



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

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Game #2 September 7, 2018 - 7 p.m.

Paramus Catholic High School Paramus, N.J.

Last meeting: Pope John, 43-7

October 7, 2017 - Pope John XXIII High School



Paramus Catholic Paladins (0-0, 0-0 NJSFC United White)

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Head Coach:	Brian Carlson
Record at Pope John (8th season):	
Career Record (8th season):	46-27
vs. Paramus Catholic	1-3

INSIDE THE GAME

Lions look to rebound, win 2nd straight vs. PC

After losing their season opener to DePaul in Week 0, the Pope John Lions will look to bounce back by notching a victory over Paramus Catholic for the second consecutive year when the two squads face off Friday night at Paramus Catholic.

Last year, the Lions posted their first victory over the Paladins in school history by routing them, 43-7, at Pope John. Before this meeting, the Paladins had won the first three meetings since the two teams started playing each other annually in 2014.

The Lions' win over the Paladins put them at 5-0 on the season. It also marked their first victory over one of the "Big 6" schools (Paramus Catholic, Bergen Catholic, Don Bosco Prep, St. Joseph-Montvale, St. Peter's Prep and DePaul) from the former Big North Conference since these schools started becoming powerhouse programs, which has happened within the last five

To add another victory against PC, the Lions know they have to play better than they did in their 48-7 loss to DePaul at home.

On offense, the Lions only had 134 total yards against the Spartans. 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 allowed 400 total yards to DePaul. 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).

As for Paramus Catholic, it is coming off an 18-16 loss to West Catholic Prepatory High School, of Philadelphia, Pa. The Paladins are led by senior running back Tyshawn Brinson (201 rushing yards, two touchdowns) and senior offensive and defensive tackle Christian Mahogany (11 tackles).

STAT LEADERS

RUSHING

Pope John: Jacob Huhn 8 car for 30 yds

Paramus Catholic: Tyshawn Brinson 20 car for 201 yds, 2 TD

Pope John: Peter Delaportas 1-of-4, 74 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT Paramus Catholic: Dorian Nowell 7-of-21, 34 yds, 1 INT

RECEIVING

Pope John: Ryan Dengler 3 rec for 89 yds, 1 TD Paramus Catholic: JeVaughn Thomas 1 rec for 19 yds

DEFENSE

Pope John: Mike DeNucci 10 tkls

Paramus Catholic: Christian Mahogany 11 tkls

2018 SCHEDULES/RESULTS

POPE JOHN		PARAMUS CATHOL	\mathbb{C}
9/1 vs. DePaul*	L 48-7	8/31 at West Catholic (Pa.) L 18-	-16
9/7 at Paramus Catholic	7 p.m.	9/7 vs. Pope John 7 p	o.m.
9/15 at Archbishop Wood (Pa.)	7 p.m.	9/14 vs. Hackensack 7 p	m.
9/22 at St. Joseph-Montvale	1 p.m.	9/22 at Seton Hall Prep 2 p	m.
9/28 at Don Bosco Prep	7 p.m.	9/28 vs. St. Joseph-Montvale 7 p	m.
10/6 vs. Delbarton*	2:30 p.m.	10/5 vs. DePaul 7 p	m.
10/13 at Bergen Catholic	1 p.m.	10/12 at St. Peter's Prep 7 p	m.
10/20 vs. St. Peter's Prep	1 p.m.	10/20 at Bergen Catholic 1 p	m.
10/27 at Seton Hall Prep*	1 p.m.	10/26 vs. Don Bosco Prep 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
	S: Mia Gavan
HEAD COACH/DEF. COOF	RDINATOR: Brian Carlson (8th season)

FOOTBALL HISTORY

FIRST YEAR:	1962
ALL-TIME RECORD:	. 426-136-5 (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 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
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH:	Joe Lopez
ACADEMIC COORDINATOR:	. Richard Murphy

MEDIA INFO

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. DePaul	1-0	1.000	1-0	1.000
2. Delbarton	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
3. Seton Hall Prep	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
4. Pope John	0-1	.000	0-1	.000
SCHEDULE				

Friday, Sept. 7

Delbarton at St. Anthony, 7 p.m.

Pope John at Paramus Catholic, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 8

DePaul at Seton Hall Prep, 1 p.m.

NJ.COM TOP 20 POLL

School	Record	Next Opp.
1. Bergen Catholic	1-0	vs. Archbishop Wood (Pa.)
2. St. Peter's Prep	1-0	vs. St. Joe's Prep (Pa.)
3. DePaul	1-0	at Seton Hall Prep
4. St. Joseph (Mont.)	0-1	vs. Imhotep Charter (Pa.)
5. Phillipsburg	1-0	vs. Franklin
6. Wayne Hills	0-1	vs. Wayne Valley
7. Don Bosco Prep	1-0	at Gonzaga (D.C.)
8. St. Joseph (Hamm.)	1-0	vs. Millville
9. Westfield	0-0	at Linden
10. Piscataway	0-0	vs. East Brunswick
11. Somerville	1-0	at Rahway
12. Woodrow Wilson	1-0	at Camden Catholic
13. South Brunswick	1-0	vs. Old Bridge
14. Red Bank Catholic	1-0	vs. Ocean Township
15. Ramapo	1-0	vs. Bergenfield
Sayreville	0-0	at North Brunswick
17. West Essex	0-0	at Hanover Park
18. West Orange	1-0	at Patterson Kennedy
19. Montclair	0-1	vs. Nutley
20. Old Tappan	1-0	vs. Ridgewood

NON-PUBLIC, GROUP 3 POWER POINTS

Will be made available after Week 1

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

MAX PREPS NJ TOP 25 RANKING

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	1. Bergen Catholic	1-0	vs. Archbishop Wood (Pa.)
	2. St. Peter's Prep	1-0	vs. St. Joe's Prep (Pa.)
	3. DePaul	1-0	at Seton Hall Prep
	4. St. Joseph (Mont.)	0-1	vs. Imhotep Charter (Pa.)
	5. St. Joseph (Hamm.)	1-0	vs. Millville
	6. Don Bosco Prep	1-0	at Gonzaga (D.C.)
	7. Red Bank Catholic	1-0	vs. Ocean Township
	8. Pope John	0-1	at Paramus Catholic
	9. Rancocas Valley	1-0	vs. Williamstown
	10. Somerville	1-0	at Rahway
	11. Haddonfield	1-0	at Sterling
	12. Camden Catholic	0-1	vs. No. 25 Woodrow Wilson
	13. Phillipsburg	1-0	vs. Franklin
	14. St. Augustine	0-0	vs. No. 20 Lenape
	15. South Brunswick	1-0	vs. Old Bridge
	16. Wayne Hills	0-1	vs. Wayne Valley
	17. West Essex	0-0	at Hanover Park
	18. Old Tappan	1-0	vs. Ridgewood
	19. Hillside	0-0	at Middlesex
	20. Lenape	0-1	at No. 14 St. Augustine
	21. River Dell	1-0	at Parsippany Hills
	22. Ramapo	1-0	vs. Bergenfield
	23. Peddie	0-0	vs. Bishop Sullivan Catholic (Va.)
	24. Delsea	0-0	at Willingboro
	25. Woodrow Wilson	1-0	at No. 12 Camden Catholic

OPPONENT TRACKER

OFFONENT TRACKER					
DePAUL (Sept. 1) Overall: 1-0 NJSFC UWD: 1-0 This Week: at Seton Hall Prep Last Week: W 48-7 Pope John	PARAMUS CATHOLIC (Sept. 7) Overall: 0-1 NJSFC URD: 0-0 This Week: vs. Pope John Last Week: L 18-16 West Catholic (Pa.)	Overall: 0-1 Phil Cath. League: 0-0 This Week: vs. Bergen Catholic Last Week: L 16-7 McDonogh School (Pa.)			
ST. JOSEPH-MONTVALE	DON BOSCO PREP	DELBARTON			
(Sept. 22) Overall: 0-1 NJSFC URD: 0-0 This Week: vs. Imhotep Charter (Pa.) Last Week: L.20-17 American Heritage (Fla.)	Overall: 1-0 NJSFC URD: 0-0 This Week: at Gonzaga (D.C.) Last Week: W 22-17 James Byrnes (S.C.)	Overall: 0-1 NJSFC UWD: 0-0 This Week: at St. Anthony (N.Y.) Last Week: L 35-7 Somerville			
BERGEN CATHOLIC	ST. PETER'S PREP	SETON HALL PREP			
Overall: 1-0 NJSFC URD: 0-0 This Week: vs. Archbishop Wood (Pa.) Last Week: W 34-22 Grayson (Ga.)	Overall: 1-0 NJSFC URD: 0-0 This Week: vs. St. Joe's Prep (Pa.) Last Week: W 35-6 Millville	Overall: 0-1 NJSFC UWD: 0-0 This Week: vs. DePaul Last Week: b.54-28 Archbishop Carroll (Pa.)			

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.

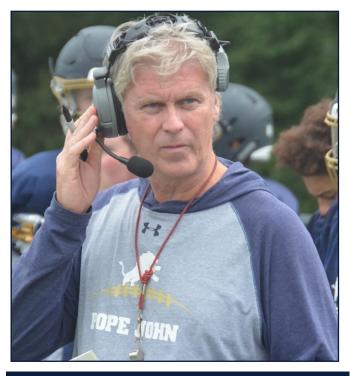
Carlson laid the groundwork for the program by using the vision he has for the football team as the "template." The football team is run by faith-based principles, is committed to the highest academic standards, and thrives on competition, otherwise known as "Faith, Family, Football."

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 posiion 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:N	Iontclair State University, 1983,
	B.A. Economics
RECORD (8th season):	46-27

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Head Coach	Pope John
Linebackers Coach	Don Bosco
Head Coach	Kean University
Def Cordinator	Kean University
Assistant Coach	Kean University
Assistant Coach	Paramus Catholic
	Linebackers Coach Head Coach Def Cordinator Assistant Coach

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	Menyelek Ward MEN-EL-EKE Ward
Christian Maciak Christian MAY-SEE-ACK	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
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16	Anthony Holmes	DB	5'10	170	12	Mine Hill, NJ
17	Josh Taylor	LB	5'10	190	11	Paterson, NJ
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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
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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

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

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	0-1					Brian Carlson

THE SERIES VS. PARAMUS CATHOLIC

In an effort to elevate the program to what it is today, the Lions started an annual series with Paramus Catholic — one of the top non-public programs in the state — back in 2014. So far, Paramus Catholic leads it at 3-1.

The Paladins powered past the Lions in the first two meetings, posting victories of 63-10 and 28-0, respectively. In the third meeting in 2016 at Paramus Catholic, the Lions gave the Paladins a run for their money, as they had a chance to score a go-ahead touchdown late in the fourth quarter, but they ultimately fell by a 33-28 count.

In the fourth and most recent meeting in 2017, the Lions finally posted their first victory over the Paladins by routing them, 43-7, at Pope John. At the time, both teams were ranked in the top 10 in NJ.com's Top 20 poll, as the Lions were ranked sixth and Paramus Catholic was ranked eighth.

The Lions' win over the Paladins put them at 5-0 on the season. It also marked their first victory over one of the "Big 6" schools (Paramus Catholic, Bergen Catholic, Don Bosco Prep, St. Joseph-Montvale, St. Peter's Prep and DePaul) from the former Big North Conference since these schools started becoming powerhouse programs, which has happened within the last five years.

The win put Pope John at No. 4 in the News12 Varsity Tri-State Top 20 poll — the highest ranking the team had ever had in the poll. It also gave the Lions confidence heading into a three-game stretch in which they faced St. Joe's, Bergen Catholic and DePaul — all on the road.

POPE JOHN 43, PARAMUS CATHOLIC 7

	1	2	3	4	F
PC	0	0	7	0	7
Pope John	7	14	15	7	43

	TEAM STATIST	TCS
	POPE JOHN	PARAMUS CATH.
POINTS	43	7
PLAYS	41	56
DRIVES	12	11
RUSH PLAYS	28	41
RUSH YDS	169	138
PASS PLAYS	13	15
PASS YDS	123	86
TOTAL YDS	292	224
PENALTIES	9	2
PENALTY YDS	55	30
TURNOVERS	0	8
INTERCEPTIONS	0	2
FUMBLES	0	3
PUNTS	5	2



LAST MEETING

Riding a four-game winning streak, the Lions went into their home matchup with Paramus Catholic on Oct. 7 looking to not only notch their first win against the Paladins since playing them annually, but also improve to 5-0 and make a big statement against one of New Jersey's top programs.

The Lions accomplished these feats, as they mauled the Paladins for a 43-7 victory. Leading the way for Pope John was senior running back Berrell Neal, who ran for three touchdowns while racking up 100 yards on seven carries. Fellow senior tailback Terrance Jones added 17 carries for 79 yards and a TD in the victory.

The Lions' defense also played a huge part in the win, as it allowed only 224 yards to Paramus Catholic and forced eight turnovers — three fumbles, three turnovers on downs and two interceptions. Senior linebacker Ryan Greenhagen directed the defensive effort with 19 tackles, a forced fumble and a pick-six. Senior linebackers Nick DeNucci (15) and Jake Brown (12) also had double-digit tackles in the win.

GAME LEADERS

RUSHING	RI	JS	н	IN	١G
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Pope John: Berrell Neal 7 car for 100 yds, 3 TD

Paramus Catholic: Xavier DeVore 19 car for 98 yds, 1 TD

PASSING

Pope John: Niko Hroncich 10-of-13, 123 yds, 1 TD

Paramus Catholic: Shelton Applewhite 10-of-18, 103 yds, 2 INT

RECEIVING

Pope John: Samuel Darrell 5 rec for 92 yds, 1 TD Paramus Catholic: Mohammed Toure 2 rec for 36 yds

DEFENSE

Pope John: Ryan Greenhagen 19 tkls, 1 INT, 1 FF, 1 TD

Paramus Catholic: Henry Pearson 11 tkls

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 74yard 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 Ta'Quon Roberson 14-of-25, 237 yds, 3 TD, 1 INT DePaul:

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

2018 POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON TEAM STATISTICS

	POPE JOHN	OPPONENTS
POINTS	7 (7.0 ppg)	48 (48.0 ppg)
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
TURNOVER ON DOWNS	0	0
PUNTS	8	2

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	6	13	46.1	22	3.7	0	0	
Peter Delaportas	1	4	25.0	74	74.0	1	1	
TOTAL	7	17	41.1	96	13.7	1	1	

RUSHING						
Name	Carries	Yds	Avg. Yds Per Carry	TDs		
Jacob Huhn	8	30	3.8	0		
Nafis Matthews	7	19	2.7	0		
Niko Hroncich	2	18	9.0	0		
Peter Delaportas	6	12	2.0	0		
TOTAL	23	79	3.4	0		

RECEIVING							
Name	Rec	Rec Yds	Avg. Yds Per Catch	TDs			
Ryan Dengler	3	89	29.7	1			
Jarelle Robinson	2	-2	-1.0	0			
Nafis Matthews	1	7	7.0	0			
Menyelek Ward	1	2	2.0	0			
TOTAL	7	96	13.7	1			

2018 POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL OFFENSIVE INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

SPECIAL TEAMS	Punt Returns		Kickoff Returns		Punts		Field Goals					
Name	Ret.	Punt	Punt Ret.	Ret.	Ret.	Ret.	Punts	Punt	FGM	FGA	XPM	XPA
		Ret.Yds	TD		Yds	TD		Yds				
Chris Rodriguez	1	12	0	2	34	0						
Menyelek Ward				1	28	0						
Miguel Lopez				1	27	0						
Messiah Muckle				1	20	0						
Justin Hertlein							8	192			1	1
TOTAL	1	12	0	5	109	0	8	192	0	0	1	1

2018 POPE JOHN XXIII HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL DEFENSIVE INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Name	Solo	Assisted	Hurries	Sacks	Total Tkls	FF	FR	INT	PD
Mike DeNucci	4	6			10				
Chris Sabo	3	4	1		7				
Jasmir Taylor	2	3			5				
Ireland Burke	2	2			4				
Pedro Calderon	1	3			4				
Anthony Holmes	1	3			4			1	
Miguel Lopez	1	3			4				
Zachary Cuttito	1	2			3				
Connor Milks	2	1			3				
Jordan Quintero	1	2			3	1			
Sean Brennan	2	0			2				
Nicholas DeSenzo	0	2			2				
Tajimier Jones	2	0			2				
Colin Roberts	0	2			2				
Chris Rodriguez	1	1	1	1	2	1			
Billy Gould	0	1			1				
Issiaha Robinson	1	0			1				
Cole Zydel	0	1			1				
TOTAL	24	36	2	1	60	2	0	1	2

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

^{*}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.

^{**}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