



## Pope John Lions

(0-0, 0-0 NJSFC United White) No. 6 Max Preps NJ/No. 20 NJ.com

## Game #1 September 1, 2018 - 1 p.m.

Pope John XXIII Regional High School Sparta, N.J.

Last meeting: DePaul, 35-0

October 27, 2017 - DePaul Catholic High School



DePaul Spartans

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Head Coach:	Brian Carlson
Record at Pope John (8th season):	46-27
Career Record (8th season):	46-27
vs. DePaul	0-5

### **INSIDE THE GAME**

#### Pope John opens 2018 season vs. DePaul

The Pope John Lions will open their 57th football season, as they host defending state champion DePaul for its first game in 2018.

The Lions will also begin their third season in the North Jersey Super Football Conference United White Division with their first game against the two-time defending champion Spartans from Wayne.

Despite finishing with a 6-4 record in 2017, Pope John is coming off a season in which it finished second in the United White Division and reached the Non-Public, Group 3 semifinals for the second consecutive season. During the season, the Lions reached as high as No. 4 in the News12 Varsity Tri-State Top 20 poll, No. 6 in the NJ.com Top 20 poll, No. 7 in the USA Today High School Sports Super 25 East Regional rankings and No. 98 in the High School Football America Top 100.

The offense will benefit greatly from having two future NCAA Division I playmakers return for their senior years in second-year starting quarterback and Niko Hroncich and wide receiver Tajimier Jones. Hroncich threw over 1,000 yards and had 13 touchdowns, while Jones snagged three TDs while making 27 receptions for 308 yards in 2017.

The defense will once again be the bedrock of the Lions. Division I recruits Ireland Burke and Louis Montana anchor the defensive line while defensive backs Chris Rodriguez and Anthony Holmes hold down the secondary.

Pope John will be looking to win its first game against DePaul after coming up short in its first five attempts. The closest the Lions came to beating DePaul was in 2016, when they lost, 23-20, in the Non-Public, Group 3 semifinals.

DePaul is seeking to become back-to-back Non-Public, Group 3 state champions this season. Quarterback Ta'Quon Roberson and wide receiver Ronnie Hickman lead the offense, while linebacker Chris Conti heads the defense.

Head Coach:	John McKenna
Record at DePaul (14th season):	92-48
Career Record (14th season):	92-48
vs. Pope John	5-0

### STAT LEADERS (RETURNERS FROM '17)

#### RUSHING

Pope John: Jacob Huhn 21 car for 122 yds (12.2), 1 TD

Ta'Quon Roberson 91 car for 573 yds (52.1), 4 TD DePaul:

**PASSING** 

Pope John: Niko Hroncich 107-of-179, 1,053 yds (105.3), 14 TD/5 INT DePaul: Ta'Quon Roberson 166-of-248, 2,466 yds (224.2), 30 TD/5 INT

**RECEIVING** 

Pope John: Tajimier Jones 27 rec for 308 yds (30.8), 3 TD DePaul: Ronnie Hickman 44 rec for 809 yds (80.9), 10 TD

**DEFENSE** 

Pope John: Chris Rodriguez 41 tkls, 3 FR, 1 FF, 1 PD Chris Conti 56 tkls, 2 sk, 3 PD, 1 FR DePaul:

### 2018 SCHEDULES/RESULTS

POPE JOHN		DePaul	
9/1 vs. DePaul*	1 p.m.	9/1 at Pope John*	1 p.m.
9/7 at Paramus Catholic	7 p.m.	9/8 at Seton Hall Prep*	2 p.m.
9/15 at Archbishop Wood (Pa	.) 7 p.m.	9/14 vs. St. Joseph-Montvale	7 p.m.
9/22 at St. Joseph-Montvale	1 p.m.	9/21 vs. Delbarton*	7 p.m.
9/28 at Don Bosco Prep	7 p.m.	9/29 at St. Peter's Prep	7 p.m.
10/6 vs. Delbarton*	2:30 p.m.	10/5 at Paramus Catholic	7 p.m.
10/13 at Bergen Catholic	1 p.m.	10/13 at Hudson Catholic	4 p.m.
10/20 vs. St. Peter's Prep	1 p.m.	10/19 vs. Don Bosco Prep	7 p.m.
10/27 at Seton Hall Prep*	1 p.m.	10/27 vs. Bergen Catholic	7 p.m.

\*NJSFC United White Division game

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### **QUICK FACTS**

#### **SCHOOL**

NAME:	Pope John XXIII Regional High School
LOCATION:	28 Andover Road., Sparta, N.J.
FOUNDED:	1956
NICKNAME:	Lions
COLORS:	Blue & Gold
CONFERENCE:	orth Jersey Super Football Conference
PRESIDENT:	Rev. Msgr. Kieran McHugh
PRINCIPAL:	Gene Emering
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS	S: Mia Gavan
HEAD COACH/DEF. COOF	RDINATOR: Brian Carlson (8th season)

#### FOOTBALL HISTORY

FIRST YEAR:	
ALL-TIME RECORD:	. 426-135-5 (57th season)
STATE TITLES:	20
STATE FINAL APPEARANCES:	27
STATE FINAL RECORD:	
STATE PLAYOFF APPEARANCES:	41
STATE PLAYOFF RECORD:	48-23
LEAGUE TITLES:	23

#### **ASSISTANT COACHES**

OFF. COORDINATOR/OFFENSIVE LINE COACI	H: Alex Cabasso
WIDE RECEIVERS/SPECIAL TEAMS COACH: .	R.J. Crusco
QUARTERBACKS COACH:	Aaron Aiken
DEFENSIVE LINE COACH:	Phil Brown
LINEBACKERS/SPECIAL TEAMS COACH:	Jake Davis
DEFENSIVE BACKS COACH:	Mark Colyer
DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS	Peter Ricciardi
FRESHMAN HEAD COACH.:	Matt Millar
FRESHMAN OFF. COORDINATOR:	Ralph Crusco
FRESHMAN DEF. COORDINATOR:	Scott Mack

#### MEDICAL/SCHOOL STAFF

HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER:	Zac Fowler
ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER:	Taylor Perrault
TEAM PHYSICIAN:	Dr. Padavan
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH:	Joe Lopez
ACADEMIC COORDINATOR:	. Richard Murphy

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### **NEXT LEVEL LIONS**



Since 2012, the Lions have had 53 players go on to play college football.

Among this 53-man group, 2014 graduates Noah Brown and Ryan Izzo have gone on to be drafted to play in the National Football League after enjoying standout careers at Pope John and at their respective NCAA Division I universities.

Brown is in his second year with the Dallas Cowboys after being picked in the seventh round by them in the 2017 NFL Draft. Following a three-year career at Ohio State University, Brown became Pope John's first graduate to play in the NFL, seeing time in 13 games with the five-time Super Bowl champion Cowboys and making four receptions for 33 yards while playing 279 total snaps.

Izzo is looking to become the second Pope John graduate to play in the NFL after being drafted in the seventh round by the New England Patriots in April. Izzo is coming off a three-year career at Florida State University, where he made 54 catches for 761 yards and six touchdowns while also being a terrific blocker.

While Brown and Izzo are competing at the highest level of football, the Lions currently have 34 alums playing in college. They are: Stephen Adams (Johns Hopkins University), Nick Bello (Assumption College), Austin Bailey (Sacred Heart University), Scott Black (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), Jake Brown (Harvard University), Jhadir Charles (Monmouth University), John Cotis (Ithaca College), Zachary Cluett (Castleton University), Drew Daniels (Marist College), Samuel Darrell (Susquehanna University), Matt Dengler (Fordham University), Nick DeNucci (Boston College), Nick Esposito (Catholic University), Tim Fitzpatrick (Muhlenberg College), Ron Fox (Towson University), Ryan Greenhagen (Fordham University), Artis Hemmingway (University of Delaware), Sam Howson (Rutgers University), Ty Hranicka (Lafayette College), Terrance Jones (Idaho State University), Jonathan Marquez (East Stroudsburg University), Jason Miller (Towson University), Trevor Moore (Catholic University), Jack Morelli (Catholic University), Aidan Murray (University of Richmond), Berrell Neal (Assumption College), Andrew Nieves (Susquehanna University), Austin Pedersen (Kutztown University), Joe Quitadamo (Stonehill College), Sekayi Rudolph (Marist College), Jack Ryan (Wesleyan University), Gio Tricarico (Merrimack College), Dalyn Wade-Perry (Stanford University), and Mateo Zappata (Marist College)

# NJSFC UNITED WHITE DIVISION STANDINGS

	Div.	%	Overall	%
1. Delbarton	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
2. DePaul	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
3. Pope John	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
4. Seton Hall Prep	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
SCHEDULE				

Friday, Aug. 31

Seton Hall Prep at Archbishop Carroll (Pa.), 12 p.m.

Somerville at Delbarton, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 1 DePaul at Pope John, 1 p.m.

### NJ.COM TOP 20 POLL

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School	Record	Next Opp.
1. Bergen Catholic	0-0	vs. Grayson (Ga.)
2. St. Peter's Prep	0-0	at Millville
3. DePaul	0-0	at No. 20 Pope John
4. St. Joseph (Mont.)	0-0	at American Heritage (Fla.)
5. Wayne Hills	0-0	at Timpview (Utah)
6. Phillipsburg	0-0	vs. Warren Hills
7. Don Bosco Prep	0-0	vs. James Byrnes (S.C.)
8. Montclair	0-0	at West Orange
9. St. Joseph (Hamm.)	0-0	Bye
10. Westfield	0-0	Bye
11. Piscataway	0-0	Bye
12. Somerville	0-0	at Delbarton
13. Woodrow Wilson	0-0	at Winslow
14. South Brunswick	0-0	at Lenape
15. Red Bank Catholic	0-0	at No. 16 St. John Vianney
16. St. John Vianney	0-0	vs. No. 15 Red Bank Catholic
17. Ramapo	0-0	at Sparta
18. Sayreville	0-0	Bye
19. West Essex	0-0	Bye
20. Pope John	0-0	vs. No. 3 DePaul

### NON-PUBLIC, GROUP 3 POWER POINTS

School	Record	Power Points
1. Bishop Ahr	0-0	0
2. Bishop Eustace	0-0	0
3. Camden Catholic	0-0	0
4. DePaul	0-0	0
5. Donovan Catholic	0-0	0
6. Dwight-Englewood	0-0	0
7. Mater Dei	0-0	0
8. Pingry	0-0	0
9. Pope John	0-0	0
10. Red Bank Catholic	0-0	0
11. St. John Viannev	0-0	0

### MAX PREPS NJ TOP 25 RANKINGS

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_	School	Record	Next Opp.
	1. Bergen Catholic	0-0	vs. Grayson (Ga.)
	2. St. Peter's Prep	0-0	at Millville
	3. St. Joseph (Mont.)	0-0	at American Heritage (Fla.)
	4. DePaul	0-0	at No. 6 Pope John
	5. St. Joseph (Hamm.)	0-0	Bye
	6. Pope John	0-0	vs. No. 4 DePaul
	7. Don Bosco Prep	0-0	vs. James Byrnes (S.C.)
	8. Camden Catholic	0-0	at No. 14 Rancocas Valley
	9. Red Bank Catholic	0-0	at St. John Vianney
	10. Haddonfield	0-0	at Pleasantville
	11. Montclair	0-0	at West Orange
	12. St. Augustine	0-0	vs. State College (Pa.)
	13. Phillipsburg	0-0	vs. Warren Hills
	14. Rancocas Valley	0-0	vs. No. 8 Camden Catholic
	15. Somerville	0-0	at No. 25 Delbarton
	16. West Deptford	0-0	vs. Paulsboro
	17. Wayne Hills	0-0	at Timpview (Utah)
	18. Hillside	0-0	at Hightstown
	19. Lenape	0-0	vs. No. 22 South Brunswick
	20. West Essex	0-0	Bye
	21. Old Tappan	0-0	at Northern Highlands
	22. South Brunswick	0-0	at No. 19 Lenape
	23. Westfield	0-0	Bye
	24. River Dell	0-0	vs. Westwood
	25. Delbarton	0-0	at No. 15 Somerville

#### OPPONENT TRACKER

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DePAUL (Sept. 1)  Overall: 0-0 NJSFC UWD: 0-0 This Week: at Pope John Last Week:	Overall: 0-0 NJSFC URD: 0-0 This Week: at West Catholic (Pa.) Last Week:	Overall: 0-0 Phil Cath. League; 0-0 This Week: McDonogh School (Pa.) Last Week:			
ST. JOSEPH-MONTVALE  (Sept. 22)  Overall: 0-0  NJSFC URD: 0-0  This Week: at American Heritage  (Fla.)  Last Week:	Overall: 0-0 NJSFC URD: 0-0 This Week; vs. James Byrnes (S.C.) Last Week:	Overall: 0-0 NJSFC UWD: 0-0 This Week: vs. Somerville Last Week:			
Overall: 0-0 NJSFC URD: 0-0 This Week: vs. Grayson (Ga.) Last Week:	ST. PETER'S PREP  (Oct. 20)  Overall: 0-0  NJSFC URD: 0-0  This Week: at Millville Last Week:	Overall: 0-0 NJSFC UWD: 0-0 This Week: at Archbishop Carroll (Pa.) Last Week:			

### HEAD COACH BRIAN CARLSON

Brian Carlson was named the sixth head coach in the history of the Pope John XXIII Regional High School/Our Lady of the Lake football program on April 1, 2011.

Since superseding the legendary Vic Paternostro, who led the Lions to 20 state championships in 43 seasons, Carlson has been putting his stamp on the program.

Entering his eighth season this year, Carlson has guided the Lions to a 46-27 record, three NJAC American Division titles and a Non-Public, Group 3 championship game appearance in 2013.

In 2014, Carlson helped the Lions elevate the program by having them face some of the best teams in the state in Paramus Catholic and DePaul. After two years of only having these two powerhouses on a schedule primarily filled with public schools from Sussex and Morris counties, the Lions started playing an exclusive non-public school schedule that featured some of the top private schools in the Northeast.

Now, the Lions play and scrimmage natonally-known teams such as Bergen Catholic, Paramus Catholic, St. Joseph-Montvale, Don Bosco Prep, DePaul, St. Peter's Prep, St. John's College High School (Washington, D.C.), Archbishop Wood (Pa.), and Malvern Prep (Pa.) on an annual basis.

Off the field, Carlson helped the Lions excel in the classroom and in the community.

Academically, 53 Lions have gone on to continue their academic and athletic careers at the NCAA level. This fall, 20 members from the Class of 2018 will be playing on the college gridiron, with 14 of them competing at the NCAA D-I or Division II level. The Class of 2018 also earned over \$2 million in athletic and Merit scholarships. In addition, the Lions finished the 2017-18 school year with a combined 3.05 GPA. Moreover, 38 percent of the team (out of 95 players) was recognized for Academic Achievement (either Distinguished Honors, 1st Honors or 2nd Honors).

In the community, the Lions have volunteered their time to local charities and organizations, such as SCARC and senior citizen homes.

Another big achievement of Carlson's at Pope John was forming the Jr Lions Athletics Program — a program that offers six sports to boys and girls in grades K-8 who attend Pope John High School, Pope John Middle School and Reverend George A. Brown Memorial School while modeling them after the way Pope John runs its varsity squads.

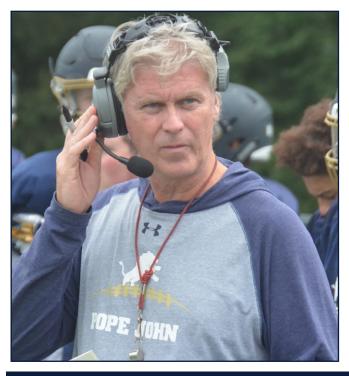
Carlson laid the groundwork for the program by using the vision he has for the football team as the "template." The football team is run by faith-based principles, is committed to the highest academic standards, and thrives on competition, otherwise known as "Faith, Family, Football."

The program has taken off since its inception in 2017, as it has over 400 students competing, including over 200 for football.

Before coming to Pope John, Carlson spent the 2010 season as the linebackers coach at Don Bosco Prep and was previously the head coach of Kean University's football program for eight seasons from 1992-99. During his tenure, he helped the school win a NJAC co-championship and the ECAC South Bowl championship.

A native of Saddle Brook, Carlson is a 1979 graduate of Paramus Catholic and a 1983 graduate of Montclair State University, where he played as a line-backer/defensive end for four years and was captain of the team as a senior. He earned his BS degree in Economics. He was also the CEO of Parisi Sports Inc., a position he held for over 10 years.

In addition to coaching, Carlson is a business teacher at Pope John and has served as the department's chair for the last three years. He lives in Sparta with his wife, Donna and their two children Brendan and Kate.



### **CARLSON FILE**

HOMETOWN:	Saddle Brook, N.J.
HIGH SCHOOL:	Paramus Catholic, 1979
COLLEGE:	Montclair State University, 1983,
	B.A. Economics
DECORD (8th season)	\· 46-27

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2011-pres.	Head Coach	Pope John
2010	Linebackers Coach	Don Bosco
1992-99	Head Coach	Kean University
1989-91	Def Cordinator	<b>Kean University</b>
1987-88	<b>Assistant Coach</b>	Kean University
1984-86	<b>Assistant Coach</b>	<b>Paramus Catholic</b>

**Playing Career** 

Montclair State, LB/DE 1979-82, Captain in 1982 Paramus Catholic, LB 1975-78

### CARLSON/POPE JOHN STATE RESULTS

Year	Oppoonent	Result
2011	at Red Bank Catholic	L 42-6
2012	vs. Camden Catholic	L 28-21
2013	vs. Bishop Ahr	W 53-0
	vs. Delbarton	W 14-13
	vs. St. Joseph-Montvale*	L 62-14
2014	at St. John Vianney	L 56-7
2015	vs. Red Bank Catholic	L 21-14
2016	vs. Red Bank Catholic	W 48-21
	at DePaul	L 23-20
2017	vs. Donovan Catholic	W 53-7
	vs. St. Joseph-Montvale	L 28-7

Total 4-7

# POPE JOHN XXIII FOOTBALL ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position(s)	Height	Weight	Class	Hometown
92	Ian Babitz	G/DE	5'11	187	10	West Milford, NJ
25	Sean Brennan	FS/QB	5'10	175	10	Highland Lakes, NJ
9	Ireland Burke	DL	6'3	300	12	Sparta, NJ
45	Pedro Calderon	LB	5'11	235	11	Franklin, NJ
83	Alex Campanella	WR	5'5	130	10	Kenilworth, NJ
21	Julian Canty	LB	6'0	210	12	Vernon, NJ
12	Anthony Caputo	Slot	5'7	185	12	Andover, NJ
29	Vincent Cimaglia	DB	5'9	145	11	Sussex, NJ
14	Robert Cox	FS/QB	5'9	150	10	Kenilworth, NJ
19	Zachary Cuttito	FS	6'1	165	12	Byram, NJ
54	Cole Danzo	DL	6'0	250	11	Sparta, NJ
8	Peter Delaportas	QB	6'2	185	9	Oak Ridge, NJ
11	Ryan Dengler	WR	5'10	180	12	Sparta, NJ
2	Mike DeNucci	SS	5'10	195	11	Denville, NJ
97	Nicholas DeSenzo	DT	5'10	270	12	West Milford, NJ
80	Daniel Dingus	WR	5'10	150	10	Hackettstown, NJ
67	Ethan Doumbe	OG	6'0	260	11	Sparta, NJ
89	Luke Dykstra	TE	5'11	165	12	Sparta, NJ
65	David Espinal	OL/DL	6'0	210	10	Sparta, NJ
20	Victor Febres	DB	5'10	145	11	Lake Hopatcong, NJ
73	Sebastian Flamenco	OL/DL	6'4	295	11	Hackettstown, NJ
64	Liam Gang	OC	5'11	225	10	Sparta, NJ
23	Billy Gould	FS/QB	5'9	165	10	Wantage, NJ
32	Trace Healy	LB	5'10	160	10	Wantage, NJ
71	David Heath	ОТ	6'4	260	11	Sparta, NJ
36	Justin Hertlein	PK	5'10	155	11	Glenwood, NJ
16	Anthony Holmes	DB	5'10	170	12	Mine Hill, NJ
7	Niko Hroncich	QB	6'2	190	12	North Haledon, NJ
22	Jacob Huhn	RB	5'8	190	12	Flanders, NJ
30	Evan Izzo	LS	5'10	145	10	Highland Lakes, NJ
95	Jahsin Jacobs	DT	5'11	285	9	Garfield, NJ
10	Tajimier Jones	WR	6'2	200	12	Paterson, NJ
84	Charlie Lauzon	DE	6'0	190	10	Newton, NJ
5	Miguel Lopez	DB	5'10	190	11	Paterson, NJ
85	Warren Lynch	WR	5'11	180	10	Sussex, NJ
13	Christian Maciak	FS	5'9	200	12	Sparta, NJ
70	Michael Maglio	OG	6'1	270	11	Hopatcong, NJ
3	Nafis Matthews	Slot	5'10	225	11	Lyndhurst, NJ
81	Matthew McConley	WR	6'1	140	10	Sparta, NJ
18	Connor Milks	DB	6'2	175	11	Wantage, NJ



# POPE JOHN XXIII FOOTBALL ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position(s)	Height	Weight	Class	Hometown
26	Collin Mills	PK	6'1	170	10	Lafayette, NJ
90	Louis Montana	DT/DE	6'4	260	12	Sandyston, NJ
33	Messiah Muckle	RB	5'10	170	10	Elmwood Park, NJ
68	James O'Rawe	LB	5'9	207	10	Landing, NJ
31	Michael Patten	LB/DE	6'1	210	10	Budd Lake, NJ
76	Giovanni Potente	OT	6'4	290	12	East Hanover, NJ
47	Jordan Quintero	LB	6'1	185	11	Woodland Park, NJ
27	Collin Roberts	LB	6'3	190	12	Newton, NJ
94	Issiaha Robinson	DE	6'2	225	11	Stanhope, NJ
15	Jarelle Robinson	WR/Slot	5'7	145	10	Englewood, NJ
4	Chris Rodriguez	SS/RB	5'9	210	12	Paterson, NJ
40	Robert Romano	K	5'11	155	11	Sparta, NJ
42	Dan Rosario	FB	5'9	215	11	Dover, NJ
87	Ryan Rumanowski	TE	6'3	200	12	Newton, NJ
1	Chris Sabo	LB	6'2	220	12	Great Meadows, NJ
37	Kevin Salmeri	DB	5'10	162	10	Sparta, NJ
66	Frankie Schomp	DE	6'2	225	11	Newton, NJ
77	Jake Sledge	OC	5'11	260	11	Sparta, NJ
48	Luke Spivak	LB	5'10	175	10	Roxbury, NJ
55	Mike Stellatella	LB	5'9	220	11	Byram, NJ
99	Jasmir Taylor	DT	5'10	245	11	Paterson, NJ
17	Josh Taylor	LB	5'10	190	11	Paterson, NJ
88	Zhayon Thompson	WR	6'0	165	11	Sparta, NJ
43	Mark Vanorski	RB	5'9	170	10	Glenwood, NJ
41	Bryan Vargas	S	5'10	190	12	Garfield, NJ
6	Menyelek Ward	RB	5'7	160	11	Sparta, NJ
34	Nasir West	RB	5'8	170	12	Morristown, NJ
28	Tyler Zummo	FS/Slot	5'9	145	10	Sparta, NJ
39	Cole Zydel	LB	5'7	200	11	Wantage, NJ

## **PRONUNCIATIONS**

Ireland Burke EYE-ER-LAND Burke	Nafis Matthews NAH-FEES Matthews
Vincent CimagliaVincent SE-MAG-LEE-AH	Messiah Muckle Messiah MUCK-LE
Zachary Cuttito Zachary CUT-TEE-TOE	Giovanni Potente
Peter Delaportas Peter DELL-A-PORT-US	Jarelle Robinson JAH-RELL Robinson
Mike DeNucci Mike DE-NEW-CHI	Ryan Rumanowski Ryan RUM-AN-OW-SKI
Ethan Doumbe Ethan DOOM-BAY	Chris Sabo Chris SAY-BO
Sebastian Flamenco Sebastian FLA-MEN-CO	Frankie Schomp Frankie SKOMP
Justin Hertlein Justin HURT-LINE	Mike Stellatella Mike STELL-AH-TELL-AH
Niko Hroncich KNEE-CO HER-ON-SITCH	Jasmir Taylor JAZZ-MERE Taylor
Tajimier Jones TAJ-EH-MERE Jones	Menyelek Ward MEN-EL-EKE Ward
Christian Maciak Christian MAY-SEE-ACK	Nasir West

# POPE JOHN XXIII FOOTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position(s)	Height	Weight	Class	Hometown
1	Chris Sabo	LB	6'2	220	12	Great Meadows, NJ
2	Mike DeNucci	SS	5'10	195	11	Denville, NJ
3	Nafis Matthews	Slot	5'10	225	11	Lyndhurst, NJ
4	Chris Rodriguez	SS/RB	5'9	210	12	Paterson, NJ
5	Miguel Lopez	DB	5'10	190	11	Paterson, NJ
6	Menyelek Ward	RB	5'7	160	11	Sparta, NJ
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14	Robert Cox	FS/QB	5'9	150	10	Kenilworth, NJ
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22	Jacob Huhn	RB	5'8	190	12	Flanders, NJ
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31	Michael Patten	LB/DE	6'1	210	10	Budd Lake, NJ
32	Trace Healy	LB	5'10	160	10	Wantage, NJ
33	Messiah Muckle	RB	5'10	170	10	Elmwood Park, NJ
34	Nasir West	RB	5'8	170	12	Morristown, NJ
36	Justin Hertlein	PK	5'10	155	11	Glenwood, NJ
37	Kevin Salmeri	DB	5'10	162	10	Sparta, NJ
39	Cole Zydel	LB	5'7	200	11	Wantage, NJ
40	Robert Romano	K	5'11	155	11	Sparta, NJ
41	Bryan Vargas	S	5'10	190	12	Garfield, NJ
42	Dan Rosario	FB	5'9	215	11	Dover, NJ
43	Mark Vanorski	RB	5'9	170	10	Glenwood, NJ

# POPE JOHN XXIII FOOTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Position(s)	Height	Weight	Class	Hometown
45	Pedro Calderon	LB	5'11	235	11	Franklin, NJ
47	Jordan Quintero	LB	6'1	185	11	Woodland Park, NJ
48	Luke Spivak	LB	5'10	175	10	Roxbury, NJ
54	Cole Danzo	DL	6'0	250	11	Sparta, NJ
55	Mike Stellatella	LB	5'9	220	11	Byram, NJ
64	Liam Gang	OC	5'11	225	10	Sparta, NJ
65	David Espinal	OL/DL	6'0	210	10	Sparta, NJ
66	Frankie Schomp	DE	6'2	225	11	Newton, NJ
67	Ethan Doumbe	OG	6'0	260	11	Sparta, NJ
68	James O'Rawe	LB	5'9	207	10	Landing, NJ
70	Michael Maglio	OG	6'1	270	11	Hopatcong, NJ
71	David Heath	ОТ	6'4	260	11	Sparta, NJ
73	Sebastian Flamenco	OL/DL	6'4	295	11	Hackettstown, NJ
76	Giovanni Potente	ОТ	6'4	290	12	East Hanover, NJ
77	Jake Sledge	С	5'11	260	11	Sparta, NJ
80	Daniel Dingus	WR	5'10	150	10	Hackettstown, NJ
81	Matthew McConley	WR	6'1	140	10	Sparta, NJ
83	Alex Campanella	WR	5'5	130	10	Kenilworth, NJ
84	Charlie Lauzon	DE	6'0	190	10	Newton, NJ
85	Warren Lynch	WR	5'11	180	10	Sussex, NJ
87	Ryan Rumanowski	TE	6'3	200	12	Newton, NJ
88	Zhayon Thompson	WR	6'0	165	11	Sparta, NJ
89	Luke Dykstra	TE	5'11	165	12	Sparta, NJ
90	Louis Montana	DT/DE	6'4	260	12	Sandyston, NJ
92	Ian Babitz	G/DE	5'11	187	10	West Milford, NJ
94	Issiaha Robinson	DE	6'2	225	11	Stanhope, NJ
95	Jahsin Jacobs	DT	5'11	285	9	Garfield, NJ
97	Nicholas DeSenzo	DT	5'10	270	12	West Milford, NJ
99	Jasmir Taylor	DT	5'10	245	11	Paterson, NJ

# PRONUNCIATIONS

Ireland Burke	EYE-ER-LAND Burke
Vincent Cimaglia	Vincent SE-MAG-LEE-AH
Zachary Cuttito	Zachary CUT-TEE-TOE
Peter Delaportas	Peter DELL-A-PORT-US
Mike DeNucci	Mike DE-NEW-CHI
Ethan Doumbe	Ethan DOOM-BAY
Sebastian Flamenco	Sebastian FLA-MEN-CO
Justin Hertlein	Justin HURT-LINE
Niko Hroncich	KNEE-CO HER-ON-SITCH
Tajimier Jones	TAJ-EH-MERE Jones
Christian Maciak	Christian MAY-SEE-ACK

Nafis Matthews	NAH-FEES Matthews
Messiah Muckle	Messiah MUCK-LE
Giovanni Potente	Giovanni PO-TEN-TE
Jarelle Robinson	JAH-RELL Robinson
Ryan Rumanowski	Ryan RUM-AN-OW-SKI
Chris Sabo	Chris SAY-BO
Frankie Schomp	Frankie SKOMP
Mike Stellatella	Mike STELL-AH-TELL-AH
Jasmir Taylor	JAZZ-MERE Taylor
Menyelek Ward	MEN-EL-EKE Ward
Nasir West	NAH-SEAR West

Year	Record	League Titles	State Games	State Sectional titles	State Championship Appearances	Coach
1962-63	0-5					Ken Slattery
1963-64	0-8					Jim Spencer
1964-65	0-9					Jim Spencer
1965-66	0-8					Jim Spencer
1966-67	1-8					Cliff Ruth
1967-68	4-3					Jim Kettle
1968-69	3-5-1					Vic Paternostro
1969-70	6-3					Vic Paternostro
1970-71	4-4					Vic Paternostro
1971-72	7-1			Parochial C North	**NJSIAA declared title	Vic Paternostro
1972-73	8-1			Parochial C North	**NJSIAA declared title	Vic Paternostro
1973-74	9-0					Vic Paternostro
1974-75	8-0-1					Vic Paternostro
1975-76	10-1	SCIL	*St. Mary (Ruth.) (W 14-7)	Parochial B North	Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro
1976-77	9-1	SCIL	*St. Mary (Ruth.) (L 49-14)		Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro
1977-78	8-2-1		Our Lady of Valley (W 12-0) *Immac. Conc. (L 17-14 OT)		Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro
1978-79	6-3					Vic Paternostro
1979-80	10-0-1	SCIL	St. Mary (Ruth.) (W 18-10) *Immac. Conc. (W 28-6)	Parochial B North	Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro

Year	Record	League Titles	State Games	State Sectional titles	State Championship Appearances	Coach
1980-81	8-2		*St. Mary (Ruth.) (L 6-0 2OT)		Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro
1981-82	9-1		Bayley Ellard (W 29-18) *St. Cecilia (W 28-0)	Parochial B North	Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro
1982-83	10-1		*Immac. Conc. (W 27-0)	Parochial B North	Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro
1983-84	11-0	SCIL	Paul VI (W 27-6) *St. Joseph (Pal.) (W 40-14)	Parochial B North	Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro
1984-85	7-3-1		DePaul (W 21-7) *Immaculata (L 17-0)		Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro
1985-86	9-2	SCIL	Bayley Ellard (W 34-13) *Immaculata (L 29-21)		Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro
1986-87	10-1		Bayley Ellard (W 13-7) *Phillipsburg C. (W 35-0)	Parochial B North	Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro
1987-88	11-0	SCIL	Montclair-Kim (W 30-9) *Morris Cath. (W 22-7)	Parochial B North	Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro
1988-89	10-1		Paul VI (Clift.) (W 28-0) *DePaul (W 12-7)	Parochial B North	Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro
1989-90	10-1		Marist (W 27-0) *Bayley Ellard (W 35-17)	Parochial B North	Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro
1990-91	10-1	SCIL	Morris Cath. (W 35-22) *DePaul (W 21-14)	Parochial B North	Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro

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1991-92	11-1	SCIL	Bayley Ellard (W 47-8) *Marist (W 35-0)	Parochial B North	Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro
1992-93	10-1	SCIL	St. Mary (Ruth.) (W 41-0) *DePaul (L 28-21)		Parochial B North	Vic Paternostro
1993-94	10-1		Pingry (W 30-7) *Marist (W 14-0)	Parochial, Group 2	Parochial, Group 2	Vic Paternostro
1994-95	4-5					Vic Paternostro
1995-96	10-0	SCIL	Pingry (W 33-11) *Marist (W 20-15)	Parochial, Group 2	Parochial, Group 2	Vic Paternostro
1996-97	11-0	SCIL	Red Bank C. (W 54-12) *DePaul (W 14-7)	Parochial, Group 2	Parochial, Group 2	Vic Paternostro
1997-98	11-0	SCIL	Paterson C. (W 27-0) *DePaul (W 44-13)	Parochial, Group 2	Parochial, Group 2	Vic Paternostro
1998-99	9-2		Red Bank C. (W 13-7) *Pingry (W 46-7)	Parochial, Group 2	Parochial, Group 2	Vic Paternostro
1999-2000	7-3		Immaculata (L 37-7)			Vic Paternostro
2000-01	9-3	SCIL	Red Bank C. (W 27-7) Immaculata (W 28-25) *St. Joseph (Mont.) (L 54-29)		Parochial, Group 3	Vic Paternostro
2001-02	9-1	SCIL	*Paterson C. (W 13-12)	Parochial, Group 2	Parochial, Group 2	Vic Paternostro
2002-03	9-2		Montclair-Kim (W 42-0) *Queen of Peace (W 41-12)	Parochial, Group 2	Parochial, Group 2	Vic Paternostro
2003-04	9-2		St. Joseph (Mont.) (L 33-14)			Vic Paternostro
2004-05	11-1	SCIL	Paul VI (W 35-14) Holy Cross (W 34-16) *St. Joseph (Mont.) (L 42-8)		Parochial, Group 3	Vic Paternostro

Year	Record	League Titles	State Games	State Sectional titles	State Championship Appearances	Coach
2005-06	9-2	SCIL	Holy Spirit (W 21-12) St. Joseph (Mont.) (L 56-14)			Vic Paternostro
2006-07	9-1	SCIL	Delbarton (L 49-28)			Vic Paternostro
2007-08	7-3		Hudson C. (L 16-6)			Vic Paternostro
2008-09	8-2	SCIL	Gloucester C. (L 37-14)			Vic Paternostro
2009-10	9-2	NJAC National	Delbarton (W 28-21) Immaculata (L 25-20)			Vic Paternostro
2010-11	10-1	NJAC American	Delbarton (W 21-13) Holy Spirit (L 34-27)			Vic Paternostro
2011-12	5-5		Red Bank C. (L 42-6)			Brian Carlson
2012-13	7-3	NJAC American	Camden C. (L 28-21)			Brian Carlson
2013-14	10-2	NJAC American	Bishop Ahr (W 53-0) Delbarton (W 14-13) *St. Joseph (Mont.) (L 62-14)		Non-Public, Group 3	Brian Carlson
2014-15	5-5		St. John Vianney (L 56-7)			Brian Carlson
2015-16	7-3	NJAC American	Red Bank C. (L 21-14)			Brian Carlson
2016-17	6-5		Red Bank C. (W 48-21) DePaul (L 23-20)			Brian Carlson
2017-18	6-4		Donovan C. (W 53-7) St. Joseph (Mont.) (L 28-7)			Brian Carlson
2018-19						Brian Carlson

## THE SERIES VS. DePAUL

The Lions and DePaul have played each other 11 times dating back to 1984, with DePaul leading the series at 6-5.

The Lions practically owned the first six meetings — all of which took place in the state playoffs — against the Spartans, going 5-1 against them.

In the first meeting, the Lions posted a 21-7 victory over the Spartans in the Parochial B North playoffs. The win put the Lions in the Parochial B North championship game for the sixth year in a row and ninth time overall in program history.

The second meeting took place in the 1988 Parochial North B championship game, and the Lions came out on top, 12-7, to claim their third state title in a row and 10th overall in school history. Two years later, the Lions met the Spartans in the Parochial North B title game again and posted a 21-14 win to capture their fifth consecutive state title and 12th overall.

Then in 1992, the Lions suffered their first loss to the Spartans, as they fell, 28-21, in the Parochial B North title game. The loss snapped the Lions' state title streak at six in a row.

Then in 1996 and 1997, the Lions picked up two straight victories, both of which came in the Parochial, Group 2 championship game.

In 1996, the Lions pulled out a 14-7 win to collect their 16th state title and cap their eighth unbeaten season in school history. In 1997, the Lions rolled past the Spartans, 44-13, to win their third state title in a row and 17th overall.

However, the Spartans took control of the series by winning the last five meetings.

In 2014, they renewed their rivalry after a 16-year hiatus and the Spartans rolled to a 49-14 win. Over the next three seasons, the Spartans posted victories of 37-0, 26-14, 23-20, and 35-0, with the 23-20 victory coming in the Non-Public, Group 3 semifinals.



### LAST MEETING

Coming off a heartbreaking 20-19 loss to top-ranked Bergen Catholic, the Lions went into their matchup with De-Paul on Oct. 27 at DePaul looking to not only notch their first win against the Spartans since playing them annually, but also capture the NJSFC United White Division title and grab the No. 1 seed in the Non-Public, Group 3 playoffs.

Unfortunately, the Lions struggled mightily against the Spartans and wound up losing, 35-0, on the road to allow the Spartans to win the United White title and secure the top seed in the state playoffs.

The Lions gave up 27 of DePaul's 35 points in the first half. On offense, the Lions gained just 84 total yards and had to punt on seven of their 10 drives in the game.

DePAUL 35, POPE JOHN 0									
1 2 3 4 F									
Pope John	0	0	0	0	0				
DePaul	13	14	8	0	35				

	TEAM STATIST	ICS	GAME LEADERS
POINTS PLAYS DRIVES RUSH PLAYS RUSH YDS PASS PLAYS PASS YDS TOTAL YDS PENALTIES PENALTY YDS TURNOVERS INTERCEPTIONS FUMBLES PUNTS	POPE JOHN 0 43 10 27 36 18 48 84 4 30 2 2 0 6	DePAUL 35 56 10 33 164 24 136 300 2 10 2 1	RUSHING Pope John: Terrance Jones 10 car for 28 yds DePaul: Vinny DePalma 4 car for 24 yds, 2 TD PASSING Pope John: Niko Hroncich 7-of-16, 48 yds, 2 INT DePaul: Ta'Quon Roberson 15-of-24, 199 yds, 2 TD RECEIVING Pope John: Taj Jones 5 rec for 39 yds DePaul: Ronnie Hickman 3 rec for 79 yds, 1 TD DEFENSE Pope John: Jake Brown 8 tkls, 1 FF, 1 FR DePaul: Vinny DePalma 12 tkls, 2 sk, 1 PD

## 2017 POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON RESULTS



Date	Opponent	W/L	Score
9/2	Bishop McNamara (Md.)	W	32-7
9/8	at Lake Gibson (Fla.)	Cance	eled
9/16	Malvern Prep (Pa.)	W	27-10
9/23	Delbarton*	W	49-14
9/30	at Seton Hall Prep*	W	49-28
10/7	Paramus Catholic	W	43-7
10/14	at St. Joseph-Montvale	L	20-14
10/21	at Bergen Catholic	L	20-19
10/27	at DePaul*	L	35-0
11/11	Donovan Catholic**	W	53-7
11/18	St. Joseph-Montvale**	L	28-7

<sup>\*</sup>NJSFC United White Division game

## NJSFC United White Division Standings

·	Div.	%	Overall	%
1. DePaul	3-0	1.000	8-3	.727
2. Pope John	2-1	.667	6-4	.600
3. Seton Hall Prep	1-2	.333	2-8	.200
4. Delbarton	0-3	.000	3-8	.272

### 2017 POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

The Lions had a lot of highs and lows during their 6-4 season in which it finished second in the North Jersey Super Football Conference United White Division and reached the Non-Public, Group 3 semifinals for the second consecutive season.

During the season, the Lions reached as high as No. 4 in the News12 Varsity Tri-State Top 20 poll, No. 6 in the NJ.com Top 20 poll, No. 7 in the USA Today High School Sports Super 25 East Regional rankings and No. 98 in the High School Football America Top 100.

They accomplished these feats by winning their first five games in a row, which included their first victory over an out-of-state opponent (Bishop McNamara of Maryland) and their first win over Paramus Catholic since they started playing the Paladins annually four years ago. They also took Bergen Catholic, the consensus No. 1 team in the Tri-State area, down to the wire in a regular season clash on the road before falling, 20-19, to the Crusaders — the eventual Non-Public, Group 4 champions.

The Lions ended up losing four of their last five games to St. Joseph-Montvale (twice), Bergen Catholic and



DePaul — the eventual Non-Public, Group 3 champion.
The Lions' lone victory during this stretch was a 53-7 win over Donovan Catholic in the first round of Non-Public, Group 3. Their season ended with a 28-7 loss to St. Joe's in the Non-Public, Group 3 semifinals.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Non-Public, Group 3 playoff game

# 2017 POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON TEAM STATISTICS

	POPE JOHN	OPPONENTS
POINTS	293 (29.3 ppg)	176 (17.6 ppg)
PLAYS	504	490
DRIVES	102	101
RUSH PLAYS	317	319
RUSH YDS	1,544	968
PASS PLAYS	186	171
PASS YDS	1,092	938
TOTAL YDS	2,636	1,906
PENALTIES	70	46
PENALTY YDS	599	401
TURNOVERS	16	34
INTERCEPTIONS	6	12
FUMBLES	0	13
TURNOVER ON DOWNS	10	9
PUNTS	37	40

# 2017 POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL OFFENSIVE INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PASSING									
Name	Completions	Attempts	Comp %	Pass Yds	Avg. Yds Per Comp	TDs	INTs		
Niko Hroncich	107	179	59.8	1,053	9.8	14	5		
Samuel Darrell	3	5	60.0	39	13.0	0	0		
Nick DeNucci	0	2	0.0	0	0.0	0	1		
TOTAL	110	186	59.1	1,092	9.9	14	6		

RUSHING				
Name	Carries	Yds	Avg. Yds Per Carry	TDs
Terrance Jones	133	678	5.1	6
Berrell Neal	78	618	7.9	12
Jacob Huhn	21	122	5.8	1
Nick DeNucci	16	85	0.0	1
Samuel Darrell	14	77	5.5	1
Niko Hroncich	33	-60	-1.8	1
Eddie Torres	5	11	2.2	0
Tim Fitzpatrick	3	12	4.0	1
Chris Rodriguez	1	12	12.0	0
Daniel Rosario	1	6	6.0	1
Ron Fox	1	9	9.0	0
Zach Cuttito	1	-1	-1.0	0
Team Rush	10	-25	-2.5	0
TOTAL	317	1,544	4.9	24

## 2017 POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL OFFENSIVE INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RECEIVING				
Name	Rec	Rec Yds	Avg. Yds Per Catch	TDs
Tajimier Jones	27	308	11.4	3
Berrell Neal	23	230	10.0	3
Samuel Darrell	33	277	8.4	2
Ryan Dengler	13	177	13.6	4
Terrance Jones	5	28	5.6	0
Anthony Holmes	3	25	8.3	0
Ron Fox	2	12	6.0	1
Jason Miller	1	13	13.0	0
Nick DeNucci	1	8	8.0	1
Tim Fitzpatrick	1	8	8.0	0
Trevor Cregg	1	6	6.0	0
TOTAL	110	1,092	9.9	14

# 2017 POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL DEFENSIVE INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Name	Solo	Assisted	Hurries	Sacks	Total Tkls	FF	FR	INT	PD
Jake Brown	42	57	3	2	101	4	2	1	3
Jhadir Charles	11	15	0	0	26	0	0	3	13
Nick DeSenzo	4	12	1	0	16	0	0	0	0
Nick DeNucci	49	60	10	6.5	115.5	3	2	0	0
Ron Fox	7	16	5	1	24	0	0	0	0
Jordan Francois	14	34	7	4	52	1	3	0	0
Ryan Greenhagen	40	65	11	2.5	107.5	3	1	2	0
Anthony Holmes	9	15	0	0	24	0	1	0	4
Ty Hranicka	30	29	7	2	61	1	0	1	1
John Marquez	11	22	5	1.5	34.5	1	1	0	0
Louis Montana	14	21	7	4	39	0	0	0	0
Aidan Murray	14	34	6	2.5	50.5	1	0	0	0
Richie Peters	5	8	1	1	14	0	0	0	0
Joe Quitademo	7	9	0	0	16	0	0	2	3
Chris Rodriguez	23	18	0	0	41	1	3	0	1
Chris Sabo	8	5	0	0	13	0	0	0	1
Gio Tricarico	31	24	0	0	55	0	0	3	6
TOTAL	319	444	63	27	790	15	13	12	32