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*Palmerton's Matt Machalik and Jim Thorpe's
Noah Rosahac head into their senior seasons with
impressive resumes and high expectations*



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FEATURE

One Last Ride

All-State returnees – Palmerton’s Machalik, Jim Thorpe’s Rosahac – lead the preseason hype train in 2023

BY BRAD HURLEY
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The preseason hype train has left the station with the high school football season just 24 hours away. During the week, area football fans have been discussing which teams and players are expected to have big years.

As far as hype is concerned, there are two players in the Times News area that fans are talking about.

All-State players from a season ago, Palmerton quarterback Matt Machalik and Jim Thorpe defensive tackle Noah Rosahac, have proven over the last two seasons that the hype is no hyperbole.

Syracuse commit Rosahac and Lehigh commit Machalik are expected to have dominant senior campaigns in 2023.

The phrase “Offense sells tickets” perfectly sums up Machalik’s career for the Bombers, because there hasn’t been a bigger gate draw on Friday nights in the fall in Carbon County. Machalik has put together a career that features both video game highlights and video game statistics.

The senior signal caller has surpassed most of the Bombers’ offensive records with a season yet to go.

He owns the following Palmerton Blue Bombers football records: single-season passing yards (2,554 yards), single-season passing touchdowns (31), career touchdown passes (49), career rushing yards (3,206 yards) and career touchdowns scored (58). He is 69 yards away from breaking the career passing yardage mark, sitting at 4,526.

Last season, Machalik also became the first player in District 11 history to throw for 300 yards (305) and rush for



Palmerton’s Matt Machalik

200 yards (230) in the same game, doing it against Jim Thorpe.

“I’ve obviously been there on the sidelines for every one of his high school games, and sometimes it does look like you’re watching a video



Jim Thorpe’s Noah Rosahac

game with some of the things he can do out there on the field,” said Palmerton head coach Chris Walkowiak. “He has certainly put up some video game like numbers in his career, as he owns most of our program records already.

“It’s incredible what he is able to do with both his legs and his arm from the quarterback position. And this season, we’re really excited to see what he is going to do. This is his fourth year now at quarterback for us, and the game has really slowed down for him. So, when you couple that with his natural instincts and athleticism, I think you’re going to see some special performances.”

Rosahac — the Olympians’ physical and towering defensive tackle — has been casting a shadow over Thorpe’s opponents for the past two seasons. The 6-6, 275-pound monster possesses both the size and speed that can’t be replicated and, in most cases, can’t be defended.

Last season, Rosahac put together one of the most dominant defensive line performances in recent history, collecting 84 tackles, eight sacks and an extraordinary 25 tackles for loss. In his career for the Olympians on the defensive side of the ball, Rosahac has 170 tackles, 9.5 sacks and 52 tackles for loss.

“Noah has size, explosiveness, athleticism, the footwork and most importantly an amazing understanding of the game. He really has it all and I think that’s why you see programs the caliber of Syracuse and other Division 1 schools wanting to make him a part of their programs,” said Jim Thorpe head coach Mark Rosenberger.

“Pair all those attributes with a tremendous work ethic and what you get is one heck of a good football player. And a lot of that is a credit to his family. He comes from a great family, his two brothers came through our program and were great kids and players,

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JIM THORPE



Olympians feature game-breaking speed

BY RICH STRACK
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Every coach will tell you that the one thing you can't teach is speed.

Jim Thorpe's Mark Rosenberger begins his 27th season as head coach and he is excited about the blazing playmakers his team has at the skill positions. Coming off their first losing season since 2013, the Olympians hope to get back on the winning fast track, using both the passing and rushing game.

The starting quarterback position is a tossup, but will be decided before Thorpe's first game against Blue Mountain. Rosenberger likes what he sees in both candidates beginning with dual-threat sophomore Cole Lazorick, who comes in as a field general having taken a

few snaps at the varsity level a year ago as a freshman.

"Cole is very athletic," Rosenberger said. "He's got good arm strength and is fast on the run as well."

Junior signal caller Nikolas Schwartz brings a solid set of skills to the position.

"Nik has been very good on his receiver reads. He understands what we want to do on offense and we think both he and Cole can get the job done," Rosenberger said.

Jim Thorpe's backfield is "explosive" and once in the open field can go all the way, according to Rosenberger.

Senior Sal Capria returns after gaining nearly 900 yards last year and an average of almost 7 yards a rush. He's ticketed to be the go-to guy for the Olympians'

ground attack.

"Sal runs strong at the line of scrimmage. He has great balance and vision downfield. We can run him between the tackles and he possesses plenty of speed to get around the perimeter," Rosenberger said.

Senior Ben Goldberg will play fullback. He's a downhill runner and he too can explode through the hole.

Getting repetitions in the backfield will also be sophomore Joshua Louk and senior Joshua James. Both are track team members.

The Olympians have good hands and fast feet at the wide receiver position beginning with 6-1 junior Justin Yescavage.

"Justin will be a primary downfield target for us. He's a

good route runner and he'll win the ball if he has to jump up for possession against a defensive back," Rosenberger said.

Louk will also be a deep threat from the slot position in Thorpe's multiple set motion offense. Junior Aaron Curran has become a solid physical performer at wideout because of his dedicated offseason workouts.

The tight end position will be manned by senior Chase Whaley, who moves from an interior line position he played a year ago. Rosenberger likes his athleticism and his ability to use his hands to separate himself for running pass routes.

The offensive line is a work in progress except for one huge returnee at tackle. All-State se-

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

A decision will be made between sophomore, Cole Lazorick and junior Nikolas Schwartz as to who will be a first year starter for the Olympians. Lazorick is a dual threat. He's fast on his feet and has shown a strong arm. Schwartz is savvy and makes good reads with open wide receivers.

RUNNING BACKS

Coach Mark Rosenberger has a stable of speedy backs beginning with senior Sal Capria who gained nearly seven yards a carry a season ago. Ben Goldberg, Joshua James, Joshua Louk, and Michael Antignani are all quick and run downhill.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Junior Justin Yescavage leads a group of wideouts with his ability to win the ball in close coverage. From the slot, track team members Louk and James can both fly and make yardage after the catch. Junior Aaron Curran will be in the mix.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Up front, Thorpe is developing with Rosenberger's misdirection and jet sweep attack. Only one starter returns. Senior tackle Noah Rosahac stands 6-6 and sports 275 pounds of bulldozing power. Guards will be Austin Fronheiser and Blake Carroll with center, Marcus Muffley moving one spot over when Adam Kosciolek is the shotgun snapper. Gavin Strohl and Aiden Curran will see time as the opposite tackle from Rosahac. Tight ends, Chase Whaley and Connor Zurwawa can seal the edge and catch the ball down the seam.

DEFENSIVE LINE

This year's edition of the Red Swarm will have Rosahac and 6-5 280 pound Peter Almeida plugging the line of scrimmage. Strohl will also see action. Edge rushers manning the perimeters will be Whaley and Fronheiser, but depth will be an issue at the defensive end position.

LINEBACKERS

Mobility and athleticism come with Goldberg who led the team in tackles a season ago. Capria, Antignani, and Zurwawa will also patrol the second level.

SECONDARY

Lazorick and Yescavage will cover the corners along with Pierce Gothard. Experience is with Schwartz at strong safety and James as the last man standing in the deep post area of the field.

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Peter Almeida



Salvatore Capria



Austin Fronheiser



Benjamin Goldberg

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2023 JIM THORPE ROSTER

SENIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Conner Miller	5-7	150	CB/WR
Salvatore Capria	5-8	180	RB/LB
Joshua James	5-10	170	SS/WR
Benjamin Goldberg	5-9	185	FB/LB
Austin Fronheiser	6-0	240	G/DT
Peter Almeida	6-5	280	T/DT
Noah Rosahac	6-5	275	T/DT
Chase Whaley	6-5	200	TE/DE

JUNIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Aaron Curran	6-0	165	WR/FS
Nikolas Schwartz	6-1	185	QB/FS
Justin Yescavage	6-1	175	WR/FS
Haden Hurn	5-9	150	K/P
Jason Ulshafer	5-8	208	G/LB
Thomas Struble	5-8	223	G/DE
Marcus Muffley	5-10	253	C/DT
Aiden Sterling	6-0	195	FB/LB
Noah Geiser	5-8	130	K/P
Kaleb Rawlins	5-7	130	WR/CB
Zachary Lopez	5-9	175	FB/LB
Blake Carroll	6-1	235	T/DE
Julian Anstead	5-7	190	G/DE
Aiden Curran	6-3	349	T/DT

SOPHOMORES

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Michael Antignani	5-8	185	FB/LB
Josh Louk	5-8	160	WR/S
Cole Lazorick	6-0	170	QB/CB
Pierce Gothard	6-0	140	WR/CB


Messiah Woodley	5-8	160	FB/LB
Gavin Strohl	6-1	265	T/DT
Adam Kosciolek	6-0	225	C/DE
Qyshon Gage	5-9	138	WR/CB
Aiden Garrantano	5-5	120	RB/S
Ian Walck	5-11	140	K/P
Tobias Garner	5-8	245	G/DT
Trelawn Richards	6-2	275	T/DT
Jerome Murphy	5-7	350	T/DT
Hayden Meckes	5-7	142	K/P
Ethan Moore	6-1	200	TE/DE
Connor Zurwawa	5-11	175	TE/LB

FRESHMEN

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Nathan Hunadi	6-2	170	WR/DE
Paxton Novack	5-8	170	RB/LB
Kaden Hess	5-9	173	QB/LB
Ralph Clay	5-9	120	WR/CB
Trent Sutphin	5-6	120	QB/S
Taj Villega	5-7	115	WR/CB
Jared Mantilla	5-6	136	RB/LB
Aden Irwin	5-8	150	RB/LB
Angel Rivera	5-6	120	WR/CB
Christian Ortiz	5-3	105	WR/CB
Tyriq Palumbo	5-6	140	RB/LB
Ian Porter	5-10	135	RB/LB
Adam Ziolkiewicz	5-10	205	G/DE
Gavin Baker	5-10	200	C/DE
Nicholas Hale	5-6	175	G/DE
Cameron Goodchild	5-10	250	T/DT
Logan O'Shura	5-11	200	G/DT
Conlan Chicarelli	5-11	180	T/DT
Gabriel Ziolkiewicz	5-10	233	T/DT
Jude Zito	5-5	115	WR/CB

JIM THORPE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

(since 1994)			Robbie Heller	2015	#4	Tony Mistretta	2008	#1	Justin Young	2004	#7	Matt Long	2000	#2
Player	Year	Week	Ryan Saunders	2013	#6	Phil Redline	2007	#4	Jason Figura	2004	#2	Matt Long	1999	#7
Brett Balliet	2022	#8	Deonte St. Hill	2013	#4	Corey Cinicola	2007	#3	Jason Figura	2003	#2	Gabe Robinson	1999	#4
CJ Selby	2019	#3	Shane Edwards	2010	#5	Josh Hontz	2007	#1	Dan Flizack	2003	#1	Gabe Robinson	1998	#4
Jarrin Geisinger	2018	#5	Shane Edwards	2009	#10	Craig Zurn	2006	#3	Dan Flizack	2002	#4	Matt Long	1998	#1
Red Swarm 'D'	2017	#9	Corey Cinicola	2009	#2	Phil Redline	2006	#1	Jason Figura	2002	#3	Keith Zebroski	1996	#5
Justin St. Hill	2017	#6	Corey Cinicola	2008	#2	Craig Zurn	2005	#2	Earl Kunkel	2001	#6	Gary Storer	1994	#6



CONNER MILLER

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Jim Thorpe players run through a drill during a recent practice.



Conner Miller



Chase Whaley

OLYMPIANS

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lection and Syracuse commit Noah Rosahac (6-6, 275 pounds) will be the anchor on pass plays and the bulldozer the backs will run behind in short yardage situations. The remaining offensive line is young with little experience at the varsity level. Junior Marcus Muffley and sophomore and Adam Kosciulek have shown promise at center and performed consistent shotgun snaps back to the quarterback.

Senior Austin Fronheiser brings size and mobility to the offensive guard spot along with Muffley who can also move over one position. Junior Blake Carroll will be in the mix. On the other side of the ball from Rosahac will be junior Aidan Curran or sophomore Gavin Strohl.

Jim Thorpe's defensive line will feature Rosahac and senior Peter Almeida (6-5, 280). Defensive ends are

Whaley and Fronheiser.

Rosahac may also see some time at the edge.

Linebackers have experience and quickness at the second level. Antigiani will man the middle with Goldberg and Capria on the outside. The secondary has the ability to be lockdown opposing wide receivers. At the corners will be Yescavage and Lazorick with Schwartz at strong safety. James brings his speed to the free safety spot.

"Josh will cover the deep middle and Nick is a good tackler when he steps up into the box," Rosenberger said.

What are the expectations for this year's Jim Thorpe Olympians?

Rosenberger believes his team can compete for a Schuylkill-Colonial League title.

"We have fast athletes and solid football players. The question mark will be how our offensive line comes along and how we control the line of scrimmage on defense," he said.

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so I think that definitely is a contributing factor to all of Noah's success, so far, in his career. We're really excited to see what he can do this season. He looks great and once again dominant, and has definitely stepped up his leadership, bringing along some of our younger and less-experienced linemen, helping them to get better."

It's no secret that Machalik at quarterback and Rosahac at defensive tackle have been dominant at those respective positions, but both have also made significant impacts on the opposite side of the ball.

Rosahac is actually headed to Syracuse to play the tackle position on the offensive line for the Orange.

"Again, Noah's football IQ up front for us on the offensive side of the ball is also next level, and that has been huge for us this offseason, as we are breaking in a younger starting offen-

sive line unit. He has been working hard to help get that unit better every day," Rosenberger said.

"The way he reads his blocks and protects and then also his athleticism at getting out and blocking in space for someone his size is something you rarely ever see at the high school level."

Machalik not only starts at safety on the defensive side of the ball for the Bombers, but also serves as Palmer-ton's punt returner, kick returner and holder on extra point attempts.

"Matt is just a dedicated kid. Whether that's on the field, off the field in the classroom or in any of the other sports he plays. He's always been selfless, and he's always the first one to thank his teammates and give them credit for any individual accolades he may receive," Walkowiak said.

"He has the respect of both his teammates and his coaches for the way he plays the game. I think anyone who has watched Matt play is excited to what his future holds."

PALMERTON



Blue Bombers return a strong nucleus

BY TJ ENGLE
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Each Friday night that Palmerton takes to the gridiron, it's far from a one-man show.

Even though the Bombers have looked to Matt Machalik to point them in the right direction each game day, Palmerton head coach Chris Walkowiak stressed everyone knows their role on game night.

"We stress all the time about doing your job and role for the team," said Walkowiak, who enters his 13th season as head coach. "They understand football is not a one-man show and we all need to do our parts if we want to be successful. Matt is an extremely talented player that we are very fortunate to have at Palmerton."

"However, he will be the first to tell you it is a team sport and a lot of what he has accomplished came from the help and support of his teammates. This year is no different as we have an excellent nucleus of players back that have experience upfront in the trenches along with our skill sets."

A year after playing a part in the Bombers finishing 6-4 overall (4-3 CL Red Division) and chipping in on the team making it to the District Class 3A semifinals, there are plenty of talented individuals back this season.

Lining up behind the highly touted signal caller seniors Stephen Jones, Emilio Gonzalez and Ty Sander who will share the rushing chores.

"Our running backs this year each bring their own style to

the backfield," Walkowiak said. "Jones has experience for us and can be very explosive. Sander is coming off an injury last season where he missed the second half of the season. He brings a downhill running style element and is always looking to fight for the extra yard. Gonzalez is a big back that runs with power and has made great strides over the season to help him in all facets of his game."

Next in line will be players looking to make themselves open for Machalik out on passing routes. They will also be taking over for a receivers who helped Machalik to write another page in the Bombers' record books.

In addition to Jameson Trainer and Brayden Hosier, Jones,

Sander and Gonzalez will often line up in the slot. Bryce Marino, Jackson Stein, Alex Keiper, Trace Stahler and Aidan Ortiz will chip in as wide receivers.

"Our wide receiver set has a bunch of receivers that are making each other better daily by the competition in practice and we are excited about what they bring to the table as a collective group," Walkowiak said. "At slot and wide receiver, we have some nice depth, and the players can make plays and more importantly block which is key for our offense."

Machalik should feel comfortable once again behind center, knowing how much time he has each step-back, as the majority of those in front of him return for

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

All eyes will be on senior signal-caller Matt Machalik, who enters his fourth and final season under center for the Bombers. Machalik returns with intentions of surpassing and extending his record-breaking career numbers. He led the team in rushing (1,216 yards, 21 touchdowns) and passing (2,554 yards, 31 touchdowns) last year. Jameson Trainer will serve once again as the Bombers' back-up signal-caller.

RUNNING BACKS

The Bombers will rely on a triple threat in the backfield, as seniors Stephen Jones, Ty Sander and Emilio Gonzalez all look to bring their own style of running. Jones (290 yards, 4.60 yards per carry, 4 TDs), Sander (off a second half injury, 90 yards, 4.50 yards per carry) and Gonzalez will all be looked to contribute to the Bomber ground game.

WIDE RECEIVERS

The Bombers took a hit at receiver due to graduation. However, Bryce Marino (14 receptions, 129 yards), Jones (9 receptions, 92 yards), Sander (4 receptions, 50 yards) and Jackson Stein all return as potential targets for Machalik. Gonzalez and Braden Hosier will also line up on the slot, while Alex Keiper, Trace Stahler and Aidan Ortiz add depth to the receiving position.

OFFENSIVE LINE

All-league Zack Anthony returns as a four-year starter on the Bomber front, while classmate Clayton Christman is back for a third straight year. Sophomores Logan Anthony and Beau Stahler also saw a lot of action a year ago. Both senior Alex Konze and freshman Luis Santiago are also expected to make an impact in the trenches.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Brother tandem Zack and Logan Anthony, as well as Alex Konze and Clayton Christman, all return with a ton of game experience. Trace Stahler and Beau Stahler will both see action on the D-line.

LINEBACKERS

Emilio Gonzalez, Bryce Marino, Jackson Stein, Ty Sander, Jameson Trainer, Trace Stahler and James Mack all enjoy their roles on defense at linebacker. The Bombers allowed 304.9 yards per game a year ago.

SECONDARY

Matt Machalik leads the Bombers' secondary, as he patrols the middle of the field with the best of them. Stephen Jones adds experience but is also versatile enough to play linebacker. Alex Keiper, Braden Hosier, Troy Wambold and Aidan Ortiz all add depth to the secondary.

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SENIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Matthew Machalik	6-1	195	QB/DB
Brayden Hosier	5-10	152	WR/DB
Stephen Jones	5-7	165	RB/DB
Bryce Marino	5-11	180	WR/LB
Emilio Gonzalez	6-1	205	WR/LB
Ty Sander	5-11	180	RB/LB
Trace Stahler	6-0	185	WR/LB
Jackson Stein	5-9	155	WR/LB
Alexander Konze	5-11	205	OL/DL
Clayton Christman	5-10	240	OL/DL
Zack Anthony	6-0	280	OL/DL
Troy Wambold	5-5	130	WR/DB

JUNIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Mason Doncsecz	5-8	175	OL/LB
Brady Kester	6-0	225	OL/DL
Jameson Trainer	5-11	160	QB/LB
Aidan Ortiz	5-7	135	WR/DB

SOPHOMORES

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Alexandor Kosman	5-6	112	WR/DB
Justin Scales	5-6	155	SLOT/DB
Vincent Taglieri	5-3	133	WR/DB
James Mack	5-10	155	SLOT/LB
Alexander Keiper	5-7	125	WR/DB
Caleb Sagastume	5-8	155	RB/DB
Jaice Dieter	5-9	140	WR/DB
Beau Stahler	5-11	230	OL/DL
Logan Anthony	6-4	300	OL/DL

FRESHMEN

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Chris Collier	5-3	115	SLOT/DB
Nathan Goldstein	5-10	145	WR/DB
Mason Heilman	5-7	280	OL/DL
Cooper Henry	5-9	180	OL/DL
Mason Konze	5-11	225	OL/DL
Connor Lawless	5-2	122	SLOT/DB
Colson Ruzicka	5-8	205	OL/DL
Luis Santiago	5-7	213	OL/DL
Jacob Walkowiak	5-7	130	SLOT/DB



A Palmerton lineman runs through drills at a recent practice.

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PALMERTON YEARLY RECORDS

Year	Record	Head Coach	Year	Record	Head Coach	Year	Record	Head Coach	Year	Record	Head Coach
2022	7-5	Chris Walkowiak	2009	1-9	Paul McArdle	1996	3-8	Manny Guedes	1983	3-8	Ted Plessl
2021	9-3	Chris Walkowiak	2008	9-3	Paul McArdle	1995	5-7	Manny Guedes	1982	5-6	Ted Plessl
2020	3-5	Chris Walkowiak	2007	9-3	Paul McArdle	1994	9-2	Manny Guedes	1981	1-8-2	Jim Tkach
2019	3-7	Chris Walkowiak	2006	6-5	Paul McArdle	1993	10-2	Manny Guedes	1980	3-7-1	Jim Tkach
2018	3-7	Chris Walkowiak	2005	4-6	Paul McArdle	1992	9-3	Manny Guedes	1979	4-5-1	Jim Tkach
2017	8-4	Chris Walkowiak	2004	2-9	Paul McArdle	1991	2-9	Dave Rehrig	1978	4-6-1	Mark Newman
2016	6-6	Chris Walkowiak	2003	0-10	Rick Bennett	1990	2-9	Manny Guedes	1977	8-3	Bill Dukett
2015	5-5	Chris Walkowiak	2002	1-9	Donn Nicholas	1989	2-9	Manny Guedes	1976	3-7	Bill Dukett
2014	7-4	Chris Walkowiak	2001	1-9	Donn Nicholas	1988	4-6-1	Ron DeBias	1975	2-9	Bill Dukett
2013	2-8	Chris Walkowiak	2000	3-7	Caz Kosciulek	1987	2-9	Ron DeBias	1974	3-8	Tom Wargo
2012	0-10	Chris Walkowiak	1999	3-8	Caz Kosciulek	1986	3-7-1	Ron DeBias	1973	2-9	Tom Wargo
2011	4-6	Chris Walkowiak	1998	7-4	Manny Guedes	1985	9-3	Jack Sweeney	1972	0-11	Tom Wargo
2010	3-7	Paul McArdle	1997	7-3	Manny Guedes	1984	3-8	Ted Plessl	1971	3-8	Tom Wargo



Ty Sander



Troy Wambold

Did you know? ... The longest punt return for a touchdown by a Palmerton player over the past 30 years came from Trent Everett on Oct. 22, 1993 when he raced 87 yards against Pleasant Valley during a 28-25 Bears victory. In the past 30 years, only Everett and Nick Sander have multiple punt returns (both with two) for TDs for the Bombers.

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Player	Year	Yards	Player	Year	Yards	Player	Year	Yards	Player	Year	Yards
Cazzie Kosciolk, Panther Valley	1992	2,618	Deven Bollinger, Northwestern	2016	1,890	Aidan McHugh, Pleasant Valley	2017	1,514	Brady O'Donnell, Lehighton	2021	1,387
Matt Machalik, Palmerton	2022	2,554	Matt Long, Jim Thorpe	2000	1,851	Stan Dakosty, Marian	2000	1,503	Thad Zuber, Tamaqua	2016	1,348
Brandon Keyes, Pleasant Valley	2016	2,365	Brandon Williams, Lehighton	2007	1,798	Brett Balliet, Jim Thorpe	2022	1,499	T.J. Lawrence, Marian	2002	1,346
Dylan Smoyer, Northern Lehigh	2021	2,211	Adam Agosti, Marian	2006	1,767	Stan Dakosty, Marian	1999	1,496	Adam Knoblauch, Tamaqua	1998	1,339
Brandon Leap, Pleasant Valley	2012	2,164	Corey Cinicola, Jim Thorpe	2008	1,744	Richard Fronheiser, Lehighton	2020	1,484	Cody Scherer, Lehighton	2016	1,334
Garrett Perschy, Palmerton	2016	2,152	Brandon Leap, Pleasant Valley	2013	1,729	Tyler Cann, Lehighton	2014	1,469	Frank Dangelo, Northwestern	2013	1,313
Brayden Knoblauch, Tamaqua	2019	2,134	Pat Duvigneaud, Jim Thorpe	2012	1,729	Eric Schrantz, Jim Thorpe	1993	1,467	Derrik Walling, Pleasant Valley	2009	1,311
Deven Bollinger, Northwestern	2019	2,105	Tekoah Guedes, Palmerton	2017	1,707	Matt Long, Jim Thorpe	1999	1,464	Ethan Kuczynski, Marian	2014	1,309
Brian Morgan, Palmerton	1989	2,030	Cazzie Kosciolk, Panther Valley	1991	1,653	Geoff Kruczek, Tamaqua	1991	1,459	Pat Duvigneaud, Jim Thorpe	2011	1,307
Deven Bollinger, Northwestern	2018	1,998	Tyler Cann, Lehighton	2015	1,643	Casey Lawrence, Panther Valley	2009	1,457	Mark Versuk, Pleasant Valley	1994	1,307
Derrik Walling, Pleasant Valley	2010	1,968	Brian Kennedy, Marian	1993	1,598	Brian Kennedy, Marian	1992	1,448	Deven Bollinger, Northwestern	2017	1,304
Craig Goida, Panther Valley	1989	1,957	Brandon Kuehner, Pleasant Valley	2014	1,591	Cody Scherer, Lehighton	2017	1,445	Matt Machalik, Palmerton	2021	1,301
Corey Cinicola, Jim Thorpe	2007	1,954	Erik Pecha, Panther Valley	1988	1,557	Will Eckhart, Marian	2008	1,433	Frank Dangelo, Northwestern	2014	1,299
Brent Andrew, Marian	1997	1,951	Brent Andrew, Marian	1996	1,545	Justin Holmes, Northwestern	2020	1,425	Garrett Perschy, Palmerton	2014	1,299
Chris Whiteman, Lehighton	2018	1,890	Josh Agosto, Lehighton	2010	1,524	Brayden Knoblauch, Tamaqua	2018	1,424	Justin Holmes, Northwestern	2021	1,295



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BOMBERS

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another season.

Upfront the Bombers have three seniors, led by four-year starter Zack Anthony, who was All-Colonial League last season. Also up front are two three-year starters in

Clayton Christman — a returning captain — and Alex Konze. Logan Anthony and Beau Stahler are back after starting as freshmen last season.

Defensively the Bombers return linebackers Emilio Gonzalez, Bryce Marino, Ty Sander, Jameson Trainer, Jackson Stein, James Mack, who according to Walkowiak, “has a love for defense and have a nose for the ball.”

As of the defensive line,

it's almost a mirror image of the offensive line with Zach Anthony, Logan Anthony, Clayton Christman and Alex Konze playing both lines. Beau Stahler and Trace Stahler add depth.

Machalik also “patrols the middle of the field with the best of them” in the Bombers secondary. There to compliment in the back are Stephen Jones, who is versatile enough to play lineback-

er as well, Alex Keiper, Brayden Hosier, Aidan Ortiz, Troy Wambold, Trace Stahler who have all had an excellent pre-season camp and add key depth to the secondary.

While all the pieces are pretty much in place for the Bombers entering opening night, Walkowiak and his Bomber squad want to focus on the obvious each week.

“We always want to put a quality product out on and off the field when you put on a Bomber uniform,” Walkowiak said. “The selfless play and willingness to learn multiple positions by many will help us as we strive to get right back to where we were in the playoffs last season and then look to take the next step in the program by playing in key meaningful games late in the season and winning them.”

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NORTHERN LEHIGH



Nolehi should compete despite key losses

BY JEFF MOELLER
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For Northern Lehigh football, life hasn't changed much.

Winning consecutive District 11 titles — 2A in 2021 and 1A last year — the Bulldogs are expected to be back in the hunt this fall. Before lofting another trophy, however, the Bulldogs will have to replace the bulk of last year's offense.

However, head coach Joe Tout realizes that it is about changing the players while the play itself simply stays the same.

Gone are quarterback Nick Frame, and running backs AJ Jimenez and Izaiah Ramos — the trio that helped take them to the quarterfinal round of last year's PIAA Class A playoffs. The Bulldogs finished with a 12-2 record and won eight straight games before their losing in states.

Back are linemen Brody Dye, Jackson Van Norman, and

Landon Moll, the building blocks for this year's team. Sam Frame also will be back in the mix. Tackling machine linebacker Bailey Smith (84 stops) also will have a major role.

"Those guys will dictate how far we can go," Tout said. "We have four of our five (offensive) linemen back. Our linemen have been in the weight room the whole offseason. It seems like they have been lifting non-stop from morning to night. We did speed camp and everything we could. These guys are going to the field themselves."

On the defensive side, the transition will not be a major difference, as their front seven have plenty of experience. Smith is the catalyst for the defense.

"Bailey is our emotional leader," Tout said. "He flew around the field last year defensively, and he is a very physical player. Bailey has a big motor and keeps us

going."

Smith, one of nine seniors on the roster, believes the team likely will be less respected because of the graduation of so many talented players.

"We lost some talent, but we have some very good young talent here," he said. "A lot of people think that we won't be good enough. But we feel we can prove a lot of people wrong."

"We have a lot of talent, and we're chomping at the bit to get it going."

One of the big keys for the Bulldogs will be junior Ayden Oswald, who will start at quarterback.

"Ayden had a good offseason," Tout said. "He has some experience at the position from last year. He has grasped things well, and we all have a good feeling about him."

Tout said the team will rely on a three-pronged attack of senior Jack Tosh, junior Reese Lipsky,

and sophomore Grady Newhard to lead the running game.

Smith and senior tight end Chase Moffitt will pace the receiving corps.

Tout realizes his team's offensive output will depend on the maturation of his new unit.

"Our success will depend upon our skill players," Tout said. "We expect to be a run-heavy team this fall."

Defensively, Dye (6-2, 250), Moll (6-0, 230), Van Norman (6-2, 250), Moffitt (6-0, 200), and Lipsky (5-9, 160) will all play a significant role.

"Defensively, we lost several multi-year starters that will be tough to replace," Tout said. "We like what we have up front and with our linebackers. Our secondary has two starters returning, and we have several skill players who will be competing for spots."

In spite of what appears to be an overhaul, Tout knows his team

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Junior Ayden Oswald takes over the reins from Nick Frame, and he has received plenty of high marks. Garrett Smoyer, a freshman, will be the backup.

RUNNING BACKS

The Bulldogs have to fill some big shoes by replacing AJ Jimenez and Izaiah Ramos. But head coach Joe Tout will look to fill the void with senior Jack Tosh, sophomore Grady Newhard, and juniors Reese Lipsky and Issac Raber. The Bulldogs plan to have another heavy ground game.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Austyn Smith is another big void left at tight end, but senior Chase Moffitt will be a big target and junior Brody Rothrock could also see some time at the position. Senior linebacker Bailey Smith will get a look at wide receiver, and junior Brody Sterner, sophomore Ethan Grozier, and junior Zane Roth have caught the coaching staff's eyes. It could develop into a deep position.

OFFENSIVE LINE

This will be the meat and potatoes of the offense with senior Jackson Van Norman back at center, senior Brody Dye at left guard, and junior Landon Moll at right guard. Sam Frame Jr., a senior, saw plenty of time at left tackle, and it gives them four solid returning starters. Cyrus Kinchen has experience at right tackle. There is plenty of depth with younger players, who can mature and provide a future foundation.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Jackson Van Norman, Sam Frame, Brody Dye, and Cyrus Kinchen are all seasoned and secure the line. Juniors Eli Grady and Adam Neff, and sophomore Nate Kuhns should also see some playing time.

LINEBACKERS

Bailey Smith, Chase Moffitt, and Jack Tosh all give the Bulldogs another strength. Brody Rothrock, sophomore Kaiden Quinones, and senior Zach Lehman will be the backups.

SECONDARY

Ayden Oswald and Reese Lipsky will open at the safeties, and Grady Newhard and newcomer Zane Roth are at the corners. Brody Sterner, and freshmen Collin Karetsky and Chris Frame will also be in the mix.

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SENIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Pos.
Jack Tosh	6-2	210	TE/LB
Owen Mikulski	5-9	170	WR/DB
Bailey Smith	6-1	190	WR/LB
Jackson VanNorman	6-2	260	OL/DL
Zach Lehman	5-11	225	OL/LB
Sam Frame Jr.	6-2	260	OL/DT
Chase Moffitt	6-1	180	TE/LB
Conner Martinez	5-11	215	OL/DL
Brody Dye	6-3	260	OL/DT

JUNIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Pos.
Brody Sterner	5-9	150	WR/DB
Ayden Oswald	5-11	180	QB/DB
Reese Lipsky	5-11	170	RB/DB
Chris Taveras	5-11	180	TE/DE
Issac Raber	5-9	190	RB/LB
Brody Rothrock	5-11	200	TE/LB
Yomar Sostre	5-6	140	WR/DB
Ken Belen	5-9	160	OL/DL
Noah Herring	5-11	215	OL/DE

Amir Mustafin	5-7	160	OL/LB
Emil Mustafin	5-7	160	OL/LB
Eli Grady	5-7	180	OL/DE
Landon Moll	5-11	230	OL/DE
Adam Neff	5-1	240	OL/DL
Josh Haldaman	5-10	210	OL/DL
Zane Roth	5-8	155	WR/DB
Cyrus Kinchen	6-3	310	OL/DL

SOPHOMORES

Player	Height	Weight	Pos.
Noah Gosart	5-6	120	WR/DB
Kaden Quinones	5-9	145	RB/LB
Ethan Grozier	5-10	150	WR/DB
Grady Newhard	5-8	170	RB/DB
Caleb Bosch	5-10	180	RB/LB
Kayden Novicki	5-9	235	OL/LB
Jonathan David	6-1	280	OL/DL
Darius Adams	5-7	135	QB/DB
Jayden Christman	5-9	150	WR/DB
Mylz Miller	6-1	150	TE/DE
Nate Kuhns	5-11	215	TE/DE

FRESHMEN

Player	Height	Weight	Pos.
Chris Frame	5-9	155	RB/DB
Garrett Smoyer	5-7	140	QB/DB
Ryan Zambo	5-9	140	WR/DB
Mason Rothrock	5-10	150	RB/DB
Parker Schaeffer	5-9	170	QB/LB
Chase Gail	5-9	140	WR/DB
Kaiden Smith	5-2	115	WR/DB
Colin Karetsky	6-0	160	WR/DB
Carter Thomas	5-2	120	WR/DB
Jael Gonzalez	5-7	140	WR/DB
Kyle O'Connell	5-7	140	WR/DB
Joelcris Monegro	5-7	140	WR/DB
William Slatterly	5-11	180	TE/DE
Jonathan Rivera	5-6	145	OL/DL
Anthony Hannah	5-7	140	K
Rocco Landosca	5-6	165	OL/DL
Logan Harvey	5-11	220	OL/DL
Giovanni Marino	5-6	160	OL/DT
Jayden Diaz	5-7	160	OL/DL
Tyler Azzaro	5-8	165	OL/DL
Porter Kern	5-10	210	DT
Landen Klimek	5-9	200	OL/DL

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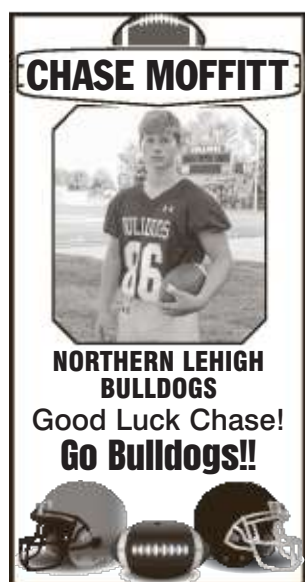
is ready to go. Unlike other schools, he didn't involve his team in an extensive offseason program. Tout has tried to avoid the fast rise and the early decline.

"We did less than what other teams do," Tout said. "Some teams are worn out by week 11 and 12. We don't want our guys peaking in the middle of the season."

"We didn't want to overwork our guys, and we didn't attend all of the usual seven-on-sevens."

Tout believes his team can overcome any obstacles and stay in the hunt.

"We feel we play the toughest schedule out of any Class A or Class 2A school in District 11," Tout said. "If we are able to qualify for the district playoffs, we feel we will be as good as anyone else."



Bailey Smith



Sam Frame Jr.



Jackson VanNorman



Jack Tosh



Chase Moffitt



Brody Dye



Zach Lehman



Conner Martinez



Owen Mikulski



TAMAQUA



Blue Raiders look to build on experience

BY PATRICK MATSINKO
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What Sam Bonner saw last year was a Tamaqua football team full of potential.

What the Blue Raiders have shown their coach this offseason is a team dedicated and determined to turn that promise into even more success.

"Especially a couple of our upperclassmen as well as a lot of our younger guys, I think they're taking a lot more responsibility, showing up in the summertime, working hard throughout practices," Bonner said. "We had about 15 or 16 kids that made our 90% club and came to the majority of our summer workouts. And we probably had another 15, 16 kids that made 80% of the

summer workouts. That being said, we probably had 40 to 45 just (at) summer workouts, not even offseason workouts.

"So the kids showing up for that, you can tell the kids that worked hard in the summer, and they've all been progressing."

Tamaqua will be looking to take another step forward from a season that ended with a 4-7 record and a spot in the District 11 playoffs.

With just six seniors on the roster, the Blue Raiders will be looking to underclassmen to play key roles this fall.

"We're going to be young upfront," Bonner said. "Right now, we have one senior offensive lineman that's playing. But I feel like the last week

they've been working hard. We have a lot of young guys that are going to be contributing, on both sides of the football. We don't have a real big senior class, so a lot of our young guys are really contributing right now.

"We had six or seven sophomores start for us last year. Guys like Jacob Hehn (RB/DE), Bradley Whalen (RB/DL), Luke Kane (QB/LB), Declan Coleman (TE/DE). Those guys are really coming around and they're starting to show that experience they got last year."

Offensively, Tamaqua averaged 237.8 yards per game last season and 23.9 points per game. Kane was fifth in the area, throwing for 1,016 yards (53-of-135) and 11 touchdowns

to 10 interceptions.

Whalen rushed for 279 yards and four scores, while Coleman had eight catches for 143 yards.

"We've got some pretty good receivers going right now. Luke Kane's throwing the ball well," Bonner said. "Luke was probably here 98% of the time over the summer. He's got a lot of repetitions in over the summer. He threw for over 1,000 yards last year and we've got some of his targets back. Declan Coleman (6-4, 210) had a great offseason and he's a big target for him. Brady McCabe (6-0, 186), is only a sophomore, but he's another big target for him. And the two Sell boys (Damon and Devin, both flankers and defensive backs) have

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Luke Kane, who is listed at 6-2, 201 pounds, returns after throwing for over 1,000 yards (1,016) and 11 touchdowns as a sophomore. Sophomore Chase Serfass, who head coach Sam Bonner noted is taking a number of snaps at the position, is Kane's backup.

RUNNING BACKS

Juniors Bradley Whalen, Jacob Hehn, Victor Schlosser and senior Damon Sell are all in the mix in the backfield and figure to see time carrying the ball. Freshman CJ Walker is also in the fold and will likely get carries as well.

WIDE RECEIVERS

It will be a lot of familiar faces, with many of Tamaqua's running backs interchangeable with its flanker position. But Declan Coleman, who is listed at 6-4, 214 pounds, creates a matchup nightmare for defenses split out wide. Sophomore Brady McCabe, who is pushing 6-1, is another big target for Kane when the Blue Raiders look to go to the air.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Sophomore Malachi Stewart is a player Bonner noted might be one of the stronger players on the team – listed at 5-5, 206 pounds – and is in the mix at guard. Seniors Michael Styka and Matthew Welsh will also anchor the offensive line. Sophomore Luke Fronheiser played at center last year, and junior Tyler Koch will be a fullback/guard.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Four players return with significant experience on the line. Juniors Declan Coleman figures to play more tackle than end this season, while Jacob Hehn returns after also starting at the end spot last season and leading the team with four sacks. Senior Michael Styka (54 total tackles, team-leading 18 tackles for loss, three sacks) also started at defensive end a year ago while junior Bradley Whalen (52 total tackles, 11 TFLs) returns after starting at nose guard.

LINEBACKERS

Luke Kane stepped in and started playing both ways near the end of last season and will again be one of the team's linebackers this fall. Junior Tyler Koch and sophomore Luke Fronheiser will be in the middle, while Brady McCabe will also be on the unit.

SECONDARY

Seniors Damon (two interceptions) and Devin Sell along with junior Victor Schlosser (three sacks, one interception) return as an experienced group in the defensive secondary. Sophomore Shawn Chen is also in the mix at safety.

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Marcus Roseland	5-8	163	SE/DB
Devin Sell	5-7	133	FL/DB
Damon Sell	5-9	149	FL/DB
Anthony DeBellis	5-10	258	OL/DL
Michael Styka	5-11	234	OL/DE
Matt Welsh	5-9	235	OL/DT

JUNIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Scott Case	5-9	145	SE/DB
Luke Kane	6-2	201	QB/LB
Connor Reighard	5-9	148	RB/LB
Victor Schlosser	5-0	142	FL/DB
Jacob Hehn	6-1	181	RB/DE
Bradley Whalen	5-8	166	RB/DL
Tyler Koch	5-11	181	FB/LB
Jashir Martinez	5-11	178	LB/SE
Chase Rogers	5-11	233	OL/DT
Declan Frantz	5-9	253	OL/DL
Isaiah Davis	5-10	225	TE/DE
Declan Coleman	6-4	214	TE/DT
Nicholas Barron	6-1	168	K

SOPHOMORES			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Brady McCabe	6-0	185	SE/LB
Shawn Chen	5-9	155	SE/DB

Jonathan Knepper	5-6	165	RB/DB
Chase Serfass	5-10	155	QB/LB
Landen Tringone	5-11	182	OL/DT
Logan Pribila	5-11	241	OL/DT
Luke Fronheiser	5-9	189	OL/LB
Hayden Magrini-Calkins	5-4	165	OL/DT
Elijah Watkins	5-3	239	OL/DT
James Nalesnik	5-10	163	OL/DT
Keagan Coleman	5-9	183	OL/DE
Malachi Stewart	5-5	206	OL/DT
Matthew Vargas	5-9	247	OL/DL
Logan Zimmerman	5-8	185	OL/DT

FRESHMEN

Player	Height	Weight	Position
CJ Walker	5-10	164	RB/LB
Peyton Schwartz	5-5	123	SE/DB
Jalissa Correa	5-5	130	SE/DB
Gavan Hess	5-7	178	FB/LB
Brody Schlier	5-6	113	RB/DB
Francis Hill	5-5	131	SE/DB
Quinn Coleman	5-4	152	RB/LB
Richard Steinmetz	5-7	146	OL/DE
Alex Hill	5-4	165	OL/DT
Adam Santana	5-9	137	SE/DB
Teegan Phillips	5-10	174	OI/DT
Jacob Denning	6-0	204	OL/DE
Alexander Alcantara	5-6	213	OL/DE
Flynn Coleman	5-9	162	TE/DE

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worked their tails off. I think they made 100% of the practices in the off-season, and that's going to show."

On defense, Tamaqua will look to improve a unit that allowed 314 yards and 29 points per game in 2022.

John Klein led the team with 72 total tackles (six TFLs) last year, while Vincent Schlosser was second with 58 and also graduated. Senior Michael Styka returns and was third on the team with 54 total tackles and a team-high 18 TFLs, while Damon Sell (53 total tackles), Whalen (52, 11 TFLs), and Hehn (52) all return after registering more than 50 tackles.

Bonner saw some of that growth and development on both sides of the ball throughout the year, and much of it has carried over into the off-season.

"I definitely thought that we showed improvement as the year went on," Bonner said. "One of our goals was to be more productive on

defense. The defensive line I thought did a great job of making a lot of TFLs (tackles for loss), making sacks, pressuring the quarterback. That's something we really wanted to improve on from the year before. So we're fortunate that we have three or four of those guys back upfront, so we're looking for those guys to kind of anchor that defense to start off.

"And offensively, we're looking to progress. We were a little bit more balanced last year, and we want to continue doing that. It's still early, but I have a feeling our quarterback is going to be a big part of our offense, I think throwing and running the ball. And we have a lot of guys that are solid kids. Right now, we don't have that one guy that we're going to say, 'He's going to run the ball 50 times a game.' But we have four or five guys that are going to be in the mix and will be seeing a lot of touches. We like to spread the ball around."

The Blue Raiders appear to be putting the pieces in place to make their presence felt this fall.

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Standings				Jim Thorpe	1766	1834	3600	327.3	L. Kane, Tam.	53	135	1016
Team	W	L	Pct.									
Northern Lehigh	12	2	.857	Turnover Ratio				B. Hopeck, Mar.	41	101	808	
Northwestern	11	3	.786	For	Ag.	+/		C. Christopher, NW	56	115	798	
Pleasant Valley	7	4	.636	Northern Lehigh	26	11	+15	M. Pascoe, PaVy.	55	136	699	
Palmerton	7	5	.583	Northwestern	15	13	+2	J. Lawrence, Leh.	28	52	431	
Marian	4	6	.400	Palmerton	14	13	+1	Receiving				
Tamaqua	4	7	.364	Panther Valley	14	13	+1	No.	Yds.	Avg.		
Jim Thorpe	3	8	.273	Jim Thorpe	16	15	+1	D. Lucykanish, Pal.	53	893	16.85	
Lehighton	3	8	.273	Pleasant Valley	15	17	-2	I. Rarick, Leh.	52	732	14.08	
Panther Valley	3	8	.273	Tamaqua	12	15	-3	D. Drake, Palm.	34	616	18.12	
				Lehighton	15	22	-7	D. Fiorito, JT	45	609	13.53	
				Marian	14	25	-11	C. Dillon, Tam.	27	570	21.11	
								K. Robinson, Palm.	37	563	15.22	
TEAM STATISTICS				INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				A. Smyth, NL	24	506	21.08	
Offense				Rushing				J. Yescavage, JT	19	366	19.26	
Rush	Pass	Yds	Avg.	No.	Yds.	Avg		M. Gelatko, Mar.	16	306	19.13	
Palmerton	2028	2551	4579	C. Christopher, NW	251	1888	7.52	J. Roth, Leh.	16	247	15.44	
N'western	4064	975	5039	D. Clymer, NW	239	1445	6.05	T. McAndrew, PaV.	15	243	16.20	
No. Lehigh	3744	1270	5014	M. Pascoe, PaVy.	243	1334	5.49	Scoring				
Jim Thorpe	1780	1655	3435	M. Machalik, Palm.	166	1216	7.33	TD	xp2xp	FG	Pts	
Lehighton	1194	1708	2902	F. Olaniyan, PIVy.	227	1170	5.15	C. Christopher, NW	30	0	4	0 188
Pleasant Vy.	2579	173	2752	N. Frame, NL	138	1094	7.93	M. Machalik, Palm.	22	0	2	0 136
Panther Vy.	1916	728	2644	AJ Jimenez, NL	184	932	5.07	D. Clymer, NW	21	0	4	0 134
Tamaqua	1533	1083	2616	S. Capria, JT	133	869	6.53	D. Lucykanish, Pal.	17	0	8	0 118
Marian	1121	880	2001	M. Martin, Mar.	173	721	4.17	AJ Jimenez, NL	17	0	6	0 114
Defense				E. Buchert, Lehigh <td>140</td> <td>593</td> <td>4.24</td> <td>F. Olaniyan, PIVy.</td> <td>13</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0 78</td>	140	593	4.24	F. Olaniyan, PIVy.	13	0	0	0 78
Rush	Pass	Yds	Avg.	J. Moore, PIVy. <td>102</td> <td>563</td> <td>5.52</td> <td>C. Dillon, Tam.</td> <td>12</td> <td>0</td> <td>3</td> <td>0 78</td>	102	563	5.52	C. Dillon, Tam.	12	0	3	0 78
No. Lehigh	1489	1561	3050	Passing				D. Fiorito, JT	11	0	0	0 66
Marian	1469	731	2200	Comp	Att.	Yds.		N. Frame, NL	11	0	0	0 66
N'western	1803	1488	3291	M. Machalik, Palm.	156	270	2554	M. Pascoe, PaVy.	11	0	0	0 66
Pleasant Vy.	1344	1377	2721	B. Balliet, JT	108	197	1499	I. Ramos, NL	10	0	2	0 64
Palmerton	2231	1428	3659	B. O'Donnell, Lehigh	113	200	1277	E. Buchert, Lehigh	10	0	0	0 60
Panther Vy.	2321	1076	3397	N. Frame, NL	79	155	1265	S. Capria, JT	10	0	0	0 60
Tamaqua	1999	1455	3454					J. Abidelli, NL	9	0	3	0 60
Lehighton	2347	1172	3519									

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NORTHWESTERN



Northwestern will be young, but talented

BY CHUCK HIXSON
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Northwestern Lehigh coach Josh Snyder has never been one to shy away from playing young players. The approach is paying off this season as Snyder has the smallest group of seniors he's had in his 11 years as head coach.

Only five upperclassmen are on the roster, but Snyder won't complain since he has plenty of young talent.

The Tigers lose the athleticism of Cade Christopher from last season's roster, but senior Dalton Clymer is set to take over a good amount of that role.

Clymer rushed for more than 1,400 yards last season and was second on the team with 13 catches out of the running back

spot.

He also anchors the always strong linebacking corps and will be back for that role again in 2023.

Christopher's exit leaves a hole at quarterback but again, Snyder is not complaining.

Northwestern has sophomores Mason Bollinger and Shane Leh to and Clymer can always step in to give an added look on offense.

Bollinger completed 10 of 20 passes last season for 142 yards and a touchdown, so he has a taste of varsity football action. His biggest play of the season came in the district championship game against North Schuylkill when he hit Clymer on a reverse throwback pass that put the Tigers up 28-14.

The play was just one of the wrinkles that Snyder has tucked into the recesses of the playbook, which is what makes the offensive schemes at Northwestern difficult to run and difficult to defend.

This season, he believes he has the talent and experience to put pretty much every play he has dreamed up into the game plan in any given week.

"I remember as a freshman that my mind was going to explode at times. There was a lot to digest then and he (coach Snyder) likes to add to that, so you have to keep on your toes and be ready to handle whatever he calls," said Clymer. "I like that though because it sets us apart from other teams because they don't know what to expect next

and there is no way they can be prepared for some of the things we are going to do."

Senior linemen Snyder and tackle Ben Walters have just one newbie to break in this season in Bryer Reichard, who will serve as a tackle and defensive end for the Tigers. The early returns are good not just on Reichard but on other young players who are stepping into new roles.

"It's going really well," said Walters of Reichard's adjustments. "He's working at it because there is a lot to take in and it's not easy. He is definitely doing the work though and it is going to pay off for him. The younger guys on the team are all doing well, and they know that there is a lot expected of them,

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Northwestern will look to have more of a drop back approach than they did at times last season with the fleet footed Cade Christopher playing quarterback. Sophomores Shane Leh and Mason Bollinger are both likely to see time at quarterback to give some different looks to the offense.

RUNNING BACKS

Tigers love to run and the ones in New Tripoli always do it well. Seniors Dalton Clymer and Devon Hildebrand will be carrying the ball this season for Northwestern Lehigh, and both can be counted on to pull in some passes as the pair combined for 36 catches and five touchdowns last season.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Junior Landen Matson returns as the slot receiver for Northwestern and will have senior Danny Jenkins, who has been plagued by injuries to share the receiving duties. Coach Josh Snyder refers to Seth Kern as his Swiss Army Knife, capable of filling in for either receiver. Bollinger and Leh could both figure in as part of the receiving group for Northwestern as well.

OFFENSIVE LINE

The success of the Tigers comes in no small part to a strong offensive line and while the team overall has some youth, there is plenty of experience among the offensive linemen. Blaine Snyder will continue to be the anchor at center and has returning starters Ben Walters at left tackle and Jared Meck at right guard. The new faces are right tackle Bryer Reichard and left guard Jackson Bailey.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Blaine Snyder handles the nose guard position and will be flanked by Reichard on one side and have Bailey and Josh Wambold sharing time on the other side.

LINEBACKERS

This may be the best group of linebackers in the Colonial-Schuylkill League. Seniors Clymer and Snyder team up with sophomore Shane Hulmes as middle linebackers on the three-three stack defense. Hildebrand will see some time as an outside linebacker and there is a battle for the other outside linebacker spot

SECONDARY

Eli Zimmerman reprises his role at free safety and coach Snyder believes he has shown huge growth over the offseason as he solidifies his role as a defensive leader for the team. Kern and Jenkins will fill the cornerback spots.

NORTHWESTERN



Ben Walters



Blaine Snyder



Dalton Clymer



Daniel Jenkins



Devon Hildebrand

TIGERS

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so they have to work."

Devon Hildebrand was named to the Colonial League all-stars by the league's coaches last season after catching 23 passes for more than 200 yards and rushing 17 times for the Tigers in addition to playing outside linebacker.

"Devon is a kid who can do a lot of things for us. He doesn't always

get recognition but he's steady and we look for him to step forward this season," said coach Snyder. "We have a lot of guys like that who give us depth and let us do some different things. This season, our depth will allow us to give some guys breaks now and then from playing on both sides of the ball and that will help keep those guys a little fresher."

As for Clymer, he is looking forward to his senior season, already

having experienced a lot of winning in his time at Northwestern.

"The whole community is great and the support that we get from the community is special and we all pull together. That's what has made this program so strong," Clymer said. "Obviously, we want this to be a special season since we're seniors and we want to go further than we did in states and play every game possible. We just want to go out on a special season."

2023 NORTHWESTERN ROSTER

SENIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Dalton Clymer	6-0	175	RB/LB/P
Devon Hildebrand	5-9	180	RB/OLB
Danny Jenkins	5-11	168	WR/DB
Blaine Snyder	5-10	182	C/LB
Ben Walters	5-9	222	T/DT

JUNIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Jackson Bailey	5-10	192	G/DE
Jeremy Gornicz	6-0	180	OL/DE
Jackson Huber	5-10	302	T/DT
Vince Kelly	5-10	148	WR/DB
Seth Kern	5-9	165	WR/DB/K
Landen Matson	5-11	168	WR/LB
Jared Meck	5-9	219	G/DL
Brendan Miller	5-9	158	TE/LB
Bryer Reichard	6-4	257	T/DE
Austin Schaller	5-9	235	T/DT
Josh Wambold	6-1	164	TE/DE
Carter Zentz	5-7	145	RB/LB
Eli Zimmerman	5-7	135	RB/DB

SOPHOMORES

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Braidon Berk	5-11	177	T/DE
Mason Bollinger	6-2	187	QB/DB
Michael Boring	5-10	195	RB/LB
Shane Hulmes	5-10	194	TE/LB
Shane Leh	6-1	160	QB/DB
Colin Macauley	6-0	155	WR/DB
Braxton Lakatos	5-7	172	RB/LB
Kemurry Morgan	5-6	148	WR/DB
Colton Popp	5-10	184	OL/DL
Craig Snyder	5-9	222	T/DT
Angelina Spachman	5-2	149	RB/LB
Ethan Steigerwalt	5-8	152	G/DT
Joshmianil Vega	5-8	154	WR/DB
Evan Wagstaff	5-8	182	TE/LB
Tucker Wessner	6-0	162	OL/DE

FRESHMEN

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Robert DiGiacomo	5-8	150	C/LB
Jashmir Jackson	5-7	195	RB/LB
Brady Krimmel	5-10	150	QB/DB
Michael Lagowy	5-6	140	WR/LB
Michael Mish	5-10	142	TE/LB
Rhys Trotter	6-0	176	T/DE
William Turner	5-7	134	WR/DB
Harrison Wertman	5-11	169	G/DE
Jesse Yenser	5-4	123	RB/DB
Brady Zimmerman	5-6	125	RB/LB

NORTHWESTERN YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

Year	Record	Head Coach	Year	Record	Head Coach	Year	Record	Head Coach	Year	Record	Head Coach
2022	11-3	Josh Snyder	2015	9-3	Josh Snyder	2008	4-6	Bob Mitchell	2001	10-2	Bob Mitchell
2021	11-1	Josh Snyder	2014	11-2	Josh Snyder	2007	7-5	Bob Mitchell	2000	5-5	Bob Mitchell
2020	7-2	Josh Snyder	2013	9-3	Josh Snyder	2006	9-3	Bob Mitchell	1999	6-4	Bob Mitchell
2019	10-2	Josh Snyder	2012	3-7	Josh Snyder	2005	2-8	Bob Mitchell	1998	6-4	Bob Mitchell
2018	9-3	Josh Snyder	2011	5-5	Tom Linette	2004	5-5	Bob Mitchell	1997	11-3	Bob Mitchell
2017	4-7	Josh Snyder	2010	5-5	Tom Linette	2003	9-3	Bob Mitchell	1996	9-2	Bob Mitchell
2016	5-6	Josh Snyder	2009	8-4	Bob Mitchell	2002	11-3	Bob Mitchell	1995	10-2	Bob Mitchell

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LEHIGHTON



Lehigh to lean on its experienced line

BY ROD HECKMAN
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It's strange how the biggest players on the field are the ones that seem to go unnoticed.

Such is the life for football linemen.

But any coach — or skill player, for that matter — will tell you that the guys in the trenches are the heart and soul of any team.

For that reason, Lehigh's Tom McCarroll is optimistic about the upcoming season.

McCarroll, now in his 12th season leading the Indians, will have both experience and size up front as four starting offensive linemen return from last season.

"That's where it starts, absolutely," McCarroll said. "Any coach will tell you that at any level. We not only have four returners, but we have guys that at the end of last year really put it to-

gether. It was one of the areas last year why we had some success at the end of the season. They were physical up front. They kind of gelled in terms of the scheme stuff that they needed to do.

"So to have those guys with that much experience coming back, we're really excited about anything we want to do offensively — run the ball or pass it. We have two seniors, two juniors coming back with multiple years of starting under their belt."

If the four returnees — seniors Cooper Hartsell and Wyatt Sherer, along with juniors Joey Houser and Yadiel Acosta-Rodriguez — continue to improve, Lehigh's offense could look different than in years past.

And if that difference is successful, it will bode well for the team's defense — an area that has been a trouble spot in past sea-

sons.

"There's no question about it, we'd like to run the ball more," said McCarroll, whose team has more passing yards than rushing in each of the past three seasons. "They say sometimes the best defense is a time-consuming offense. If we put some long sustaining drives together, it's certainly going to help our defense. If we can keep our defense off the field a little bit longer than in the past, it certainly gives us a better chance."

"We want to establish the run if we can. If you look at the years we've had success, we were very successful running the ball. So if we can kind of establish that same formula, I think we'll have some bright days ahead of us."

The hopeful beneficiary of the experienced line will be Dylan Moyer, who should see a bulk of the team's carries. The senior ran

68 times for 402 yards a year ago, an average of 5.9 yards per carry.

Who hands the ball off to Moyer, however, is still a question mark as senior Brady O'Donnell and sophomore Jayse Lawrence are in a quarterback battle. McCarroll is confident whichever one earns the job will be able to lead the team, and there's a chance they could both see time — even in the same game.

"Those guys have really done a nice job preparing so no matter who wins out, we'll be in a good situation offensively," said McCarroll, whose team was 3-8 last season but posted back-to-back wins in their final two regular-season games. "There might be situations where you'll see multiple quarterbacks in a game, not because either one of them has done a poor job but because both of them can

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Senior Brady O'Donnell and sophomore Jayse Lawrence are battling for the starting job at quarterback. O'Donnell started a majority of the games last year, throwing for 1,277 yards and seven TDs. Lawrence saw limited time and totaled 431 passing yards and six scores.

RUNNING BACKS

Senior Dylan Moyer is the Indians' primary RB. A year ago, he carried 68 times for 402 yards. With a strong offensive line this season, Moyer's attempts may go up drastically. Behind Moyer on the depth chart will be senior Michael Yeakel, and up-and-coming freshman Lukas Croizier.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Lehigh's top playmaker, Ian Rarick, has graduated. But Coach McCarroll believes he has talented players at the position, although they lack experience. Senior Dawson Keiser, sophomore Blake Roberts and junior Joe Roth (when healthy) should all see plenty of time. Logan Kent could also contribute, and keep an eye on Ryan Kusse and Kyden Hauser. Senior Max Bergdahl will start at tight end with junior Deven Armbruster backing him up.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Lehigh returns four of its five offensive linemen from a year ago. Center Joey Houser, a senior is back, as are classmates Wyatt Sherer (tackle) and Cooper Hartsell (guard). Junior Yadiel Acosta-Rodriguez also returns at tackle, while the final spot will go to either freshman Marc Macias, junior Brock Gower, or seniors Xavier Moore or Reese Balk.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Most of the offensive linemen will probably also see time on the other side. Balk, Acosta-Rodriguez, Sherer and Moore will probably start. Providing depth up front are Hartsell, Macias, Houser and Breydon Hand.

LINEBACKERS

Lehigh's two main backers will be Bergdahl and Moyer, with Armbruster also seeing some time. Roberts will be in part of a hybrid spot, rotating between there and a safety spot.

SECONDARY

Besides Roberts, Lawrence and O'Donnell are also options at safety. Keiser could play at either spot in the secondary, while Yeakel returns after a solid season at corner. Caden Meek provides depth at either spot, as do Croizier, Roth and Kent.

2023 LEHIGHTON ROSTER



Dylan Moyer



Reese Balk

(since 1988; according to TN stats)

Player	Yards	Date	Player	Yards	Date
T. Bradley-Chambers	373	10/6/17	Dave Muffley	273	11/6/06
Robbie Frey	324	9/2/05	Robbie Frey	255	9/15/06
Joe Semanoff	315	9/15/00	Jacen Nalesnik	254	11/4/11
Cody Scherer	309	10/13/17	JJ McDowell	253	10/23/20
Robbie Frey	302	10/14/05	Dave Muffley	253	9/12/97
Vinnie Andrews	301	9/28/02	Todd Wolfe	251	11/10/90
Robbie Frey	297	10/20/06	T. Bradley-Chambers	247	10/13/17
Robbie Frey	281	10/13/06	Dave Muffley	241	10/23/98
Robbie Frey	273	10/28/05	Robbie Frey	238	9/23/05

SENIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Michael Yeakel	5-9	160	WR/DB
Brady O'Donnell	6-1	180	QB/DB
Dawson Keiser	6-0	175	WR/DB
Maddyx Bergdahl	5-10	185	TE/LB
Dylan Moyer	5-9	170	RB/LB
Wyatt Sherer	6-2	201	OL/DE
Cooper Hartsell	5-9	235	OL/DL
Teagan Harrington	6-0	255	OL/DL
Reese Balk	5-11	230	OL/DL
Breydon Hand	6-0	265	OL/DL
Xavier Moore	6-0	185	OL/DL

Austin Green	5-8	150	RB/DB
Jayse Lawrence	5-11	165	QB/DB
Caden Meek	5-11	170	WR/DB
Ryan Kusse	5-10	165	WR/DB
Hunter Kintz	5-9	170	TE/LB
Blake Roberts	6-2	205	WR/DB
Mason Seidler	5-8	150	WR/DB
Makah Breiner	5-9	155	WR/DB
Anthony Dietrich	6-0	210	OL/DL
Julian Edwards	5-9	210	OL/DL
Ryder Campbell	5-01	200	OL/DL
Brian Sebring	5-11	280	OL/DL
Phillip Ebbert	5-10	160	K

JUNIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Deven Armbruster	5-10	200	TE/LB
Logan Kent	5-7	145	WR/DB
Joseph Houser	6-5	250	OL/DL
Yadiel Acosta-Rodriguez	6-3	255	OL/DL
Brock Gower	6-5	240	OL/DL
Joseph Roth	6-1	175	WR/DB
Ethan Digrazia	5-10	160	TE/LB
Nelson Stanley	6-1	205	RB/LB

FRESHMEN

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Owen Eckhart	5-11	155	QB/DB
Kyden Hauser	5-10	165	WR/DB
Nathan Dubow	5-9	150	WR/LB
Yeisen Lopez	5-8	155	WR/DB
Peyton McLean	5-6	150	QB/DB
Jose Rodriguez	5-5	140	RB/DB
Lukas Croizier	5-9	150	RB/DB
Jonathan Mayers	6-0	220	OL/DL
Marc Macias	5-10	230	OL/DL
Keegan Swedar	5-9	245	OL/DL
Aiden Dugan	5-9	185	OL/DL
Preston Digrazia	5-9	170	TE/LB

SOPHOMORES

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Landon Abelovsky	5-9	165	WR/LB

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LEHIGHTON YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

Year	Record	Head Coach	Year	Record	Head Coach	Year	Record	Head Coach	Year	Record	Head Coach
2022	3-8	Tom McCarroll	2009	1-9	George Ebbert	1996	4-8	Dave Parsons	1983	10-1	Dave Parsons
2021	1-9	Tom McCarroll	2008	3-7	George Ebbert	1995	6-5	Dave Parsons	1982	9-1	Dave Parsons
2020	3-6	Tom McCarroll	2007	5-6	Bill Brong	1994	6-5	Dave Parsons	1981	5-6	Dave Parsons
2019	3-8	Tom McCarroll	2006	7-4	Bill Brong	1993	7-4	Dave Parsons	1980	9-3	Jim Wentz
2018	4-7	Tom McCarroll	2005	9-3	Bill Brong	1992	6-5	Dave Parsons	1979	6-5	Jim Wentz
2017	12-1	Tom McCarroll	2004	3-8	Bill Brong	1991	10-2	Dave Parsons	1978	9-2	Jim Wentz
2016	4-7	Tom McCarroll	2003	4-6	Bill Brong	1990	9-2	Dave Parsons	1977	8-3	Jim Wentz
2015	11-1	Tom McCarroll	2002	8-4	Bill Brong	1989	4-7	Dave Parsons	1976	6-5	Jim Wentz
2014	8-3	Tom McCarroll	2001	10-2	Bill Brong	1988	6-5	Dave Parsons	1975	5-5	Jim Wentz
2013	6-5	Tom McCarroll	2000	8-3	Dave Parsons	1987	9-2-1	Dave Parsons	1974	1-9	Andy Silock
2012	3-7	Tom McCarroll	1999	3-8	Dave Parsons	1986	8-2-1	Dave Parsons	1973	5-5	Andy Silock
2011	4-6	George Ebbert	1998	3-7	Dave Parsons	1985	5-6	Dave Parsons	1972	2-8	Andy Silock
2010	4-6	George Ebbert	1997	7-4	Dave Parsons	1984	11-1	Dave Parsons	1971	5-4	Jim Wentz

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execute what we need to do."

What the Indians also need to do is stop teams on defense and limit mistakes.

Opposing clubs, over the past two years, have a combined average of 6.7 yards per carry and 70 rushing touchdowns. In addition, Lehighton has turned the ball over 41 times over that time span (21 games). Those numbers will have to change to avoid a sixth straight losing record.

"I don't think it's been the scheme," said McCarroll about the team's recent defensive woes. "We've been in position to make plays the last couple years ... but it's finishing. It's not only getting to where we

need to be, but it's finishing the tackle, finishing the play. Now the kids are a lot more comfortable in their roles and their responsibilities. There's less hesitation and a lot more quick reaction time. You see that with kids with experience. It's a lot more playing instinctively.

"If we want to turn the corner and we want to be successful, cutting down the turnovers is a must for us. Our turnovers, for the most part, have come in the passing game. So if we can establish a run game, it's going to minimize how often we have to put the ball in the air, or maybe how risky we have to be sometimes in our play-calling."

A quality run game will also allow the aerial attack to develop. If there is one area where Lehighton

lacks significant game-time action, it's with their receivers.

"We're inexperienced at (wide receiver) but I believe we're talented," McCarroll said. "Even though we really like our receivers, they've been role players. They really haven't been playmakers yet. So, especially at the start of the season while they're finding their way, if we can establish the run, it takes pressure off the quarterback and a little pressure off the receivers."

If all goes to script, the end result should be more improvement.

"I think we're going to be a lot more competitive, and in general just a lot more successful," McCarroll said. "Our goal is never to be average. We want to get into the playoffs, but we want to do it with a record where we've earned it and have momentum going into them."



Teagan Harrington

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Name	Year	Points
Cody Scherer	2017	188
Robbie Frey	2006	164
Chris Green	1991	157
Robbie Frey	2005	154
T. Bradley-Chambers	2017	148
Wyatt Clements	2015	146
Jacen Nalesnik	2011	145
Wyatt Clements	2014	138
Joe Semanoff	2000	136
Dwayne Fisher	1989	124

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PANTHER VALLEY



Lavine has Panther Vy. trending upward

BY EMMETT MCCALL
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Year two of the Mark Lavine era at Panther Valley will have little resemblance to year one.

"This season already has a completely different feel to it," Lavine said. "I know I'm more comfortable with what we are doing and I'm sure our assistant coaches and players are as well."

"There was so much to install and teach last year. This year everyone is more comfortable with the terminology, the expectations, what we want to do offensively, what we want to do defensively ... it's like night and day. We definitely hit the ground running this year. We are multiple steps ahead of where we were at this point a year ago."

But comfort and familiarity with Lavine's system won't be the only major difference in the Panthers this season.

They'll also be a huge differ-

ence in how Panther Valley will attack teams offensively.

That change is needed because the Panthers lost versatile two-way performer Mike Pascoe to graduation.

A year ago, Pascoe was the Panther Valley offense.

Playing both running back and quarterback for the Panthers, Pascoe carried or passed the ball on 379 of the Panthers' 560 plays from scrimmage (68 percent). Palmerton's Matt Machalik (70 percent) was the only area player who had a bigger share of his team's offensive plays. For reference, no other team in the area had a player who was involved in more than 48 percent of his team's plays.

"I like to say our offense was very 'Mike-centric' last year," said Lavine. "Feeding the ball to one player as much as we did isn't necessarily my style of coaching, but we felt that's what

gave us the best chance to win last year.

"This year, we plan to be a lot more diverse offensively. We expect to have lots of kids with lots of touches."

Among the players who Lavine will be counting offensively are quarterback Brody Breiner; running backs Brennan Kunkel and Marcus Rodriguez; receivers Brady Jones, Connor Penberth, Frank Shubeck and Ben Beneravage; and tight end Logan Fisher. All eight of those players are underclassman.

"We are young at the skill positions, but I really like the speed and athleticism we have there," said Lavine. "We have a number of kids who can be playmakers for us."

"Our job as a coaching staff is to try to put them in the best situation possible to take advantage of their strengths."

Last season, the Panthers were last among teams in the Times News area, averaging just 14.1 points a game offensively.

Lavine is hoping that despite losing their top offensive weapon in Pascoe, the Panthers can improve on that number.

"The kids' familiarity with our system this year has allowed us to add a few more wrinkles that we hope will benefit us and help us score a few more points," Lavine said. "Part of that comes down to being more explosive and also more efficient. Last year, we didn't have a lot of big plays. We were a team that had to try and win time of possession — and we did a fairly good job of that. But we had too many long drives that didn't produce points."

"Getting some big plays is one way to bolster our scoring average — and I think we have

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Sophomore Brody Breiner will be the starter. Breiner saw some action behind center a year ago when Mike Pascoe moved to running back. Coach Mark Lavine estimated that Breiner quarterbacked about 25 percent of the Panthers' plays, but primarily handed the ball off, completing 1 of 8 passes for 29 and carrying the ball just 14 times for 40 yards. He will have a much larger role both running and passing the ball this season. Matt Spino is the backup.

RUNNING BACKS

Marcus Rodriguez will be the fullback and Brennan Kunkel the halfback. Brian Welser is the top backfield reserve. Kunkel was second on the team in carries a year ago, carrying the ball 67 times for 252 (3.76 ypg). The group will look to help the Panthers maintain a balanced offense and help the team improve on the 14.1 points per game it averaged last season.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Lavine likes his contingent of receivers. Brady Jones, Connor Penberth, Frank Shubeck, Ben Beneravage and Jah Bushati will all see action as receiver. Lavine expects to use their speed and athleticism in both the passing and running game. Tight end Logan Fisher is a big target as well. Fisher will be backed up by Welser and Danny Wehr.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Clinton Dyer should start at center; Brad Jones and Zack Seifert will be the guards; and Marco Tessitore and Eli Maynard will be the tackles. Michael Williams is the top reserve in the trenches.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Maynard and Wehr will be the ends in the Panthers' 4-3 defense, with Welser and Tessitore expected to start at the tackle positions. Michael Williams and Spencer Black will also see action up front.

LINEBACKERS

Brad Jones, Fisher and Marcus Rodriguez give the Panthers a strong nucleus at linebacker. Beneravage and Dyer will provide depth at the position.

SECONDARY

Brady Jones and Shubeck will be the starting cornerback, while Breiner and Kunkel will be the starting safeties. Beneravage and Jah Bushati will be the top reserves. Defensively, the Panther strength a year ago was in the back end of their defense.

PANTHER VALLEY

PANTHERS

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the speed to do that. The other thing we need to do is turn red zone possessions into points.”

Defensively, the Panther strength a year ago was in the back end of their defense.

“I thought as the season went on last year, we showed a lot of improvement playing against spread teams and teams that wanted to throw the ball around,” Lavine said. “Where we struggled was against power teams. We just didn’t have the size and strength to match up and go toe-to-toe with teams.”

Lavine said he’s encouraged by his team’s off-season dedication in

the weight room and says that will help this year, although the Panthers are still not where they need to be physically.

“Our goal as a program is to eventually be a strong, physical team that runs the ball effectively to set up play action passing,” Lavine said. “We want to be a team that controls both sides of the line of scrimmage. We aren’t at that point yet, but we are working toward getting there.”

Among the players to be counted on defensively for the Panthers are Marco Tessitore, Brian Welser, Brad Jones, Marcus Rodriguez and Fisher.

A year ago, the Panthers compiled a 3-8 record that included a win against Nativity in a contin-

gency game to close the season.

“We were handled pretty good in our final two regular season games last year,” Lavine said. “But when we asked the kids if they wanted to play a contingency game, they overwhelmingly said yes. I think that’s a great indication of their mindset and their desire to turn the program around. These kids want to compete and they want to improve.”

“I think you’ll see that in their play this season. I never want to put a number on our win total. Obviously, we would love to win a few more games than last year. But the main goal I’ve set for them is to get better every day and to continue to build the program to where we want it to be.”

2023 PANTHER VALLEY ROSTER

SENIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Mergim Bushati	6-2	175	TE/LB
Brian Welser	6-0	225	TE/DL
Aiden Kreimendahl	5-6	165	RB/LB
Brad Jones	5-10	180	OL/LB
Eli Maynard	6-0	200	OL/LB
DeSean Kosalko	6-2	265	OL/DL

JUNIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Brady Jones	5-9	160	WR/DB
Connor Penberth	5-11	145	WR/DB
Brennan Kunkel	5-10	160	WR/DB
Frank Shubeck	5-10	145	WR/DB
Clinton Dyer	5-10	200	OL/LB
Michael Williams	5-9	200	OL/DL
Zack Seifert	6-0	225	OL/DL
Logan Fisher	6-1	195	TE/LB

SOPHOMORES

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Brody Breiner	5-10	170	QB/DB

Ben Baneravage	6-0	145	WR/DB
Matt Spino	5-8	135	QB/DB
Jah Bushati	5-10	145	WR/DB
Robert Smith	5-8	150	WR/DB
Gavin Yuricheck	6-3	165	WR/DB
Marcus Rodriguez	5-10	200	RB/DB
Danny Wehr	6-2	220	TE/DE
Zach Zabroksi	5-10	155	OL/DL
Autumn Green	5-6	110	K
Marco Tessitore	6-0	255	OL/DL
Gino Williams	6-0	220	OL/DL
Bobby Campomizzi	5-8	145	OL/DL
Joe Gindhart	5-9	230	OL/DL
Peter Kurslicky	5-8	180	OL/DL

FRESHMEN

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Gabriel Rodriguez	5-7	130	RB/DB
Gabriel Rodriguez	5-5	145	RB/LB
Jayden Ramos	5-6	150	OL/DL
Spencer Black	6-1	220	OL/DL
Carlos Maldonado	6-1	250	OL/DL
Jerry Harrison	5-11	260	OL/DL



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MARIAN



Colts eager to take another step forward

BY SAM MATTA
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There are plenty of question marks for Marian's team this fall.

Can it get over the hump and get a winning record?

Can it survive a schedule that features opening with a veteran Schuylkill Haven squad and then comes a tough Minersville squad in Week 2?

Can it cash in on a splendid group of athletes and combine them with young players?

Can it steady an offense that has been like a yo-yo over the past three seasons?

Stan Dakosty, the veteran coach, always talks positively. It doesn't matter if it's the pre-

season, game one or game 10, he finds positives even after a loss.

But this time around, it is a crucial turning point for this program.

There are few easy wins on the schedule; after the aforementioned weeks one and two, the Colts go to Catasauqua, an unknown Sayre, a trip to play Nativity at North Schuylkill High School before clashing with rival Mahanoy Area.

That's a five-week stretch which can make or break the team. If it wins three of those, it will set the tone for an October run which could elevate the Colts back into the postseason picture.

Dakosty likes to point out that everyone is equal at this stage of the game; "... we're all undefeated."

And he hopes the same can be said after 10 weeks for his team.

"Our kids have been playing with great energy," he said referring to the early preseason workouts. "Our team chemistry is right there; I like our attitude and where we are right now."

The fact that Marian is a veteran team makes it more interesting this season.

There are 10 seniors who have played a lot of football: Nearly all for four seasons.

"It was kind of like a leap-

of-faith for them when I took over," Dakosty pointed out alluding to his return to the program. "There was 10 of them who stuck with the program ... and most of our juniors are three-year starters. (So) if we've got the experience and now, they've got to become more consistent."

The Colts hurt themselves numerous times over the last three seasons, committing untimely turnovers and miscues.

Fumbles, mental mistakes and blown plays were the problem. Dakosty says "inconsistency" has plagued the team. However, this club will be better and focused with the

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

No lack of experience here. If there is a huge plus for this team, it is at this position. Dakosty perked up at the thought of veterans Dylan Rodino (jr) and senior leader Bruce Hopeck.

RUNNING BACKS

Look for the Colts to try and get speedy senior Jayden Firmin the ball. If he gets to the edge he can burn a defense. Dakosty moved James Rodino from center to fullback, Marian is hoping to get reps from another quick back in junior Braydon Segilla (5-7, 152). Freshman Jason Ashfield (5-10, 196) could surprise down the road.

WIDE RECEIVERS

The corps of receivers will be solid, but the biggest of them all is junior Michael Gelatko. At 6-4, 230 he is very imposing, very athletic and a "moose" if you will. Gelatko is a pure athlete and can shift from tight end to slot to wide receiver. Last fall he latched onto 14 passes, scored four touchdowns running up solid numbers with 276 yards. Backing up Gelatko at tight end finds junior Charlie Hower (6-0, 172). There are potential touchdown makers in seniors Michael Silliman, Nova McGuire, Dylan Zullo and Brandon Klitsch, and junior Michale Johnson.

OFFENSIVE LINE

With the switch of Jesse Rodino to fullback, veteran junior Julian Hermany (6-0, 220) gets bumped to the key position on the line. The big horse and a very rugged player senior James Rodino (6-3, 233). Rodino will lead the way at guard. Also, on the interior line there's junior Zach Holt (5-11, 215), senior JT Price (6-0, 205). Adding depth at the tackle finds juniors Mason Soult (6-1, 225) and veteran starter Aiden Mikovits (6-0, 250). In the mix to for playing time finds junior Brady Datchko.

DEFENSIVE LINE

The Colts use a "42" defensive scheme, the four down linemen find the veteran group of offensive linemen flipping around. There's the standout Rodino's, James and Jesse, with Mikovits, Price, Soult and Hermany.

LINEBACKERS

Holt is a veteran and will be playing alongside "newbie" Hower and Datchko. Joey Walko was a mainstay along with Martin. Holt has experience and will lean on the new faces in the crowd.

SECONDARY

Gelatko is in the secondary and is referred to as the "strong" and can walk-up as an extra-LB in this scheme. Silliman, Klitsch, Johnson, Firmin, Zullo. Veteran Kayden Cash is the kicker.

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Jayden Fermin



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SENIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Michael Silliman	5-10	150	WR/DB
Nova McGuire	5-11	173	WR/DB
Caden Kash	5-3	130	K
Dylan Zullo	5-8	124	WB/DB
Jesse Rodino	6-3	220	FB/DE
Bruce Hopeck	6-2	203	QB/DB
Brandon Klitsch	5-10	170	WR/DB
Jayden Fermin	5-7	161	RB/DB
JT Price	6-0	205	OL/DE
James Rodino	6-3	233	OL/DL

Zach Holt	5-11	215	OL/LB
Aidan Milkovits	6-0	260	OL/DL
Julian Hermany	6-0	220	OL/DE
Chase Hower	6-1	178	TE/DE

SOPHOMORES

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Nick Shigo	6-1	173	QB/DB
Hunter Sartori	5-10	160	WR/DB
Damian Rodino	5-7	159	RB/LB

FRESHMEN

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Dominick Rodino	5-7	151	RB/LB
Kaden Krajcirik	6-2	190	QB/LB
Rocco Griguoli	6-2	185	TE/DE
Nolan Marsch	5-7	130	WR/DB
Brett McGuire	5-4	132	WR/WB
Kadyn Sharbuno	5-3	112	WR/DB
Rory Dixon	5-9	160	RB/LB
Ty Maurer	5-6	130	WB/DB
Jason Ashfield	5-10	196	RB/LB
Caleb Gerhart	5-3	130	WR/DB
Billy Ebert	5-9	280	OL/DL
Thomas McHugh	5-9	208	OL/DL
John Churquina	5-4	208	OL/DL
Walker Sheer	6-2	150	TE/DE

JUNIORS

Player	Height	Weight	Position
Michael Johnson	5-9	125	WR/DB
Dylan Rodino	6-1	190	QB/DB
Gio Fleming	5-8	155	WR/DB
Michael Gelatko	6-4	230	TE/DB
Brayden Segilia	5-7	152	RB/DB
Charlie Hower	6-0	172	WR/LB
Brady Datchko	6-0	195	OL/LB
Matthew Milosh	5-10	264	OL/DL
Mason Soult	6-1	225	OL/DL
Sam Homyak	5-9	225	OL/DL
Connor Rehnert	5-10	257	OL/DL



Caden Kash



Brandon Klitsch



Nova McGuire



JT Price

COLTS

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consistent positives, he said.

Marian lost two standout players who carried the payload on both sides of the ball, including a terrific two-way standout running

back/linebacker Matty Martin who rushed for nearly 2,000 yards.

Dakosty always finds positives and it is no different this time around.

“We were not a bad football team last year; look at where we came from. When I came back, I thought it would take two or three years

to get this (program) back,” he said. “We’re not there yet. I thought we were competitive in every game but one last year — now we’ve got to take that step. And be prepared to play four quarters. Be mature to a point of handling the ups and downs of a football game. I think that

maturity is there, we’re a good enough football team to handle that.”

Dakosty and his staff agreed on what is necessary to kick the season off.

“We discussed this as a staff and agree; we’ve got to be fifth-game ready. That’s how we’re looking at the start.”

MARIAN



Michael Silliman



Dylan Zullo



Marian coaches look on as players go through drills during a preseason practice. RON GOWER/SPECIAL TO THE TIMES NEWS

2022 RESULTS

Jim Thorpe (3-8)

Blue Mtn. 27, **Jim Thorpe 26** (OT)
Bangor 29, **Jim Thorpe 7**
Jim Thorpe 28, Salisbury 12
Palmerton 54, **Jim Thorpe 29**
Jim Thorpe 66, Pine Grove 14
Jim Thorpe 42, Tamaqua 6
North Schuylkill 31, **Jim Thorpe 14**
Notre Dame 57, **Jim Thorpe 40**
Northern Lehigh 14, **Jim Thorpe 13**
Lehigh 27, **Jim Thorpe 14**
*Northwestern 31, **Jim Thorpe 7**

Lehigh 31 (3-8)

Palmerton 42, **Lehigh 29**
Tamaqua 32, **Lehigh 29**
Pottsville 49, **Lehigh 21**
Lehigh 55, Wilson 14
Northwestern 35, **Lehigh 14**
Blue Mountain 34, **Lehigh 6**
Bangor 32, **Lehigh 6**
Southern Lehigh 36, **Lehigh 7**
Lehigh 24, Saucon Valley 7
Lehigh 27, Jim Thorpe 14
*North Schuylkill 54, **Lehigh 7**

Marian (4-6)

Marian 21, Schuylkill Haven 7
Minersville 20, **Marian 12**
Marian 12, Catasauqua 7
Line Mountain 26, **Marian 19**
Marian 15, Nativity 12
Mahanoy Area 34, **Marian 18**
Marian 36, Shenandoah Valley 0
Williams Valley 40, **Marian 7**
Tri-Valley 33, **Marian 7**
Pine Grove 14, **Marian 6**

Northern Lehigh (12-2)

No. Lehigh 32, Catasauqua 12
No. Lehigh 34, Northwestern 27
No. Lehigh 44, Pen Argyl 14
No. Lehigh 61, Pine Grove 0
North Schuylkill 31, **No. Lehigh 0**
No. Lehigh 42, Salisbury 0
No. Lehigh 40, Notre Dame 33
No. Lehigh 21, Tamaqua 7
No. Lehigh 14, Jim Thorpe 13
No. Lehigh 49, Palmerton 28
***No. Lehigh 30**, Mahanoy Area 7
***No. Lehigh 40**, Tri-Valley 15

+**No. Lehigh 40**, Lackawanna Trail 7
+Steelton Highspire 42, **No. Lehigh 35**

Northwestern (11-3)

Northwestern 49, Tamaqua 22
Northern Lehigh 34, **Northwestern 27**
Northwestern 30, Blue Mountain 3
Northwestern 48, Pen Argyl 0
Northwestern 35, Lehigh 14
Northwestern 20, Saucon Valley 0
Northwestern 41, Pottsville 35
Bangor 27, **Northwestern 21**
Northwestern 35, Wilson 8
Northwestern 45, Southern Lehigh 7
***Northwestern 31**, Jim Thorpe 7
***Northwestern 35**, Notre Dame 34
***Northwestern 34**, North Schuylkill 14
+Neumann-Goretti 38, **Northwestern 6**

Palmerton (7-5)

Palmerton 42, Lehigh 29
Palmerton 42, Catasauqua 16
Palisades 47, **Palmerton 40**
Palmerton 54, Jim Thorpe 29
Notre Dame 55, **Palmerton 18**

Palmerton 53, Pine Grove 28
Palmerton 51, Salisbury 6
North Schuylkill 35, **Palmerton 21**
Palmerton 36, Tamaqua 20
Northern Lehigh 49, **Palmerton 28**
***Palmerton 45**, Tamaqua 6
*North Schuylkill 51, **Palmerton 21**

Panther Valley (3-8)

Panther Valley 20, Salisbury 13
Tri-Valley 48, **Panther Valley 0**
Mahanoy Area 35, **Panther Valley 13**
Panther Valley 33, Shenandoah Vy. 8
Minersville 41, **Panther Valley 21**
Palisades 35, **Panther Valley 7**
Sch. Haven 40, **Panther Valley 27**
Catasaqua 21, **Panther Valley 0**
Pen Argyl 42, **Panther Valley 7**
Tamaqua 49, **Panther Valley 0**
Panther Valley 27, Nativity 0

Pleasant Valley (7-4)

Pleasant Valley 62, ES North 0
Pleasant Valley 42, Allen 13
Pleasant Valley 7, ES South 6

Pleasant Valley 41, Dieruff 16
Pleasant Valley 48, PM East 14
Parkland 38, **Pleasant Valley 7**
Northampton 46, **Pleasant Valley 7**
Freedom 49, **Pleasant Valley 0**
Pleasant Valley 26, PM West 14
Pleasant Valley 14, Stroudsburg 13
*Whitehall 49, **Pleasant Valley 14**

Tamaqua (4-7)

Northwestern 49, **Tamaqua 22**
Tamaqua 32, Lehigh 29
Notre Dame 41, **Tamaqua 26**
North Schuylkill 49, **Tamaqua 24**
Tamaqua 52, Salisbury 0
Jim Thorpe 42, **Tamaqua 6**
Tamaqua 19, Pine Grove 7
Northern Lehigh 21, **Tamaqua 7**
Palmerton 36, **Tamaqua 20**
Tamaqua 49, Panther Valley 0
*Palmerton 45, **Tamaqua 6**

* District 11 playoff game
+ PIAA playoff game

PLEASANT VALLEY



Despite heavy losses, Bears have high hopes

BY KYLE MAGDA
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Pleasant Valley established itself as the top football team in the Poconos last year after beating all five Pocono-area schools during the season.

There were close games against East Stroudsburg South and Stroudsburg, but the Bears went 7-3 in the regular season and earned a trip to the District 11 playoffs for the second straight year.

Head coach Blaec Saeger is ready to go for another season and although Pleasant Valley graduated 20 seniors, Saeger and the Bears are all hands on deck for this upcoming fall.

"We beat every team in Monroe County, so I've stressed to these guys all year that we're going to have a little target on our back," Saeger said. "Everybody's going to be gunning for us. We're a completely different team."

"We only returned three starters on both sides of the ball and lost 20 seniors, so we have a lot to rebuild. With the offseason we had, I feel confident that we're going to be able to do it. I got a couple of kids that are returning with some experience that we're going to lean on. With the newly experienced team that we have, it could've gone a lot of different ways. We're pretty pleased with

where we are at."

The Bears have improved during Saeger's time at Pleasant Valley and every year, his teams have made strides at getting better. The Bears had a good summer practices and a good showing in a scrimmage against Catasauqua, so they are looking to return to the district playoffs.

"Last year was a heck of a year," Saeger said. "We had a great group of seniors and a lot of leadership. We won some close games. Looking to this year, it was a little interesting in the beginning going back to January. We weren't sure what we were going to have. We had an incredible offseason. The upcoming se-

niors have really stepped up and kept the ball rolling a little bit from what last year's group did. They realize it was their turn. Going through camp was excellent, very positive. At this point, I like what we have and looking forward to the season."

There will be some tough tests for the Bears with the Lehigh Valley teams, especially right off the bat against Bethlehem Catholic in season opener at home.

Pleasant Valley also faces Northampton and Nazareth later in the season. Don't sleep on the Bears in these games because PV has all-league quarterback Valentino Byers-Robinson

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POSITION BREAKDOWN

QUARTERBACKS

Pleasant Valley will once again utilize Valentino-Byers Robinson as its starting quarterback. Byers-Robinson primarily handed the ball to Fela Olaniyan last year, but Saeger said he'll use his quarterback more in the offense this year. PV uses a triple-option offense that relies very little on throwing the ball.

RUNNING BACKS

Fullback Alex Ecker moves over to the running back position to replace Olaniyan. Saeger expects Ecker, who has more speed than Olaniyan, to be a household name in the Poconos this season.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Pleasant Valley doesn't throw the ball often. Aaron Haden, Nick Iandoli and Andrew Fishon will be the targets for Valentino Byers-Robinson when they do decide to throw, but more importantly expect the three to be crucial blockers in the running game.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Pleasant Valley is replacing all five starters and its tight end on the offensive line. A.J. Hower, Christian Koehler and Connor Smith are three seniors who have stepped in to fill the voids. T.J. Roberti will also get time on the line after seeing some action last year on a very senior-heavy team.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Junior Nick Marsh is expected to be one of the anchors on the defensive line. Marsh got some playing time last year as a sophomore. Also expected to make an impact is nose guard Angelo Syracuse.

LINEBACKERS

Ecker returns as an all-league linebacker for the Bears. Junior Aiden Lollis saw a lot of playing time last year and returns to the linebacker core as well. Hunter Scheffner and Aaron Rehrig will join the two returners. The Bears don't lack physicality and commitment to the program.

SECONDARY

Senior Blake Walters returns to the safety position for the Bears and Valentino-Byers Robinson will get more playing time on the defensive side of the ball this year as well. There is competition in the two other spots to fill and Saeger said he might rotate them throughout the season. Senior Dakota Lucas and Junior Deytan Ayers are looking to fill one spot and Joe Brustein and Andrew Fishon are competing for the other cornerback position.

PLEASANT VALLEY

BEARS

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returning for his senior season to take the helm of the Bears offense.

"He's definitely one of those returners we're going to lean on that's going to carry us," Saeger said. "We only return three, but to have one of them be your all-league quarterback is something to build on. His leadership skills are something we're going to have to lean on that we didn't last year. It's going to be a lot less of just handing it to Fela (Olaniyan) and he's going to have to step up and I know he will. He's an incredible athlete and kid and he's looking forward to having a larger role in the offense, so he's going to be a gigantic portion of our success or failure."

Saeger is going to use Byers-Robinson more heavily in the offense this season after graduated running back Fela Olaniyan put up a big year for the Bears last season. The Bears use a triple-option offense and nothing is going to change unless PV needs to throw the ball in certain situations. Saeger also placed heavy emphasis on the defense which was able to hold up for the Bears in some close con-



Pleasant Valley runs an offensive play during a recent practice.

tests in 2022.

"We're going to do what works for us," Saeger said. "We are a triple-option based offense, so we're always going to run and that's where we begin. Every year they ask me this question and every year I give the same answer that if we're good enough to throw and we need to throw, then we're going to throw. Last year, we weren't able to complete a lot of passes and there really wasn't a whole lot of reason

to do it. If we're more successful at it this year, you'll see it happen more. It's not something going in saying we're not going to do it five times. If we can win a game without throwing, we can win a game without throwing. If we have to throw it 20 times, we'll throw it 20 times. It all that matters is what we're good at, who we are and what the defense is doing."

Pleasant Valley graduated 20 seniors and the competition has been fierce for some of the spots.

"In the grand scheme of things, we graduated all three of them as well, so all three are brand-new, but two are seniors and one is a junior and they waited their turn," Saeger said about the defensive line. "They lifted weights and they're ready to go."

There is competition for two spots in the secondary, but Saeger said he might rotate them throughout the season.

"Every position is the same this year," Saeger said. "Many people thought of it as a rebuilding year. I'm not going to put a name on it. I just know it's going to be a bunch of tough kids that are going to go to work. I don't see us struggling as much as some might think with the amount of kids we have to return."



Myroslav Khoper



Joe Brustein



Taevian Parker



Nick landoli



Valentine Byers-Robinson



T.J. Roberti

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2023 PLEASANT VALLEY ROSTER



Aaron Hayden



A.J. Hower



Aaron Rehrig



Alex Ecker



Angelo Syracuse



Christian Koehler



Blake Walters



Connor Smith

SENIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Joseph Brustein	5-8	160	RB/DB
Val. Byers-Robinson	5-10	175	QB/DB
Alex Ecker	6-2	215	RB/LB
Aaron Haden	5-11	185	WR/DB
A.J. Hower	6-0	225	OL/DL
Nick Iandoli	5-10	175	WR/DB
Myroslav Khoperskyi	6-1	175	RB/LB
Ian King	5-10	185	RB/LB
Christian Koehler	5-10	200	OL/DL
Dakoda Lucas	5-8	165	RB/DB
Zach Pandolfo	6-1	185	K/P
Taevian Parker	5-8	165	RB/DB
Francisco Ramirez	6-1	240	OL/DL
Aaron Rehrig	5-9	185	RB/LB
T.J. Roberti	5-9	205	OL/DL
William Santana	5-11	205	OL/DL
Hunter Scheffner	5-9	185	RB/LB
Connor Smith	6-0	225	OL/DL
Angelo Syracuse	6-0	225	OL/DL
Blake Walters	5-9	175	RB/DB

JUNIORS			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Deytan Ayers	5-7	155	RB/DB
Tyler Berger	5-10	175	RB/LB
Brady Cerrone	6-0	210	OL/DL
Andrew Fishon	5-9	175	WR/DB
Shay Kimmick	5-10	185	OL/DL



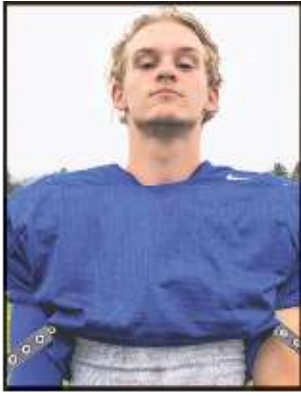
Dakoda Lucas



Francisco Ramirez



Hunter Scheffner



Ian King

Michael LaFiura	5-10	225	OL/DL
Aiden Locollo	5-8	155	WR/DB
Aiden Lollis	5-8	175	RB/LB
Nick Marsh	6-0	225	OL/DL
Frank Megna	5-10	210	OL/DL

SOPHOMORES			
Player	Height	Weight	Position
Adam Ahmed	5-10	155	QB/LB
Kee. Bonnett-Martin	6-0	155	WR/DB
Blaise Brown	6-4	335	OL/DL
Kevin Caron	5-9	160	RB/LB
Logan Czura	5-11	240	OL/DL
John DePaul	5-8	175	OL/DL
Levi DeSanto	5-8	155	WR/DB
McGregor Edward	5-9	185	OL/DL
Jaxson Haines	5-8	160	QB/DB
Anthony Hale	5-8	160	RB/DB
Jaiden Jaquez	5-8	155	RB/DB
N. Lopez-DelCastillo	5-10	185	OL/DL
Stephen Matera	5-8	155	WR/DB
Ricky Merklin	5-9	185	RB/LB
Noah Reese	5-10	185	OL/DL
Andrew Schmids	6-0	175	WR/DB
Bradley Serfass	5-9	205	OL/DL
London Smith	5-7	155	RB/LB
Marcelus Solt	5-9	165	RB/DB
Isaac Westerman	5-9	185	RB/LB
Ajani Wheeler	6-0	175	WR/DL

PV MOST RUSHING YARDS IN GAME

(since 1988; based on TN stats)			
Name	Yards	Date	
Nasai Moon	328	9/28/18	Rob Getz 211 9/9/11
Mike Mitchell	301	9/30/16	Robert Papaleo 210 9/24/21
Nasai Moon	263	10/19/18	Marlon Pitts 208 9/7/01
Austyn Borre	255	10/2/15	Trent Thomas 197 10/23/15
Nasai Moon	250	9/15/17	Matt Borger 195 11/18/00
Austyn Borre	246	9/7/12	Rob Getz 193 9/25/09
Austyn Borre	227	10/10/14	Austyn Borre 191 10/19/12
Mike Mitchell	214	10/21/16	Austyn Borre 190 9/12/14
Austyn Borre	213	10/19/13	Sloan Burnett 190 10/18/91
Chris Jacobs	213	9/12/98	Robert Papaleo 188 10/1/21
			Fela Olaniyan 186 10/21/22
			Rob Getz 186 9/30/11

PV MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN GAME

(since 1988; based on TN stats)			
Name	Yards	Date	
Kevin Cruz	210	11/1/13	Rich Watkins 157 9/20/96
Mike Brown	196	10/27/17	Brent Beck 151 10/27/17
Justin Richardson	187	8/26/16	Josh Desriviere 150 9/5/08
Jamie Irvine	177	10/1/04	Anthony Wood 145 8/29/03
Justin Richardson	175	9/9/16	Justin Richardson 144 9/30/16
Brent Beck	174	10/13/17	Rob Getz 140 9/9/11
Rich Irving	168	9/24/10	Nyiem Nevarez 139 9/27/13
Justin Richardson	166	10/14/16	Ryan Blass 130 10/23/20
Anthony Bumbulsky	159	10/30/09	Mike Brown 130 10/6/17
Andrew Romeo	158	9/29/12	Andrew Romeo 129 10/14/11
			Rob Getz 128 10/8/10
			Sekou Jones 123 9/16/11

SCHEDULES



Mark Rosenberger

Jim Thorpe

August

25 - at Blue Mountain
31 - vs. Bangor

September

8 - at Salisbury
15 - vs. Palmerton
22 - vs. Pine Grove
29 - at Tamaqua

October

6 - at North Schuylkill
13 - vs. Notre Dame-GP
20 - at Northern Lehigh
27 - vs. Lehigh



Tom McCarroll

Lehigh

August

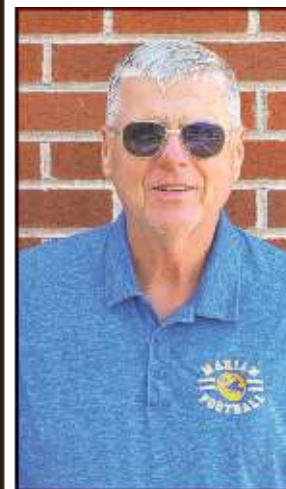
25 - vs. Palmerton

September

1 - at Tamaqua
8 - at Pottsville
15 - vs. Wilson
22 - at Northwestern
28 - vs. Blue Mountain

October

6 - vs. Bangor
13 - vs. Southern Lehigh
20 - at Saucon Valley
27 - at Jim Thorpe



Stan Dakosty

Marian

August

25 - vs. Schuylkill Haven

September

1 - vs. Minersville
8 - at Catasauqua
15 - vs. Sayre
23 - at Nativity
30 - vs. Mahanoy Area

October

6 - at Shenandoah Vy.
13 - vs. Williams Valley
20 - at Tri-Valley
27 - vs. Pine Grove



Joe Tout

No. Lehigh

August

25 - at Catasauqua
31 - at Northwestern

September

8 - vs. Pen Argyl
16 - at Pine Grove
22 - at North Schuylkill
29 - vs. Salisbury

October

6 - at Notre Dame-GP
12 - at Tamaqua
20 - vs. Jim Thorpe
27 - vs. Palmerton



Josh Snyder

Northwestern

August

25 - at Tamaqua
31 - vs. Northern Lehigh

September

8 - at Blue Mountain
16 - at Pen Argyl
22 - vs. Lehigh
29 - vs. Saucon Valley

October

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13 - at Bangor
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Chris Walkowiak

Palmerton

August

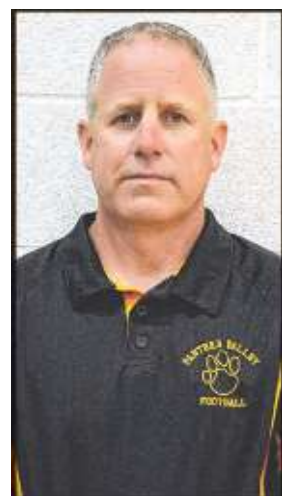
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6 - at Salisbury
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Mark Lavine

Panther Vy.

August

25 - vs. Salisbury

September

1 - vs. Tri-Valley
8 - at Mahanoy Area
15 - at Shenandoah Vy.
21 - vs. Minersville
29 - at Palisades

October

6 - at Schuylkill Haven
13 - at Catasauqua
20 - vs. Pen Argyl
27 - vs. Tamaqua



Blaec Saeger

Pleasant Vy.

August

25 - vs. Beth. Catholic

September

1 - at Dieruff
7 - vs. ES South
15 - at Allen
22 - at ES North
29 - vs. PM West

October

6 - at Northampton
13 - at Nazareth
20 - vs. PM East
27 - vs. Stroudsburg



Sam Bonner

Tamaqua

August

25 - vs. Northwestern

September

1 - vs. Lehigh
8 - at Notre Dame-GP
14 - vs. North Schuylkill
22 - at Salisbury
29 - vs. Jim Thorpe

October

6 - at Pine Grove
12 - vs. Northern Lehigh
20 - at Palmerton
27 - at Panther Valley



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