused on the task at hand," Todaro said. "When he talks, everybody listens. He's kind of a quiet, more reserved kid. Meanwhile Isaiah never, ever stops talking. He's the opposite of that, so he's a bit immature, but in a good way.

"He's just always loose. Always talking, always having fun. We've got to reel him in a little bit, but he's a great kid.

As football players, they've been the perfect complement to each other. They're both extremely talented and these two guys have brought something to us that I just haven't had since I've been the coach at Maryvale.

According to Todaro, the ability for the both of them to make explosive plays with their speed and vision is special and they're both great at it. But while Hill is 6'2" and

210 pounds and Tryon is 5'7" and 160 pounds, they both play to the opposite of their physical makeup.

"Brayden likes running the ball between the tackles as much as anybody and they're both special once they get the ball out on the edge," Todaro

said. "Once they get into space, they become extremely difficult to tackle.

"Brayden likes to run downhill more than Isaiah does. He's really physical and a weight room dynamo. He's in there all the time, getting himself bigger, faster and stronger. Isaiah will do that too, but he gets on the perimeter, uses his speed and can coast on the edge with the best of them."

Not only are Tryon and Hill excellent running backs, but they're also solid linebackers for the Flyers.

"Isaiah plays on the inside and Brayden plays a combination of inside and outside for us," Todaro said.

"Isaiah is among our top tacklers and Brayden makes a lot of explosive plays. He's a great blitzer – both are excellent linebackers and they really key off each other."

Having both backs for the foreseeable future is almost a luxury for the Maryvale program, and Todaro can't wait to watch them grow as people and athletes.



Photo by Renea Lauck

“When I think about both of those guys being back for another year and Isaiah for two more, it makes you very excited about the future,” Todaro said. “The best thing about these two guys is the way they block for each other. It’s really easy nowadays for kids to be selfish, worried about their stats and worried about how they look on social media and all that kind of crap. But these dudes, when the other guy is carrying the ball, the other one’s out front trying to try to pancake somebody and then lead the way, so it’s awesome seeing them care for one another as teammates.

“With their personalities and what they do for us both on and off the field, we’re very lucky to have those guys in the program moving forward. When I took the job at Maryvale, both of those guys were playing modified football at the time and I knew they were coming, and I could see the talent then but now to see it come to fruition with all their hard work has been really cool to watch.”



*Photo
by Renea
Lauck.*

Class C Roundup

By Frank Wolf @wolf3328

Class C North seems quite literally to be a two-horse race after five weeks of play. Medina and Newfane are still undefeated. The two teams will face one another next Thursday in a game being livestreamed on WNY Athletics.

The Panthers extended their unbeaten streak last weekend defeating JFK 48-6, that's the team Medina faces Friday night at Veterans Park.

So far for the Mustangs, it's been the Christian Moss show. The sophomore has caught the attention of many as he's gone over 600 yards rushing in just four games (Medina won via forfeit in week 2). Julian Woodworth is carrying a lot of weight in that offense as well. The QB is a strong dual-threat option for head coach Eric Valley.



Photo by Alex Kolstee

Newfane has quite a bit of depth on their roster as noted in this section a time or three. Nate Snow is delivering for the Panthers in a big way but he does have quite the arsenal backing him up.

Their meeting next Thursday is proving to be one of the most anticipated of the season.

Regardless of the outcome, both teams are playoff bound. Akron (2-3, 2-2) and Roy-Hart/Barker (2-3, 1-2) are holding onto the final two spots in C North. JFK and Cleve Hill are both winless. The Golden Eagles however have a path to the postseason. They play Newfane, Roy-Hart/Barker and close out against JFK. They most likely need to win out, but the scenario is there for the taking.

In C South it's going to be an exciting finish.

Salamanca has won four straight since a season-opening loss to Franklinville/Ellicottville. The Warriors take on the other Class D power CSP on Saturday afternoon.

Both Southwestern and Portville have been playing at a high level since Week 2 as well. Each team is 4-1 and coming off some very impressive victories.

Portville will host Chautauqua Lake/Westfield/Brocton on Friday, another team that's fighting to stay alive in the playoff picture. CL/W/B are in a must win situation as they are 2 games back in the C South standings. They trail Falconer/CassadagaValley/Maple Grove.

The Herd take on Portville this week before a showdown against CL/W/B. That could be the deciding factor on that 4th and final playoff spot.



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Photo by Alex Kolstee

Class D/ 8-Man Feature

A-L Protecting their Identity

By Frank Wolf @wolf3328

Last offseason the coaching staff at Allegany-Limestone had to look deep into their program and decide what was the best course of action for a prosperous future. The conclusion was 8-man football, a growing trend throughout New York State for smaller schools with low numbers that would rather

keep their identity then merge with other schools.

After the 2022 season, the Gators graduated 19 seniors off of their 25 man roster. With only 8 remaining players, the program was at a crossroads.

“We began sitting down with our athletic director and coaching staff and looked at all of the options,” Head Coach Marcus Grove said. “We looked at mergers, we looked at how we could make 11 man football work, and eventually fell on 8-man football. We wrote all of the options on the board, and brought our seniors in for this season and explained all the options to them. We gave them Thanksgiving break to decide what direction they would like to head, as ultimately, it is their program. We as a coaching staff are just here to guide them. They came back with a unanimous decision to move to 8-man football. They wanted to keep our identity, they wanted to finish their careers playing for Allegany-Limestone Football, all things that were not guaranteed under a merger.”



*Photo by Derek Gumtow-Olean
Times Herald*

So far, the decision has seemed to pay off. The team rattled off four straight wins before finally losing to Caledonia-Mumford (Section V) last weekend.

The Gators aren't the only Section VI team playing an 8-man format, Frewsburg has returned after a one-year hiatus.

The Bears would have played 8-man last season had Section V made room. Due to an even number of teams in Section V, the governing body advised Frewsburg they would not be part of their scheduling plans. Frewsburg assumed an 11-man schedule back in Section VI and had their share of struggles. Enter 2023 and with AL accepting

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an 8-Man format, Frewsburg is back playing where they feel most competitive.

“We had some discussions with Frewsburg about 8-man football,” Grove said. ”We reached out to them because we knew that they had done it before, and they had given us some advice back. Shortly after us reaching out, they also let us know that they were trending to head this direction as well.”

Grove credited Steve Smith, head coach at Bolivar-Richburg for helping he and his staff assimilate into the 8-man format.

“(Steven) Smith sent us film to study how the 8-man game was played,” Grove said, “and he also gave helpful pointers and suggestions that he wished he would’ve known before they made the change last year. This helped us through the process of transitioning from 11-man to 8-man.”

One of those AL seniors making an impact is Michael Frederick. Through five games, Frederick has been a dual-threat accounting for 14 touchdowns and almost 1200 yards of offense.

Sharing in the offensive production is Kevin Edwards-Hardy. Another standout senior that plays running back and linebacker. Edwards-Hardy leads the team in tackles with 47. He’s carried the ball 56 times for 470 yards and seven touchdowns, and added three more receiving TDs.

Senior Devon Bish is the anchor of the offensive and defensive lines. Bish has recorded five sacks and is the teams second leading tackler.

Sophomore Mat Burnett has also stepped up in a big way according to coach Grove. Burnett has returned two punts to the house this season along with 11 rushing touchdowns.

“We were unsure of how this would go, there were definitely nerves throughout the entire off-season and summer about how this would play out and how it would be received by our kids. Thankfully, our kids have received it well. 8-man football is still football. There is still offense, defense, special teams, and penalties. This is still tackle football. It’s played on a skinnier field width wise, the same 120 yard length, with three less guys on each side. For us, it was a way to continue to play football for Allegany-Limestone without losing our identity. Our kids are proud to be Allegany-Limestone football players, and they have embraced the change to 8-man football. It has been a good move so far for our program to make this switch. The fact that we still have a program is one of the many positive factors.”

The Gators have another tough assignment this weekend when they take on NYSSWA No. 1 ranked Pembroke (5-0).



“Training the Heart of a Champion from the Inside Out”

Big 5 Award Character: Week 5

Athletes who Set the example in Speech • Conduct • Love • Faith • Integrity

Jackson Webber	RoyHart/Barker/Lydonville
Kole Campbell	Medina
Brandon Bator	West Seneca East
Jimmy Steppe	Pioneer
Bryan Edstrom	Iroquois
Brayden Tryon	Maryvale



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O'Grady Full of Potential

By Tony Fiorello @anthonyfiorello

Look closely at the St. Joe's Marauders' roster and you'll notice that there is a tight end with immense gifts.

His name is Michael O'Grady, and he's one of the region's best at his position.

"He has developed very well in the last four years," St. Joe's coach Mike Corona said. "As an athlete, he's one of the most skilled guys we have on the field. He's 6'2" and 225 pounds but he moves like a wide receiver, and he's got the frame and strength of a lineman.

"He's gotten a little bit better every week. He's still learning details of the position but from an athletic standpoint he's a matchup problem because if he's covered by a linebacker he can outrun you, and if there's a defensive back on him he can pummel you into the ground."



Photo by Andrew Miller

One might be surprised to learn that this is his first year playing tight end. According to Corona, O'Grady is just playing wherever the team needs him to play.

"He was a running back through his youth football days and the previous head coach that recruited him said 'Hey, I want to play varsity. You're going to be starting as a freshman defensive end.' Then I came in and told him, 'You're going to play football with the other freshmen. So you have

a year to figure out how to pass your classes and be a good person and all that stuff.'

"He was really bummed out about it and didn't want to stay. Then the following year, he was on varsity because we didn't have a JV team. And I said, 'Hey, I know you want to be a running back but I need you to be a tackle because we don't have any linemen yet.' He played tackle for two years on offense and defense and this year we moved him to tight end, and he's played very well there."

The youngest of three boys – all adopted – O'Grady comes from a different background than most kids. Additionally, his father and older brother are both graduates of St. Joe's, and that type of environment has helped ground him and shape him into the young man he now is.

O'Grady also has great leadership skills, according to Corona. But when it came time to vote for team captains, O'Grady declined the offer.

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CARDINAL O'HARA

VS



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“Michael said he didn’t want to be one because he didn’t want to take attention away from others. But he leads as if he’s a captain anyway,” Corona said. “He focuses on being a good teammate, but he also holds his friends accountable – which is probably the hardest part of leadership at that age.

“He’s also learning how to lead by example as well. His teammates all like him and respect him too – when he speaks, people listen.”

O’Grady isn’t quite sure what he wants to do after high school. But Corona knows that he can certainly play at the collegiate level if he puts his mind to it.

“I coached in college, and when I talk to our kids about what college football is like it’s not the things that they see on Instagram or Twitter, where an offer comes in and you’re posing for pictures with a chain around your neck,” Corona said. “College football is a full-time unpaid job. I try and tell our kids that if you don’t love practice, you won’t like getting up at 6 am to lift and it’s gonna be a miserable experience.

“So as our kids get older and they progress through the program, the ones who want to play college football I kind of talk frankly about what the experience will be like, but I want to make sure it’s something that they understand what they’re getting into before they decided to do it. As of now Michael’s kind of figuring out whether he wants to have that so-called full-time job, but if he wants to do it I know he can.”

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Mitchell brings the Horsepower for Medina

By Jerry Sullivan @ByJerrySullivan

About seven years ago, Medina head football coach Eric Valley spotted a couple of very large youngsters walking down the sidewalk together on the school grounds.

“Oh, those must be eighth- or ninth-graders,” Valley thought.

He was off by a few years. Those two big boys were actually in the fifth grade at the time. Roosevelt Mitchell and Xavier King had recently moved into the district, and they certainly caught the eye of the veteran football coach.

“I’d heard they were really strong and big kids,” Valley recalled recently in his office at Medina. “You never know. Some big kids in fifth or sixth grade stay the same size their whole lives. Luckily, they kept growing.”

Yes, Mitchell and King kept growing, and Valley said he’s blessed to have them. They’re now seniors and towering fixtures on the offensive line for a Mustangs team that’s off to a 5-0 start in Class C, averaging 38.7 points a game.

Mitchell stands 6-3, 315 pounds, and is the kingpin — not to mention the Homecoming King — on Valley’s offensive line. Mitchell is committed to play college football next season at Akron in the Mid-American Conference.

It’s rare for Medina to send a player to the Division I FBS level of the college game. Mitchell was good enough to attract interests from schools in the so-called Power Five, including Pitt, Syracuse, West Virginia and Boston College.

Mitchell said UB, which competes with Akron in the MAC, showed interest, but it “didn’t feel like a match” and was a little too close to home.

Actually, Akron felt like home to Mitchell, who struck up an immediate bond with the Zips’ offensive line coach and run game coordinator, Joel Rodriguez.

“I liked his energy, his personality,” Mitchell said. “It was immaculate. I’m not going to lie. When I got there, I felt a roaring bust of energy. It was crazy. I felt like I was home. I felt wanted and all that.”

Mitchell, who is 17, said he expects to be redshirted as a freshman at Akron. He has no illusions about his readiness for the FBS level. He knows from experience how much work is required to master offensive line play.

“I definitely was bad at first,” said Mitchell, the son of Roosevelt Mitchell and Shanette Warren. “I was always bigger and stronger than other people. But I got humbled on JV. That made me realize I have to grind if I want to make it to college, to DI.”

Valley said Mitchell has built his strength through the in-season weightlifting regimen that is mandatory for Medina athletes. Mitchell plays basketball (they call him Baby Shaq) and throws the shot and discus for the track squad.

“He went to a lot of clinics,” said Valley, whose team won two Class C sectional titles in the 2021 calendar year. “He went to a lot of colleges this past spring and summer. It was his first time standing shoulder-to-shoulder with other DI potential, which I think opened his eyes.

“I think it helped him grow from the perspective of, ‘Hey, I’m not going to be the big guy for the rest of my life.’ He’s well aware that he needs to continue to push and grow. I think he’s got the temperament and the attitude to go far.

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“We’re not playing against a lot of other Division I talent here in the Cs, so he’s not getting a lot of exposure to kids like that,” Valley said. “So it’s definitely going to be a year



or two adjustment for him. So it's going to see how quickly he can adjust to the speed of the game at that level."

Mitchell knows he's a long way from his peak. He has considerable upside, which is what the Akron coaches told him when they recruited him.

"They loved my film," said Mitchell, who also plays defensive tackle. "I move amazing. I'm a perfect fit for their offense."

Akron plans to play Mitchell at center and guard, where he can use his speed to pull and lead his running backs to the edges.

"He moves very, very well for a big kid," Valley said. "He really does. There's times we pull him around and he'll be leading 20 yards downfield with the tailback still behind him."

Mitchell has dreams of playing in the NFL. He didn't think he needed to play at a major school to attract pro scouts. He knows the MAC has sent a lot of players to the league. He knows about Khalil Mack's legend at UB.

Of course, he's still a big kid at heart. He's also a leader and one of the most popular kids at school. Last Friday, he walked to the center of the field as Homecoming King at halftime of Medina's 63-0 rout over Barker/Roy-Hart.

He's not your stereotypical jock, either. Mitchell, a B student, has been in chorus since fifth grade and he's in the a capella group, which helped his cause for Homecoming King. He stops to give high fives and encouragement to the little kids who look up to him at football games. His lone regret about the Homecoming ceremony was he didn't get to wear a crown.

"I'm a people pleaser," he said. "Everybody loves me here."

Medina folks love their high school teams. When the football squad won the sectional title in May of 2021, the team was escorted back to the village by a convoy of fire trucks, ambulances and police cars.

That fall, the Mustangs set a school record with 11 wins and won another C sectional title, but suffered a painful, two-point loss to East Rochester/Gananda in the Far West Regional. Medina is still looking for its first trip to the state semifinals.

Mitchell believes the 2021 team had more overall experience and talent, but this year's squad is peaking. Going all the way to states is the ultimate goal.

"Yes definitely," he said. "I want to get a championship before I leave here. I need at least one before I leave here. I need to leave my legacy."

“The Wolf’s Den”

Wolf’s Den

By Frank Wolf @wolf3328

The latest concerning trend the past few weeks in WNY High School Football is the amount of forfeits that have taken place.

Last week’s forfeits by Kenmore East and Cheektowaga were related to conduct on the field and I applaud the schools for taking swift action. Nobody likes to cancel games in those circumstances but the life lesson was received well by all.

My concern along with many others are the forfeits due to low numbers or injuries.

Before the season started we had a few teams submit a roster with less than 20 players listed. That caught my eye immediately. A team must have at least 16 players dressed (healthy) on the sidelines in order to play and avoid a forfeit.

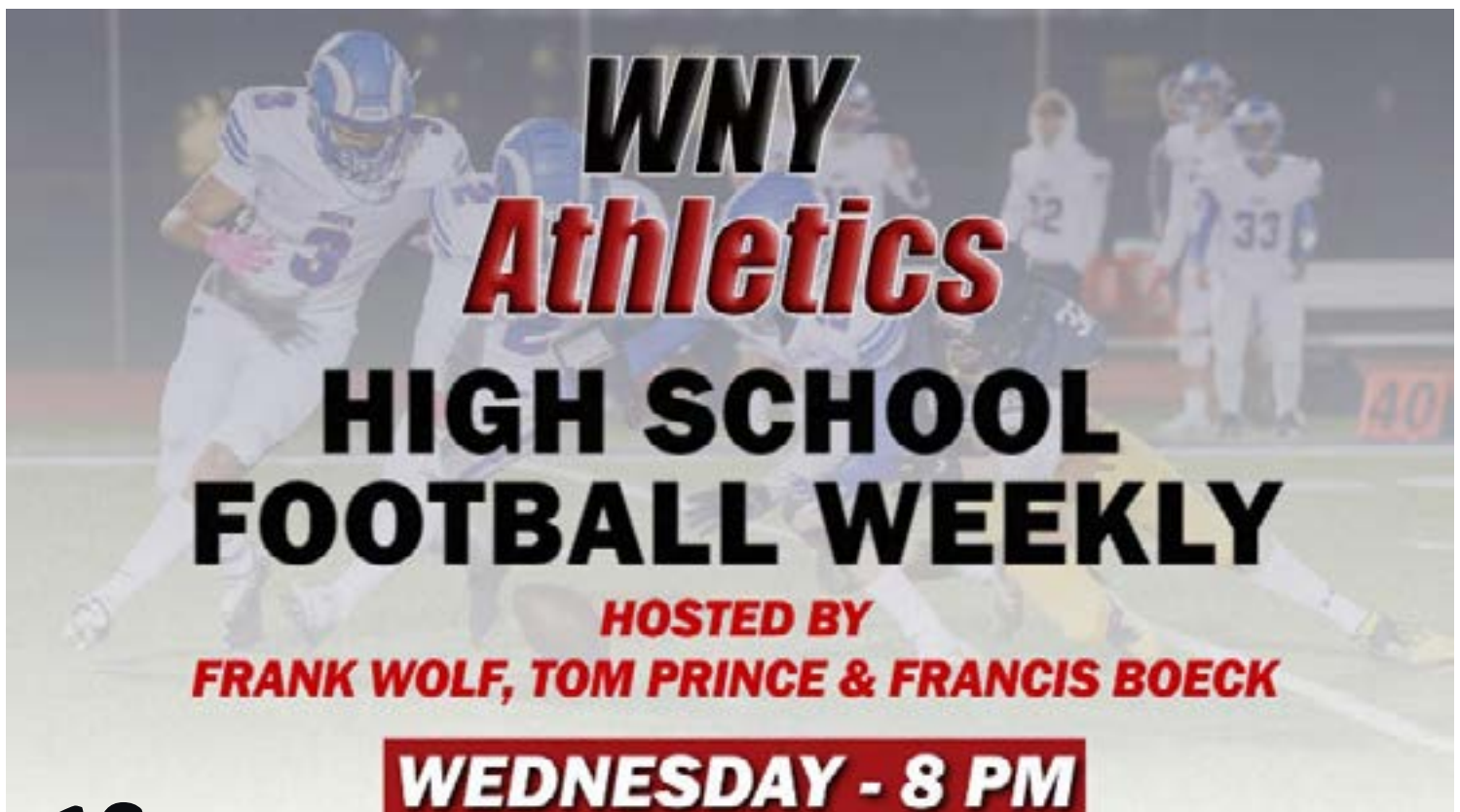
Looking up and down a few sidelines the past month, there were times when I counted only 18 players dressed. That leaves basically no room for error in terms of players going down injured.

It leaves me wondering, how soon do some of the more traditional 11-man programs consider playing 8-man or merging with a rival?

Even suggesting 8-man football a couple of years ago created a major stir among football junkies. But this is really no longer a laughing matter.

Some schools should consider the 8-man game, there are still sectional and state playoff championships at large and Section VI, even Monsignor Martin is missing the bucket here.

I lean heavily towards an 11-man game because that’s what I grew up with. However times are changing and alternatives need to be considered. Don’t mock this, kids just want to play football for their high school. If 8-man is the only logical and economical way to go, it needs to be embraced.

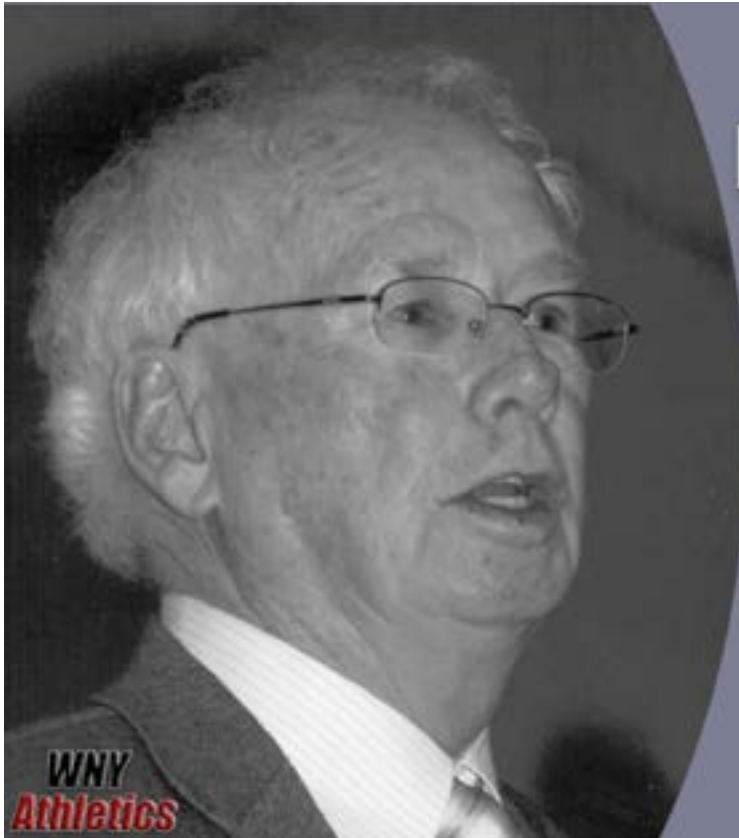


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The Dick Gallagher "Sky" lines Report

By Tom Prince @WNYTomPrince

Top Athletic Complex: Orchard Park
Referees of the Week: Dale Mussen, Dale Colpoys
Top Refreshment Stand: Iroquois (2 Food Trucks and Popcorn (Kettle Korn) Vendors
Top JV Program: Clarence
Best Chain Crew: Jamestown
Top Ambassador: Coach Eric Rupp (Lancaster)
Most Media Friendly Football Program: Jamestown
Best Interview of the Week: Jason Hargrove (Bennett)
Alumnus of the Week: Steven Frerichs
Best Fan: Tom Repicci
Best Uniform: Lackawanna (New Uniforms)
Class Act: Coach Marcus Rivers (Lackawanna)
Best Team Fans: West Seneca West
Journalist of the Week: Jerry Sullivan (WNY Athletics)
Photographer of the Week: Andrew Miller
On Air Talent of the Week: Jake Fyock
Top Producers of the Week: Heidi Guenther, Dana Guenther (AND NO RELATION)
Videographer of the Week: BJ Stack
Tackling Machine: Carsen Bane (Jamestown)
Assistant Coaches of the Week: Maryvale: Dan Tryon, Sam Smith, Erik Clark, Ajay Chima, Drew Ward

Top Quarterbacks of the Week: Michael Fredrick (Allegheny-Limestone), Carter Capozzi (Gowanda/Pine Valley), Brandon Liggans (McKinley), Nate Snow (Newfane), Brady Ciano (Orchard Park), Ryan McKinnon (Williamsville East)

Top Running Backs of the Week: Jameer Thomas (Bennett), Eli Kimble (Canisius), Shey Williams (Lockport), Brayden Tryon (Maryvale), Christian Moss (Medina), Christian Earnst (North Tonawanda), Kaedon Holcomb (Portville), Cole Gable (Springville), John Mahar (Wilson)

Top Wide Receivers of the Week: David Van Horn (Clarence), Quentin Centner (Gowanda/Pine Valley), Eric Abernathy (McKinley), Jack Ciano (Orchard Park), Matteo Klopfer (Orchard Park), Steven Butler (Sweet Home), Calvin Kulik (Williamsville East)

Top Offensive Linemen of the Week: Patrick Sullivan (Canisius), Dylan Cookfair (Maryvale), Jack MacDonald (Orchard Park)

Top Defensive Linemen of the Week: Delshon Taylor (Bennett), Cameron Slade (Gowanda-Pine Valley), Tommy Praton (Jamestown), Andrew Moberg (Lancaster)

Top Linebackers of the Week: Hayden Arrison (Clarence), Jack Brown (East Aurora/Holland), Zachary Hornquist (East Aurora/Holland), Karter Giboo (Pioneer), Zachary Trietley (Salamanca), Jon Jones (Sweet Home)

Top Defensive Back of the Week: Matthew Prusiecki (Maryvale), Luke Gullo (Fredonia), Cole Rhodus (Pioneer)

Top Safety of the Week: Noah McDuffie (Bennett)
AGAIN!

Top Kicker of the Week: Cannon Converse (Lancaster)

Slogan for the Week:

You can learn a line
from a win and a book
from defeat



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PASSING LEADERS

NAME	SCHOOL	YARDS	TDs
Bryce Tubin	Clarence	1255	12
Carter Capozzi	Gowanda/Pine Valley	1097	15
Rocco Panepinto	Sweet Home	1052	8
Nate Snow	Newfane	1002	12
Coy Patterson	Akron	915	8

RUSHING LEADERS

NAME	SCHOOL	YARDS	TDs
Elijah Kimble	Canisius	937	11
Layne Jaworowicz	Alden	890	16
John Mahar	Wilson	888	12
Kaedon Holcomb	Portville	770	12
Tyrone Clark	Lackawanna	741	10

RECEIVING LEADERS

NAME	SCHOOL	CATCHES	YARDS	TDs
Patrick Wind	Clarence	31	509	4
Ben Dickinson	Newfane	31	464	5
Steven Butler	Sweet Home	27	460	5
Shey Williams	Lockport	24	455	4
Quentin Centner	Gowanda/Pine Valley	24	452	9

TACKLES FOR LOSS

NAME	SCHOOL	TFL	Total Tackles
Tommy Prutton	Jamestown	15	44
Tavio Hoose	Southwestern	14	39
Jazier Fluker	Bennett	14	31
Keith Miller	Jamestown	13	44
Max Perry	Springville	13	38

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

NYSSWA Football Rankings

CLASS AA

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

Honorable Mention:

Abraham Lincoln (3-1), Ballston Spa (3-2), Bellport (2-2), Bronx JFK (4-1), Canarsie (2-3), Curtis (2-3), East Meadow (3-1), Half Hollow Hills East (3-1), Hempstead (3-0), Hilton (5-0), Holy Trinity (3-2), James Madison (2-2), John Jay (EF) (4-1), **Lancaster (4-1)**, Lindenhurst (2-2), Liverpool (4-1), Longwood (3-1), Middletown (3-1), New Dorp (3-1), North Babylon (3-1), Oceanside (3-1), **Orchard Park (3-2)**, **St. Francis (1-4)**, **St. Joseph's Collegiate (2-2)**, Shaker (3-2), Syosset (3-1), Walt Whitman (2-2)

CLASS A

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

Honorable Mention:

A. Philip Randolph (2-3), Bethlehem (4-1), Boys & Girls (3-0), Brighton (3-2), Calhoun (3-2), Canandaigua (3-2), Churchville-Chili (3-2), Comsewogue (3-1), Deer Park (4-0), DeWitt Clinton (4-1), Eagle Academy II (3-0), Elmont (3-2), Frank Macchiarola (2-2), **Grand Island (3-2)**, Harrison (3-2), Harry Truman (4-1), Irondequoit (4-1), LaSalle Institute (3-2), **Lockport (2-3)**, Long Beach (2-2), Manhasset (5-0), Mepham (2-2), Minisink Valley (2-1), Our Lady of Lourdes (3-2), St. John the Baptist (2-2), South Shore (3-0-1), **Starpoint (3-2)**, Vestal (3-1), Warwick (3-1), Webster Schroeder (3-2), West Babylon (4-0), **West Seneca West (2-3)**, Xavier (2-3)

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CLASS B

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

Honorable Mention:

Alden (4-1), Batavia (3-2), **Bishop Timon-St. Jude (4-1)**, Byram Hills (2-2), Center Moriches (4-0), Clarke (3-1), Cold Spring Harbor (3-1), Fieldston (2-1), Geneva (3-2), Honeoye Falls-Lima (3-2), Island Trees (2-2), John Glenn (3-1), Lakeland (3-2), Lansingburgh (4-1), Locust Valley (3-1), Lynbrook (2-2), Massena (5-0), Mount St. Michael (2-1), Mount Sinai (2-2), North Shore (2-2), Nyack (2-2), Port Jervis (3-2), Riverdale Country Day (3-1), Rye Country Day (1-2), Saugerties (3-1), Schalmont (3-1), Seaford (3-1), Shoreham-Wading River (1-2), **South Park (3-2)**, **Springville (3-2)**, Wayne (3-1), **Williamsville South (3-2)**, Xaverian (3-2)

EIGHT-MAN

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

Honorable Mention:

Allegheny-Limestone (4-1), Bolivar-Richburg (3-2), Fallsburg (3-1), Greene (2-2), Sullivan West (4-0), Unatego/Franklin (2-2)

CLASS C

1. Cazenovia-3 4-0
2. Schuylerville-2 5-0
3. Adirondack-3 5-0
4. Babylon-11 4-0
5. Fonda-Fultonville-2 4-1
6. Westlake-1 3-0
- 7. Medina-6 5-0**
8. Waverly-4 4-1
9. LeRoy-5 5-0
10. Gouverneur-10 4-0
11. Saranac/Northern Adirondack-7 5-0
12. General Brown-3 3-1
- 13. Newfane-6 5-0**
14. Valhalla-1 3-1
15. Dobbs Ferry-1 2-1
16. Attica/Alexander-5 4-1
- 17. Salamanca-6 4-1**
18. Susquehanna Valley-4 3-1
19. Chenango Forks-4 2-2
- 20. (tie) Southwestern-6 4-1**
- 20 (tie) Lowville-3 4-1

Honorable Mention:

Chester/Seward (3-2), East Rochester/Gananda (3-2), **Eden/North Collins (3-2)**, **Falconer/Cassadaga Valley/Maple Grove (3-2)**, Hoosick Falls/Tamarac (4-1), Hornell (4-1), James O'Neill (2-3), Letchworth/Warsaw/Perry (3-2), **Portville/Cuba-Rushford (4-1)**, Solvay (3-1), Watkins Glen/Odessa-Montour (3-2)

CLASS D

1. Tioga-4 5-0
- 2. Clymer/Sherman/Panama-6 5-0**
3. Warrensburg/Lake George/Bolton-25-0
- 4. Franklinville/Ellicottville-6 5-0**
5. Stillwater-2 5-0
6. Sandy Creek-3 4-0
7. Delhi-4 4-1
8. Burke Catholic-9 3-1
9. Moriah-7 3-1
10. Haldane-1 4-0
11. York/Pavilion-5 4-1
12. Spencer-VanEtten/Candor-4 4-1
13. Canajoharie/Fort Plain-2 4-0
14. Tuckahoe-1 2-2
15. (tie) Walton-4 3-1
- 15. (tie) Wilson-6 3-2**

Honorable Mention:

Avon (3-2), Beaver River (3-2), Canisteo-Greenwood (4-1), Gowanda/Pine Valley (3-2), Mount Markham (4-1), Oakfield-Alabama/Elba (2-3)