



# Pope John Football



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## Pope John Lions

(0-4, 0-1 NJSFC United White)

No. 39 Max Preps NJ/NR NJ.com

**Head Coach:** ..... **Brian Carlson**  
**Record at Pope John (8th season):** ..... **46-29**  
**Career Record (8th season):** ..... **46-29**  
**vs. Don Bosco Prep** ..... **0-0**

**Game #5**  
**September 28, 2018 - 7 p.m.**  
**Don Bosco Prep High School**  
**Ramsey, NJ**  
**Last meeting: N/A**



## Don Bosco Prep Ironmen

(2-2, 0-1 NJSFC United Red)

No. 7 Max Preps NJ/No. 10 NJ.com

**Head Coach:** ..... **Mike Teel**  
**Record at Don Bosco Prep (second season):** ... **4-10**  
**Career Record (second season):** ..... **4-10**  
**vs. Pope John** ..... **0-0**

### INSIDE THE GAME

#### Lions eyeing win No. 1 as it faces Don Bosco for 1st time

The Lions are looking to post their first win of the season on Friday night when they take on Don Bosco Prep for the first time in program history at Don Bosco Prep.

The Lions are 0-4 on the season after losing games to DePaul (48-7), Paramus Catholic (22-14), Archbishop Wood (Pa.) (22-20) and St. Joseph-Montvale (31-7), respectively. The Lions are 0-4 for the first time since 1965, when the team — known as Our Lady of the Lake — was in the middle of its state-record losing streak of 32 games that ended in the third week of the 1966 season.

The Lions want to end their current losing streak by topping the Ironmen, who are ranked seventh in the state in Max Preps NJ's Top 25 rankings and 10th in NJ.com's Top 20 poll, when they face each other in the regular season for the first time. The only time the two programs have met was in 2017, when they played in a scrimmage at Pope John.

In order to upend Don Bosco, the Lions know they have to play well in all facets of the game after dropping a 31-7 contest to rival St. Joseph-Montvale last Saturday.

In their game against the Green Knights, the Lions trailed, 17-7, in the third quarter after they received a 3-yard touchdown run from senior running back Jacob Huhn. But, the Lions gave up two touchdown runs — one in the third quarter and one in the fourth quarter — to allow St. Joseph to come away with the victory.

As for Don Bosco, it is coming off a 14-13 loss to rival Bergen Catholic, the No. 2 ranked team in the state, at Bergen Catholic. The Ironmen (2-2) are going for their 400th win in program history, which started back in 1948.

### STAT LEADERS

#### RUSHING

**Pope John: Nafis Matthews 34 car for 177 yds, 3 TD**

**Don Bosco Prep: N/A**

#### PASSING

**Pope John: Niko Hroncich 34-of-71, 402 yds, 2 TD**

**Don Bosco Prep: N/A**

#### RECEIVING

**Pope John: Ryan Dengler 15 rec for 399 yds, 2 TD**

**Don Bosco Prep: N/A**

#### DEFENSE

**Pope John: Mike DeNucci 35 tkls, 2 INT, 1 PD, 1 punt blk**

**Don Bosco Prep: N/A**

### 2018 SCHEDULES/RESULTS

POPE JOHN		DON BOSCO PREP	
9/1 vs. DePaul*	L 48-7	8/31 vs. Byrnes (S.C.)	W 22-17
9/7 at Paramus Catholic	L 22-14	9/8 vs. Gonzaga (D.C.)	L 37-7
9/15 at Archbishop Wood (Pa.)	L 22-20	9/14 at West Orange	W 47-20
9/22 at St. Joseph-Montvale	L 31-7	9/22 at Bergen Catholic	L 14-13
9/28 at Don Bosco Prep	7 p.m.	9/28 vs. Pope John	7 p.m.
10/6 vs. Delbarton*	2:30 p.m.	10/5 vs. St. Peter's Prep	7 p.m.
10/13 at Bergen Catholic	1 p.m.	10/12 vs. St. Joseph-Montvale	7 p.m.
10/20 vs. St. Peter's Prep	1 p.m.	10/19 at DePaul	7 p.m.
10/27 at Seton Hall Prep*	1 p.m.	10/26 at Paramus 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: ..... North Jersey Super Football Conference  
 PRESIDENT: ..... Rev. Msgr. Kieran McHugh  
 PRINCIPAL: ..... Gene Emering  
 DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: ..... Mia Gavan  
 HEAD COACH/DEF. COORDINATOR: Brian Carlson (8th season)

### FOOTBALL HISTORY

FIRST YEAR: ..... 1962  
 ALL-TIME RECORD: ..... 426-139-5 (57th season)  
 STATE TITLES: ..... 20  
 STATE FINAL APPEARANCES: ..... 27  
 STATE FINAL RECORD: ..... 18-9  
 STATE PLAYOFF APPEARANCES: ..... 41  
 STATE PLAYOFF RECORD: ..... 48-23  
 LEAGUE TITLES: ..... 23

### ASSISTANT COACHES

OFF. COORDINATOR/OFFENSIVE LINE COACH: ... 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  
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 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. x-DePaul	3-0	1.000	3-1	.750
2. Seton Hall Prep	0-1	.000	2-2	.500
3. Delbarton	0-1	.000	1-3	.250
4. Pope John	0-1	.000	0-4	.000

x-division champion

**SCHEDULE**

Friday, Sept. 28

Pope John at Don Bosco Prep, 7 p.m.

Delbarton at Morris Knolls, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29

DePaul at St. Peter's Prep, 12 p.m.

Seton Hall Prep at East Orange, 1 p.m.

**NJ.COM TOP 20 POLL**

School	Record	Next Opp.
1. St. Peter's Prep	3-1	vs. No. 4 DePaul
2. Bergen Catholic	3-1	vs. Irvington
3. St. Joseph (Mont.)	3-1	at Paramus Catholic
4. DePaul	3-1	vs. No. 1 St. Peter's Prep
5. St. Joseph (Hamm.)	4-0	vs. Haddonfield
6. Piscataway	3-0	at Old Bridge
7. Somerville	4-0	at Governor Livingston
8. Woodrow Wilson	4-0	at Seneca
9. Wayne Hills	3-1	at West Milford
10. Don Bosco Prep	2-2	vs. Pope John
11. Red Bank Catholic	4-0	at Toms River East
12. Ramapo	4-0	vs. No. 19 River Dell
13. South Brunswick	3-1	vs. Union
14. Sayreville	3-0	vs. Monroe
15. West Essex	3-0	vs. Lincoln
16. Phillipsburg	3-1	vs. Bridgewater-Raritan
17. Union City	3-1	vs. Bayonne
18. Westfield	2-1	vs. St. Joseph (Met.)
19. River Dell	4-0	vs. No. 12 Ramapo
20. Williamstown	4-0	at Atlantic City

**NON-PUBLIC, GROUP 3 RANKINGS**




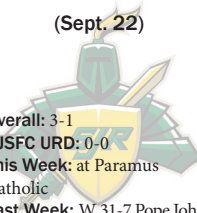
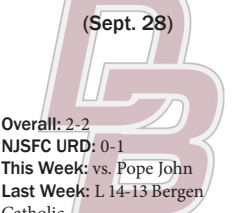
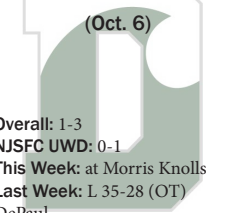

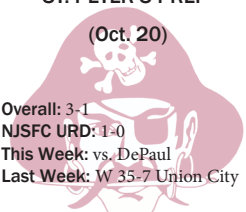
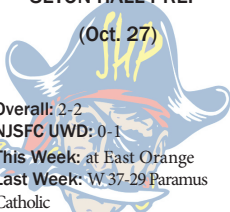
School	Record	Power Points	Born Power Index	United Power Ranking
1. Red Bank Cath.	4-0	13.00	96.9	1.6
2. DePaul	3-1	10.25	106.7	2.2
3. Mater Dei	4-0	11.00	78.2	4.2
4. Donovan Cath.	2-0	11.50	61.1	4.4
5. St. John Vianney	2-2	8.25	80.1	4.4
6. Pope John	0-4	2.50	89.5	5.8
7. Camden Cath.	0-4	3.00	54.4	7.4
8. Bishop Eustace	0-2	3.00	40.7	8.0
9. Bishop Ahr	2-2	6.75	38.7	8.2
10. Pingry	2-1	7.00	38.2	8.4

For Non-Public Schools, at the conclusion of Week 8, the top 12 teams per Group will be seeded. New to 2018, a Seeding Committee will seed both Group IV and Group III based on UPR, head to head competition, strength of schedule and overall record. The Seeding Committee will be comprised of one athletic director and one head football coach from both Non-Public Group IV and Group III, and will be chaired by an NJSIAA Executive Committee member. (According to NJSIAA)

**MAX PREPS NJ TOP 25 RANKINGS**

School	Record	Next Opp.
1. St. Peter's Prep	3-1	vs. No. 4 DePaul
2. Bergen Catholic	3-1	vs. Irvington
3. St. Joseph (Mont.)	3-1	at Paramus Catholic
4. DePaul	3-1	vs. No. 1 St. Peter's Prep
5. St. Joseph (Hamm.)	4-0	vs. No. 12 Haddonfield
6. Somerville	4-0	at Governor Livingston
7. Don Bosco Prep	2-2	vs. Pope John
8. Peddie	2-1	at Malvern Prep (Pa.)
9. Williamstown	4-0	at Atlantic City
10. Red Bank Catholic	4-0	at Toms River East
11. Ramapo	4-0	vs. No. 13 River Dell
12. Haddonfield	4-0	at No. 5 St. Joseph (Hamm.)
13. River Dell	4-0	at No. 11 Ramapo
14. Paramus	4-0	at Ridgefield Park
15. Rahway	2-1	at North Plainfield
16. Woodrow Wilson	4-0	at Seneca
17. Camden	3-1	vs. Pemberton
18. St. Augustine	2-2	at Ocean City
19. Rumson-Fair Haven	3-0	vs. Freehold Boro
20. Wayne Hills	3-1	at West Milford
21. Penns Grove	4-0	at Florence
22. Rancocas Valley	3-1	Bye
23. Holy Spirit	3-1	Bye
24. West Deptford	3-1	Bye
25. Piscataway	3-0	at Old Bridge

**OPPONENT TRACKER**

<b>DePAUL</b> (Sept. 1)  Overall: 3-1 NJSFC UWD: 3-0 This Week: at St. Peter's Prep Last Week: W 35-28 (OT) Delbarton	<b>PARAMUS CATHOLIC</b> (Sept. 7)  Overall: 2-2 NJSFC URD: 0-0 This Week: vs. St. Joseph-Montvale Last Week: L 37-29 Seton Hall Prep	<b>ARCHBISHOP WOOD (Pa.)</b> (Sept. 15)  Overall: 2-2 Phil. Cath. League: 0-0 This Week: vs. Roman Catholic Last Week: W 20-7 Archbishop Spalding (Md.)
<b>ST. JOSEPH-MONTVALE</b> (Sept. 22)  Overall: 3-1 NJSFC URD: 0-0 This Week: at Paramus Catholic Last Week: W 31-7 Pope John	<b>DON BOSCO PREP</b> (Sept. 28)  Overall: 2-2 NJSFC URD: 0-1 This Week: vs. Pope John Last Week: L 14-13 Bergen Catholic	<b>DELBARTON</b> (Oct. 6)  Overall: 1-3 NJSFC UWD: 0-1 This Week: at Morris Knolls Last Week: L 35-28 (OT) DePaul
<b>BERGEN CATHOLIC</b> (Oct. 13)  Overall: 3-1 NJSFC URD: 1-1 This Week: vs. Irvington Last Week: W 14-13 Don Bosco Prep	<b>ST. PETER'S PREP</b> (Oct. 20)  Overall: 3-1 NJSFC URD: 1-0 This Week: vs. DePaul Last Week: W 35-7 Union City	<b>SETON HALL PREP</b> (Oct. 27)  Overall: 2-2 NJSFC UWD: 0-1 This Week: at East Orange Last Week: W 37-29 Paramus Catholic

## 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 nationally-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.

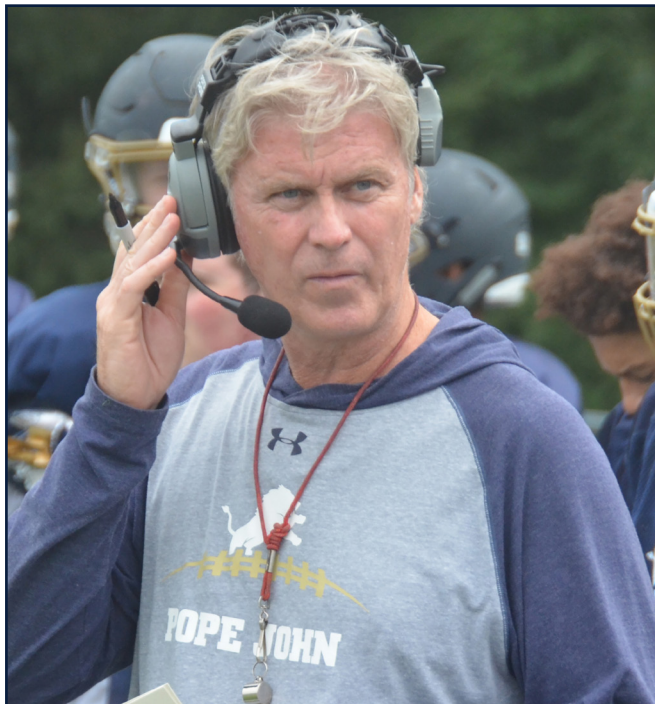
Carlson laid the groundwork for the program by using the vision he has for the football team as the "template." The football team is run by faith-based principles, is committed to the highest academic standards, and thrives on competition, otherwise known as "Faith, Family, Football."

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 linebacker/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

**RECORD (8th season):** ..... 46-29

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>2011-pres.</b>	<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>Pope John</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>Linebackers Coach</b>	<b>Don Bosco</b>
<b>1992-99</b>	<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>Kean University</b>
<b>1989-91</b>	<b>Def Coordinator</b>	<b>Kean University</b>
<b>1987-88</b>	<b>Assistant Coach</b>	<b>Kean University</b>
<b>1984-86</b>	<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	Opponent	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
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	OT	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
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 Stelatella	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  
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 Stelatella . . . . . Mike STELL-AH-TELL-AH  
Jasmir Taylor . . . . . JAZZ-MERE Taylor  
Menyelek Ward . . . . . MEN-EL-EKE Ward  
Nasir West . . . . . NAH-SEAR 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
7	Niko Hroncich	QB	6'2	190	12	North Haledon, NJ
8	Peter Delaportas	QB	6'2	185	9	Oak Ridge, NJ
9	Ireland Burke	DL	6'3	290	12	Sparta, NJ
10	Tajimier Jones	WR	6'2	200	12	Paterson, NJ
11	Ryan Dengler	WR	5'10	180	12	Sparta, NJ
12	Anthony Caputo	Slot	5'7	185	12	Andover, NJ
13	Christian Maciak	FS	5'9	200	12	Sparta, NJ
14	Robert Cox	FS/QB	5'9	150	10	Kenilworth, NJ
15	Jarelle Robinson	WR/Slot	5'7	145	10	Englewood, NJ
16	Anthony Holmes	DB	5'10	170	12	Mine Hill, NJ
17	Josh Taylor	LB	5'10	190	11	Paterson, NJ
18	Connor Milks	DB	6'2	175	11	Wantage, NJ
19	Zachary Cuttito	FS	6'1	165	12	Byram, NJ
20	Victor Febres	DB	5'10	145	11	Lake Hopatcong, NJ
21	Julian Canty	LB	6'0	210	12	Vernon, NJ
22	Jacob Huhn	RB	5'8	190	12	Flanders, NJ
23	Billy Gould	FS/QB	5'9	165	10	Wantage, NJ
25	Sean Brennan	FS/QB	5'10	175	10	Highland Lakes, NJ
26	Collin Mills	PK	6'1	170	10	Lafayette, NJ
27	Collin Roberts	LB	6'3	190	12	Newton, NJ
28	Tyler Zummo	FS/Slot	5'9	145	10	Sparta, NJ
29	Vincent Cimaglia	DB	5'9	145	11	Sussex, NJ
30	Evan Izzo	LS	5'10	145	10	Highland Lakes, NJ
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
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

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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
55	Mike Stelatella	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	OT	6'4	260	11	Sparta, NJ
73	Sebastian Flamenco	OL/DL	6'4	295	11	Hackettstown, NJ
76	Giovanni Potente	OT	6'4	290	12	East Hanover, NJ
77	Jake Sledge	C	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  
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 Christian Maciak ..... Christian MAY-SEE-ACK

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 Messiah Muckle ..... Messiah MUCK-LE  
 Giovanni Potente ..... Giovanni PO-TEN-TE  
 Jarelle Robinson ..... JAH-RELL Robinson  
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 Frankie Schomp ..... Frankie SKOMP  
 Mike Stelatella ..... Mike STELL-AH-TELL-AH  
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 Menyelek Ward ..... MEN-EL-EKE Ward  
 Nasir West ..... NAH-SEAR West



## POPE JOHN XXIII REGIONAL H.S./OUR LADY OF THE LAKE FOOTBALL HISTORY

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

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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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Year	Record	League Titles	State Games	State Sectional titles	State Championship Appearances	Coach
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



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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	0-4					Brian Carlson

## THE SERIES VS. DON BOSCO PREP

The Lions and Don Bosco Prep will face each other in the regular season for the first time on Friday night when they step onto the field at the Charles I. Granatelli Athletic Stadium at Don Bosco Prep. The only time the two programs have met was in 2017, when they played in a scrimmage at Pope John.

The matchup between the Lions and the Ironmen will feature two programs with great success and tradition.

The Lions have captured 20 state championships — either in Non-Public, Group 2, Parochial B North or Parochial C North — and 23 league crowns while posting a 426-139-5 record in 57 seasons on the field. In addition, they have recorded six undefeated seasons, nine unbeaten seasons and 49 winning seasons.

As for the Ironmen, they have won 15 state championships — either in Non-Public, Group 4 or Parochial A — and 23 league titles while going 399-210-8 in 71 seasons on the gridiron. They have also had seven undefeated seasons, nine unbeaten seasons and 48 winning seasons.

Both programs have had a prominent head coach during their illustrious histories.

For Pope John, the late Vic Paternostro led the school to all 20 state championships, 20 of the 23 league titles (18 SCIL titles and two NJAC crowns) en route to amassing a final record of 373-68-5 over his 43-year career from 1968-2010. His 373 career wins are the most in the state of New Jersey.

For Don Bosco, Greg Toal guided the school to two national championships, nine of the school's 15 state championships, and 14 of the school's 23 league titles while posting a 178-29 record in his 18 seasons at the helm from 1999-2016.

Now, the Lions and Ironmen have been working hard to remain elite programs in the state.

Under the leadership of eighth-year head coach Brian Carlson, a former assistant coach under Toal at Don Bosco, the Lions have started playing and scrimmaging nationally-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.

As for the Ironmen, they are playing under second-year head coach Mike Teel, a former star quarterback at Don Bosco under Toal and a standout at Rutgers University.



## TEAM HISTORY BY THE NUMBERS

	POPE JOHN	DON BOSCO PREP
FIRST YEAR	1962	1948
ALL-TIME RECORD	426-139-5	399-210-8
STATE TITLES	20	15
STATE FINAL APP.	27	17
STATE FINAL RECORD	18-9	12-5
STATE PLAYOFF APP.	41	26
STATE PLAYOFF REC.	48-23	43-14
LEAGUE TITLES	23	23
UNBEATEN SEASONS	9	9
UNDEFEATED YEARS	6	7
WINNING SEASONS	49	48
HEAD COACHES	6	11

## GAME 1 RECAP: DePAUL DOWNS LIONS IN SEASON OPENER

SPARTA — In a much anticipated season opener, the Pope John Lions had a tough time against DePaul, as the defending Non-Public, Group 3 champion Spartans handed the Lions a 48-7 defeat at Pope John XXIII Regional High School.

With the defeat, the Lions have now lost the last six meetings against DePaul and have dropped to 5-7 in the all-time series. The Lions' last win against the Spartans was in 1997, when they rolled to a 44-13 victory in the Parochial, Group 2 championship game to capture their third state title in a row and 17th overall in school history.

The loss also put the Lions at 0-1 in the North Jersey Super Football Conference United White Division, while DePaul improved to 1-0 in the four-team division that also includes Delbarton and Seton Hall Prep.

The Lions could not get any rhythm going on offense, as they only had 134 total yards against the Spartans and were forced to punt eight times. The lone bright spot offensively in the game took place in the third quarter, when senior wide receiver Ryan Dengler hauled in a 74-yard touchdown reception from freshman quarterback Peter Delaportas, who filled in for starter Niko Hroncich after the senior signal caller left the game with an injury.

On defense, the Lions had a hard time stopping the Spartans, as they allowed 400 total yards, 294 of which were at the hands of Penn State-bound quarterback Ta'Quon Roberson. Roberson also had four touchdowns on the day.

Despite the amount of points and yardage allowed, the Lions had some solid performances from junior safety Mike DeNucci (team-high 10 tackles), senior linebacker Chris Sabo (seven tackles) and senior defensive lineman Ireland Burke (three tackles for loss).



## DePAUL 48, POPE JOHN 7

	1	2	3	4	F
DePaul	14	21	7	6	48
Pope John	0	0	7	0	7

## TEAM STATISTICS

	POPE JOHN	DePAUL
POINTS	7	48
PLAYS	46	54
DRIVES	11	10
RUSH PLAYS	23	21
RUSH YDS	79	124
PASS PLAYS	17	29
PASS YDS	96	276
TOTAL YDS	134	400
PENALTIES	5	7
PENALTY YDS	38	65
TURNOVERS	1	1
INTERCEPTIONS	1	1
FUMBLES	0	2
PUNTS	8	1

## GAME LEADERS

## RUSHING

Pope John: Jacob Huhn 8 car for 30 yds

DePaul: Ta'Quon Roberson 5 car for 57 yds, 1 TD

## PASSING

Pope John: Peter Delaportas 1-of-4, 74 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT

DePaul: Ta'Quon Roberson 14-of-25, 237 yds, 3 TD, 1 INT

## RECEIVING

Pope John: Ryan Dengler 3 rec for 89 yds, 1 TD

DePaul: Teddy Afful 5 rec for 77 yds, 2 TD

## DEFENSE

Pope John: Mike DeNucci 10 tkls

DePaul: Daniel Forster 9 tkls, 3 sacks



## GAME 2 RECAP: LIONS' LATE RALLY FALLS SHORT IN LOSS TO PARAMUS CATHOLIC

PARAMUS — After playing close to 44 minutes of inconsistent football, the Lions scored two touchdowns in the final four minutes of the fourth quarter, but their late rally fell short as they lost to Paramus Catholic, 22-14, at Paramus Catholic.

The Lions (0-2) trailed, 15-0, midway through the fourth quarter after they allowed a field goal and a safety in the first quarter, followed by a touchdown and a field goal in the second quarter. In the process, they turned the ball over five times — twice on muffed punt attempts, once on an interception, once on a fumble and once on downs.

But, the Lions managed to make it interesting in the final four minutes by receiving a pair of rushing TDs from junior running back Nafis Matthews that were set up by two big pass plays caught by senior wide receiver Ryan Dengler for 33 and 67 yards, respectively. Matthews scores were from 1 and 3 yards out, respectively.

However, a 53-yard touchdown run by the Paladins that occurred in between the two Pope John scores and a 10-yard run on second down on the Paladins' drive following the Lions' second TD sealed the win for PC.

Matthews and Dengler led the offense in the loss. Matthews finished with 18 carries for 56 yards, while Dengler hauled in four receptions for 143 yards. Freshman quarterback Peter Delaportas had a solid performance in his first career start, completing 14-of-27 passes for 227 yards.

Senior defensive lineman Ireland Burke paced the Lions' defense, as he racked up 10 tackles. Fellow senior defensive lineman Louis Montana registered five tackles and two sacks, while senior linebacker Chris Sabo added nine tackles in the defeat.



### PARAMUS CATHOLIC 22, POPE JOHN 14

	1	2	3	4	F
Pope John	0	0	0	14	14
PC	5	10	0	7	22

### TEAM STATISTICS

	POPE JOHN	PARAMUS CATH.
POINTS	14	22
PLAYS	65	50
DRIVES	11	11
RUSH PLAYS	33	30
RUSH YDS	105	213
PASS PLAYS	27	25
PASS YDS	227	125
TOTAL YDS	331	324
PENALTIES	9	12
PENALTY YDS	50	87
TURNOVERS	5	2
INTERCEPTIONS	1	1
FUMBLES	3	1
PUNTS	1	2

### GAME LEADERS

#### RUSHING

Pope John: Nafis Matthews 18 car for 56 yds, 2 TD, 1 FUM

Paramus Catholic: Tyshawn Brinson 18 car for 144 yds, 1 TD

#### PASSING

Pope John: Peter Delaportas 14-of-27, 227 yds, 1 INT

Paramus Catholic: Dorian Nowell 10-of-20, 125 yds, 2 TD, 1 INT

#### RECEIVING

Pope John: Ryan Dengler 4 rec for 143 yds

Paramus Catholic: Troy Leary 4 rec for 31 yds, 1 TD

#### DEFENSE

Pope John: Ireland Burke 10 tkls

Paramus Catholic: Wyatt Hammond 16 tkls

## GAME 3 RECAP: ARCHBISHOP WOOD'S LATE TD DROPS LIONS TO 0-3



## ARCHBISHOP WOOD (Pa.) 22, POPE JOHN 20

	1	2	3	4	F
Pope John	13	0	7	0	20
AW	14	2	0	6	22

## TEAM STATISTICS

	POPE JOHN	ARCH. WOOD
POINTS	20	22
PLAYS	53	61
DRIVES	14	14
RUSH PLAYS	26	43
RUSH YDS	161	189
PASS PLAYS	27	18
PASS YDS	192	133
TOTAL YDS	353	330
PENALTIES	2	7
PENALTY YDS	15	55
TURNOVERS	4	2
INTERCEPTIONS	0	1
FUMBLES	3	1
PUNTS	5	7

WARMINSTER, Pa. — Desperately looking for their first win of the year, the Lions came up short in achieving that goal after losing to Archbishop Wood, 22-20, at William Tennent High School.

With the defeat, the Lions have dropped to 0-3 on the season for only the fifth time in program history and the first time since 1965, when the team — known as Our Lady of the Lake — was in the middle of its state-record losing streak of 32 games that ended in the third week of the 1966 season.

The Lions had high hopes to avoid a three-game losing streak after jumping out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter after senior wide receiver Ryan Dengler hauled in a 74-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Niko Hroncich. But, the Lions allowed two straight touchdowns to Archbishop Wood — a two-time defending PIAA 5A state champion — to slip into a 14-6 hole. The Lions cut the deficit to one after junior running back Nafis Matthews bolted for a 64-yard TD run.

Unfortunately, the Lions went into halftime trailing, 16-13, after being called for a safety while intentional grounding in the end zone at the start of their drive in the second quarter.

In the third quarter, Hroncich gave the Lions a 20-16 lead after finding junior wideout Menyelek Ward for a 13-yard TD. However, the Lions let the lead slip away after Archbishop's Tom Santiago ran for the second of his two touchdowns on the day from 22 yards out and they failed to get out of their own territory on their final three drives of the game.

Hroncich finished 10-of-27 passing with 192 yards and two TDs, Matthews had 102 yards rushing on nine carries, and Dengler had 98 yards receiving on five receptions to lead the Lions' offense in the defeat.

Junior linebacker/safety Mike DeNucci paced the defense with 13 tackles and an interception. Senior linebacker Chris Sabo also had 10 tackles and a forced fumble for Pope John.

## GAME LEADERS

## RUSHING

Pope John: Nafis Matthews 9 car for 102 yds, 1 TD, 1 FUM

Archbishop Wood: Tom Santiago 21 car for 165 yds, 2 TD

## PASSING

Pope John: Niko Hroncich 10-of-27, 192 yds, 2 TD

Archbishop Wood: Jake Ross 10-of-18, 133 yards, 1 TD

## RECEIVING

Pope John: Ryan Dengler 5 rec for 98 yds, 1 TD

Archbishop Wood: Jalen Cobb 4 rec for 92 yds

## DEFENSE

Pope John: Mike DeNucci 13 tkls, 1 INT

Archbishop Wood: N/A



## GAME 4 RECAP: LIONS DROP TO 0-4 WITH LOSS TO RIVAL ST. JOE'S

**MONTVALE** — The Lions could not crack the win column and avoid their first 0-4 start in 53 years on Saturday, as they lost to rival St. Joseph-Montvale, 31-7, at St. Joseph Regional High School.

The Lions are winless in their first four games for the first time since 1965, when the team — known as Our Lady of the Lake — was in the middle of its state-record losing streak of 32 games that ended in the third week of the 1966 season. The loss to St. Joe's also dropped them to 0-8 against the Green Knights in their all-time series dating back to 2000.

The Lions thought they could pull out a comeback win against the Green Knights in a rematch of last year's Non-Public, Group 3 semifinals.

The Lions trailed, 17-0, in the third quarter until they received a 3-yard touchdown run from senior running back Jacob Huhn. But, the Lions gave up two touchdown runs to Andre Epps — one in the third quarter on the Green Knights' ensuing drive after Huhn's touchdown and one in the fourth quarter — to allow St. Joseph to come away with the victory.

Huhn, senior quarterback Niko Hroncich and senior wide receiver Taj Jones led the offense in the loss. Hroncich completed 18-of-31 passes for 188 yards, while Jones hauled in six catches for 102 yards and Huhn finished with 28 rushing yards on nine carries.

Senior defensive back Anthony Holmes paced the Lions' defense, as he made eight tackles and intercepted a pass, which he returned for 19 yards.

Senior free safety Zachary Cuttito also came away with eight tackles, junior linebacker Mike DeNucci had seven tackles and a blocked punt, and junior defensive tackle Jasmir Taylor recorded two sacks and six tackles in the defeat.



### ST. JOSEPH-MONTVALE 31, POPE JOHN 7

	1	2	3	4	F
Pope John	0	0	7	0	7
SJ-Mont	7	10	7	7	31

### TEAM STATISTICS

	POPE JOHN	ST. JOSEPH
POINTS	7	31
PLAYS	51	49
DRIVES	9	10
RUSH PLAYS	18	35
RUSH YDS	66	369
PASS PLAYS	32	11
PASS YDS	223	91
TOTAL YDS	289	448
PENALTIES	4	14
PENALTY YDS	20	112
TURNOVERS	3	1
INTERCEPTIONS	0	1
FUMBLES	2	0
PUNTS	5	3

### GAME LEADERS

#### RUSHING

Pope John: Jacob Huhn 9 car for 28 yds, 1 TD

St. Joseph-Montvale: Andre Epps 15 car for 237 yds, 3 TD

#### PASSING

Pope John: Niko Hroncich 18-of-31, 188 yds

St. Joseph-Montvale: Michael Alaimo 6-of-11, 91 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT

#### RECEIVING

Pope John: Taj Jones 6 rec for 102 yds

St. Joseph-Montvale: Brett Buckman 3 rec for 54 yds

#### DEFENSE

Pope John: Anthony Holmes 8 tkls, 1 INT

St. Joseph-Montvale: Dante Zicarelli, Howard Cross, Kevin Jaffe 8 tkls



## 2018 POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON TEAM STATISTICS

	POPE JOHN	OPPONENTS
POINTS	48 (12.0 ppg)	123 (30.8 ppg)
PLAYS	215	214
DRIVES	45	45
RUSH PLAYS	109	129
RUSH YDS	399	895
PASS PLAYS	103	58
PASS YDS	738	625
TOTAL YDS	1,137	1,520
PENALTIES	20	40
PENALTY YDS	123	319
TURNOVERS	13	6
INTERCEPTIONS	2	4
FUMBLES	8	4
TURNOVER ON DOWNS	4	0
PUNTS	19	15

## 2018 POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL OFFENSIVE INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PASSING							
Name	Completions	Attempts	Comp %	Pass Yds	Avg. Yds Per Comp	TDs	INTs
Niko Hroncich	34	71	47.9	402	11.8	2	0
Peter Delaportas	15	31	48.4	301	20.1	1	2
Anthony Caputo	1	1	1.000	35	35.0	0	0
TOTAL	50	103	48.5	738	14.8	3	2

RUSHING				
Name	Carries	Yds	Avg. Yds Per Carry	TDs
Jacob Huhn	41	162	4.0	1
Nafis Matthews	34	177	5.2	3
Niko Hroncich	15	84	5.6	0
Peter Delaportas	7	17	2.0	0
Chris Rodriguez	2	3	1.5	0
Jarelle Robinson	1	-7	-7.0	0
Team Rush	9	-37	-4.1	0
TOTAL	109	399	3.7	4

RECEIVING				
Name	Rec	Rec Yds	Avg. Yds Per Catch	TDs
Ryan Dengler	15	399	26.6	2
Tajimier Jones	11	163	14.8	0
Jarelle Robinson	3	-4	-1.3	0
Nafis Matthews	1	7	7.0	0
Menyelek Ward	14	147	10.5	1
Zachary Cuttito	1	8	8.0	0

## 2018 POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL OFFENSIVE INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RECEIVING (Cont.)				
Name	Rec	Rec Yds	Avg. Yds Per Catch	TDs
Anthony Caputo	3	14	4.7	0
Jacob Huhn	1	4	4.0	0
Anthony Holmes	1	0	0.0	0
TOTAL	50	738	14.8	3

SPECIAL TEAMS	Punt Returns			Kickoff Returns			Punts		Field Goals			
Name	Ret.	Punt Ret. Yds	Punt Ret. TD	Ret.	Ret. Yds	Ret. TD	Punts	Punt Yds	FGM	FGA	XPM	XPA
Chris Rodriguez	4	44	0	7	184	0						
Menyelek Ward				6	95	0						
Miguel Lopez				2	51	0						
Messiah Muckle				1	20	0						
Ryan Dengler	1	-9	0									
Justin Hertlein							19	528	0	1	6	7
TOTAL	5	35	0	16	350	0	19	528	0	1	6	7

## 2018 POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL DEFENSIVE INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Name	Solo	Assisted	Hurries	Sacks	Total Tkls	FF	FR	INT	PD
Mike DeNucci	14	21			35			2	1
Chris Sabo	7	24	2		31	1			1
Jasmir Taylor	8	10		3	18				
Ireland Burke	14	10	1		24				
Pedro Calderon	2	7	2		9				
Anthony Holmes	7	15			22		1	2	
Miguel Lopez	4	11			15				
Zachary Cuttito	5	12			17				
Connor Milks	5	2			7				
Jordan Quintero	1	5			6	1			
Sean Brennan	5	4			9				1
Nicholas DeSenzo	1	10			11		1		
Tajimier Jones	5	0			5				
Colin Roberts	0	3			3				
Chris Rodriguez	5	8	1	1	13	1			
Billy Gould	0	1			1				
Issiaha Robinson	1	0			1				
Cole Zydel	0	1			1				
Louis Montana	6	5	1	3	11				
Gio Potente	1	0			1				
Jahsin Jacobs	0	2			2				
Julian Canty	1	0	1		1				
Justin Hertlein	2	0			2				
Mike Stellatella	2	6			8				
Jacob Huhn	0	1			1				
Ryan Rumanowski	0	1			1				
Dan Rosario	0	1			1				
TOTAL	96	160	8	7	256	3	2	4	3

## 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.)	Canceled	
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

\*NJSFC United White Division game

\*\*Non-Public, Group 3 playoff 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.



## 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