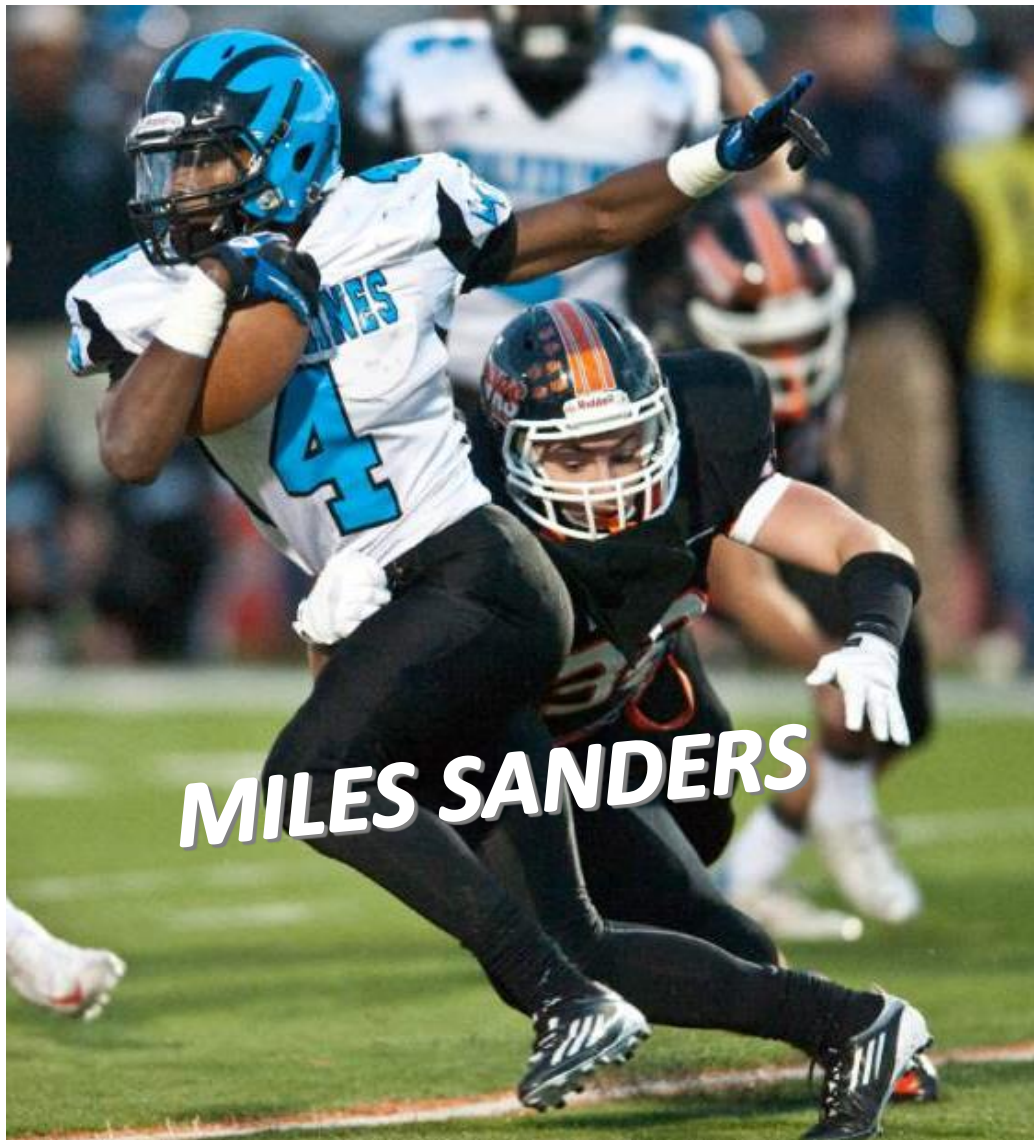


THE NEW ERA IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

WPIAL QUAD-A FOOTBALL

2015 SEASON PREVIEW

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Can Miles Sanders lead a hungry pack of Wolverines back to Heinz Field in 2015?

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Behind a cast of star-studded seniors Pine Richland won its first WPIAL Quad-A championship in 2014



ABOUT THE WPIAL

The Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) was founded in 1906 by a small assembly of educators who recognized the necessity of establishing a set of eligibility rules and regulations that would insure an equal playing field for the interscholastic athletic competition among the schools in Western Pennsylvania. The first motivation for this League arose in 1903 when the lack of scholastic requirements allowed the schools to hire the best players in the area, dress them in their high school's colors and represent the school on the playing field. Representatives of Allegheny Prep, Pittsburgh, Central High School, and Shady Side Academy began the effort in its initial stages. It was not until 1906 when E. W. Rynearson of Pittsburgh Fifth Avenue, Headmaster Jones of Allegheny Prep, and W. R. Crabbe of Shady Side Academy joined forces to create the first set of eligibility rules. Due to much uncertainty and negativity the work of the League was not finished until 1914.

Leading up to 1914, there was progressive growth of the League was expanded to many towns in the Pittsburgh area. The growth was controlled so that the League could accommodate small numbers on an annual basis. The old Allegheny Valley League was the only one absorbed as an organization, while all the schools who applied for membership were admitted as volunteer members. The successful efforts of creating the WPIAL were transferred to the formation of the state association known as the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) in 1914.

The original WPIAL Constitution of 1906 was revised in 1919, 1924, 1946, 1949, 1958 and 1966 with the growth of member institutions and their desired activities. Eventually the WPIAL document was retired and the League adopted the PIAA Constitution in 1973. In 1982 the WPIAL, which originally was designated as District VII in 1914, officially became the WPIAL/District VII.

The growth and success of the largest high school athletic league in the United States can be attributed to the wisdom of its founding fathers. The leadership established by the Decision Committee, as the first governing body of the League was known, provided the substance for the growth of the league from its initial group of three high schools to 156 as late as the 1981-1982 school year. Currently there are 137 high schools who are proud members of the WPIAL. As the League grew in size and opportunity the original Decision Committee of three high school principals was expanded, reaching a capacity of ten individuals in 1964. The determination of all the men and women who voluntarily served the WPIAL as a member of the Decision Committee/Board of Control (Later name beginning in 1976) contributed greatly to the recognition and success of an idea that changed the entire perspective of high school sports, which is very evident in today's interscholastic programs.

HISTORY OF THE WPIAL – WPIAL.org



INTRODUCTION TO THE WPIAL

WPIAL MISSION:

“The mission of the WPIAL is to regulate and administer interscholastic athletic competition in a fair and equitable manner while promoting the values of participation in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student’s educational experience. Governed by the constitution and by-laws of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, the WPIAL represents its member schools by promoting academics, the safety of participants, sportsmanship, citizenship and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics”

WPIAL Mission Statement – WPIAL.org

WPIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Superintendents	Jesse Wallace III	Laurel Highlands Superintendent
Male Parent Representative	Daniel Conn	
Female Parent Representative	Jeannine Patton	

 ——— **Board Officers**

WPIAL Board of Directors – WPIAL.org



ABOUT THE PIAA

The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) provides the opportunity and privilege to member schools' boys and girls to represent their school and community through participation in interscholastic athletics. Regardless of the athlete's level of participation in interscholastic athletics, being involved builds character traits and interpersonal skills that are difficult to duplicate in other settings.

The PIAA was formed on December 29, 1913, in Pittsburgh by a group of high school Principals who wanted to eliminate abuses, establish uniform rules, and place interscholastic athletics in the overall context of secondary education. The purposes of PIAA, as set forth in Article II of its Constitution, are to:

- Develop, direct, and organize an interscholastic athletic program which will promote, protect, and preserve the health and physical welfare of all participants.
- Formulate and maintain policies that will safeguard the educational values of interscholastic athletics and promote the main principles of good sportsmanship.
- Promote uniformity of standards in all interscholastic athletic competition.

The PIAA was given the privilege of serving its member schools and registered officials by creating policies and adopting contest rules that:

1. Emphasize the educational values of interscholastic athletics,
2. Promote competition that is safe and sportsmanlike and
3. Provide uniform standards for all levels of interscholastic competition.

As a result of the cooperation of its membership, the PIAA has assisted students ranging from middle school to senior high school with their participation in interscholastic athletic programs on a fair and unbiased basis, while creating important education benefits. The PIAA believes that a system that best serves the student-athlete is one that emphasizes the amateur, educational, and character-building aspects of high school sports while also recognizing that athletics is not the driving force.

The membership of PIAA consists of 1,422 schools, of which 764 are senior high schools. More than 350,000 students participate in interscholastic athletics at all levels (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition under PIAA authority. For administrative purposes the PIAA is divided into twelve geographic districts, each of which has a District Committee elected by the member schools within that state district. Each District Committee elects a chairman, who becomes the district's representative on the Board of Directors, the statewide governing body of the organization. Nearly all Board of Director members of the District Committees are experienced professional educators with background and experience in dealing with high school athletics. The PIAA is governed by a Constitution that has been adopted by its member schools and the By-Laws adopted by its elected Board of Directors.

The four major areas in which PIAA currently operates are:

1. Establishing and enforcing rules that govern the eligibility of high school athletes' participation in interscholastic athletics (rules for academic performance and attendance, age, amateur status, and transfers).
2. Adopting the contest rules for each sport under its jurisdiction. With the exception of bowling, golf, rifle, and tennis.
3. Registering and providing training opportunities for officials to officiate at contests in which PIAA member schools participate.
4. Organizing and operating Inter-District Championship contests in the sports of baseball, basketball, competitive spirit, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling.

About, Our Story – PIAA



INTRODUCTION TO THE PIAA

PIAA MISSION:

“The opportunity for boys and girls to represent their school and community as they participate in interscholastic activities is a privilege not afforded to persons in most countries. Why? Because educators across the USA believe that participation in interscholastic activities, whether as an outstanding athlete, a starter, a back-up, or someone who never actually gets into a Contest, builds character traits and interpersonal skills difficult to duplicate in other settings”

About, Our Philosophy – PIAA

PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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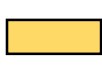
About, Our Organization – PIAA



PREVIOUS QUAD-A CHAMPIONS

	QUAD-A CHAMPION	TITLE GAME SCORE & OPPONENT
1980	Mt. Lebanon	Mt. Lebanon 30-14 over Bethel Park
1981	Mt. Lebanon	Mt. Lebanon 34-6 over North Hills
1982	North Hills/ Ringgold	North Hills 9-0 over Butler (Div. I) / Ringgold 6-3 over New Castle (Div. II)
1983	Mt. Lebanon/ Plum	Mt. Lebanon 7-0 over North Allegheny (Div. I) / Plum 10-6 over New Castle (Div. II)
1984	Mt. Lebanon	Mt. Lebanon 20-12 over Gateway
1985	Gateway/ North Hills	Gateway & North Hills 0-0 draw
1986	Gateway	Gateway 7-6 over North Hills
1987	North Hills	North Hills 21-0 over Mt. Lebanon
1988	Upper St. Clair	Upper St. Clair 7-0 over Central Catholic
1989	Upper St. Clair	Upper St. Clair 38-14 over North Hills
1990	North Allegheny	North Allegheny 9-0 over Butler
1991	Connellsville	Connellsville 17-7 over Upper St. Clair
1992	Upper St. Clair	Upper St. Clair 10-7 over North Allegheny
1993	North Hills	North Hills 21-14 over Upper St. Clair
1994	McKeesport	McKeesport 21-14 over Upper St. Clair
1995	Penn Hills	Penn Hills 20-13 over Upper St. Clair
1996	Woodland Hills	Woodland Hills 22-15 over North Allegheny
1997	Upper St. Clair	Upper St. Clair 28-27 over Penn-Trafford
1998	New Castle	New Castle 14-7 over North Allegheny
1999	Woodland Hills	Woodland Hills 21-7 over McKeesport
2000	Mt. Lebanon	Mt. Lebanon 14-13 over Woodland Hills
2001	Woodland Hills	Woodland Hills 41-6 over Central Catholic
2002	Woodland Hills	Woodland Hills 15-6 over North Hills
2003	Central Catholic	Central Catholic 42-10 over Upper St. Clair
2004	Central Catholic	Central Catholic 28-0 over Gateway
2005	McKeesport	McKeesport 19-7 over Woodland Hills
2006	Upper St. Clair	Upper St. Clair 18-12 over Penn Hills
2007	Central Catholic	Central Catholic 35-34 over Gateway
2008	Bethel Park	Bethel Park 10-6 over Gateway
2009	Woodland Hills	Woodland Hills 10-0 over Gateway
2010	North Allegheny	North Allegheny 21-14 over Woodland Hills
2011	North Allegheny	North Allegheny 28-21 over Upper St. Clair
2012	North Allegheny	North Allegheny 21-14 over Woodland Hills
2013	Central Catholic	Central Catholic 27-7 over Woodland Hills
2014	Pine Richland	Pine-Richland 21-13 over Central Catholic

History – WPIAL.org

 Denotes WPIAL & PIAA Quad-A Champion

 Central Catholic won PIAA Quad-A Championship

 USA Today National Champion (#1 in America)

2015 QUAD-A SEASON SCHEDULE

	Date	Matchup
WEEK 1	September 4 th -5 th	Altoona @ Butler
	September 4 th -5 th	North Hills @ Fox Chapel
	September 4 th -5 th	Seneca Valley @ North Allegheny
	September 4 th -5 th	Shaler @ Pine Richland
	September 4 th -5 th	Baldwin @ Ambridge
	September 4 th -5 th	Central Catholic @ Bethel Park
	September 4 th -5 th	Mt. Lebanon @ Canon-McMillan
	September 4 th -5 th	Penn Hills @ Upper St. Clair
	September 4 th -5 th	Peters Township @ Woodland Hills
	September 4 th -5 th	McKeesport @ Connellsville
	September 4 th -5 th	Hempfield @ Plum
	September 4 th -5 th	Kiski Area @ Penn-Trafford
	September 4 th -5 th	Norwin @ Latrobe
WEEK 2	September 11 th -12 th	Shaler @ Central Catholic
	September 11 th -12 th	Plum @ North Hills
	September 11 th -12 th	North Allegheny @ Pine Richland
	September 11 th -12 th	Fox Chapel @ Seneca Valley
	September 11 th -12 th	Butler @ Baldwin
	September 11 th -12 th	Canon-McMillan @ Penn Hills
	September 11 th -12 th	Upper St. Clair @ Peters Township
	September 11 th -12 th	Bethel Park @ Woodland Hills
	September 11 th -12 th	Mt. Lebanon @ Moon
	September 11 th -12 th	Penn-Trafford @ Connellsville
	September 11 th -12 th	Norwin @ Hempfield
	September 11 th -12 th	Latrobe @ Kiski Area
	September 11 th -12 th	Altoona @ McKeesport
WEEK 3	September 18 th -19 th	Pine Richland @ Fox Chapel
	September 18 th -19 th	Central Catholic @ North Allegheny
	September 18 th -19 th	Seneca Valley @ Norwin
	September 18 th -19 th	North Hills @ Butler
	September 18 th -19 th	Woodland Hills @ Shaler
	September 18 th -19 th	Peters Township @ Canon-McMillan
	September 18 th -19 th	Baldwin @ Mt. Lebanon
	September 18 th -19 th	Central Valley @ Penn Hills
	September 18 th -19 th	Bethel Park @ Upper St. Clair
	September 18 th -19 th	Plum @ Altoona
	September 18 th -19 th	Kiski Area @ Hempfield
	September 18 th -19 th	Connellsville @ Latrobe
	September 18 th -19 th	McKeesport @ Penn-Trafford

Northern Eight
Conference game

Southeastern
Conference game

Foothills
Conference game

Quad-A vs.
Triple-A game

Quad-A non-
conference game



2015 QUAD-A SEASON SCHEDULE

	Date	Matchup
WEEK 4	September 25 th -26 th	Shaler @ Butler
	September 25 th -26 th	Kiski Area @ Pine Richland
	September 25 th -26 th	Fox Chapel & Central Catholic
	September 25 th -26 th	North Hills @ Seneca Valley
	September 25 th -26 th	Woodland Hills @ Baldwin
	September 25 th -26 th	Canon-McMillan @ Bethel Park
	September 25 th -26 th	North Allegheny @ Upper St. Clair
	September 25 th -26 th	Penn Hills @ Mt. Lebanon
	September 25 th -26 th	Peters Township @ New Castle
	September 25 th -26 th	Penn-Trafford @ Altoona
	September 25 th -26 th	Hempfield @ Connellsville
	September 25 th -26 th	Latrobe @ McKeesport
	September 25 th -26 th	Norwin @ Plum
WEEK 5	October 2 nd -3 rd	Connellsville @ Central Catholic
	October 2 nd -3 rd	Pine Richland & North Hills
	October 2 nd -3 rd	Butler @ Seneca Valley
	October 2 nd -3 rd	North Allegheny @ Shaler
	October 2 nd -3 rd	Fox Chapel @ Canon-McMillan
	October 2 nd -3 rd	Baldwin @ Penn Hills
	October 2 nd -3 rd	Mt. Lebanon @ Peters Township
	October 2 nd -3 rd	Upper St. Clair @ Woodland Hills
	October 2 nd -3 rd	McKeesport @ Hempfield
	October 2 nd -3 rd	Bethel Park @ Chartiers Valley
	October 2 nd -3 rd	Plum @ Kiski Area
	October 2 nd -3 rd	Penn-Trafford @ Latrobe
	October 2 nd -3 rd	Altoona @ Norwin
WEEK 6	October 9 th -10 th	Shaler @ Fox Chapel
	October 9 th -10 th	Butler @ North Allegheny
	October 9 th -10 th	Central Catholic @ North Hills
	October 9 th -10 th	Seneca Valley @ Pine Richland
	October 9 th -10 th	Upper St. Clair @ Baldwin
	October 9 th -10 th	Woodlands Hills @ Canon-McMillan
	October 9 th -10 th	Bethel Park @ Mt. Lebanon
	October 9 th -10 th	Peters Township @ Penn Hills
	October 9 th -10 th	Altoona @ Latrobe
	October 9 th -10 th	Connellsville @ Plum
	October 9 th -10 th	Hempfield @ Penn-Trafford
	October 9 th -10 th	Hopewell @ McKeesport
	October 9 th -10 th	Norwin @ Kiski Area

Northern Eight
Conference game

Southeastern
Conference game

Foothills
Conference game

Quad-A vs.
Triple-A game

Quad-A non-
conference game



2015 QUAD-A SEASON SCHEDULE

	Date	Matchup
WEEK 7	October 16 th -17 th	Pine Richland @ Butler
	October 16 th -17 th	Seneca Valley @ Central Catholic
	October 16 th -17 th	North Allegheny @ Fox Chapel
	October 16 th -17 th	North Hills @ Mt. Lebanon
	October 16 th -17 th	Peters Township @ Baldwin
	October 16 th -17 th	Penn Hills @ Bethel Park
	October 16 th -17 th	Canon-McMillan @ Upper St. Clair
	October 16 th -17 th	West Allegheny @ Woodland Hills
	October 16 th -17 th	Kiski Area @ Altoona
	October 16 th -17 th	Norwin @ Connellsville
	October 16 th -17 th	Shaler @ Penn-Trafford
	October 16 th -17 th	Latrobe @ Hempfield
	October 16 th -17 th	Plum @ McKeesport
WEEK 8	October 23 rd -24 th	Fox Chapel @ Butler
	October 23 rd -24 th	Latrobe @ North Allegheny
	October 23 rd -24 th	Central Catholic @ Pine Richland
	October 23 rd -24 th	Penn Hills @ Seneca Valley
	October 23 rd -24 th	North Hills @ Shaler
	October 23 rd -24 th	Baldwin @ Canon-McMillan
	October 23 rd -24 th	Bethel Park @ Peters Township
	October 23 rd -24 th	Upper St. Clair @ Montour
	October 23 rd -24 th	Mt. Lebanon @ Woodland Hills
	October 23 rd -24 th	Hempfield @ Altoona
	October 23 rd -24 th	Connellsville @ Kiski Area
	October 23 rd -24 th	McKeesport @ Norwin
	October 23 rd -24 th	Penn-Trafford @ Plum
WEEK 9	October 30 th -31 st	Butler @ Central Catholic
	October 30 th -31 st	Hempfield @ Fox Chapel
	October 30 th -31 st	North Allegheny @ North Hills
	October 30 th -31 st	Seneca Valley @ Shaler
	October 30 th -31 st	Baldwin @ Bethel Park
	October 30 th -31 st	Canon-McMillan @ Blackhawk
	October 30 th -31 st	Woodland Hills @ Penn Hills
	October 30 th -31 st	Pine Richland @ Peters Township
	October 30 th -31 st	Mt. Lebanon @ Upper St. Clair
	October 30 th -31 st	Altoona @ Connellsville
	October 30 th -31 st	Plum @ Latrobe
	October 30 th -31 st	Kiski Area @ McKeesport
October 30 th -31 st	Penn-Trafford @ Norwin	

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Triple-A game

Quad-A non-
conference game



2015 CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT

2015 QUAD-A Playoffs		
	Date	Matchup
First Round	November 6 th	#16 seed @ #1 seed
	November 6 th	#9 seed @ #8 seed
	November 6 th	#13 seed @ #4 seed
	November 6 th	#12 seed @ #5 seed
	November 6 th	#15 seed @ #2 seed
	November 6 th	#10 seed @ #7 seed
	November 6 th	#14 seed @ #3 seed
	November 6 th	#11 seed @ #6 seed
Qtrs.	November 13 th (1)	#1/16 seed vs. #8/9 seed (neutral site)
	November 13 th (2)	#4/13 seed vs. #5/12 seed (neutral site)
	November 13 th (3)	#2/15 seed vs. #7/10 seed (neutral site)
	November 13 th (4)	#3/14 seed vs. #6/11 seed (neutral site)
Semis	November 20 th Semifinal #1	Winners of Qtrs. 1 & 2 (neutral site)
	November 20 th Semifinal #2	Winners of Qtrs. 3 & 4 (neutral site)
2015 QUAD-A Championship (Heinz Field) Saturday, November 28th		



Northern Eight (Section 1)	Southeastern (Section 2)	Foothills (Section 3)
Butler Golden Tornado	Baldwin Highlanders	Altoona Mountain Lions
Central Catholic Vikings	Bethel Park Black Hawks	Connesville Falcons
Fox Chapel Foxes	Canon-McMillan Big Macs	Hempfield Spartans
North Allegheny Tigers	Mount Lebanon Blue Devils	Kiski Area Cavaliers
North Hills Indians	Penn Hills Indians	Latrobe Wildcats
Pine Richland Rams	Peters Township Indians	McKeesport Tigers
Seneca Valley Raiders	Upper St. Clair Panthers	Norwin Knights
Shaler Titans	Woodland Hills Wolverines	Penn-Trafford Warriors
		Plum Mustangs

NORTHERN EIGHT OUTLOOK

Dynamic Duo Looks to steer the Vikings back to Heinz Field

Central Catholic is primed for a third consecutive trip to Heinz Field thanks to seniors Damar Hamlin and Bricen Garner. The dynamic duo returns after combing for eight interceptions and four defensive scores to lead the Vikings secondary in 2015. They headline a defense that also features D-I recruits Rashad Wheeler, Ron George, and David Adams in the front seven. The Viking secondary should be able to flex their muscles even more this season thanks to a strong returning cast of members of the “Chain Gang” and with the departure of seven of the Northern Eight’s starting quarterbacks from a year ago.

Pine Richland was responsible for Central Catholic’s two losses in route to winning their first WPIAL Quad-A championship. The Vikings are looking for revenge as they aim to take back their place atop the Northern Eight. Pine Richland looks to rebuild a record-setting offense that lost Ben DiNucci, Mike Merhaut, and four of its other top playmakers to graduation. Central Catholic is the only team in the conference to return their quarterback from 2014, with Michael Navarro back to direct the offense. North Allegheny appears to be the Vikings’ biggest challenger with a lot of talent returning for 2015. North Hills and Butler both feature young teams that could each factor into the shape atop the conference, while Seneca Valley could surprise if a young team and a new system can click early enough in the season.

The main key to Central Catholic’s success will be the stellar secondary duo of Damar Hamlin and Bricen Garner, who stand as two of Central Catholic’s five Division I recruits. Garner has already made his verbal commitment to the University of Pittsburgh, while Hamlin is the ninth-ranked safety in the country and has received over 30 Division I offers. If Central Catholic is to win the Northern Eight they will have to win on the road against North Allegheny and Pine Richland.

The Northern Eight’s Finest



Matt Freed – Post Gazette

Damar Hamlin
Central Catholic DB/WR



Hudl – Agile Sports Technologies Inc.

Rashad Wheeler
Central Catholic DT/TE



247 Sports - CBS Sports.com

Jacob Buccigrossi
North Hills OL



Hudl – Agile Sports Technologies Inc.

Ron George
Central Catholic OLB

NORTHERN EIGHT OUTLOOK

NIFTY NICK'S ALL-NORTHERN EIGHT TEAM

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE				SECOND TEAM OFFENSE			
QB	Michael Navarro	Sr.	Central Catholic	QB	Riley Trueman	Sr.	North Allegheny
RB	Michael Pope	Sr.	North Allegheny	RB	Damien Pickett	Sr.	Butler
RB	Nick Santucci	Jr.	North Hills	RB	Vinny Emanuele	Sr.	Central Catholic
WR	Anthony Battaglia	Sr.	Pine Richland	WR	Kelley Kuharic	Sr.	Butler
WR	Demitri Mele	Sr.	Fox Chapel	WR	Cody Boozel	Sr.	Seneca Valley
WR	Matt Sell	Sr.	North Allegheny	WR	Ronnie Jones	Sr.	Central Catholic
TE	Owen Davis	Sr.	North Hills	TE	Jake Holl	Jr.	Seneca Valley
OT	Jake Buccigrossi	Sr.	North Hills	OT	Ryan Jelinek	Sr.	North Allegheny
OT	Pat Tavitas	Sr.	Shaler	OT	Eric Hudanick	Jr.	Seneca Valley
OG	Nick Burks	Sr.	North Allegheny	OG	Dakota Meadows	Sr.	Fox Chapel
OG	CJ Thorpe	Jr.	Central Catholic	OG	Ben Spriggs	Jr.	North Hills
C	Charles Sanders	Sr.	North Allegheny	C	Zayle Apodaca	Jr.	North Hills
K	Seth Mancuso	Sr.	North Allegheny	K	Jacob Seiler	Sr.	North Hills
FIRST TEAM DEFENSE				SECOND TEAM DEFENSE			
DL	Vaughn Wallace	Sr.	North Allegheny	DL	Tyler Langdon	Sr.	North Allegheny
DL	Rashad Wheeler	Sr.	Central Catholic	DL	Dominic Noel	Sr.	Butler
DL	Matt Hampson	Sr.	Pine Richland	DL	Justin Johnson	Sr.	Butler
DL	Kurt Hinish	Jr.	Central Catholic	DL	Collin Shaffer	Sr.	Pine Richland
LB	Ron George	Sr.	Central Catholic	LB	Ijhad Bonner	Sr.	North Allegheny
LB	Tim Vernick	Sr.	Butler	LB	Derrin Dietz	Sr.	Fox Chapel
LB	Anthony Zelina	Sr.	Shaler	LB	Chase Hawthorne	Sr.	Central Catholic
LB	David Adams	Jr.	Central Catholic	LB	Eric Miloser	Jr.	Fox Chapel
DB	Damar Hamlin	Sr.	Central Catholic	DB	Corbin Kessler	Sr.	Seneca Valley
DB	Bricen Garner	Sr.	Central Catholic	DB	Nick Fugh	Sr.	Shaler
DB	Riley Trueman	Sr.	North Allegheny	DB	Rhett Wahler	Sr.	Butler
DB	Tommy Smith	Sr.	Fox Chapel	DB	Quenten Sansosti	Sr.	North Allegheny
P	Devin Fitz	Sr.	Butler	P	Jerett Zaleski	Jr.	Fox Chapel

TOP DIVISION I RECRUITS

RK	Name	School	Class	The Scoop
1	Damar Hamlin, DB	Central Catholic	2016	Pitt, Penn State, Ohio State, & Auburn are among his top choices
2	Rashad Wheeler, DT	Central Catholic	2016	Narrowed the list to Pitt, Penn State, Virginia, Maryland, & WVU
3	Jacob Buccigrossi, OL	North Hills	2016	Has committed to West Virginia
4	Ron George, LB	Central Catholic	2016	Received offers from Virginia, Cincinnati, and four MAC schools
5	Bricen Garner, DB	Central Catholic	2016	Has committed to Pitt
6	Ronnie Jones, RB/WR	Central Catholic	2016	Has committed to Toledo
7	Anthony Battaglia, WR/DB	Pine Richland	2016	Has offers from Eastern Michigan, Army, & a few Ivy League schools
8	David Adams, LB	Central Catholic	2017	Received his first offer from West Virginia

NORTHERN EIGHT OUTLOOK

FORECASTING THE NORTHERN EIGHT

	The Positive	The Negative	Our Thought
Central Catholic	An experienced and deep senior class that is led by five D-I recruits	Road games at North Allegheny, North Hills, and Pine Richland	Are ranked #22 in America for a reason and appear primed for a trip to Heinz
North Allegheny	Playmakers Michael Pope, and Nick Provenzano return	Losing key guys such as Jeff Clemens, Josh Bergman, Clay Byerly, and Paul Blendinger	Will factor into the race for Heinz and can win it all if they can get past Central Catholic
North Hills	Junior Tailback Nick Santucci is poised to be the offense's focal point	Losing their QB and top three skill position players from 2014	The Indians have a lot to replace, but the feeling is mutual amongst half of the conference
Pine Richland	Anthony Battaglia looks for a breakout season	Losing a senior class of 19 leaves a bunch of holes	Losing the majority of your starters to graduation means one thing....RETOOL
Butler	Damien Pickett and Tim Vernick headline a deep group of returning players	The QB situation. Can anyone step up and direct the offense	In a year where half of the conference is rebuilding, a matured Butler can make a push
Fox Chapel	Getting underclassman experience in 2014 should pay off this season	Billy Urso, Carrington Vaughn, and David Brown have moved on to college football	The Foxes appear to be in the mix to make a second straight trip to the playoffs
Seneca Valley	A new era begins with Dave Vestal taking over as head coach	Losing TJ Holl, Mason Dehart, and Tyler Hudanick leave a lot of questions on offense	After a disappointing two-win season the Raiders hope an inexperienced squad can bring a quick turnaround
Shaler	Year two under Jon LeDonne provides hope that Shaler can taste their first win since 2011	Losing Robby Reinheimer & Tim Nickel; also the transfer of Taylor Bocka to Central Catholic	The Titans have not won a game since 2011, but opportunity arises with the number of changes in the conference

NORTHERN EIGHT OUTLOOK

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR

September 4 th Seneca Valley at North Allegheny	The Dave Vestal era for Raider football begins against rival North Allegheny.
September 11 th North Allegheny at Pine Richland	The Rams' undefeated WPIAL title run may not have happened without "The Catch" by Mike Merhaut.
September 18 th North Hills at Butler	It has been well over a decade since the Indians lost to Butler, will the streak come to an end with a trip to Tornado Alley?
September 18 th Central Catholic at North Allegheny	This meeting of perennial powers in the Northern Eight will play a huge role in deciding the conference champion.
September 25 th North Hills at Seneca Valley	Both sides expect to make it to the playoffs in 2015, this will be a make-or-break game for each.
September 25 th North Allegheny at Upper St. Clair	A great non-conference test for the Tigers as they travel to Upper St. Clair mid-season.
October 2 nd Butler at Seneca Valley	The Battle for the Eagle County Trophy – Will Seneca Valley make it nine straight over arch-rival Butler?
October 2 nd North Hills at Pine Richland	Both teams experienced a major overhaul as a result of graduation, which team will be better off by mid-season?
October 9 th Seneca Valley at Pine Richland	Depending on the first five weeks, this could be an early elimination game for someone's playoff hopes.
October 9 th Central Catholic at North Hills	Can North Hills avenge last year's heart-breaking loss by spoiling the Vikings' bid for a conference title?
October 9 th Butler at North Allegheny	Can Butler challenge to break another Northern Eight losing streak?
October 23 rd Central Catholic at Pine Richland	Another tough road test for the Vikings, can they avenge the two defeats from 2014?
October 23 rd Fox Chapel at Butler	It was in 2012 that Butler beat Fox Chapel to clinch its first playoff berth since 1998. Can 2015 be a case of déjà vu?
October 30 th North Allegheny at North Hills	The Tigers, with a conference title possibly on the line, will try to make it five straight over their arch-rivals.



BUTLER

GOLDEN TORNADO



Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator: Rob Densmore (2nd season)
 Offensive Coordinator: Eric Christy
 Assistant Coaches: Bill Elliott, Jeff Wagner, Bill McElroy,
 Tim Ammon, & Jason Cherry
 Art Bernardi Stadium
 Butler, PA

**NORTHERN EIGHT
 PICK: 5/8**

2015 SCHEDULE

September 4
 Altoona 7:30 pm
September 11
 at Baldwin 7:30 pm
September 18
 North Hills 7:30 pm
September 25
 Shaler 7:30 pm
October 2
 at Seneca Valley 7:30 pm
October 9
 at North Allegheny 7:30 pm
October 16
 Pine Richland 7:30 pm
October 23
 Fox Chapel 7:30 pm
October 30
 at Central Catholic 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 2-7 (1-6)
 Missed Postseason
Flashback:
 The first year under Rob Densmore was more about establishing a winning culture, than the two-win season on the field. The Golden Tornado played a lot of underclassman and took their lumps as a result. Losing seven games is never a good thing, but if you look in between the lines the effort and mental toughness of the Golden Tornado was clearly improved from the previous season.

OFFENSE

The biggest question for the Golden Tornado heading into 2015 is at the quarterback position. Jamison Smith was the starter for most of 2014 but graduated in the spring. Senior Shad Stepp and Juniors Alec Bayer and Dallas Hays all saw time at quarterback and will compete for the job; Bayer played the most in 2014 of the three. In addition to Smith, Lucas Dubyak (441 rush yds & 3 TD) and Rob Kunst (134 rec yds & TD) also graduated in June, leaving some holes in the offensive production. Butler returns both its leading rusher and receiver from with. Damien Pickett and Kelley Kuharic lcoming back for a senior campaign. Butler is also faced with the task of replenishing their offensive line, which will ultimately determine the pace of the offense in 2015. A stronger offensive line and an established running game should give the new quarterback an easier transition.

DEFENSE

The Tornado defense was the strong area of the team in 2014 and looks to improve in year two of Rob Densmore's system. The expectation comes with the return of seniors Tim Vernick and Rhett Wahler, who look to be the leaders in the 4-4 defensive alignment that will have seniors with varsity experience. A trio of juniors that are expected to play a role are Alec Bayer, Dallas Hays, and Noah Ryder. Hays and Bayer are expected to join Kelley Kuharic in the secondary, while Ryder will round out the four linebackers. The Tornado feature much experience up front with a solid core of seniors set to start. It is safe to say that if Butler is to compete with the top of the conference, the defense will have to be even fiercer in 2015.

SPECIALISTS

Devin Fitz returns for a fourth year on varsity and will handle both the kicking and punting duties this season.

FINAL ANALYSIS

Not much remains from the 2012 team that made the playoffs, but this year's Golden Tornado have just as high of hopes for some November football. Skepticism would be normal coming off of a two-win season, but the combination of a lot of upperclassmen and a favorable home schedule may just set Butler up to be a team poised to make a run. If Butler is to make it to the playoffs, let alone compete atop the Northern Eight, Damien Pickett and Tim Vernick will have to power the run game. Alec Bayer and Scott Dietrich will also need to add a much-needed dynamic to the passing game to oppose senior Kelley Kuharic. We know the defense will set the tone for the Tornado, but ultimately the play of a replenished offensive line and quarterback Shad Stepp will determine how for Butler goes in 2015.

OFFENSE

QB: Shad Stepp.....Sr.
RB: Damien Pickett.....Sr.
RB: Tim Vernick.....Sr.
WR: Kelley Kuharic.....Sr.
WR: Alec Bayer.....Jr.
TE: Noah AlstonSr.
C: Aaron Zitalone.....Sr.
OG: Joshua Truffley.....Sr.
OG: Trevor DarianSr.
OT: Jake KradelSo.
OT: Josh McCloskeySr.

DEFENSE

DE: Justin JohnsonSr.
DT: Aaron Zitalone.....Sr.
DE: Trevor DarianSr.
DL: Dominic NoelSr.
OLB: Tim Vernick.....Sr.
ILB: Derrian Pickett.....Sr.
ILB: Noah Ryder.....Jr.
OLB: Rhett Wahler.....Sr.
DB: Kelley Kuharic.....Sr.
DB: Alec Bayer.....Jr.
DB: Dallas Hays.....Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Devin Fitz.....Sr.
P: Devin Fitz.....Sr.

RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Bayer 5/19, 22 yds, Int
Rushing: Pickett 129 car, 560 yds, 3 TD
Receiving: Kuharic 11 rec, 50 yds, TD
Defense: Vernick 23 tkls, sack, Int, TD



CENTRAL CATHOLIC VIKINGS



Head Coach: Terry Totten (11th season)
 Offensive Coordinator: Steve Bezila
 Defensive Coordinator: David Fleming
 Assistant Coaches: Tucker Sciulli, Rick Capretta, & Roy Phillis
 Highmark Stadium
 Pittsburgh, PA

NORTHERN EIGHT PICK: 1/8

2015 SCHEDULE

September 4
at Bethel Park 7:30 pm

September 11
Shaler 7:30 pm

September 18
at North Allegheny 7:30 pm

September 25
Fox Chapel 7:30 pm

October 2
Connellsville 7:30 pm

October 9
at North Hills 7:30 pm

October 16
Seneca Valley 7:30 pm

October 23
at Pine Richland 7:30 pm

October 30
Butler 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 11-2 (6-1)

Lost in WPIAL Final

Flashback:

The Vikings would have repeated as Quad-A champions if not for Pine Richland, who was responsible for both of Central Catholic's defeats. Johnny Petrishen, Grant Foster, and Bryan Glover all graduated but the majority of a team that made it to Heinz returns for 2015. An overabundance of talent and experience makes the Vikings the favorites to win it all.

OFFENSE

The Vikings look to be in great shape on offense with an experienced line and a bevy of returning playmakers at every skill position. The biggest returner is quarterback Michael Navarro who will look to build on an impressive junior campaign. Vinnie Emanuele and Ronnie Jones each shared time in the backfield in 2014 and look to be the main features in that trademark power rushing attack. Bricen Garner and Damar Hamlin will be Navarro's two main targets to throw to, in addition to tight end Rashad Wheeler who looks to fill the void left by Graham Adomitis. An interesting x-factor on offense will sophomore Troy Fisher who expects to be Navarro's backup, but who could also see his share of snaps at quarterback this season.

DEFENSE

On paper the Viking defense looks to be the best in all of Quad-A as a result of the Division-I talent on the unit. Damar Hamlin headlines a secondary that features three future D-I players, while seniors Ron George and Rashad Wheeler reside in the feared front seven. If that wasn't already enough seniors Jordan Scarbrough and Chase Hawthorne both return to the starting lineup, while juniors David Adams and Kurt Hinish also look to make an impact in their second varsity season. This cast of players were a major part of a defense that held opponents to under 12 points a contest last season, so it would fair to expect that same level of dominance from the "Chain Gang" in 2015.

SPECIALISTS

With the departure of Mitchell MacZura, Jacob Rocchi and Ben DeSabato look to split the kicking duties. Rocchi is expected to take over the place kicking, while junior Ben DeSabato looks to vie for the punting job.

FINAL ANALYSIS

Central Catholic looks more poised than ever to make a third consecutive trip to Heinz Field. The Vikings will turn towards a bunch of experienced upperclassman to be the leaders on offense and defense. This team has the experience, the talent, and the know-to of how to win; which makes them the clear favorite in 2015. The biggest red flag concerning Pittsburgh Central Catholic as they head into this season will be a tough schedule that features road trips to Bethel Park and North Allegheny in the first three weeks, and journeys to North Hills and Pine Richland in the second half. If the Vikings can survive on the road, the highway to Heinz will look even easier for the "Chain Gang."

OFFENSE

QB: Michael NavarroSr.
RB: Vinnie EmanueleSr.
RB: Ronnie JonesSr.
WR: Bricen GarnerSr.
WR: Damar HamlinSr.
TE: Rashad WheelerSr.
C: Tom HoernerSr.
OG: CJ Thorpe.....Jr.
OG: Kurt HinishJr.
OT: Jamain StephensJr.
OT: Anthony DiulusSr.

DEFENSE

DE: CJ Thorpe.....Jr.
DT: Rashad WheelerSr.
DE: Kurt HinishJr.
DL/LB: Jordan ScarbroughSr.
MLB: David AdamsJr.
OLB: Chase HawthorneSr.
OLB: Ron GeorgeSr.
DB: Damar HamlinSr.
DB: Bricen GarnerSr.
DB: Ronnie JonesSr.
DB: Bradley MeyerSr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Jacob RocchiSr.
P: Ben DeSabato.....Jr.

RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Navarro 44/64, 578 yds, 11 TD
Rushing: Emanuele 86 car, 567 yds, 7 TD
Receiving: Hamlin 5 rec, 107 yds, 3 TD
Defense: Hamlin 45 tkls, sack, 4 Int, 2 TD



FOX CHAPEL

FOXES



Head Coach: Tom Loughran (1st season)
 Offensive Coordinator: Charles DiNardo
 Defensive Coordinator: Reggie Wells
 Assistant Coaches: Chad Walsh, Mark Shemanski, & Robert Sporio
 Fox Chapel High School Stadium
 Pittsburgh, PA

NORTHERN EIGHT PICK: 6/8

2015 SCHEDULE

September 4
 North Hills 7:30 pm

September 11
 at Seneca Valley 7:30 pm

September 18
 Pine Richland 7:30 pm

September 25
 at Central Catholic 7:30 pm

October 2
 at Canon-McMillan 7:30pm

October 9
 Shaler 7:30 pm

October 16
 North Allegheny 7:30 pm

October 23
 at Butler 7:30 pm

October 30
 Hempfield 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 4-6 (3-4)
 Lost in 1st Round

Flashback:
 Behind senior standouts Billy Urso, Carrington Vaughn, and David Brown the Foxes finished fifth in the Northern Eight and ventured into the playoffs for the first time since 2011. The highlight of the year was a 41-12 thrashing of Seneca Valley early in the season. Juniors Darius Booker and Thomas Smith both made significant contributions are expected to lead the team in 2015.

OFFENSE

No one will be surprised if it takes the Fox offense some time to figure things out in 2015. With the departure of Billy Urso, Carrington Vaughn, and David Brown the Foxes lose all three of their offensive leaders from last season's playoff run. The Fox Chapel passing attack will turnover a new leaf as senior Dimitri Spina will take over as the signal caller. Senior Darius Booker is expected to be the top option in the rushing attack, while fellow seniors Thomas Smith and Demetri Mele should provide a nice one-two punch for Spina to throw to in the passing game. The offensive line looks to feature a nice mix of senior and junior talent, which will be the key to the success of this new group.

DEFENSE

Losing two standouts in Carrington Vaughn and David Brown will not be an easy void to fill, but the Foxes will look towards senior Derrin Deitz to lead the middle of the defense. Jack Brown and junior Eric Miloser both look to play a significant role in the pass rush and run defense. The surest part of the defense should be the secondary which is led by seniors Thomas Smith and Darius Booker. The real challenge for the Foxes will be replicating the run defense of 2014 while also being able to pressure the opposing quarterback with a new crew of pass rushers.

SPECIALISTS

Junior kicker Jerett Zaleski while compete with seniors Ben Santilli and Noah Khorey for the kicking and punting duties in 2015. We feel that the junior has a slight edge in winning either job.

FINAL ANALYSIS

A great start to the Tom Laughran era would be to make a repeat trip to the WPIAL playoffs. The Foxes will certainly have a chance to make the playoffs with a schedule that features home games against North Hills, Shaler, and Hempfield. The Foxes' postseason hopes will likely ride on road games against Seneca Valley and Butler. In order for Fox Chapel to have success the offense will have to find a way to consistently score in the upper twenties to help a younger defense. If Dimitri Spina and his cast of wide receivers can click early on, Fox Chapel may be able to take advantage of an all-around transitional year in the Northern Eight and surprise with a top five finish.

OFFENSE

QB: Dimitri SpinaSr.
RB: Darius BookerSr.
SB: Thomas SmithSr.
WR: Dimitri MeleSr.
WR: Gary DavisJr.
TE: Wesley Morris.....Sr.
C: Alec PatskoJr.
OG: Dakota MeadowsSr.
OG: Rafael BalanquetSr.
OT: Andrew SobekJr.
OT: Jared Pegher.....Jr.

DEFENSE

DE: Wesley Morris.....Sr.
DT: Dakota MeadowsSr.
DE: Jake LivingstonJr.
DL/LB: Mitchell Donnick.....Sr.
MLB: Derrin DeitzSr.
OLB: Eric MiloserJr.
OLB: Jack Brown.....Sr.
DB: Thomas SmithSr.
DB: Gary DavisJr.
DB: Demetri MeleSr.
DB: Darius BookerSr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Jerett Zaleski.....Jr.
P: Jerett Zaleski.....Jr.

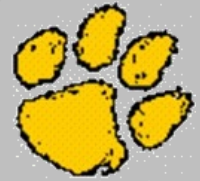
RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Spina 6/12, 91 yds, TD
Rushing: Booker 64 car, 138 yds, 3 TD
Receiving: Smith 25 rec, 343 yds, 6 TD
Defense: Smith *Statistics Not Available*



NORTH ALLEGHENY

TIGERS



Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator: Art Walker (11th season)
 Defensive Coordinator: Doug Brinkley
 Assistant Coaches: Mike Buchert, Kevin Thompson,
 Chris Sestilli, & TJ Salopek
 Newman Stadium
 Wexford, PA

NORTHERN EIGHT PICK: 2/8

2015 SCHEDULE

September 4
 Seneca Valley 7:30 pm
September 11
 at Pine Richland 7:30 pm
September 18
 Central Catholic 7:30 pm
September 25
 at Upper St. Clair 7:30 pm
October 2
 at Shaler 7:30 pm
October 9
 Butler 7:30 pm
October 16
 at Fox Chapel 7:30 pm
October 23
 Latrobe 7:30 pm
October 30
 at North Hills 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 8-3 (5-2)
 Lost in Quarterfinals
Flashback:
 Behind an experienced senior class led by Jeff Clemons, Clay Byerly, and Josh Bergman the Tigers charged into the WPIAL quarterfinals and nearly upset an unbeaten Penn-Trafford team. To add to a successful season, North Allegheny was also able to earn their fourth consecutive win over arch-rival North Hills with a decisive 31-7 victory. Riley Trueman & Michael Pope will both be expected to lead in 2015.

OFFENSE

The offense will turn to senior Riley Trueman to take over at quarterback; who will have juniors Dan Caropresi and Ethan Maenza behind him. The backfield picture is much clearer with the return of seniors Nick Provenzano and Michael Pope, who is poised to build off of an impressive junior campaign. Matt Sell, who was the leading receiver in 2014, returns and will be joined by fellow classmen Quenten Sansosti and Ijhad Bonner in the Tiger passing attack. The strength of the offense will come from its line, which will feature four seniors and junior Josh Lugg, who may be the most intriguing Tiger to watch in 2015. Behind a powerful O-line the Tigers look to once again have a powerful rushing attack that will place them towards the top of Quad-A

DEFENSE

Despite losing the 19 sacks produced by the dominant trio of Layne Skundrich, Paul Blendinger, and Eric Sprys, the Tiger defense but looks to feature another defensive line filled with veteran talent. Vaughn Wallace and Charles Sanders will be expected to lead the charge up front while Ijhad Bonner, Kevin Cooper, and Mark Alesantrino will fill out the middle of the defense. The secondary looks to be the sharpest part of this unit with the return of Riley Trueman, Quentin Sansosti, and Matt Sell. Trueman leads the group after recording an impressive five interceptions as a junior. It is still to be seen if this year's pass rush will be as vaunted, but if it is the Tigers could challenge for the title of Quad-A's stingiest defense.

SPECIALISTS

Seth Mancuso returns to handle the place kicking duties, while Riley Trueman is expected to be the man who handles the punting.

FINAL ANALYSIS

Art Walker has built the Tigers to be a perennial Quad-A power and things look to be no different as we head into the 2015 season. North Allegheny returns one of the more experienced and deeper teams in the conference and looks to finish no lower than second. If North Allegheny is to win back the Northern Eight their best shot will come in week three when they host conference-favorite Central Catholic. If the Tigers can win that game and survive road tests against Upper St. Clair and North Hills, then they could very well win the conference title and become the favorites to reach Heinz Field.

OFFENSE

QB: Riley Trueman.....Sr.
RB: Michael Pope.....Sr.
RB: Nick Provenzano..... Sr.
WR: Matt Sell.....Sr.
WR: Quenten Sansosti.....Sr.
TE: Ijhad Bonner.....Sr.
C: Charles Sanders.....Sr.
OG: Tyler Langdon.....Sr.
OG: Nick Burks.....Sr.
OT: Vaughn Wallace.....Sr.
OT: Josh Lugg.....Jr.

DEFENSE

DE: Vaughn Wallace.....Sr.
DT: Charles Sanders..... Sr.
DE: Tyler Langdon.....Sr.
DL/LB: Josh LuggJr.
MLB: Mark Alesantrino.....Sr.
OLB: Ijhad Bonner.....Sr.
OLB: Kevin Cooper.....Sr.
DB: Riley Trueman.....Sr.
DB: Quenten Sansosti..... Sr.
DB: Matt Sell.....Sr.
DB: Nick Provenzano..... Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Seth Mancuso.....Sr.
P: Riley Trueman.....Sr.

RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Trueman 1/1, 1 yd
Rushing: Pope 65 car, 552 yds, 6 TD
Receiving: Sell 11 rec, 157 yds, 2 TD
Defense: Trueman 39 tkls, 5 Int



NORTH HILLS INDIANS



Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator: Pat Carey (3rd season)
 Offensive Coordinator: Pat Weber
 Assistant Coaches: Jim Cassandro, Nick Hand, TJ Osman,
 Ryan Welsh, & Andrew Wyzkoski
 Martorelli Stadium
 Pittsburgh, PA

NORTHERN EIGHT PICK: 3/8

2015 SCHEDULE

- September 4**
at Fox Chapel 7:30 pm
- September 11**
Plum 7:30 pm
- September 18**
at Butler 7:30 pm
- September 25**
at Seneca Valley 7:30 pm
- October 2**
Pine Richland 7:30 pm
- October 9**
Central Catholic 7:30 pm
- October 16**
at Mt. Lebanon 7:30 pm
- October 23**
at Shaler 7:30 pm
- October 30**
North Allegheny 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 6-4 (4-3)
 Lost in 1st Round
Flashback:
 Led by seniors Jake Bruder, Andrew Bly, Brandon Wagner, and Kindhal Taylor, the Indians won their first four games before running into Pine Richland and Central Catholic. North Hills took a 6-2 record into North Allegheny, but fell to their arch-rivals 31-7. The season didn't end any better with a 41-2 loss in Turtle Creek. Nick Santucci had a breakout season that has him poised for an even bigger 2015.

OFFENSE

With a graduating class of 23 the Indians will have their fair share of new faces to the starting offensive lineup. The biggest change will be at quarterback as seniors Jake Elsayed and Connor Williamson will compete for the starting job; Elsayed is the favorite to start. Brice Walker and Benjamin Walter both saw limited action a year ago, but this season will factor as major components in the pass and run games. The Indians will have two returning contributors in junior halfback Nick Santucci, who led the team in rushing in 2014, and senior tight end Own Davis. The offensive line will be anchored by West Virginia commit Jake Buccigrossi, who will be the leader of a talented group of upperclassmen.

DEFENSE

The graduation of Kindhal Taylor, Andrew Bly, and Brandon Wagner also leaves a few holes in the secondary, but North Hills figures to have some seniors that can come right in and make an impact. An interesting question in the secondary will be the role of senior Jake Elsayed. If he wins the starting quarterback job then he may not be able to contribute as much in the secondary. The defense expects senior Owen Davis to lead from his middle linebacker position, while juniors Brice Walker and Benjamin Walter will also assume their starting spots beside him. The Indians also should have a nice rotation of seniors along the defensive line that will need to be strong against the run in order for North Hills to sit atop the conference.

SPECIALISTS

Jacob Seiler returns for his senior season after successfully making three field goals in 2014. Senior kicker/free safety Arron Collins is expected to handle the punting duties

FINAL ANALYSIS

The Indians may have a bunch of new faces on offense, but they return junior-standout Nick Santucci who will be running behind what expects to be one of the better offensive lines in the Northern Eight. North Hills will need to rely on their power run game to help avoid a slow start in a schedule that features three conference road games in the season's first month. The schedule balances nicely for North Hills who hosts fellow Northern Eight powers Pine Richland, Central Catholic, and North Allegheny all in the season's second half. The Indians have the best chance to emerge out of the middle pack of the conference and finish third, but a slow start on the road could certainly change all of that.

OFFENSE

QB: Jake ElsayedSr.
RB: Nick SantucciJr.
RB: Benjamin Walter.....Jr.
WR: Brice WalkerJr.
WR: Kamron Taylor.....So.
TE: Owen DavisSr.
C: Zayle ApodacaJr.
OG: Ben SpriggsJr.
OG: Sean BrightJr.
OT: Jake BuccigrossiSr.
OT: Adam HallSr.

DEFENSE

DE: Adam HallSr.
DT: Jake BuccigrossiSr.
DE: Ray TylerSr.
DL/LB: Benjamin Walter.....Jr.
MLB: Owen DavisSr.
OLB: Brice WalkerJr.
OLB: Brad Huynh Sr.
DB: Nick SantucciJr.
DB: Arron CollinsSr.
DB: Josh GazicaSr.
DB: Jake ElsayedSr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Jacob SeilerSr.
P: Arron CollinsSr.

RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: N/A
Rushing: Santucci 127 car, 662 yds, 6 TD
Receiving: Davis 9 rec, 171 yds, TD
Defense: Davis *Statistics Not Available*



PINE RICHLAND RAMS



Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator: Eric Kasperowicz (3rd season)
 Defensive Coordinator: Tim Sasson
 Assistant Coaches: Todd Jochem, Brock Baranowski, Jack Neff,
 Tim Mahoney, Jared Miller, & Don Bryant
 Pine Richland High School Stadium
 Gibsonia, PA

NORTHERN EIGHT PICK: 4/8

2015 SCHEDULE

- September 4**
Shaler 7:30 pm
- September 11**
North Allegheny 7:30 pm
- September 18**
at Fox Chapel 7:30 pm
- September 25**
Kiski Area 7:30 pm
- October 2**
at North Hills 7:30 pm
- October 9**
Seneca Valley 7:30 pm
- October 16**
at Butler 7:30 pm
- October 23**
Central Catholic 7:30 pm
- October 30**
at Peters Township 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 15-1 (7-0)
 WPIAL Quad-A Champions;
 PIAA runner-up

Flashback:
 The 2014 season was one for the history books for the Pine Richland Rams. They won at North Allegheny, notched two wins over Central Catholic, and won their first conference title all in route to their first WPIAL Quad-A championship. All of the success was the product of record-breaking seasons by Ben DiNucci, Connor Slomka, Mike Merhaut, and D'ondre Gastion.

OFFENSE

The Ram offense will experience the challenge of replacing Ben DiNucci, Mike Merhaut, D'ondre Gastion, Luke Everett, and Connor Slomka. It certainly will be no easy task, but sophomore Phil Jurkovec has created a lot of buzz during the summer as he expects to be the new signal caller. Don Bryant III and Jimmy Graf are both expected to carry the load out of the backfield. Amidst all of the transition senior receiver Anthony Battaglia returns and will bring some much needed experience to Eric Kasperowicz's high-powered passing attack. The offensive line looks to be the surest part of the group with Jack Jeter and Matt Hampson being the two leaders of the group.

DEFENSE

There should be excitement around the defensive side of the ball with 11 seniors being projected to fill out the starting lineup. Among the strong cast of seniors Matt Hampson, Zach Lemirande, and Tommy Jurkovec will look to be the leaders in the front seven. Hampson returns after posting 5.5 sacks as a junior, while Lemirande and Jurkovec each saw significant time last season. The secondary will experience the most overhaul but has the potential to be one of the better units in the Northern Eight. Jimmy Graf will be the man to watch back there, after contributing 16 tackles and one interception as a junior.

SPECIALISTS

With the graduation of Adam Napotnik the Rams will turn to a pair of seniors to handle the special teams. Jacob Gill is expected to take over the place kicking duties, while Matthew Reder will get his chance as the punter.

FINAL ANALYSIS

A great senior class gave the Rams and the Pine Richland community a lot to be joyful about in 2014, but the change of the calendar to 2015 also brought along graduation. Entering this season the Rams will have a lot of new faces that will be inserted into bigger roles on both sides of the ball. A team with so many new faces may need some time to fully hit their stride, but a week two home game verse North Allegheny will not provide that time. The Rams place in the Northern Eight will most likely be determined in the road games at North Hills and Butler. If Pine Richland is to successfully defend their conference title, they will have to take advantage of home games against North Allegheny and Pittsburgh Central Catholic.

OFFENSE

- QB:** Phil JurkovecSo.
RB: Jimmy GrafSr.
SB: Don Bryant IIISr.
WR: Anthony BattagliaSr.
WR: Ryan DuranJr.
TE: Tommy JurkovecSr.
C: Joey ScarnecchiaSr.
OG: Jack JeterSr.
OG: Collin ShafferSr.
OT: Matt HampsonSr.
OT: Cameron RudduckSr.

DEFENSE

- DE:** Matt HampsonSr.
DT: Collin ShafferSr.
DE: Jack JeterSr.
DL/LB: Joey ScarnecchiaSr.
MLB: Zach LemirandeSr.
OLB: Chase RourkeSr.
OLB: Tommy JurkovecSr.
DB: Don Bryant IIISr.
DB: Jimmy GrafSr.
DB: Anthony BattagliaSr.
DB: Joey JoySr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- K:** Jacob GillSr.
P: Matthew RederSr.

RETURNING LEADERS

- Passing:** Duran 3/4, 20 yds, TD
Rushing: Bryant III 16 car., 155 yds, 2 TD
Receiving: Battaglia 35 rec, 561 yds, 6 TD
Defense: Hampson 35 tkl, 5.5 sacks



SENECA VALLEY RAIDERS



Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator: Dave Vestal (1st season)
 Assistant Coach: Ron Butschle
 Assistant Coaches: Pat Tarquinio, Steve Campos, E.G. Sipp, Bill Hand,
 Brandon Fedorka, Andrew Smith, & Shaine Patsilevas
 NexTier Stadium
 Harmony, PA

NORTHERN EIGHT PICK: 7/8

2015 SCHEDULE

September 4
at North Allegheny 7:30 pm

September 11
Fox Chapel 7:30 pm

September 18
at Norwin 7:30 pm

September 25
North Hills 7:30 pm

October 2
Butler 7:30 pm

October 9
at Pine Richland 7:30 pm

October 16
at Central Catholic 7:30 pm

October 23
Penn Hills 7:30 pm

October 30
at Shaler 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 2-7 (2-5)
 Missed Postseason
Flashback:
 Seneca Valley entered 2014 as the number three ranked team in all of Quad-A, but the season was far from that. An opening-night injury to TJ Holl certainly set the Raiders back. Despite the struggles of a two-win season there was still some positives. The biggest positive was a 29-22 win at Butler, which kept the Traveling Eagle Trophy in Cranberry for the eighth straight year.

OFFENSE

The Raider offense figures to have new look between the hiring of head coach Dave Vestal and the graduation of their leading passer, rusher, and receiver. The Raiders will be tasked with replacing a lot of production, but the return of Corbin Kessler could literally cover all of those areas. Kessler threw for 319 yards and three scores, while racking up 398 all-purpose yards and one touchdown. Kessler will be joined by Cody Boozel who caught 11 passes in 2014. The man throwing them the ball is expected to be junior Jack Cook, who completed three of his four pass attempts as a sophomore. Corey Laskey will also enter the lineup with the responsibility of trying to produce the 758 offensive yards of Mason Derhart from a year ago. The offensive line will be sturdy with a good amount of size and talent that will also be headlined by junior Eric Hudanick.

DEFENSE

Heading into 2015 there is a lot to be excited about the Raider defense. Corbin Kessler and Mark Smith return to lead what could be a stifling secondary, while upperclassman Corey Laskey and Hank Royal are expected to be the focal points of the front seven. Along the defensive line stands senior Nate Kourns who brings the most experience to the bunch. The Raiders can't go anywhere than up from last year's unit that allowed opponents to score an average of 31.4 points per contest and struggled to consistently force turnovers.

SPECIALISTS

With the graduation of Chad Izenas, junior Dylan Grubbs will be given the go ahead to take over the place kicking and punting duties.

FINAL ANALYSIS

The Raiders are coming off of a very disappointing season, but enter 2015 with a breath of fresh air under new head coach Dave Vestal. Seneca Valley will turn towards junior Jack Cook to direct an offense that is sprinkled with senior talent. The one thing for certain is that in order for the Raiders to win and make it back to the playoffs this season the defense has to take a major step from a year ago. A season-opening game in Wexford poses a tough start, but home games against Fox Chapel, North Hills, and Butler provide a great opportunity for the Raiders to catch fire and play a factor in the race atop the Northern Eight. If Seneca Valley can protect home soil, they could be the surprise team of 2015.

OFFENSE

QB: Jack CookJr.
RB: Corey LaskeySr.
SB: Corbin KesslerSr.
WR: Mark SmithSr.
WR: Cort AltimusSr.
TE: Cody BoozelSr.
C: Zach WilsonSr.
OG: Nate CooperJr.
OG: Chris MadeiraSr.
OT: Eric HudanickJr.
OT: Nate KounsSr.

DEFENSE

DE: Nate KounsSr.
DT: Bill LittlemeyerSr.
DE: Eric HudanickJr.
DL/LB: Hank RoyalJr.
MLB: Corey LaskeySr.
OLB: Troy JelinekSr.
OLB: Jake HollJr.
DB: Corbin KesslerSr.
DB: Cody BoozelSr.
DB: Jack CookJr.
DB: Mark SmithSr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Dylan GrubbsJr.
P: Dylan GrubbsJr.

RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Kessler 24/45, 319 yds, 3 TD
Rushing: Kessler 29 car., 150 yds,
Receiving: Kessler 22 rec, 248 yds, TD
Defense: Kessler 15 tkls, 0 Int



SHALER TITANS



Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator: Jon LeDonne (2nd season)
 Assistant Coach/Offensive Coordinator: Brian Tarrant
 Assistant Coaches: Cameron Saddler, Steve Buches, Randy Meyers,
 Anthony Morocco III, & Jordan Popinski

Titan Stadium
 Glenshaw, PA

NORTHERN EIGHT PICK: 8/8

2015 SCHEDULE

- September 4**
at Pine Richland 7:30 pm
- September 11**
at Central Catholic 7:30 pm
- September 19**
Woodland Hills 1:30 pm
- September 25**
at Butler 7:30 pm
- October 2**
North Allegheny 7:30 pm
- October 9**
at Fox Chapel 7:30 pm
- October 16**
at Penn Trafford 7:30 pm
- October 23**
North Hills 7:30 pm
- October 30**
Seneca Valley 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 0-9 (0-7)
 Missed Postseason
Flashback:
 Jon LeDonne's first year as head coach brought a new attitude and a much needed breath of fresh air into the Shaler football program. Unfortunately, the Titans posted their third straight winless season and enter 2015 with an overall streak of 31 straight losses. The bright spot was senior Robbie Reinheimer, who caught 30 passes for 575 yards and scored two touchdowns.

OFFENSE

A Titan offense that struggled mightily in 2014 has nowhere to go but upward and looks to do so with some new faces at key positions. With the transfer of quarterback Taylor Bocka to Central Catholic, junior Jack Quinn will become the top option to direct this season's offense. The backfield expects to mainly feature seniors Jake Hartman and Jeremy Barnhart who combined for 256 yards on the ground last year. With the graduation of Robbie Reinheimer, senior Nick Fugh looks to be the top option in this year's passing attack. Fellow seniors Zach Bonnette and Dom Barbarino will join Fugh as the main options for Jack Quinn. The offensive line will bring back experience with Pat Tivitas, George Cavlovich, and Kenny Trush. With a lot of experience returning in the second year of Jon LeDonne's system, the Titans will certainly expect to produce more than just 6.7 points per game.

DEFENSE

Anthony Zelina, Dom Barbarino, and Anthony Friel return as starters on a defense that allowed over 45 points a game last season. The return of those three plus seniors Nick Fugh, Jeremy Barnhart, and junior Nick Friel should help this unit have much more success in 2015. The biggest question lies on the defensive line as the Titans figure to have a mix of upper and under classmen that struggled to produce much of any pressure last season. If the Titans are to finally snap this losing streak the defense will need to hold opponents to at south of 30 points while being able to create pressure and turnovers this season.

SPECIALISTS

Junior Nick Friel returns to handle the place kicking duties, while he or junior Mike Tremel will be the Titan punter.

FINAL ANALYSIS

For a program that has not won a game since October of 2011, just one victory would be a step in the right direction. Jon LeDonne appears to bring the right attitude and leadership that will get Shaler past this streak and back to respectability. The Titans feature a number of experienced players on both sides of the ball, but will have a first-time starter at quarterback. Most likely, Shaler will not be favored to win any game but road trips to Butler in week four and Fox Chapel in week six might be their best chance to taste victory. If the Titans do surprise and pull off a few early wins, then a two-game home stand at the season's end could turn out to be a great break for the people of Glenshaw, PA.

OFFENSE

QB: Jack Quinn.....Jr
RB: Jake Hartman.....Sr
RB: Jeremy Barnhart.....Sr
WR: Nick Fugh.....Sr.
WR: Zach Bonnette.....Sr.
TE: Dom Barbarino.....Sr.
C: Zach SchweinbergJr.
OG: Kenny Trush..... Sr.
OG: George Cavlovich.....Sr.
OT: Pat Tivitas.....Sr.
OT: Tim Newport..... Jr.

DEFENSE

DE: Christian Henning Jr.
DT: Pat Tivitas.....Sr.
DE: Austin SitesJr.
DL/LB: Jake Newport.....So.
MLB: Anthony Zelina.....Sr.
OLB: Dom Barbarino.....Sr.
OLB: Anthony FrielJr.
DB: Nick Fugh.....Sr.
DB: Jeremy Barnhart.....Sr.
DB: Killian Bozzo.....Sr.
DB: Nick Friel.....Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Nick Friel.....Jr.
P: Mike Tremel.....Jr.

RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: N/A
Rushing: Hartman 60 car., 189 yds
Receiving: Fugh 7 rec, 53 yds, 2 TD
Defense: Zelina Statistics Not Available

SOUTHEASTERN OUTLOOK

Woody High looks at Big Three to finally taste Quad-A Gold Again

Woodland Hills has been to the Quad-A championship game five times in the past decade, the most of any Quad-A school, but only have one WPIAL title (2009) to show for it. The Wolverines head into 2015 believing this could be the year that they finally get to celebrate again on Heinz Field in late November. A big part of the reason to believe comes from three seniors who helped Woody High reach the title game in 2012 and 2013. The most coveted member of the “Big Three” is running back Miles Sanders who is ranked as the number one college recruit in Pennsylvania. The other two-thirds of the group are also highly talented, as running back Jo-El Shaw and Jeremiah Jones are set to also guide the Wolverines deep into the playoffs.

The Big Three returns after tearing opponents apart in 2014. The talented trio combined to gain over 2,200 yards and 34 touchdowns while Jeremiah Jones added 842 yards and seven touchdowns through the air. Woodland Hills is not the only team in the Southeastern conference that returns top talent. Penn Hills appears to be the biggest road block to Woodland Hills’ title hopes with the return of their dual-threat quarterback Billy Kisner, along with Frederick Squires and Malik Mathis. Upper St. Clair will also factor into the conference race thanks to the return of both their leading receiver (Doug Wagner) and rusher (Thomas Vissman) from a year ago, in addition to welcoming Division-I recruit Brandon Ford back to the offensive line. Mt. Lebanon looks to be a dark-horse in the Southeastern race thanks to an experienced senior class that is led by quarterback Eddie Jenkins. Bethel Park will also look to be in the mix since they welcome back senior quarterback Levi Metheny and junior running back Terron Murphy to lead their offense.

On paper Woodland Hills looks to be the leader of the pack, but with all the experience returning across the conference the race for the Southeastern title looks to be a season-long battle that is sure to provide many thrilling contests in 2015.

The Southeastern’s Finest



Randy Gore – Quad-A Sports.com

Miles Sanders
Woodland Hills RB/DB



MyCapture, Inc. – A Second Street Media, Inc. Solution

Brandon Ford
Upper St. Clair OL/DT



John Heller – Post Gazette

Jo-El Shaw
Woodland Hills RB/LB



Scout.com

Jeremiah Jones
Woodland Hills S/QB

SOUTHEASTERN OUTLOOK

NIFTY NICK'S ALL-SOUTHEASTERN TEAM

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE				SECOND TEAM OFFENSE			
QB	Billy Kisner	Sr.	Penn Hills	QB	Levi Metheny	Sr.	Bethel Park
RB	Miles Sanders	Sr.	Woodland Hills	RB	Jo-EL Shaw	Sr.	Woodland Hills
RB	Malik Mathis	Sr.	Penn Hills	RB	Thomas Vissman	Jr.	Upper St. Clair
WR	Nick Tommasi	Sr.	Mt. Lebanon	WR	Jaymond Dunn	Sr.	Woodland Hills
WR	Nick Altavilla	Sr.	Baldwin	WR	Doug Wagner	Sr.	Upper St. Clair
WR	Rick Squires	Jr.	Penn Hills	WR	Clayton Yeates	Sr.	Peters Township
TE	Jacob Dixon	Sr.	Bethel Park	TE	Stephen Puhl	Sr.	Woodland Hills
OT	Amon Youngblood	Sr.	Woodland Hills	OT	Khalee Cephas	Jr.	Penn Hills
OT	Brandon Ford	Sr.	Upper St. Clair	OT	Steven Rickard	Sr.	Woodland Hills
OG	Wilford Clark	Sr.	Woodland Hills	OG	Matt Fennell	Sr.	Upper St. Clair
OG	Brendan Badstibner	Sr.	Baldwin	OG	Paul Grattan	Sr.	Mt. Lebanon
C	Josh Sosnak	Sr.	Bethel Park	C	Anthony Ventura	Sr.	Canon McMillan
K	Erik Antonucci	Jr.	Penn Hills	K	Anoj Sharma	Jr.	Baldwin
FIRST TEAM DEFENSE				SECOND TEAM DEFENSE			
DL	Tyler Glanton	Sr.	Penn Hills	DL	Hunter Cazin	Sr.	Mt. Lebanon
DL	Malik Minard	Sr.	Penn Hills	DL	Elijah Iloanusi	Sr.	Upper St. Clair
DL	Chris Pauley	Sr.	Bethel Park	DL	Zach Brown	Sr.	Baldwin
DL	Sean Davis	Sr.	Bethel Park	DL	James Gmiter	So.	Bethel Park
LB	David Harvey	Jr.	Mt. Lebanon	LB	David Abbondanza	Jr.	Mt. Lebanon
LB	Di'Amond Johnson	Sr.	Woodland Hills	LB	Rissuan Mcknight	Jr.	Woodland Hills
LB	Dom Folino	Jr.	Upper St. Clair	LB	Gunnar Lund	Sr.	Upper St. Clair
LB	Shane Danyo	Sr.	Canon McMillan	LB	Connor Manning	Sr.	Peters Township
DB	Jeremiah Jones	Sr.	Woodland Hills	DB	Kevin Chrissis	Sr.	Upper St. Clair
DB	Mike Nash	Jr.	Woodland Hills	DB	Chris Eisel	Sr.	Baldwin
DB	Amil Frazier	Sr.	Penn Hills	DB	Jeremy Murphy	Jr.	Bethel Park
DB	Blake Kadar	Jr.	Upper St. Clair	DB	Darrell Holloway	Jr.	Penn Hills
P	Noah Dipko	Jr.	Penn Hills	P	Patrick Kimball	Sr.	Mt. Lebanon

TOP DIVISION I RECRUITS

RK	Name	School	Class	The Scoop
1	Miles Sanders, RB	Woodland Hills	2016	Has committed to Penn State
2	Brandon Ford, OL	Upper St. Clair	2016	Has committed to Pitt
3	Jo-El Shaw, RB/LB	Woodland Hills	2016	Received offers from Pitt and three MAC schools, Ohio State, Wisconsin, and Michigan State also on his radar
4	Jeremiah Jones, S	Woodland Hills	2016	Received offers from NC State, Indiana, WVU, Maryland, & Pitt
5	Amon Youngblood, OL	Woodland Hills	2016	Has interest from Pitt, Penn State, Ohio State, Michigan, & WVU
6	Billy Kisner, QB/ATH	Penn Hills	2016	Has committed to Toledo
7	Wilford Clark, DT	Woodland Hills	2016	Has interest from Pitt and Penn State
8	Rick Squires, WR/ATH	Penn Hills	2017	Received his first offer from Akron

SOUTHEASTERN OUTLOOK

FORECASTING THE SOUTHEASTERN

	The Positive	The Negative	Our Thought
Woodland Hills	A senior class that already has made two trips to Heinz Field	Who can be take over the “do-it-all” role of Art Thompkins	A team filled with talent & experience appears ready for another run at Heinz
Penn Hills	Billy Kisner returns to lead an offense with playmakers	Road games at Upper St. Clair, Mt. Lebanon, and Bethel Park	They will compete for the conference title; especially with Woodland Hills at home
Upper St. Clair	The return of Brandon Ford and Matt Fennell on the O-Line	In-experience at key positions on offense	The Panthers’ season will ride on how they fare at home
Mt. Lebanon	Eddie Jenkins & Nick Tommasi look for a strong senior campaign	Road games at Woodland Hills and Upper St. Clair in the season’s final two weeks	Can challenge for the conference title, but the lack of big-game experience will make a difference
Bethel Park	Senior QB Levi Metheny is set to guide the offense for the 4 th straight season	Losing their top four receivers to graduation, while owning Quad-A’s toughest schedule	A tough first three games, may put the Blackhawks’ too far behind the eight ball in the race atop the Southeastern
Peters Township	Having home games against the upper-group of the conference could help spark a surprise run	Trying to replace the dynamic duo of Cory Owen and Tim Swoope	The Indians are young, but having most of the tough games at home creates reason for optimism
Baldwin	Nick Altavilla, Zach Brown, and Chris Eisel return to be leaders on each side of the ball	Losing Conference First-Team QB Doug Altavilla to graduation puts the Highlander offense in question	If they can take advantage of an easy non-conference schedule the Highlanders could make it into the postseason
Canon-McMillan	A mix of returning starters & a new coach can be enough to make Big Mac football exciting again	Losing key contributors on defense to graduation	A new system and a young, but experienced team can make a surprise playoff push, or at least be respectable

SOUTHEASTERN OUTLOOK

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR

September 4 th Central Catholic at Bethel Park	A great non-conference test for the Black Hawks as they open the season with Quad-A favorite Central Catholic.
September 4 th Penn Hills at Upper St. Clair	Both schools believe they have a shot to win the Southeastern Conference and this game will surely play a role in the race.
September 11 th Bethel Park at Woodland Hills	If the Wolverines are to be at the top of the Southeastern, they need to beat one of the contenders at home.
September 18 th Bethel Park at Upper St. Clair	A meeting between longtime rivals is also the final leg of a treacherous start to Bethel Park's season.
September 18 th Central Valley at Penn Hills	Hosting the reigning WPIAL Triple-A champions will be a great test, and a possible momentum starter for Penn Hills.
September 25 th North Allegheny at Upper St. Clair	A great non-conference test for the Panthers as they host rival North Allegheny in a mid-season clash.
September 25 th Penn Hills at Mt. Lebanon	Both teams will factor into the conference title race and this will serve as another great leg in the race.
October 2 nd Upper St. Clair at Woodland Hills	Anytime these two Southeastern rivals get together it's a great night, and this year's meeting should be no different.
October 9 th Bethel Park at Mt. Lebanon	If the Blue Devils want to be the dark-horse they must win against a good Bethel Park team at home.
October 16 th Penn Hills at Bethel Park	This game should have major playoff implications and could possibly be a stepping stone for some late season momentum.
October 16 th North Hills at Mt. Lebanon	The Blue Devils play host in what looks to be a competitive non-conference battle.
October 16 th West Allegheny at Woodland Hills	Woodland Hills looks to avenge a heartbreaking loss against WPIAL Triple-A power West Allegheny.
October 23 rd Mt. Lebanon at Woodland Hills	This could be the de facto conference championship game, or will at least play a deciding factor in the race for first.
October 23 rd Penn Hills at Seneca Valley	An interesting non-conference meeting between the Indians and Raiders could give the winning side a nice push into November
October 30 th Mt. Lebanon at Upper St. Clair	A late season game between these two should have significant impact on the 2015 playoff picture.
October 30 th Woodland Hills at Penn Hills	What is better than a rivalry game with potential conference title implications in week nine?



BALDWIN HIGHLANDERS



Head Coach: Pete Wagner (3rd season)
 Offensive Coordinator: Ralph DelSardo
 Defensive Coordinator: Brian Nolte
 Assistant Coaches: Tom Simcho, Mike Muha, & Rich Abbott
 Baldwin High School Stadium
 Pittsburgh, PA

SOUTHEASTERN PICK: 7/8

2015 SCHEDULE

September 4
at Ambridge 7:30 pm

September 11
Butler 7:30 pm

September 18
at Mt. Lebanon 7:30 pm

September 25
Woodland Hills 7:30 pm

October 2
at Penn Hills 7:30 pm

October 9
Upper St. Clair 7:30 pm

October 16
Peters Township 7:30 pm

October 23
at Canon McMillan 7:30pm

October 30
at Bethel Park 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 3-6 (2-5)
 Missed Postseason
Flashback:
 After winning the season-opener the Highlanders didn't taste victory until a week seven win over Peters Township. A late-season winning streak wasn't enough to sneak into the playoffs, but it didn't stop the Altavilla brothers from stealing the show. Doug threw for 1,919 yards and 14 TD's, while running for 366 yards and 6 scores. Little brother Nick caught 45 passes for 726 yards and 7 touchdowns.

OFFENSE

The Highlander offense will be under a new direction in 2015 as a result of Doug Altavilla's June graduation. Junior David Johnston is expected to take over the role as the signal-caller. The other skill position that will be welcoming a new face is running back, and junior Warren Johnson should be the guy to win the job. The rest of the offense will feature all seniors, including Chris Eisel (284 total yards & 1 TD) and Brandon Schleicher (30 rec, 388 yds, & 2 TD) who were huge components in the offense. The biggest returner is Nick Altavilla who had a masterful junior season, leading the team with 45 catches, 726 receiving yards, and seven touchdowns. A senior-laden offensive line should also help the transition under a first-year varsity quarterback.

DEFENSE

Baldwin returns a nice mix of starters and upperclassman on defense for this season. Defensive end Zach Brown and corner Chris Eisel are expected to be the leaders of the unit after both were named to the All-Conference defensive teams last season. Fellow seniors Brendan Badstibner and Zach Roach each expect to play a significant part in defending against the run. Baldwin should be hopeful that a defense filled with upperclassmen and experience will be able to hold their opponents to fewer than the 32 points a game that were allowed last season. The Baldwin offense should give its defense a little room for error, but this unit will have to do its part if this team is to make the postseason.

SPECIALISTS

Junior Anoj Sharma will handle all of the kicking duties for Baldwin, after being successful on four field goals and 19 points after try in 2014.

FINAL ANALYSIS

Baldwin returns a fine blend of seniors with varsity experience and should believe that they can compete for either the fifth playoff spot in the conference or challenge to earn the wild card spot. The Highlanders have a lot to be excited about on offense as Nick Altavilla headlines a senior group of wide receivers which should make things easier for David Johnston as he works his way into the starting quarterback role. Baldwin has a great opportunity to start 2-0 with games against Ambridge (Triple-A) and Butler, but a stretch that includes games against Mt. Lebanon, Woodland Hills, and Penn Hills could quickly turn the tide. If the playoffs are going to be a possibility, the Highlanders will have to win at least two of their final three games; most likely a week nine matchup at Bethel Park.

OFFENSE

QB: David JohnstonJr.
RB: Warren Johnson.....Jr.
SB: Chris Eisel.....Sr.
WR: Nick Altavilla.....Sr.
WR: Brandon Schleicher.....Sr.
TE: Zach Roach.....Sr.
C: Matthew George.....Sr.
OG: Zach Brown.....Sr.
OG: Brendan Badstibner.....Sr.
OT: Jacob Radomsky.....Sr.
OT: Carter Lutz.....Sr.

DEFENSE

DE: Joshua Kuhn.....Jr.
DT: Brendan Badstibner.....Sr.
DE: Zach Brown.....Sr.
DL/LB: Nick Cecere.....Jr.
MLB: Zach Roach.....Sr.
OLB: Josh DeNardo...Jr.
OLB: Warren Johnson.....Jr.
DB: Chris Eisel.....Sr.
DB: Vincent Persichetti.....Sr.
DB: Nick Tarson.....Jr.
DB: Brandon Schleicher.....Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Anoj Sharma.....Jr.
P: Anoj Sharma.....Jr.

RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Eisel 1/1, 12 yds
Rushing: Eisel 19 car., 123 yds, TD
Receiving: Altavilla 45 rec, 726 yds, 7 TD
Defense: Brown *Statistics Not Available*



BETHEL PARK BLACK HAWKS



Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator: Jeff Metheny (22nd season)
 Defensive Coordinator: Brian Scott
 Assistant Coaches: Jim Engott, Mike Milliken, Brian DeLallo,
 Adam Triscilla, & Andy Assad
 Blackhawk Stadium
 Bethel Park, PA

**SOUTHEASTERN
PICK: 5/8**

2015 SCHEDULE

September 4
 Central Catholic 7:30 pm
September 11
 at Woodland Hills 7:30 pm
September 18
 at Upper St. Clair 7:30 pm
September 25
 Canon McMillan 7:30 pm
October 2
 at Chartiers Valley 7:30 pm
October 9
 at Mt. Lebanon 7:30 pm
October 16
 Penn Hills 7:30 pm
October 23
 at Peters Township 7:30 pm
October 30
 Baldwin 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 6-4 (5-2)
 Lost in 1st Round
Flashback:
 After an 0-2 start the Black Hawks won six of seven games. The success came behind the arm of Levi Metheny (1,156 pass yards & 10 TD's) and the legs of Alex Minton (1,237 yards & 14 TD's). Along with a standout defense, Bethel Park entered the playoffs with high hopes of making a deep run but a tough road loss in Altoona forced the season to come to an early end.

OFFENSE

Quarterback Levi Metheny returns for his senior season after throwing for more than 1,100 yards and ten touchdowns in 2014. He will look to throw to fellow seniors Phillip Harding and tight end Jacob Dixon. Junior receiver Chandler Dietz also looks to join to the starting lineup which will give Metheny a tall-bodied target. Junior running back Terron Murphy will take over the starting role and will have big shoes to fill after the season Alex Minton (1,237 rush yards & 14 TD) compiled last year. The Black Hawk offensive line should be one of the better units in the Southeastern conference with four seniors being projected to start, alongside highly touted sophomore James Gmiter. With an experienced offensive line and a four-year starter at quarterback Bethel Park appears to have the pieces to hang with any offense in the conference.

DEFENSE

The Bethel Park defense looks to be stingy once again for the black and orange. Seniors Chris Pauley and Sean Davis will anchor the D-line. Jacob Dixon and Levi Metheny will take, what they hope to be a prolific passing tandem, to the middle of the defense and shut down the opposition's run game. The secondary appears to be the biggest question mark for Bethel as Juniors Jeremy Lazzari and Jeremy Murphy are expected to be the leaders of the group. The lack of depth among the defensive backs will put more pressure on the front seven to get to the opposing quarterback, while also being stout against the run.

SPECIALISTS

Junior Shawn Halligan looks to take over the kicking and punting duties for the Black Hawks after successfully making two points after try in 2014.

FINAL ANALYSIS

Bethel Park has the senior quarterback, the senior receivers with size, and a senior-filled offensive line which should put them right in the midst of the Southeastern race. There is a lot to like about this team but the biggest thing to note as a dislike is the schedule. Starting the season with Central Catholic and following that with road trips to Turtle Creek and Upper St. Clair is easily the toughest stretch among anyone in Quad-A. If the Black Hawks are to compete for the conference title, or at least a home first round playoff game, they will have to avoid an 0-3 start. With a senior-laden team, head coach Jeff Metheny can rely on his team being experienced and should be able to harbor hope of making a deep playoff run.

OFFENSE

QB: Levi Metheny.....Sr.
RB: Terron MurphyJr.
FB: Joseph Weston.....Sr.
WR: Chandler Dietz.....Jr.
WR: Phillip Harding.....Sr.
TE: Jacob Dixon.....Sr.
C: Josh Sosnak... ..Sr.
OG: Marc Dunlap.....Sr.
OG: Luke Mace.....Sr.
OT: James Gmiter.....So.
OT: Chris Pauley.....Sr.

DEFENSE

DE: Chris Pauley.....Sr.
DT: James Gmiter.....So.
DE: Sean Davis.....Sr.
DL/LB: Joseph Weston.....Sr.
MLB: Adam Debski.....Jr.
OLB: Jacob Dixon.....Sr.
OLB: Levi Metheny.....Sr.
DB: Jeremy Murphy..... Jr.
DB: Devin Andres... ..Sr.
DB: Phillip Harding.....Sr.
DB: Jeremy Lazzari..... Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Shawn Halligan..... Jr.
P: Shawn Halligan..... Jr.

RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Metheny 92/161, 1,156 yds, 10 TD
Rushing: T. Murphy 23 car., 275 yds, 3 TD
Receiving: Dixon 10 rec, 133 yds, 2 TD
Defense: Pauley *Statistics Not Available*



CANON-MCMILLAN

BIG MACS



Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator: Mike Evans (1st season)
 Defensive Coordinator: Damian Patragas
 Assistant Coaches: Jason Harding, Darrin McMillon, Ryan Nohe,
 Mike Voelker, Tim Ripple, & Eric Rosing
 Canon Mac Stadium
 Canonsburg, PA

SOUTHEASTERN PICK: 8/8

2015 SCHEDULE

- September 4**
Mt. Lebanon 7:30 pm
- September 11**
at Penn Hills 7:30 pm
- September 18**
Peters Township 7:30 pm
- September 25**
at Bethel Park 7:30 pm
- October 2**
Fox Chapel 7:30 pm
- October 9**
Woodland Hills 7:30 pm
- October 16**
at Upper St. Clair 7:30 pm
- October 23**
Baldwin 7:30 pm
- October 30**
at Blackhawk 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 0-9 (0-7)
 Missed Postseason
Flashback:
 The Big Macs failed to win a game in 2014 and were outscored by an average of 34-8. A lot of sophomores and juniors saw key time and should be able to bring that experience with them into Mike Evans' first year in Canonsburg. A prime example of the youth in the program was sophomore Bryan Milligan, who led the team with 442 rushing yards and 3 touchdowns.

OFFENSE

The Big Macs have a lot to be optimistic about on offense heading into the 2015 campaign. The first year in Mike Evans' system will feature many faces that saw time at the varsity level last season. The four guys to focus on are quarterback Dom Eannace, running backs Bryan Milligan and Brennan Handyside, and receiver Jordan Smith. These four men compiled over 80% of the offensive yards last season and will have to do the same if Canon-Mac is to make any noise. The offensive line has a strong variance in experience but still features good size that should mix nicely with a run game that features two talented backs. If Dom Eannace can complete a higher percentage of his passes then this Big Mac offense could just be good enough to pose a challenge for some of the big boys in the Southeastern.

DEFENSE

The defense has nowhere to go but up from a unit that surrendered 34.2 points per game last season. A steady mix of upperclassman provides some intrigue along the front seven. The one player that stands out is senior linebacker Shane Danyo, who earned all-conference honors for his efforts in 2014. Two other names to watch up front are seniors Edward Cottrill and Ahmad Morris-Walker, who will be tasked with trying to stop some of the hottest D-I recruits in the WPIAL. The secondary has a few question marks, but Dom Eannace can be expected to be the leader of the group.

SPECIALISTS

Alexander Ablak will be given the opportunity to handle the place kicking and punting duties as a senior who is most qualified for the job.

FINAL ANALYSIS

Coming off a year that featured zero wins leaves a ton of room for improvement and Mike Evans looks to be the guy that can start to turn things around in Canonsburg. This team may have ranked at the bottom of Quad-A in 2014, but a new system coupled by a lot of returning contributors poses a ton to be excited for this season. The first step is to finally taste a victory, which could come as early as week three when Peters Township comes to town. Non-conference games against Fox Chapel and Blackhawk will both be great opportunities for the Big Macs to either get into, or add to the win column. A successful first year for Coach Evans will be to just get a win, but a few conference victories and this team could make a run at a playoff spot.

OFFENSE

- QB:** Dom Eannace.....Sr.
RB: Bryan Milligan.....Jr.
RB: Brennan Handyside.....Jr.
SB: Ahmad Morris-Walker.....Sr.
WR: Logan Higham.....Jr.
WR: Jordan Smith.....Sr.
C: Anthony Ventura.....Sr.
OG: Jason Flood.....Jr.
OG: Rory Dami.....Jr.
OT: Austin Hendal.....Sr.
OT: Edward Cottrill.....Sr.

DEFENSE

- DE:** Edward Cottrill.....Sr.
DT: Jason Flood.....Jr.
DE: Joseph Colosimo.....Sr.
DL/LB: Matthew Nickles.....Jr.
MLB: Shane Danyo.....Sr.
OLB: Nick Konyk.....Sr.
OLB: Ahmad Morris-Walker.....Sr.
DB: Mitchell Barton.....Sr.
DB: Dom Eannace.....Sr.
DB: Logan Higham.....Jr.
DB: Colton Blodgett.....Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- K:** Alexander Ablak.....Sr.
P: Alexander Ablak.....Sr.

RETURNING LEADERS

- Passing:** Eannace 40/103, 489 yds, 5 TD
Rushing: Milligan 93 car., 442 yds, 3 TD
Receiving: Smith 9 rec, 150 yds, 5 TD
Defense: Danyo *Statistics Not Available*



MT. LEBANON BLUE DEVILS



Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator: Mike Melnyk (4th season)
 Defensive Coordinator: Tim Stilley
 Assistant Coaches: Mike Junko, Scot Shaw, Morris Richardson,
 Erich Campbell, Phil Donofrio, & Troy Grunseth
 Mt. Lebanon High School Stadium
 Lebanon, PA

SOUTHEASTERN PICK: 4/8

2015 SCHEDULE

- September 4**
at Canon McMillan 7:30pm
- September 11**
at Moon 7:30 pm
- September 18**
Baldwin 7:30 pm
- September 25**
Penn Hills 7:30 pm
- October 2**
at Peters Township 7:30 pm
- October 9**
Bethel Park 7:30 pm
- October 16**
North Hills 7:30 pm
- October 23**
at Woodland Hills 7:30 pm
- October 30**
at Upper St. Clair 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 5-5 (4-3)

Lost in 1st Round

Flashback:

The Blue Devils got off to a great start by winning five of their first six games, but failed to get into the win column for the remainder of the season. A huge part of Mt. Lebo's success was junior Eddie Jenkins who used his dual-threat ability to amass over 1,900 yards of offense & 20 touchdowns. His favorite target was fellow junior Nick Tommasi who led the Blue Devils with 611 yards and five scores.

OFFENSE

The Blue Devil offense looks to be in good hands with quarterback Eddie Jenkins entering his third year as the starter. He will look to fellow seniors Nick Tommasi and Patrick Kimball as his main targets in the passing attack. Jenkins will also be a main staple in the rushing attack but he will be joined by junior David Harvey, who saw some time behind Joey Stabile (770 rushing yards and 9 TD) last year. Another junior that looks to contribute on offense will be Emmanuel Komolafe, who ran for 71 yards in limited action a season ago. The offensive line also appears to be a strong unit with the return of Paul Grattan and Hunter Cazin. The Blue Devils should have little to no problems lighting up the scoreboard this season.

DEFENSE

The Mt. Lebo defense has the potential to be one of the better groups in Quad-A with the return of many experienced players. Hunter Cazin and Paul Grattan look to be a nice one-two punch in the pass rush. The middle of the defense will feature mostly juniors including David Harvey, Cam Haley, and David Abbondanza. The elder statesman of the group is David Aul who caps of a very sound group. Nick Tommasi and Patrick Kimball will also be tasked with leading the secondary, but fellow senior Tyler Quach-Dao could be an x-factor against the opposition's passing attack. If the Mt. Lebo pass rush can create constant pressure, then an athletic secondary could really flourish in 2015.

SPECIALISTS

The Blue Devils don't have a true upperclassman kicker. Senior Patrick Kimball, who punted last season, will keep the punting duties but is also the favorite to be the placer kicker for the 2015 season.

FINAL ANALYSIS

The Blue Devils have hopes of making a deep playoff run in part to the amount of varsity experience they boast. Eddie Jenkins is another veteran quarterback in this Southeastern conference, while having the advantage of his incredible dual-threat ability and a crop of returning skill position players to his arsenal. On paper both the offensive and defensive lines rank towards the top of the conference. If they play up to that potential then this fall could be very memorable for Mt. Lebanon football. The first major test for the Blue Devils will be a week four contest verse Penn Hills, which creates a great opportunity to get off to a hot start. Mt. Lebo's place in the Southeastern will ultimately be determined in the final weeks when they travel to the Wolvarena and Upper St. Clair.

OFFENSE

QB: Eddie Jenkins.....Sr.
RB: David Harvey.....Jr.
SB: Nick Tommasi.....Sr.
WR: Emmanuel Komolafe.....Jr.
WR: Patrick Kimball.....Sr.
WR: Tyler Quach-Dao.....Sr.
C: David Aul.....Sr.
OG: Paul Grattan.....Sr.
OG: Hunter Cazin.....Sr.
OT: Patrick Werkmeister.....Jr.
OT: Ashlie Pusateri.....Sr.

DEFENSE

DE: Ashlie Pusateri.....Sr.
DT: Hunter Cazin.....Sr.
DE: Paul Grattan.....Sr.
DL/LB: Cam Haley.....Jr.
MLB: David Harvey.....Jr.
OLB: David Abbondanza.....Jr.
OLB: David Aul.....Sr.
DB: Nick Tommasi.....Sr.
DB: Patrick Kimball.....Sr.
DB: Tyler Quach-Dao.....Sr.
DB: Jesse Dodd.....Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Patrick Kimball.....Sr.
P: Patrick Kimball.....Sr.

RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Jenkins 104/187, 1287 yds, 12 TD
Rushing: Jenkins 135 car., 614 yds, 8 TD
Receiving: Tommasi 47 rec, 611 yds, 5 TD
Defense: Cazin 28 tkls, 3 sacks



PENN HILLS INDIANS



Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator: John Peterman (4th season)
 Defensive Coordinator: Rich Johns
 Assistant Coaches: Ryan Osorio, Joe Noll, Matt Noll, Jeff Jackson,
 Melvin Kirby, Chris Stewart, & Craig Williams
 Yuhas-McGinley Stadium
 Penn Hills, PA

SOUTHEASTERN PICK: 2/8

2015 SCHEDULE

September 4
 at Upper St. Clair 7:30 pm
September 11
 Canon McMillan 7:30 pm
September 18
 Central Valley 7:30 pm
September 25
 at Mt. Lebanon 7:30 pm
October 2
 Baldwin 7:30 pm
October 9
 Peters Township 7:30 pm
October 16
 at Bethel Park 7:30 pm
October 23
 at Seneca Valley 7:30 pm
October 30
 Woodland Hills 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 7-3 (6-1)
 Lost in 1st Round
Flashback:
 The Indians got off to a blistering start by winning five of their first six games and were in great position to win the conference until a 31-28 loss vs. Bethel Park in week seven. Penn Hills expected to make a run at Heinz after winning in Turtle Creek, but were held to six points by a tough Plum defense in a first round loss. Junior QB Billy Kisner led the offense with over 1,400 yards and 17 TD's.

OFFENSE

The Indian offense will be led by dual-threat quarterback and Toledo commit Billy Kisner who is back after accumulating over 1,400 offensive yards last season. Beside Kinser will be senior tailback Malik Mathis, which figures to be one of the more dynamic backfield pairs in all of the WPIAL. Penn Hills figures to have a receiving core that will have a nice mix of size and speed. The top target will be junior Rick Squires who is the leading returning receiver. Ben Lyles-Johnson is expected to earn the starting tight end job, which gives Kisner another big target to throw toward. The offensive line will feature four seniors and one junior, making it a very experienced and talented group. With a veteran quarterback and O-Line the Indians' offense will surely be good enough to challenge any defense in Quad-A.

DEFENSE

Thanks to a mix of talent and experience the Penn Hills defense appears to be one of the top units in the Southeastern conference. The secondary will be led by seniors Malik Mathis and Amil Frazier who combined to intercept three passes last season. The middle of the defense will also be experienced, welcoming back seniors Myles Eanes and Ben Ingram. The back seven of the defense is pretty good, but the best part of this unit is its line. Seniors Malik Minard and Tyler Glanton, who combined for nine sacks, will look to anchor the pass rush again in 2015. A defense loaded with as much talent as this group gives the Indians a great chance to make a run at Heinz Field.

SPECIALISTS

The Indians are very solid on their special teams with a pair of juniors at each position. Erik Antonucci will take over the place kicking duties, while Noah Dipko returns to punt.

FINAL ANALYSIS

Behind a group of experienced playmakers and dual-threat quarterback Billy Kisner the Indians will be one of the more dynamic offenses in all of the WPIAL. With a veteran defense that is as talented in all three phases as anyone, Penn Hills appears poised to make a run at the Quad-A title this season. All the talent and hype will be put to the test early in the season with an opening night trip to Upper St. Clair and a week three date verse reigning Triple-A champion Central Valley. The Indians' chance to win a conference title could very well be determined during their week nine clash with rival Woodland Hills in Yuhas-McGinley Stadium. If the Indians can beat Woody High for a second straight season and string together a few road wins then they should be well on their way towards the highway for Heinz.

OFFENSE

QB: Billy Kisner.....Sr.
RB: Malik Mathis.....Sr.
SB: Ronald Wiggins.....Jr.
WR: Rick Squires.....Jr.
WR: Ben Ingram.....Sr.
TE: Ben Lyles-Johnson.....Jr.
C: Vaughan Flodine.....Sr.
OG: Malik Minard.....Sr.
OG: Tyler Glanton.....Sr.
OT: Khalee Cephas.....Jr.
OT: Jordan Henderson.....Sr.

DEFENSE

DE: Malik Minard.....Sr.
DT: Tyler Glanton.....Sr.
DE: Jordan Henderson.....Sr.
DL/LB: Ben Lyles-Johnson.....Jr.
MLB: Myles Eanes.....Sr.
OLB: Rick Squires.....Jr.
OLB: Ben Ingram.....Sr.
DB: Malik Mathis.....Sr.
DB: Amil Frazier.....Sr.
DB: Darrell Holloway.....Jr.
DB: Azeiryus Britt.....Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

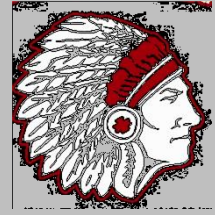
K: Erik Antonucci.....Jr.
P: Noah Dipko.....Jr.

RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Kisner 26/59, 448 yds, 5 TD
Rushing: Kisner 131 car., 1019 yds, 12 TD
Receiving: Squires 8 rec, 86 yds, TD
Defense: Glanton 34 tkls, 6 sacks



PETERS TOWNSHIP INDIANS



Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator: Richard Piccinini (5th season)
 Defensive Coordinator: Rick Pavlisko
 Assistant Coaches: Patrick Falsetti, Fred Biarman, Scott Opferman,
 Chris Betts, Brian Vautier, & Ryan Rempalski
 Peters Township High School Stadium
 McMurray, PA

**SOUTHEASTERN
PICK: 6/8**

2015 SCHEDULE

September 4
at Woodland Hills 7:30 pm
September 11
Upper St. Clair 7:30 pm
September 18
at Canon McMillan 7:30pm
September 25
at New Castle 7:30 pm
October 2
Mt. Lebanon 7:30pm
October 9
at Penn Hills 7:30 pm
October 16
at Baldwin 7:30 pm
October 23
Bethel Park 7:30 pm
October 30
Pine Richland 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 2-7 (1-6)
 Missed Postseason
Flashback:
 After starting the year with back-to-back losses the Indians rolled off two wins in a row to sit right in the middle of the Southeastern. Unfortunately, Peters Township failed to win again in 2014 and finished with just two wins. Senior quarterback Cory Owen was the do-it-all man for Peters, throwing for 1212 yards and six scores while adding another 487 yards and 6 TD's on the ground.

OFFENSE

The graduation of Cory Owen has created a lot of room for change on the Peters Township offense. At the quarterback position junior Blake Smith should be the favorite to win the starting job over sophomores Jake Cortes and Grant Mocharko. The new leadership of the offense can be found from junior tailback TJ Kpan and senior receiver Clayton Yeates, who both are the returning statistical leaders in their respective position groups. Another big feature in this offense should be tight end Connor Manning, who looks to make a bigger impact in the passing game after catching six passes as a junior. The offensive line projects to start three seniors which should help a first-year quarterback endure a smoother transition to the varsity field.

DEFENSE

The Peters defense will need to do a much better job at keeping opponents out of their end zone with some of the new faces on offense. The two players to be excited about both play in the middle of the unit and are seniors Connor Manning and Michael McAlevey. Both should act as the main forces in stopping the opposition's run game, while also helping to generate some pressure on the opposing passer. With the graduation of corner Ethan Anderson the secondary will be looking for a new member to step up and take leadership of the group. Senior Clayton Yeates may just be that guy since he will have a similar role on offense.

SPECIALISTS

The Indians have questions on special teams since Nick Gaudy graduated in June. The top choice to take over the place kicking and punting duties is junior Reagan Lawlor. The other candidate is senior WR/DB Clayton Yeates who was successful on four points after touchdown.

FINAL ANALYSIS

Replacing the quarterback is never a fun or easy position to be in, especially when he accounted for every passing yard and nearly half of the rushing yards. In order for Peters Township to be able to challenge for a playoff spot the returning leaders on offense (Kpan & Yeates) will both need to carry more of the production in 2015. The Indian defense will also have to perform much better than it did a year ago with the uncertainty on offense. Peters won't have any gray area at the start of the season with Woodland Hills and Upper St. Clair in the first two weeks. In order for the Indians to make the playoffs they will have to take advantage of a home schedule that features Mt. Lebo, Bethel Park, and Pine Richland and pull off at least one upset.

OFFENSE

QB: Blake Smith.....Jr.
RB: TJ Kpan.....Jr.
RB: Michael McAlevey.....Sr.
WR: Clayton Yeates.....Sr.
WR: James Minton.....Sr.
TE: Connor Manning.....Sr.
C: Collin Kovacs.....Sr.
OG: Brody Paugh.....Sr.
OG: Logan Stahl.....Jr.
OT: Jacob Reardon.....Sr.
OT: Joe Girouard.....Jr.

DEFENSE

DE: Jacob Reardon.....Sr.
DT: Logan Stahl.....Jr.
DE: Brody Paugh.....Sr.
DL/LB: Jacob Boehme.....Sr.
MLB: Connor Manning.....Sr.
OLB: Hunter Stevick.....Jr.
OLB: Michael McAlevey.....Sr.
DB: Clayton Yeates.....Sr.
DB: James Minton.....Sr.
DB: Alan Snyder.....Jr.
DB: Bobby Webster.....Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Reagan Lawlor.....Jr.
P: Reagan Lawlor.....Jr.

RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: N/A
Rushing: Kpan 97 car., 510 yds, 6 TD
Receiving: Yeates 20 rec, 286 yds, 3 TD
Defense: Manning *Statistics Not Available*



UPPER ST. CLAIR

PANTHERS



Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator: Jim Render (37th season)
 Defensive Coordinator: Brian Althaus
 Assistant Coaches: Terry Coleman, John Trovato, Brian DeLallo,
 Shawn Morton, Pat Corr, Joe Figura, & Tim Robbins
 Panther Stadium
 Upper St. Clair, PA

SOUTHEASTERN PICK: 3/8

2015 SCHEDULE
September 4 Penn Hills 7:30 pm
September 11 at Peters Township 7:30 pm
September 18 Bethel Park 7:30 pm
September 25 North Allegheny 7:30 pm
October 2 at Woodland Hills 7:30 pm
October 9 at Baldwin 7:30 pm
October 16 Canon McMillan 7:30 pm
October 23 at Montour 7:30 pm
October 30 Mt. Lebanon 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP
Record: 4-6 (4-3)
 Lost in 1st Round
Flashback:
 2014 was a tale of two seasons for the Panthers. The year got off to a rocky start with losses in four of their first five games. USC rebounded by winning three of their final four contests to take some momentum into a playoff matchup with North Allegheny. The Panther season came to an end in Wexford with a 24-0 loss, but in an uncharacteristic season a lot of younger players got plenty of varsity experience.

OFFENSE
 The Panthers may have a new quarterback for 2015, but there is a lot to be excited about for this group. The new quarterback will be senior Gunnar Lund who threw for 136 yards and a touchdown in limited duty last year, while also splitting time as a starting linebacker. USC will welcome back both of their offensive leaders from last season in running back Thomas Vissman and receiver Doug Wagner. Since both of these players have a year of starting experience under their belts it is fair to expect more in this upcoming season. With the talk of veteran leaders it only makes sense to highlight offensive tackle Brandon Ford who is a Pitt commit. Ford will lead an offensive line that is talented, powerful, and experienced. Amidst all the experience lies receiver Connor Brennan. He may have saw a limited number of snaps last season, but he could be in line for a breakout senior season.

DEFENSE
 The Upper St. Clair defense looks to be one of the more exciting bunches to talk about heading into the fall. Stirring a good portion of the excitement are four talented men who will be in their junior seasons. Dom Folino and Thomas Vissman will make their headlines from the middle of the defense, while Blake Kadar and Jackson Geisler will be patrolling the secondary. Joining Kadar and Geisler in the back four will be seniors Kevin Chrissis and Connor Brennan which could form one of the top combinations in Quad-A.

SPECIALISTS
 With the graduation of Max Herold and Jesse Slinger all of the kicking duties are expected to be handed over to freshman Jacob Slinger.

FINAL ANALYSIS
 Upper St. Clair is coming off of one of its more disappointing seasons under Jim Render, but with a strong returning cast the Panthers look to be right back in the thick of things. The offense certainly looks capable of going toe-to-toe with anyone while the defense appears to be one of the more solid units in all three phases. The Panthers will have their chance to make an early statement with home games verse Penn Hills, Bethel Park, and North Allegheny in September. If USC is able to come out of that stretch with a winning record, then a week five trip to Turtle Creek could make for one of the marquee games of the Quad-A season. Heading into 2015 the Panthers have a lot of things that line up in their favor to make a run towards Heinz Field.

OFFENSE
QB: Gunnar Lund.....Sr.
RB: Thomas Vissman.....Jr.
WR: Doug Wagner.....Sr.
WR: Deonte Johnson.....Sr.
WR: Connor Brennan.....Sr.
TE: Ryan Harkleroad.....Sr.
C: Nick Kartsonas.....Jr.
OG: Matt Fennell.....Sr.
OG: Josh Schlichting.....Sr.
OT: Brandon Ford.....Sr.
OT: Jay Miller.....Sr.

DEFENSE
DE: Ryan Harkleroad.....Sr.
DT: Brandon Ford.....Sr.
DE: Elijah Iloanusi.....Sr.
OLB: Domenic Cepullio.....So.
ILB: Dom Folino.....Jr.
ILB: Gunnar Lund.....Sr.
OLB: Thomas Vissman.....Jr.
DB: Kevin Chrissis.....Sr.
DB: Blake Kadar.....Jr.
DB: Connor Brennan.....Sr.
DB: Jackson Geisler.....Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS
K: Jacob Slinger.....Fr.
P: Jacob Slinger.....Fr.

RETURNING LEADERS
Passing: Lund 11/30, 136 yds, TD
Rushing: Vissman 136 car., 855 yds, 6 TD
Receiving: Wagner 25 rec, 407 yds, 2 TD
Defense: Vissman 41 tkls, 0.5 sacks



WOODLAND HILLS WOLVERINES



Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator: George Novak (29th season)
 Defensive Coordinator: Scott Henderson
 Assistant Coaches: Tim Bostard, Jon Carter, Keith Davis, Brian Dawson,
 Kevin Murray, Harvey Inglis, & Cliff Moncrief

The Wolvarena
 Turtle Creek, PA

SOUTHEASTERN PICK: 1/8

2015 SCHEDULE

- September 4**
Peters Township 7:30 pm
- September 11**
Bethel Park 7:30 pm
- September 18**
at Shaler 7:30 pm
- September 25**
at Baldwin 7:30 pm
- October 2**
Upper St. Clair 7:30 pm
- October 9**
at Canon McMillan 7:30pm
- October 16**
West Allegheny 7:30 pm
- October 23**
Mt. Lebanon 7:30 pm
- October 30**
at Penn Hills 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 8-3 (6-1)
 Lost in Quarterfinals

Flashback:
 Woodland Hills entered the year with high expectations and followed them up with six straight wins. The end to the 2014 was far from perfect for the Wolverines as they lost two of their final three games. Woody High came out and crushed North Hills to reach the quarterfinals, but ran into rival Central Catholic who delivered them a 28-0 loss to end the hopes of a third straight trip to Heinz Field.

OFFENSE

The Wolverines enter 2015 with what just might be Quad-A's top offense. Jeremiah Jones will be back for his second season as the starting quarterback in this run-heavy attack. Penn State commit Miles Sanders is set to be the top running option for the fourth straight year, while Jo-El Shaw looks to add the thunder to this dynamic backfield duo. If having a backfield tandem that ran for 1,750 yards and 28 touchdowns wasn't enough, Woody High also welcomes back Jaymond Dunn who stretched the field with an average of 33 yards per catch last season. Even a bevy of playmakers still need a good offense line, and that is just another thing Woodland Hills has. The group features a group of five seniors that is headlined by Wilford Clark and Amon Youngblood who have each received numerous offers from NCAA Division I schools.

DEFENSE

Just like the offense, this side of the ball also is loaded with talent and experience at all three levels. Seniors Wilford Clark, Stephen Puhl, and Amon Youngblood will be counted on to create a fierce pass rush. In the middle of the defense it will be Jo-El Shaw leading the charge. He will have Di'Amond Johnson and Rissuan McKnight, who both saw time last year, flanked beside him. The Wolverines have a stout front seven and match it with a secondary that will feature a trio of stellar seniors with junior Mike Nash. Each member of this group can handle being on an island, which puts this defense among the best units in Quad-A.

SPECIALISTS

Woodland Hills will look towards senior Thomas Sullivan-Foglia to handle the place kicking and punting duties for this season.

FINAL ANALYSIS

With an offense led by Miles Sanders and a defense filled with senior talent the Wolverines enter this season with only one expectation, which is making a third trip in four years to Heinz Field. George Novak has a Woodland Hills team that is talented and experienced at every position. The toughest game that the Wolverines have before October is a week two clash with Bethel Park in Turtle Creek. That won't be the only big Southeastern game at home, as Woody High will also welcome Upper St. Clair and Mt. Lebanon to the Wolvarena later in the season. The toughest game of the regular season for Novak's bunch will be a road trip to rival Penn Hills on Halloween weekend which could very well decide the conference title.

OFFENSE

- QB:** Jeremiah Jones.....Sr.
RB: Miles Sanders.....Sr.
RB: Jo-El Shaw.....Sr.
WR: Jaymond Dunn.....Sr.
WR: Chris Wilson.....Sr.
TE: Stephen Puhl.....Sr.
C: Miguel Cobbs.....Sr.
OG: Wilford Clark.....Sr.
OG: Eric Mitchell.....Sr.
OT: Amon Youngblood.....Sr.
OT: Steven Rickard.....Sr.

DEFENSE

- DE:** Wilford Clark.....Sr.
DT: Amon Youngblood.....Sr.
DE: Stephen Puhl.....Sr.
DL/LB: Tyriq Thompson.....Sr.
MLB: Jo-El Shaw.....Sr.
OLB: Di'Amond Johnson.....Sr.
OLB: Rissuan McKnight.....Jr.
DB: Jeremiah Jones.....Sr.
DB: Mike Nash.....Jr.
DB: Jaymond Dunn.....Sr.
DB: Chris Wilson.....Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- K:** Thomas Sullivan-Foglia.....Sr.
P: Thomas Sullivan-Foglia.....Sr.

RETURNING LEADERS

- Passing:** Jones 41/85, 842 yds, 7 TD,
Rushing: Sanders 96 car, 1163 yds, 17 TD
Receiving: Dunn 8 rec, 263 yds, 3 TD
Defense: Clark *Statistics Not Available*

FOOTHILLS OUTLOOK

Laffoon, Vecchio look to keep Penn-Trafford atop the Foothills

The 2014 season was as memorable as can be without a November trip to Heinz Field for Penn-Trafford. Completing an undefeated regular season, reclaiming the Foothills Conference championship, beating North Allegheny in the WPIAL quarterfinals, and reaching the semifinals are just about as good of a season that a program can have without winning it all. Two of the major components to the Warriors' 2014 success were quarterback Brett Laffoon and wide receiver Tim Vecchio, who are both set to return for their senior season in 2015. Laffoon enters his third season as the starter and is coming off a year where he finished as the second-best passer in all of Quad-A by throwing for over 2,000 yards and 26 touchdown passes. Tim Vecchio looks to lead the Warriors in receiving for a third straight year, especially after a season in which he was one of three receivers in Quad-A to surpass the 1,000-yard mark while catching at least 15 touchdowns.

If anybody is going to beat Penn-Trafford this season it is going to have to be with defense, which points to McKeesport as being the top challenger. The Tigers return many of the players and key contributors that took part in a semifinal run of their own in 2014. Headlining an experienced group of talent is the WPIAL's second-highest rated recruit Khaleke Hudson who, to put it simply, dominates on both sides of the ball. He is joined by Tymar Sutton, Jahsai Allen, Kyreek Sayles, and Davon Brown to lead the Tiger defense. Plum and Norwin each return a nice collection of players from last season's playoff runs and appear certain to also factor into the action at the top of the conference.

The road to repeating as Foothills champs will definitely be no cake walk for the Warriors but with the prolific duo of Laffoon and Vecchio headlining a team that is talented and experienced on both sides of the ball certainly points to Penn-Trafford being the favorite in 2015.

The Foothills' Finest



Randy Gore – Quad-A Sports.com

Khaleke Hudson
McKeesport RB/LB/S



Randy Gore – Quad-A Sports.com

Brett Laffoon
Penn-Trafford QB



Pam Panchak – Post Gazette

Tim Vecchio
Penn-Trafford WR



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Jake Tecak
Plum OL

FOOTHILLS OUTLOOK

NIFTY NICK'S ALL-FOOTHILLS TEAM

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE				SECOND TEAM OFFENSE			
QB	Brett Laffoon	Sr.	Penn-Trafford	QB	Daniel Walters	Sr.	Hempfield
RB	Khaleke Hudson	Sr.	McKeesport	RB	Kevin Brown	Jr.	Plum
RB	Peyton Deri	Sr.	Norwin	RB	Lincoln Clayton	Sr.	Kiski Area
WR	Tim Vecchio	Sr.	Penn-Trafford	WR	Joe Peduzzi	Sr.	Penn-Trafford
WR	Dylan Sikora	Sr.	Hempfield	WR	DeShawon Bracy	Sr.	Kiski Area
WR	Patrick Crossey	Sr.	Plum	WR	Ashton Teeter	Sr.	Plum
TE	Zach Nolan	Sr.	Plum	TE	Steve Petrick	Sr.	Norwin
OT	Jake Tecak	Sr.	Plum	OT	Josh Kennedy	Jr.	Latrobe
OT	Hayden Rice	Sr.	Norwin	OT	Issac Reid	So.	Kiski Area
OG	Tyler Gray	Sr.	Norwin	OG	Neiko Chapkis	Jr.	Penn-Trafford
OG	Eric Trenez	Sr.	Plum	OG	Michael Simboli	Sr.	Plum
C	Garrett Smith	Sr.	Penn-Trafford	C	Dante Rizzo	Sr.	Norwin
K	Jacob Chapla	Sr.	Plum	K	Nick Olszewski	Sr.	Norwin

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE				SECOND TEAM DEFENSE			
DL	Chris Stanford	Sr.	Penn-Trafford	DL	Nick Stiteler	Sr.	Latrobe
DL	Andre Guest	Sr.	Penn-Trafford	DL	Keyshawn Smith	Jr.	Plum
DL	Davon Brown	Jr.	McKeesport	DL	Justin Conrad	Sr.	Latrobe
DL	Chris Erfort	Sr.	Plum	DL	Kendrick Wells	Jr.	Hempfield
LB	Tymar Sutton	Sr.	McKeesport	LB	Noah Clayton	Jr.	Kiski Area
LB	Nick Amendola	Sr.	Norwin	LB	Nick Coxon	Jr.	Plum
LB	Jahsai Allen	Sr.	McKeesport	LB	Adam Hutchinson	Jr.	Hempfield
LB	Jake Hoffner	Jr.	Hempfield	LB	Alex Raschiatore	Jr.	Hempfield
DB	Jonah Lisbon	Sr.	Penn-Trafford	DB	Justice Evans	Jr.	Kiski Area
DB	Kyreek Sayles	Sr.	McKeesport	DB	Mark Cromerdie	Sr.	McKeesport
DB	Steven White	Sr.	Connellsville	DB	Donnie Washington	Sr.	Hempfield
DB	Jon Lochiatto	Sr.	Norwin	DB	Jayvaun Shears	Jr.	McKeesport
P	Craig Stevens	Sr.	Latrobe	P	Tim Collins	Sr.	Kiski Area

TOP DIVISION I RECRUITS

RK	Name	School	Class	The Scoop
1	Khaleke Hudson, RB/LB/S	McKeesport	2016	Pitt, Penn State, & WVU top his list which includes 34 D-I offers
2	Jake Tecak, OL	Plum	2016	Has interest from Pitt, Michigan, Akron, & 4 other D-I schools
3	Chris Stanford, DE	Penn-Trafford	2016	Received offers from Ohio, Eastern Michigan, Old Dominion, and Robert Morris; amongst interest from 8 other D-I schools
4	Tymar Sutton, RB/LB	McKeesport	2016	Illinois, WVU, & Wisconsin top his list of 15 D-I schools
5	Andre Guest, OL/DT	Penn-Trafford	2016	Has committed to Princeton; received 4 other Ivy League offers
6	Brett Laffoon, QB	Penn-Trafford	2016	Has interest from Youngstown State
7	Tim Vecchio, WR	Penn-Trafford	2016	Has committed to Robert Morris; received 3 additional offers

FOOTHILLS OUTLOOK

FORECASTING THE FOOTHILLS

	The Positive	The Negative	Our Thought
Penn-Trafford	Brett Laffoon & Tim Vecchio headline an experienced team	Season-end road games at Plum & Norwin could throw a wrench in another run at 9-0	The Warriors look to have a great shot at keeping the Foothills title
McKeesport	Khaleke Hudson & Tymar Sutton are back on a team that made a semifinal in 2014	The week three road game at Penn-Trafford, which figures to play heavily in the Foothills race	If the Tigers are going to win the Foothills they must win in week three at Penn-Trafford
Plum	Returns a lot of experience on offense; minus the QB position	Losing Will Fuhrer & Andrew Soxman to graduation	The Mustangs surprised last year by making a WPIAL quarterfinal; this year that is a fair expectation
Hempfield	Return a good portion of starters from 2014	Starts the season with Plum & Norwin, making for a start that could make or break the year	Hempfield will have a great opportunity to return to the postseason in 2015
Norwin	Nick Amendola returns to lead each side of the ball	Logan Deri & Zeke Kljucaric both graduated; where is the production at receiver going to come from?	Home games against both McKeesport and Penn-Trafford in the season's final weeks gives the Knights a chance to surprise
Altoona	A favorable 2 nd half schedule can help a young team find their groove and make a playoff push	Losing all of the Conference-Team selection from a year ago to graduation	The Mountain Lions' bid for a return to the playoffs will be decided throughout October
Connellsville	Start the year with home games against the Foothills heavyweights.... So there's a chance?	Trying to replace your quarterback and a few skill position players is never easy	The Falcons aim to return to the playoffs & have the coaching and schedule to do just that
Kiski Area	Returns many starters to try and progress from an 0-9 campaign in 2014	Three of their first four games on the road (Penn-Trafford & Pine Richland included) & a week nine trip to McKeesport	A successful season for the Cavaliers would be to win one or two games
Latrobe	Craig Stevens returns to quarterback the offense	Road trips at Kiski Area & Hempfield will make it tough to make a run	The Wildcats try to build off of the one win they had a year ago

FOOTHILLS OUTLOOK

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR

September 4 th Hempfield at Plum	A key conference-opener for both sides that could give the winner a nice boost in the season's first month.
September 11 th Norwin at Hempfield	A 2-0 start in a tough, but manageable first two games of the season could make the Spartans a serious playoff team.
September 11 th Plum at North Hills	The Mustangs look for a potential fast start to 2015 with a big non-conference test in week two.
September 18 th Plum at Altoona	This could be a matchup of 2-0 or 0-2 teams; regardless it will be a make or break game in the Foothills' race.
September 18 th McKeesport at Penn-Trafford	The top two teams in the Foothills Conference renew their rivalry in an early-season clash.
September 25 th Norwin at Plum	Both teams look to be fighting for a top-three finish in the Foothills and a potential home 1 st round playoff game.
September 25 th Hempfield at Connellsville	The Spartans and Falcons both have playoff hopes, a mid-season meeting could make all the difference come November.
October 2 nd Altoona at Norwin	If the Mountain Lions want to return to the playoffs this is a game that they have to win.
October 9 th Connellsville at Plum	If the Falcons are to make a playoff push, a mid-season trip to Plum could make or break any plans for November.
October 16 th Norwin at Connellsville	Both teams need this win if they are going to be a part of November football.
October 16 th Plum at McKeesport	If Plum is going to factor into the Foothills race they will need to pull the upset against a very talented McKeesport.
October 23 rd Hempfield at Altoona	Both sides believe they can make a playoff appearance, a meeting at Mansion Park will certainly have its role.
October 23 rd McKeesport at Norwin	Seeing the Foothill's top two teams at home in the final two weeks provides some buzz to the dark horse of the conference.
October 23 rd Penn-Trafford at Plum	A tough road trip in the final two weeks pose a tough challenge in the Warriors' bid to defend their conference title.
October 30 th Penn-Trafford at Norwin	These long-time rivals will meet in a game that should have a lot at stake; maybe even the conference title.



ALTOONA

MOUNTAIN LIONS



Head Coach: John Franco (4th season)
 Offensive Coordinator: John Kutz
 Defensive Coordinator: Joe Nastasi
 Assistant Coaches: Dan Bender, John Gressler, Rick Hatch, & Steve Guthoff
 Mansion Park Stadium
 Altoona, PA

FOOTHILLS PICK: 6/9

2015 SCHEDULE

- September 4**
at Butler 7:30 pm
- September 11**
at McKeesport 7:30 pm
- September 18**
Plum 7:30 pm
- September 25**
Penn-Trafford 7:30 pm
- October 2**
at Norwin 7:30 pm
- October 9**
at Latrobe 7:30 pm
- October 16**
Kiski Area 7:30 pm
- October 23**
Hempfield 7:30 pm
- October 30**
at Connellsville 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 8-3 (6-2)
 Lost in Quarterfinals

Flashback:
 2014 was a memorable year for Altoona because it was the first winning season since becoming a WPIAL football school in 2010. Behind Eli Mencer and a talented senior class the 'Lions won seven regular season games, hosted a playoff game, and even advanced to the quarterfinals. The season was definitely a success because the Altoona program took a major step in the right direction.

OFFENSE

The Mountain Lions will have a very different look on offense after the graduation of their quarterback, leading rusher, and leading receiver from a year ago. The loss that will be felt the most will be Eli Mencer who rushed for 1,612 yards and scored 22 touchdowns in 2014. The man best suited to step up and fill the void will be junior Josh Russo who carried the ball 29 times behind Mencer. The new signal-caller will be Ryan Shope who also is a junior that got a limited amount of experience from last season. The most experienced area of the offense comes from its starting wide receivers that come into their senior seasons after combing to catch 12 passes last season. The offensive line should have a nice mix of upperclassmen which will still include a few new faces. One of the new guys to keep an eye on will be junior wide receiver Daiquain Watson. If this unit can figure things out by the midpoint of the season then the playoffs will certainly be in reach for the Mountain Lions.

DEFENSE

The defense will also take a hit due to a very strong graduating class, but that doesn't mean all hope is lost. The Mountain Lions figure to have some comfort in the secondary with Josh Russo, Evan Lingafelt, and Christian Toohey. The front seven is interesting with five seniors being set to start, which could spark a strong pass rush early and set the tone for the rest of the season. The man we are most excited about is junior Connor McCloskey, who could enjoy a breakout season along the D-Line.

SPECIALISTS

Both positions are open and Evan Lingafelt, who scored nine points in 2014, appears to be the front-runner for each.

FINAL ANALYSIS

After a year in which Altoona won eight games and made a WPIAL quarterfinal behind a deep senior class, things certainly look different after graduation. The Mountain Lions do not return many starters but do have some guys with varsity experience that will be stepping into starting roles for 2015. The season won't get off to an easy start with road games at Butler and McKeesport in the first two weeks, but a tough start sets up with a nice month of October. If the Mountain Lions are to make it back to the playoffs this year this new group of players will have to click by mid-season, which seems to fit very nicely with a schedule that features teams who do not figure to factor into the race atop the Foothills conference.

OFFENSE

- QB:** Ryan Shope.....Jr.
RB: Josh Russo.....Jr.
RB: Tyler Petucci.....So.
SB: Christian Toohey.....Sr.
WR: Evan Lingafelt.....Sr.
WR: Daiquain Watson.....Jr.
C: Logan McGeary.....Jr.
OG: Nick Fischer.....Sr.
OG: Brad Weatherwalk.....Jr.
OT: Maceo Day.....Sr.
OT: Ethan Wood.....Jr.

DEFENSE

- DE:** Connor McCloskey.....Jr.
DT: Nick Fischer.....Sr.
DE: Brandon Murtiff.....Sr.
DL/LB: Logan McGeary.....Jr.
MLB: Mason Betar.....Sr.
OLB: Nick Hayden.....Sr.
OLB: Mike Doucette.....Sr.
DB: Josh Russo.....Jr.
DB: Evan Lingafelt.....Sr.
DB: Christian Toohey.....Sr.
DB: Daiquain Watson.....Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- K:** Evan Lingafelt.....Sr.
P: Evan Lingafelt.....Sr

RETURNING LEADERS

- Passing:** Shope 7/9, 76 yds
Rushing: Russo 29 car, 164 yds, TD
Receiving: Toohey 9 rec, 133 yds,
Defense: Toohey *Statistics Not Available*



CONNELLSVILLE FALCONS



Head Coach/ Offensive Coordinator: Dave McDonald (5th season)
 Defensive Coordinator: Andy Robertson
 Assistant Coaches: Not Applicable

Connellsville Falcon Stadium
 Connellsville, PA

FOOTHILLS PICK: 7/9

2015 SCHEDULE

- September 4**
McKeesport 7:30 pm
- September 11**
Penn-Trafford 7:30 pm
- September 18**
at Latrobe 7:30 pm
- September 25**
Hempfield 7:30 pm
- October 2**
at Central Catholic 7:30 pm
- October 9**
at Plum 7:30 pm
- October 16**
Norwin 7:30 pm
- October 23**
at Kiski Area 7:30 pm
- October 30**
Altoona 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 3-7 (3-5)
 Lost in 1st Round
Flashback:
 Despite only winning three games the Falcons managed to make a playoff appearance as the wild card team. Behind the legs of junior Braden Hone, who led the team in rushing, and senior quarterback Derek Brubacher the Falcons were able to do just enough in order to taste the postseason. The experience of a playoff game can make a big difference in the direction of this program.

OFFENSE

Connellsville will welcome a new man under center in junior Derek Orndorff. Lining up behind Orndorff in the backfield will be seniors Braden Hone and Steven White who totaled 632 yards on the ground a year ago. The top targets in the passing game will be senior Austin Puskar and junior Dylan Harshman, who will also be the backup quarterback. An offensive line that struggled at times last season will look to improve behind the leadership of center Todd Brothers who will be expected to be the lone senior of the group. The Falcons primarily run the ball and in order for them to challenge for one of the Foothills' five playoff spots they will need to average more than 4.9 yards a run. The success of the rushing attack will come down to a first-year varsity quarterback, the legs of two seniors, and a youthful offensive line.

DEFENSE

A Falcon defense that surrendered 31 points a game last year will look to the Stash brothers to guide the group in 2015. The Stash, not to be mistaken as "bash," brothers will look to cause havoc in opposing backfields. Joining Jules Stash in the line-backing core will be fellow senior Jimmy Cellurale who looks to add a nice combination of speed and strength to the front seven. The secondary will feature a consistent blend of size and athleticism with both starting running backs (Hone & White), Austin Puskar, and also adding junior Luke Kuhns into the mix.

SPECIALISTS

Senior Corey Fogle is set to return after making 15 extra points and one field goal last season.

FINAL ANALYSIS

Dave McDonald hopes that his fifth season at Connellsville will be more known for a second straight appearance in the WPIAL playoffs. A new quarterback and a few new offensive linemen will make the task a little more challenging than you would normally expect for a team coming off of a three-win season. An experienced backfield with explosive playmakers at wide receiver can help the offense be up to the challenge. To make any push at the playoffs the defense will also need to perform much better in order to prevent their offense from falling into the trap of having to play a lot of catch-up. The Falcons won't have any time to waste with McKeesport and Penn-Trafford in the first two weeks. If playing the class of the conference can teach this group how to win then the Falcons can make a run at returning to the postseason.

OFFENSE

- QB:** Derek OrndorffJr.
RB: Braden Hone.....Sr.
RB: Steven White.....Sr.
WR: Austin Puskar.....Sr.
WR: Dylan Harshman.....Jr.
FB: Jules Stash.....Sr.
C: Todd Brothers.....Sr.
OG: Shane Mancuso.....Jr.
OG: Jeremy Krumanacker.....Jr.
OT: Seth Younkin.....So.
OT: Anthony LeDonne.....Jr.

DEFENSE

- DE:** Cole Stash.....So.
DT: Jeremy Krumanacker.....Jr.
DE: Todd Brothers.....Sr.
DL/LB: Luis Mauro.....Sr.
MLB: Ryan Bastian.....Jr.
OLB: Jules Stash.....Sr.
OLB: Jimmy Cellurale.....Sr.
DB: Austin Puskar.....Sr.
DB: Braden Hone.....Sr.
DB: Steven White.....Sr.
DB: Luke Kuhns.....Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- K:** Corey Fogle.....Sr.
P: Corey Fogle.....Sr.

RETURNING LEADERS

- Passing:** Harshman 0/1, 0 yds
Rushing: Hone 44 car, 354 yds, 6 TD
Receiving: Puskar 3 rec, 135 yds, 2 TD
Defense: Stash Statistics Not Available



HEMPFIELD SPARTANS



Head Coach/ Offensive Coordinator: Rich Bowen (4th season)
 Defensive Coordinator: Jason Ross
 Assistant Coaches: Nick Keefer, Steve Miller, Rusty Firestone, Ray McCanna
 Rich Bryan, Rege Faddish, Randy Walters, & Ken Harvey
 Spartan Stadium
 Greensburg, PA

FOOTHILLS PICK: 4/9

2015 SCHEDULE

- September 4**
at Plum 7:30 pm
- September 11**
Norwin 7:30 pm
- September 18**
Kiski Area 7:30 pm
- September 25**
at Connellsville 7:30 pm
- October 2**
McKeesport 7:30 pm
- October 9**
at Penn-Trafford 7:30 pm
- October 16**
Latrobe 7:30 pm
- October 23**
at Altoona 7:30 pm
- October 30**
at Fox Chapel 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 3-6 (2-6)
 Missed Postseason
Flashback:
 The Spartans had become accustomed to making the playoffs, but 2014 was a far cry from that. Three losses in their first four games before a tough stretch of McKeesport & Penn-Trafford put Hempfield in an ugly 1-5 hole that kept them out of the postseason. Despite a disappointing season a 56-21 win over Fox Chapel ended the year on a high note and was used towards building for 2015.

OFFENSE

A Hempfield offense that scored 24.4 points a game last season should have no problem surpassing that with the talent returning for 2015. Senior Daniel Walters is back to direct the offense after tallying over 1,800 yards and 18 touchdowns as a junior. Seniors Donnie Washington, Dylan Sikora, and Ty McEliece all look to play a big role in the offensive production. Washington will be the top option in the run game, and could even play into more of a slot back role, while Sikora will look to fill the void of Dante Luther who made the All-Conference team last season. The offensive line features mostly juniors but all of which have good size and some amount of varsity experience. The Spartans have a lot to be excited about on offense and could be one of the more dynamic groups in the conference.

DEFENSE

A talented bunch of juniors will look to make headlines on defense this year for Hempfield. It starts up front with Kendrick Wells and John Ryan who will spearhead the pass rush from the end of the line. A trio of juniors will roam in the middle of the defense as Alex Raschiatore, Adam Hutchinson, and Jake Hoffner all will bring strength and toughness to the front seven. Unlike the front of the defense the secondary will contain a core group of seniors that bring speed and good ball skills to the table. If the Spartans can be fierce against the run and create more pressure then this unit should be much improved this season.

SPECIALISTS

With the graduation of John Domit the Spartans face a question at who will take over the kicking duties. Junior Adam Hutchinson looks to be the favorite to win the job.

FINAL ANALYSIS

The Spartans have one thing on their mind in 2015 and that is to make it back to the WPIAL playoffs. With the senior tandem of Daniel Walters and Dylan Sikora returning and a skilled backfield the Spartans look to be set on offense. The questions come on the defensive side of the ball where the unit features a healthy number of juniors. If a group of younger players can come together and show a significant improvement from last season Hempfield will be right in the mix in the Foothills. Early games against Plum and Norwin will be a great test for these Spartans and could possibly set the tone for the rest of the year, while a season-end road trip could either bolster or undo their case for a taste of November football.

OFFENSE

- QB:** Daniel Walters.....Sr.
- RB:** Donnie Washington.....Sr.
- RB:** Jordan Kempka.....Jr.
- WR:** Dylan Sikora.....Sr.
- WR:** Ty McEliece.....Sr.
- TE:** Adam Hutchinson.....Jr.
- C:** Jake Hoffner.....Jr.
- OG:** Kendrick Wells.....Jr.
- OG:** Mikey Pry.....Jr.
- OT:** DJ Yasher.....Jr.
- OT:** Nathan Hantz.....Sr.

DEFENSE

- DE:** Kendrick Wells.....Jr.
- DT:** Bussy Remaley.....Jr.
- DE:** John Ryan.....Jr.
- DL/LB:** Logan Rhoades.....Sr.
- MLB:** Alex Raschiatore.....Jr.
- OLB:** Adam Hutchinson.....Jr.
- OLB:** Jake Hoffner.....Jr.
- DB:** Donnie Washington.....Sr.
- DB:** Adam Gambler.....Sr.
- DB:** Dylan Sikora.....Sr.
- DB:** Daniel Walters.....Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- K:** Adam Hutchinson.....Jr.
- P:** Adam Hutchinson.....Jr.

RETURNING LEADERS

- Passing:** Walters 114/192, 1371 yds, 9 TD
- Rushing:** Walters 119 car, 492 yds, 9 TD
- Receiving:** Sikora 25 rec, 375 yds, 3 TD
- Defense:** Washington 19 tkls, sack, Int



KISKI AREA CAVALIERS



Head Coach/ Defensive Coordinator: Dave Heavner (4th season)
 Offensive Coordinator: Scott Biss
 Assistant Coaches: Roger Crider, Jim McKenzie, Brian Nicholas,
 Lewis Thompson, & Edward Tissue
 Davis Field
 Vandergrift, PA

FOOTHILLS PICK: 8/9

2015 SCHEDULE

- September 4**
at Penn-Trafford 7:30 pm
- September 11**
Latrobe 7:30 pm
- September 18**
at Hempfield 7:30 pm
- September 25**
at Pine Richland 7:30 pm
- October 2**
Plum 7:30 pm
- October 9**
Norwin 7:30 pm
- October 16**
at Altoona 7:30 pm
- October 23**
Connellsville 7:30 pm
- October 30**
at McKeesport 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 0-9 (0-8)
 Missed Postseason
Flashback:
 A number of things did not go in the favor of the kids from Vandergrift, but the two numbers that paint the picture are these: The Cavalier offense scored a total of 81 points in their nine games, while the defense allowed an average of nearly 48 points per game. The one bright spot was sophomore Justice Evans who totaled 401 yards on offense while also earning Second Team All-Conference Defense honors.

OFFENSE

There is no other way to put it than the Kiski offense was just not good in 2014. Some of the struggles included scoring just nine points a game, running for less than four yards a carry, and averaging only 6.2 yards per pass attempt. Those struggles should clear up a bit in 2015 with the return of seniors Chad Kuhn and Lincoln Clayton, who led the Cavaliers in passing and rushing. Senior Tariq Gant will also factor into the run game. Kuhn's top targets will be Justice Evans, who totaled 401 yards and two scores last season, and senior DeShawon Bracy. The offensive line has a solid mix of upperclassmen, but the most exciting member to watch will also be its youngest in sophomore Issac Reid.

DEFENSE

Entering this season the Kiski defense has one number on their minds (47.7). That is the outrageous amount of points that opponents scored against this unit in 2014. A few bright spots in this group come from seniors Lincoln Clayton, Tyler Worthing, and Ty Travaglia. They will look to be the leaders of the front seven. The secondary will also poise some excitement with Tariq Gant and Justice Evans who earned a selection to the All-Conference Second Team last season. If the Cavaliers have any chance to compete this season this group will have to find a way to eliminate the big plays, let alone force a higher amount of turnovers.

SPECIALISTS

Senior Tim Collins will be back to handle the place kicking and punting duties in 2015.

FINAL ANALYSIS

The main goal for Kiski Area this season is to just break into the win column after a winless campaign in 2014. The Cavaliers have a reason for optimism with the amount of returning starters on both sides of the ball. The biggest improvement will have to be on defense but a part of that growth will be on quarterback Chad Kuhn and the rest of the offense. It is hard to project a successful season for a team coming off of zero wins, but a week two home clash against Latrobe could be a great opportunity early in the season to get into the win column. With three October home games Kiski has a great chance to get out of the Foothills Conference cellar; and with a stunning upset or two could just become a part of the postseason talk.

OFFENSE

- QB:** Chad Kuhn.....Sr.
RB: Tariq Gant.....Sr.
RB: Lincoln Clayton.....Sr.
SB: Justice Evans.....Jr.
WR: DeShawon Bracy.....Sr.
WR: Cam Turner.....Sr.
C: Cameron Mika.....Jr.
OG: Dalton Prew.....Sr.
OG: Quinn Hanyo.....Jr.
OT: Issac Reid.....So.
OT: Dylan Magill.....Jr.

DEFENSE

- DE:** Dylan Magill.....Jr.
DT: Quinn Hanyo.....Jr.
DE: Austin Simmons.....Sr.
DL/LB: Noah Clayton.....Jr.
MLB: Lincoln Clayton.....Sr.
OLB: Tyler Worthing.....Sr.
OLB: Ty Travaglia.....Sr.
DB: Justice Evans.....Jr.
DB: Tariq Gant.....Sr.
DB: Jon Bracy.....Jr.
DB: DeShawon Bracy.....Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- K:** Tim Collins.....Sr.
P: Tim Collins.....Sr.

RETURNING LEADERS

- Passing:** Kuhn 80/155, 968 yds, 6 TD
Rushing: Clayton 64 car, 310 yds, TD
Receiving: Bracy 21 rec, 326 yds, 4 TD
Defense: L. Clayton 32 tkls, sack



LATROBE WILDCATS



Head Coach/ Offensive Coordinator: James Marucco (2nd season)
 Defensive Coordinator: Pat Murray
 Assistant Coaches: Robert Armstrong, David Bulebosh, Lou Keyser,
 Ralph Kinkead, Paul Hissem, & Brandon Simpson
 Latrobe Memorial Stadium
 Latrobe, PA

FOOTHILLS PICK: 9/9

2015 SCHEDULE

September 4
 Norwin 7:30 pm
September 11
 at Kiski Area 7:30 pm
September 18
 Connellsville 7:30 pm
September 25
 at McKeesport 7:30 pm
October 2
 Penn-Trafford 7:30 pm
October 9
 Altoona 7:30 pm
October 16
 at Hempfield 7:30 pm
October 23
 at North Allegheny 7:30 pm
October 30
 Plum 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 1-8 (1-7)
 Missed Postseason
Flashback:
 The Wildcats started the year strong with a gritty 16-0 loss at Norwin and a 50-point output in a win over Kiski Area. Scoring 13 points in the next three weeks put Latrobe at a 1-4 mark by the middle of the season. The 'Cats went on to lose their final four games and finish 8th in the Foothills. Amidst the losing was junior QB/LB Craig Stevens who was a joy to watch on both sides of the ball.

OFFENSE

The Wildcats enter this season with some major questions on offense. Their top two rushers and two of their three leading receivers from a last year graduated in June, which leaves uncertainty about where the production will come from. The one returning starter is quarterback Craig Stevens who will look to build off a season where he threw for 520 yards and two scores while adding 250 yards and seven touchdowns on the ground. His favorite target to throw to will be Tyler Gustafson who returns after finishing second on the team with seven catches for 103 receiving yards as a junior. Senior Bailey Larkin will look to add another dynamic to the passing game with his tall frame. A fellow senior, running back Joe Reed, looks to take over the main duties in the backfield of this run-heavy attack. With the focus being on the ground game it will be crucial for the offensive line to enforce their will.

DEFENSE

It is fair to say that the Latrobe defense was better than the statistics, or record, would indicate last season. Entering the 2015 season the 'Cats will have to lean on their defense as the strength of the team and can feel confident in doing so with a senior-studded group. Up front will be standout defensive end Nick Stiteler who will be joined by classmates Justin Conrad and Kyle Garris. The line-backing core will be centered on Joe Reed and Craig Stevens who both saw significant time as juniors. The secondary plans to feature three juniors with Scott Soccio being the name that sticks out as a potential breakout player.

SPECIALISTS

With no true kicker on the roster it looks as if Joe Reed will do the kicking, while Craig Stevens returns to do the punting

FINAL ANALYSIS

It is hard to be optimistic coming off of a one-win season, but Latrobe has a few reasons that generate excitement. The Wildcats should be respectable on defense this season especially if they can get help from an improved offense. Do-it-all quarterback Craig Stevens could be in line for an All-Conference worthy season behind a veteran offensive line and having two viable targets in the passing game, while also being the leader of a sound defense. Latrobe will have an interesting start to the season with a home contests verse Norwin and Connellsville, that sandwich a trip to Vandergrift in week two. If the 'Cats are able to get off to a fast start then some late season clashes with Altoona and Hempfield can become worth a lot more than first advertised.

OFFENSE

QB: Craig Stevens.....Sr.
RB: Joe Reed.....Sr.
FB: Brandon Sapp.....Jr.
WR: Tyler Gustafson.....Sr.
WR: Bailey Larkin.....Sr.
TE: Sterling Miller.....Sr.
C: Kyle Garris.....Sr.
OG: Ian Hood.....Sr.
OG: Alex Hoffman.....Sr.
OT: Josh Kennedy.....Jr.
OT: Neil Butler.....Sr.

DEFENSE

DE: Nick Stiteler.....Sr.
DT: Justin Conrad.....Sr.
DE: Kyle Garris.....Sr.
DL/LB: Sam Karol.....Sr.
MLB: Jake Huemme.....Jr.
OLB: Joe Reed.....Sr.
OLB: Craig Stevens.....Sr.
DB: Michael Mucci.....Jr.
DB: Tyler Gustafson.....Sr.
DB: Austin Butler.....Jr.
DB: Scott Soccio.....Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Joe Reed.....Sr.
P: Craig Stevens.....Sr.

RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Stevens 50/101, 520 yds, 2 TD
Rushing: Stevens 118 car, 250 yds, 7 TD
Receiving: Gustafson 7 rec, 103 yds, TD
Defense: Stiteler *Statistics Not Available*



MCKEESPORT TIGERS



Head Coach/ Offensive Coordinator: George Smith (31st season)
Defensive Coordinator: Todd Blackwell
Assistant Coaches: Troy Blackwell, Ivan Hampton, John Harper,
Matt Miller, Tom Smith, & Scott Bishop
George L. Smith Field
McKeesport, PA

FOOTHILLS PICK: 2/9

2015 SCHEDULE

- September 4**
at Connellsville 7:30 pm
- September 11**
Altoona 7:30 pm
- September 18**
at Penn-Trafford 7:30 pm
- September 25**
Latrobe 7:30 pm
- October 2**
at Hempfield 7:30 pm
- October 9**
Hopewell 7:30 pm
- October 16**
Plum 7:30 pm
- October 23**
at Norwin 7:30 pm
- October 30**
Kiski Area 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 10-2 (7-1)
Lost in Semifinals
Flashback:
The Tigers had high expectations for 2014, but a trip to the semifinals far surpassed those expectations. A ten-win season was a product of a McKeesport team that literally ran over their opponents. The top option in this rushing attack was junior Khaleke Hudson who ran for 1,644 yards and 24 touchdowns, while also recording 28 tackles and three interceptions on defense.

OFFENSE

McKeesport's mission on offense is to overpower opponents with their rushing attack, and they certainly have the pieces to do just that this season. The leaders of the run game were both a part of last year's semifinal team. Tymar Sutton (806 rush yds & 9 TD's) is back and will be joined by Khaleke Hudson who returns after rushing for over 1,600 yards last season. With such a heavy reliance on the run throwing the ball really is not a focus for the Tigers, but when they do want to air it junior Jayvaun Shears will be the man to throw it. His top target appears to be senior Fordery Morris. A strong run game needs its playmakers, but ultimately starts and goes as far as its offensive line takes them. As the statistics would suggest the Tigers O-Line is very good due to the prominent fact that each of the five men up front is over 230 pounds. A strong and balanced line that is mixed with talented ball-carriers points to the Tigers being even more dominant on the ground in 2015.

DEFENSE

A huge part of the semifinal run was a stellar defense that held opponents to less than ten points a contest. With the majority of those guys returning for 2015, the Tigers defense could be one of the stingiest in Quad-A. On a defense loaded with talent it is hard to pick out just one or two standouts but the one player that excites, outside of Khaleke Hudson, is senior Tymar Sutton who is one of the top linebacker recruits in all of Pennsylvania.

SPECIALISTS

Caleb Schork will return to handle the kicking and punting duties after making 39 extra points and one field goal last season.

FINAL ANALYSIS

With a power run game and a defense loaded with talent in all three phases the Tigers should have their sights set on a trip to Heinz this season. We all know about the greatness of Khaleke Hudson, who is one of the top WPIAL recruits, but he is also surrounded with a lot of talent on both sides of the football. The first challenge for McKeesport is a game they have circled since last September, which is their week three trip to Harrison City to face rival Penn-Trafford. The only other game that looks to give the Tigers trouble could be a week eight road trip to face Norwin. For the most part McKeesport should finish no lower than second in the conference with their Foothills title hopes hinging on a September date with Penn-Trafford.

OFFENSE

- QB:** Jayvaun Shears.....Jr.
- RB:** Khaleke Hudson.....Sr.
- RB:** Mark Cromerdie.....Sr.
- RB:** Tymar Sutton.....Sr
- WR:** Fordery Morris.....Sr.
- TE:** Antonie Cook.....Jr.
- C:** Andrew Gergely.....Jr.
- OG:** Lyle Petrosky.....Sr.
- OG:** Dylan Kyne.....Sr.
- OT:** Nathan Krivda.....Sr.
- OT:** Nehemiah Pridgen.....Jr.

DEFENSE

- DE:** Davon Brown.....Jr.
- DT:** Andrew Gergely.....Jr.
- DE:** Nathan Krivda.....Sr.
- MLB:** Jahsai Allen.....Sr.
- OLB:** Tymar Sutton.....Sr.
- OLB:** Kasant'e Sayles.....Sr.
- LB/DB:** Khaleke Hudson.....Sr.
- DB:** Kyreek Sayles.....Sr.
- DB:** Breon Green.....Jr.
- DB:** Mark Cromerdie.....Sr.
- DB:** Jayvaun Shears.....Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- K:** Caleb Schork.....Jr.
- P:** Caleb Schork.....Jr.

RETURNING LEADERS

- Passing:** Hudson 3/6, 137 yds, TD
- Rushing:** Hudson 179 car, 1644 yds, 24 TD
- Receiving:** Hudson 4 rec, 66 yds, 2 TD
- Defense:** Hudson 28 tkls, sack, 3 Int



NORWIN KNIGHTS



Head Coach/ Defensive Coordinator: Dave Brozeski (2nd season)
 Offensive Coordinator: Eli Visnick
 Assistant Coaches: Tim McCabe, PJ Petrarco, Steve Smith, Al Carson,
 Steve Socrates, Tim Van Horn, & Brian Brozeski
 Norwin Knights Stadium
 Irwin, PA

FOOTHILLS PICK: 5/9

2015 SCHEDULE

September 4
at Latrobe 7:30 pm
September 11
at Hempfield 7:30 pm
September 18
Seneca Valley 7:30 pm
September 25
at Plum 7:30 pm
October 2
Altoona 7:30 pm
October 9
at Kiski Area 7:30 pm
October 16
at Connellsville 7:30 pm
October 23
McKeesport 7:30 pm
October 30
Penn-Trafford 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 5-5 (4-4)
 Lost in 1st Round
Flashback:
 The Knights got off to a 3-0 start thanks to a defense who posted two shutouts and allowed a total of seven points in that span to begin the year. After such a strong start back-to-back losses by nine points turned the season. Norwin would split its final four games before suffering a season-ending 42-7 defeat to Central Catholic in the playoffs. The bright spot was Nick Amendola who totaled 1,173 yards and 13 TD's.

OFFENSE

The return of quarterback Nick Amendola gives Norwin the sure-hand they need under center on offense. Lining up behind him will be Peyton Deri who is coming off a junior season where he ran for 620 yards and seven touchdowns. The unfamiliar faces in this group come among the wide receivers. Juniors Anthony DelleFemine and Aaron Carr look to be a part of the passing game, while tight end Steven Petrick is the top returning receiver from last season. Another tool in Eli Visnick's offense will be senior slot back Jon Lochiatto. The offensive line features a nice mix of seniors and juniors and is headlined by seniors Hayden Rice and Tyler Gray who will add size and bulk up front. Having an experienced offensive line paired with a dual-threat quarterback should give the Knights a reliable run game.

DEFENSE

The Norwin defense features a lot of returning players from a unit that held opponents to fewer than 18 points a game. At the front of the pack is Nick Amendola and fellow senior Peyton Deri. The secondary will feature an experienced group led by Jon Lochiatto who had three interceptions a year ago. The force up front will be sparked by Steven Petrick and junior Quenten Aranda. The one name that is someone to watch out for is sophomore Jake Smetak who looks to contribute in the pass rush by using his strong frame to get to the quarterback or disrupt the passing lanes. A group that was in the top portion of Quad-A last season will expect to do better in 2015.

SPECIALISTS

Senior Nick Olszewski returns to handle both the place kicking and punting duties for the 2015 season.

FINAL ANALYSIS

The Knights enter this season with the hope of getting to taste November football. With QB/LB Nick Amendola returning both sides of the ball will be under great on-field leadership. Amendola isn't the only returning starter as each side of the ball also has its share of veteran experience. The start of the season will be a very challenging time for Norwin with three of their first four games on the road. If the Knights can survive a busy stretch in September than the two-week block featuring the Foothills' finest will create a possibility for them to be in the conference title mix. The Knights will surpass the five wins of a year ago if Nick Amendola and Peyton Deri can establish a dynamic rushing attack, while having a gritty defense control the other side of the ball.

OFFENSE

QB: Nick Amendola.....Sr.
RB: Peyton Deri.....Sr.
SB: Jon Lochiatto.....Sr.
WR: Aaron Carr.....Jr.
WR: Anthony DelleFemine.....Jr.
TE: Steven Petrick.....Sr.
C: Dante Rizzo.....Sr.
OG: Tyler Gray.....Sr.
OG: Nolan Brough.....Jr.
OT: Hayden Rice.....Sr.
OT: Quenten Aranda.....Jr.

DEFENSE

DE: Steven Petrick.....Sr.
DT: Quenten Aranda.....Jr.
DE: Jake Smetak.....So.
DL/LB: Remington Lojas.....Jr.
MLB: Nick Amendola.....Sr.
OLB: Peyton Deri.....Sr.
OLB: Matt Lamanti.....Jr.
DB: Jon Lochiatto.....Sr.
DB: Aaron Carr.....Jr.
DB: Brandon Wood.....Sr.
DB: Tyler Konek.....Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Nick Olszewski.....Sr.
P: Nick Olszewski.....Sr.

RETURNING LEADERS

Passing: Amendola 61/118, 862 yds, 7 TD
Rushing: Deri 109 car, 620 yds, 7 TD
Receiving: Petrick 10 rec, 133 yds, TD
Defense: Amendola 71 tkls, 6 sacks



PENN-TRAFFORD WARRIORS



Head Coach/ Offensive Coordinator: John Ruane (6th season)
 Defensive Coordinator: Rob Wratcher
 Assistant Coaches: Dave Ruby, Dom Pugliano, Tony Maniccia,
 Bob Westerlund, & Russ Gratton
 Warrior Stadium
 Harrison City, PA

FOOTHILLS PICK: 1/9

2015 SCHEDULE

- September 4**
Kiski Area 7:30 pm
- September 11**
at Connellsville 7:30 pm
- September 18**
McKeesport 7:30 pm
- September 25**
at Altoona 7:30 pm
- October 2**
at Latrobe 7:30 pm
- October 9**
Hempfield 7:30 pm
- October 16**
Shaler 7:30 pm
- October 23**
at Plum 7:30 pm
- October 30**
at Norwin 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 11-1 (8-0)
 Lost in Semifinals
Flashback:
 Behind the arm of Brett Laffoon and an extremely talented defense the Warriors came within one game of reaching Heinz Field. Even though Penn-Trafford's season ended in the semifinals for the second straight year, the Warriors had a lot to be proud of. Laffoon ranked second in Quad-A with 2,005 passing yards and 26 scores, while senior Devin Austin ran for 1,417 yards and 20 TD's.

OFFENSE

The Warriors boasted Quad-A's second best offense last season, and with the return of their quarterback and a few of his top targets no drop-off appears in sight for this group. The prolific passing duo of Brett Laffoon and Tim Vecchio will be back for their senior year on the varsity scene. Joining this duo in the air raid will be seniors Tyler Bruno and Joe Peduzzi, who combined to catch 20 passes for 323 yards and five touchdowns. With the graduation of Devin Austin, senior Jonah Lisbon will get his opportunity to be the main back in the Warrior rushing attack. In addition to a proficient passing game stands a firm offensive line that is headlined by seniors Garrett Smith and Andre Guest. A balanced passing attack led by an experienced quarterback gives the Warriors a chance to be the top offense in all of Quad-A this season.

DEFENSE

The Penn-Trafford offense rightfully gets all of the attention, but the defense is right in the same category. A pass rush led by seniors Chris Standford and Andre Guest will cause major havoc for opposing offensive lines. The middle of the defense is anchored by seniors Nick Baer and Ben Davis. The secondary will also be headlined by seniors Jonah Lisbon and Joe Peduzzi, who represent a very athletic group. With a senior-laden defense the Warriors will look to be even more dominant this season.

SPECIALISTS

With the graduation Casey Aunkst the kicking and punting duties are open for sophomore Nick Tarabrella.

FINAL ANALYSIS

With the return of a talented and experienced senior class, to go along with appearances in the WPIAL semifinals the last two seasons, it is fair to say that 2015 is Heinz Field or bust for Penn-Trafford. Aside all the championship hype there is much excitement around the type of numbers that the duo of Brett Laffoon and Tim Vecchio can put together in their third varsity season. The first big test for the Warriors will be a week three meeting with McKeesport which will certainly play a major role in deciding this year's Foothill Conference champion. The Warriors shouldn't have to worry about running into many obstacles during the middle of the season, but road trips to Plum and Norwin to close out the year will be no easy task.

OFFENSE

- QB:** Brett Laffoon.....Sr.
RB: Jonah Lisbon.....Sr.
WR: Tim Vecchio.....Sr.
WR: Tyler Bruno.....Sr.
WR: Joe Peduzzi.....Sr.
TE: Chris Stanford.....Sr.
C: Garrett Smith.....Sr.
OG: Neiko Chapkis.....Jr.
OG: Josh Maglicco.....Jr.
OT: Andre Guest.....Sr.
OT: Will Schumaker.....Jr.

DEFENSE

- DE:** Chris Stanford.....Sr.
DT: Andre Guest.....Sr.
DE: Colin McDonough.....Sr.
DL/LB: Brendan Kelly.....Jr.
MLB: Luke Wentroble.....Sr.
OLB: Nick Baer.....Sr.
OLB: Ben Davis.....Sr.
DB: Jonah Lisbon.....Sr.
DB: Tim Vecchio.....Sr.
DB: Joe Peduzzi.....Sr.
DB: Brett Carney.....Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- K:** Nick Tarabrella.....So.
P: Nick Tarabrella.....So.

RETURNING LEADERS

- Passing:** Laffoon 106/160, 2005 yds, 26 TD
Rushing: Lisbon 72 car, 524 yds, 9 TD
Receiving: Vecchio 43 rec, 1022 yds, 16 TD
Defense: Stanford *Statistics Not Available*



PLUM MUSTANGS



Head Coach: Matt Morgan (3rd season)
 Offensive Coordinator: Loran Cooley Jr.
 Defensive Coordinator: Mike Barlak
 Assistant Coaches: Lorenzo Freeman, Charles Froehlich, & Matt Paris
 Mustang Stadium
 Plum, PA

FOOTHILLS PICK: 3/9

2015 SCHEDULE

- September 4**
Hempfield 7:30 pm
- September 11**
at North Hills 7:30 pm
- September 18**
at Altoona 7:30 pm
- September 25**
Norwin 7:30 pm
- October 2**
at Kiski Area 7:30 pm
- October 9**
Connellsville 7:30 pm
- October 16**
at McKeesport 7:30 pm
- October 23**
Penn-Trafford 7:30 pm
- October 30**
at Latrobe 7:30 pm

2014 QUICK RECAP

Record: 6-5 (5-3)
 Lost in Quarterfinals

Flashback:
 Matt Morgan's second year in charge of his alma mater was more than just a success. Behind a very good defense and senior QB Will Fuhrer the Mustangs won five regular season games to qualify for the playoffs. A first round upset of rival Penn Hills sent Plum into the quarterfinals, where they lost a highly-contested game to a better McKeesport team.

OFFENSE

Senior Matthew Goodlin will take over the quarterback position with the graduation of Will Fuhrer, who threw for 1,187 passing yards and nine touchdowns last season. The Mustangs will also need to fill the void in the backfield and will look to juniors Kevin Brown and Nick Coxon, who combined for 794 yards and 11 scores on the ground. The areas that Plum doesn't need to fill are in the wide receiving core and on the offensive line. The senior tandem of Ashton Teeter and Patrick Crossey will make the transition for Mathew Goodlin easier with their size and experience. The strength of this unit lies on their offensive line, which features D-I recruit Jake Tecak. A strong offensive line coupled with experienced and dynamic receivers should speed up the learning curve for Goodlin, while also providing every opportunity for a successful run game.

DEFENSE

The Plum defense was quietly one of the better units in Quad-A last season, holding opponents to less than 13 points per game. This group expects around the same level of play this year with seniors Zach Nolan and Chris Erfort leading the pass rush. The front seven will also be strong due to the pairing of juniors Pat Goodlin and Nick Coxon among the linebackers. The secondary will welcome back Ashton Teeter and Patrick Crossey, who each bring size and speed, but it's junior Mike Anderson who could make the biggest impact of the bunch.

SPECIALISTS

Jacob Chapla will return to be the main place kicker and punter this season for the Mustangs, after making 32 extra points and nine field goals as a junior.

FINAL ANALYSIS

Plum enters their third year under Matt Morgan with hopes of a return trip to the WPIAL quarterfinals. In order for that to happen Matthew Goodlin will need to take advantage of a very good offensive line and two veteran receivers. If the offense can do a better job of protecting the ball this season, then a repeat effort by the defense should put the purple and white towards the top of the Foothills Conference. The month of September will give us a good read on this team. Home contests against Hempfield and Norwin, which are coupled with an early two-game trip could set the tone for the 2015 season. If the Mustangs can navigate the early stretch then the two-week block featuring McKeesport and Penn-Trafford could have conference title implications.

OFFENSE

- QB:** Matthew Goodlin.....Sr.
RB: Kevin Brown.....Jr.
RB: Nick Coxon.....Jr.
WR: Patrick Crossey.....Sr.
WR: Ashton Teeter.....Sr.
TE: Zach Nolan.....Sr.
C: Michael Carragino.....Sr.
OG: Eric Trenz.....Sr.
OG: Michael Simboli.....Sr.
OT: Jake Tecak.....Sr.
OT: Keyshawn Smith.....Jr.

DEFENSE

- DE:** Zach Nolan.....Sr.
DT: Chris Erfort.....Sr.
DE: Keyshawn Smith.....Jr.
DL/LB: Nate Mull.....So.
MLB: Pat Goodlin.....Jr.
OLB: Zack Kay.....Sr.
OLB: Nick Coxon.....Jr.
DB: Ashton Teeter.....Sr.
DB: Patrick Crossey.....Sr.
DB: Kevin Brown.....Jr.
DB: Mike Anderson.....Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- K:** Jacob Chapla.....Sr.
P: Jacob Chapla.....Sr.

RETURNING LEADERS

- Passing:** N/A
Rushing: Coxon 90 car, 433 yds, 4 TD
Receiving: Teeter 23 rec, 432 yds, 4 TD
Defense: Crossey 55 tkls, sack

2015 QUAD-A PREDICTIONS

Northern Eight Conference
Central Catholic Vikings
North Allegheny Tigers
North Hills Indians
Pine Richland Rams
Butler Golden Tornado
Fox Chapel Foxes
Seneca Valley Raiders
Shaler Titans

Southeastern Conference
Woodland Hills Wolverines
Penn Hills Indians
Upper St. Clair Panthers
Mount Lebanon Blue Devils
Bethel Park Blackhawks
Peters Township Indians
Baldwin Highlanders
Canon-McMillan Big Macs

Foothills Conference
Penn-Trafford Warriors
McKeesport Tigers
Plum Mustangs
Hempfield Spartans
Norwin Knights
Altoona Mountain Lions
Connesville Falcons
Kiski Area Cavaliers
Latrobe Wildcats

Automatic Playoff Qualifier
 Wild Card Qualifier

NIFTY NICK'S HIGHWAY TO HEINZ



Nifty Nick's Picks To Make Heinz
1) Central Catholic
2) Woodland Hills
3) McKeesport
4) Penn-Trafford



NIFTY NICK'S PRESEASON ALL-WPIAL TEAM

NIFTY NICK'S PRESEASON ALL-WPIAL OFFENSIVE TEAM		
Position	Player	High School
QB	Brett Laffoon, Sr.	Penn-Trafford
RB	Miles Sanders, Sr.	Woodland Hills
RB/SB	Khaleke Hudson, Sr.	McKeesport
WR	Tim Vecchio, Sr.	Penn-Trafford
WR	Nick Tommasi, Sr.	Mt. Lebanon
WR	Dylan Sikora, Sr.	Hempfield
TE	Jacob Dixon, Sr.	Bethel Park
C	Garrett Smith, Sr.	Penn-Trafford
OG	Wilford Clark, Sr.	Woodland Hills
OG	CJ Thorpe, Jr.	Central Catholic
OT	Brandon Ford, Sr.	Upper St. Clair
OT	Jake Buccigrossi, Sr.	North Hills
K	Seth Mancuso, Sr.	North Allegheny



NIFTY NICK'S PRESEASON ALL-WPIAL DEFENSIVE TEAM		
Position	Player	High School
DE	Chris Stanford, Sr.	Penn-Trafford
DT	Rashad Wheeler, Sr.	Central Catholic
DT	Tyler Glanton, Sr.	Penn Hills
DE	Devon Brown, Jr.	McKeesport
OLB	Ron George, Sr.	Central Catholic
MLB	Nick Amendola, Sr.	Norwin
MLB	Tymar Sutton, Sr.	McKeesport
MLB	David Adams, Jr.	Central Catholic
DB	Damar Hamlin, Sr.	Central Catholic
DB	Jeremiah Jones, Sr.	Woodland Hills
DB	Amil Frazier, Sr.	Penn Hills
DB	Riley Truman	North Allegheny
P	Devin Fitz, Sr.	Butler



TOP COLLEGE RECRUITS

Name	High School	The Scoop
Miles Sanders, RB	Woodland Hills	Penn State Commit
Damar Hamlin, DB	Central Catholic	<i>Undecided</i>
Khaleke Hudson, RB/S	McKeesport	<i>Undecided</i>
Rashad Wheeler, DT	Central Catholic	Pitt Commit
Brandon Ford, OL	Upper St. Clair	Pitt Commit
Jo-El Shaw, RB/LB	Woodland Hills	<i>Undecided</i>
Jeremiah Jones, S	Woodland Hills	<i>Undecided</i>
Chris Stanford, DE	Penn-Trafford	<i>Undecided</i>
Tymar Sutton, RB/LB	McKeesport	<i>Undecided</i>
Ron George, LB	Central Catholic	<i>Undecided</i>
Jacob Buccigrossi, OL	North Hills	West Virginia Commit
Amon Youngblood, OL	Woodland Hills	<i>Undecided</i>
Bricen Garner, DB	Central Catholic	Pitt Commit
Billy Kisner, QB/ATH	Penn Hills	Toledo Commit
Jacob Tecak, OL	Plum	<i>Undecided</i>
Ronnie Jones, RB/WR	Central Catholic	Toledo Commit
Andre Guest, OL	Penn-Trafford	Princeton Commit
Wilford Clark, DT	Woodland Hills	<i>Undecided</i>



WHERE ARE THEY NOW

TOP COLLEGE PROSPECTS FROM 2014	
Player	College Choice
Sterling Jenkins, Baldwin	Penn State University
Kevin Givens, Altoona	Penn State University
Tony Pilato, Hempfield	University of Pittsburgh
Alex Paulina, Canon-McMillan	University of Pittsburgh
Johnny Petrishen, Central Catholic	Penn State University
Tyler Hudanick, Seneca Valley	University of Central Florida
Art Thompkins, Woodland Hills	University of Toledo
Ben DiNucci, Pine Richland	University of Pittsburgh
Eric McAllister, Central Catholic	Army (West Point)
Bryan Glover, Central Catholic	Eastern Michigan University
Michael Pifer, Penn-Trafford	Navy (U.S. Naval Academy)
Connor Slomka, Pine Richland	Army (West Point)



Matt Freed – Post Gazette

Ben DiNucci, now at Pitt, led the P.R. Rams to their first Quad-A championship in 2014



Hudl – Agile Sports Technologies Inc.

Johnny Petrishen will look to please the people of Happy Valley with his ball-hawking ways



Rivals.com

Kevin Givens was the leader of the Mountain Lions' defense in 2014, and hopes to someday do the same for the Nittany Lions



A LOOK BACK ON THE HIGHWAY TO HEINZ 2014

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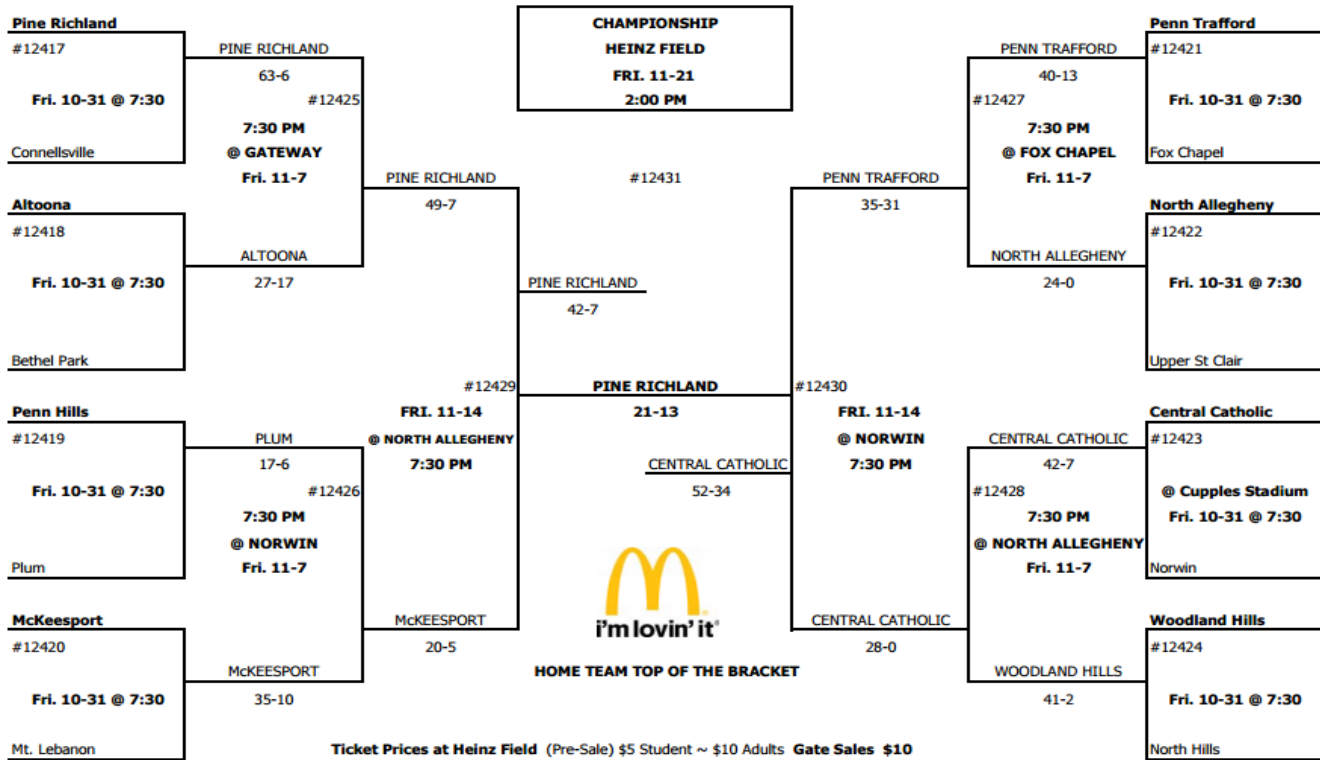


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