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THE GAME: Tigers versus Warriors

Frank DeAngelo - WA Football Social Media Broadcaster

While the outcome of the contest remains to be seen, fans of both teams and of Northeast Pennsylvania High School football in general, will long remember the “battle” to get this game scheduled. Rumors of a possible switch of opponents in Week 8 began in early September; piquing the interest of many Wyoming Valley Conference Football Fans. With the game officially announced; Wyoming Area began ticket sales to an enthusiastic fan base; selling nearly three thousand advance tickets in just a few days.

As Wyoming Area began to prepare for GAME 7 of the 2019 season against a very tough Dunmore Bucks team; new rumors surfaced that the contest may now be canceled due to bylaws of the Pennsylvania Heartland Athletic Conference that were not complied with. Cooler heads prevailed, and on the Monday prior to contest; PHAC officials approved the switch of opponents and the work required to host the game kicked into high gear.

Without a doubt; this will be the largest crowd to visit Wyoming Area’s Anthony “Jake” Sobeski Stadium in some time and will bring to memory highly attended contests of the not too distant past; such as the 1980 Eastern Conference Championship victory over Pottsville. Remembered as well are the overflow crowds that would attend the Pittston Area-Wyoming Area Thanksgiving Day Contests in the 60’s and 70’s; with the last one taking place over forty years ago (Now We Feel Old!)

This will be another game that will long be remembered by the players, coaches, students and fans of two communities who are attending tonight. And those who drove a little over an hour to arrive by game time, will remember the trek up Route 11. Most will recall as well, the events leading up to the scheduling of a game that both teams hope will help them better competitively prepare for extended Playoff runs. At the very heart of it is a longing for games of this magnitude and this level of interest with the type of crowds that only those over fifty have some memory of.

So, welcome to *THE GAME*. Grab a soda or hot chocolate and a hot dog, and put your blanket down next to a good friend or a stranger who loves the game as well as you do. Look out into the night sky and remember some glory days of your own. Cheer for the young people (and their coaches and trainers) who give so much of themselves to play this sport that they love. And for one special night; appreciate the interest and enthusiasm that can be generated by fan bases and communities when they work to create events such as this.

***NOW LET’S
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FOOTBALL!***

**A record crowd
is expected to be
on hand tonight
at the Jake.**



Southern Columbia Sets State Winning Streak Record

By Harold Raker For The Daily Item. Sep 14, 2019 (printed with permission from The Daily Item)

COAL TOWNSHIP — Julian Fleming can't remember Southern Columbia's last regular-season loss.

It's not because the Ohio State University commit has a poor memory.

After all, Fleming — like his classmates, including fellow Big 10 commits Gaige Garcia and Cal Haladay — was in fourth grade at the time.

Fleming and Garcia each scored three touchdowns Friday in Southern Columbia's 62-0 win over Shamokin. It was the 76th consecutive regular-season win for the Tigers, which broke the state record for longest regular-season winning streak. Strath Haven, which previously held the record, had its 75-game winning streak end in 2004.

"It's definitely something we were looking forward to. We've been talking about it all week," Fleming said of breaking the record. "We couldn't come out lackadaisical because they'll take advantage, and we came out hot. The defense has been playing hot all season."

Southern Columbia, which has not allowed a point this season, last lost in 2011 — to rival Mount Carmel.

"All three areas are very strong, so if we don't blitz and just rush the front four, we're getting pressure," Southern Columbia coach Jim Roth said of his defense. "When they do have enough time to throw the ball the secondary is really good in coverage."

He said it was great to get the state record, and he was happy that it happened with the current senior class.

"I can't say enough about this group of seniors," Roth said. "For them to be the group that comes away with this state record, I'm happy for them."

The Tigers (4-0), who put up 500 total yards of offense and limited the Indians (2-2) to 117, played a nearly perfect game, starting with Gaige Garcia's 54-yard touchdown run on the game's second play.

Fleming scored the next three TDs on passes of 50, 9 and 46 yards from quarterback Preston Zachman.

"Our passing game is slowly coming along," Fleming said. "Preston and I are starting to get our connection down. He's starting to get his throws down; we've been improving. We have to catch up to the run game. So far, we're trying and we're getting there."

Shamokin coach Henry Hynoski, who won four state titles playing for Roth at Southern Columbia, said he told

his players Southern was the best team they will see all year.

"There are no weaknesses," he said. "You watch film, you try to game plan and you see maybe a little hiccup here or there, and you think you might be able to crack it, but they are just solid in all areas."

The coach added his team will bounce back, just like it did after a lopsided loss two weeks ago at North Schuylkill.

"We have to. We're not the only team that this has happened too," Hynoski said.

Pennsylvania Football News Rankings

PFN Class 2A Rankings	Dist	Record	PVS rank
1 Southern Columbia	4	7-0	1
2 Ligonier Valley	6	7-0	2
3 Washington	7	7-0	3
4 Burgettstown	7	7-0	4
5 Wilmington	10	7-0	5
6 Penns Valley	6	6-1	6
7 Chestnut Ridge	5	7-0	8
8 Richland	6	7-0	9
9 Avonworth	7	7-0	10
10 Bellwood-Antis	6	7-0	NR

PFN Class 3A Rankings	Dist	Record	PVS rank
1 Aliquippa	7	7-0	1
2 Wyomissing	3	7-0	3
3 Montoursville	4	7-0	4
4 Middletown	3	7-0	2
5 North Schuylkill	11	6-1	6
6 Wyoming Area	2	7-0	7
7 Neumann Goretti	12	7-0	8
8 Lancaster Catholic	3	6-1	9
9 Bald Eagle Area	6	6-1	10
10 Central Valley	7	6-1	5



Defense has been key for Wyoming Area thus far, and the Warriors "D" will look to slow down the Tigers tonight. - photo by Golden Photo

SOUTHERN COLUMBIA TIGERS

Number	Name	Grade	Ht	Wt	Off	Def
1	Braden Heim	11	6'	175	RB	DL
2	Tyler Waltman	11	6'	195	TE	DL
3	Nate Crowl	12	5'10	185	RB	LB
4	Julian Fleming	12	6'3	200	SE	DB
5	Gavin Garcia	10	5'8	175	RB	DB
6	Logan, Potter	11	5'9	155	RB	LB
7	Ian Yoder	11	5'10	150	QB	DB
8	Max Tillett	12	6'	200	TE	LB
9	Liam Klebon	10	6'	165	SE	DB
10	Jake Davis	11	5'9	160	SE	DB
11	Kole Biscoe	10	5'8	135	QB	DB
12	Owyne Pursel	12	6'2	160	SE	DB
13	Ron Zsido	12	5'10	175	QB	DB
14	Preston Zachman	12	6'1	210	SE	LB
15	Michael Yancoskie	10	5'11	145	SE	DB
16	Michael Zsido	10	5'8	150	SE	DB
18	Tim Witcoskie	11	5'9	180	SE	LB
19	Ashton Helwig	10	5'6	125	SE	DB
20	Nick Zeigler	11	5'7	145	SE	DB
22	Matt Masala	10	5'4	155	RB	DB
23	Gaige Garcia	12	5'10	205	RB	LB
24	Cade Linn	12	5'10	195	RB	DB
25	Brandon Gedman	11	5'10	170	RB	LB
26	Jayden McCormick	11	5'9	175	RB	LB
28	Cal Haladay	12	6'1	205	RB	LB
29	Jake Rose	10	6'1	175	SE	LB
30	Trevor Yorks	10	5'6	140	SE	DB
31	Greyson Shaud	9	5'10	150	QB	DB
32	Ty Roadarmel	12	5'10	185	RB	LB
33	Connor Gallagher	10	5'10	140	SE	DB
34	Wes Barnes	9	5'8	170	RB	LB
36	Colin Sharrow	11	6'2	165	TE	LB
38	Garrett Rosenberger	10	5'11	160	TE	LB
40	Ian Huntington	12	6'1	195	TE	DL
42	Nate Kearney	12	5'9	155	RB	LB
44	Nate Seroskie	10	5'9	165	TE	LB
46	Wade Kerstetter	11	5'11	200	TE	LB
48	Ethan Haupt	12	5'9	180	PK	P
50	Andrew Rarig	12	5'10	225	OL	DL
51	Derek Wertman	11	5'10	210	OL	DL
52	Jaxson Purnell	11	6'2	205	OL	DL
54	Carson Savitski	10	6'1	225	OL	DL
53	Gabe Leffler	10	5'10	170	OL	DL
57	Austin Reeder	10	5'9	185	OL	DL
61	Nick Miner	11	5'10	185	OL	DL
63	Jacob Reynolds	11	5'10	210	OL	DL
65	Joseph Quinton	10	5'6	150	OL	DL
66	Cameron Haladay	12	6'3	215	OL	DL
67	Lear Quinton	12	6'2	235	OL	DL
68	Matt Carl	11	5'6	195	OL	DL
72	Collin Doraski	12	5'11	235	OL	DL
73	Cole Schankweiler	12	6'1	310	OL	DL
74	Chris Treshock	9	6'1	240	OL	DL
76	Jacob Herr	12	6'	225	OL	DL
77	Jordon Fosse	11	5'11	200	OL	DL
79	Dyer Stine	11	6'2	255	OL	DL



Coaching Staff

Jim Roth - Head Coach
 Andy Mills - Defensive Coordinator
 Mike Johnston
 John Marks
 Brandon Traugh
 Roger Nunkester
 Andy Helwig
 Al Cihocki
 Pete Saylor
 Alex Carawan
 Tim Jurnak, Athletic Trainer

Paul Caputo, Superintendent
 James Becker, Principal

Location

Catawissa, PA

Mascot

TIGERS

Colors

Black, Gold

Football Website

scatigerfootball.org

SC SCHEDULE 2019

Date	Time	Team	Score	Result
08-17	7:00 pm	@ Mifflinburg	0-0	-
08-25	2:00 pm	@ Hammond School	36-0	W
08-31	7:00 pm	vs. Mount Carmel	48-0	W
09-06	7:00 pm	@ Selinsgrove	76-0	W
09-13	7:00 pm	@ Shamokin	62-0	W
09-20	7:00 pm	vs. Central Columbia	62-0	W
09-27	7:00 pm	vs. South Williamsport	76-6	W
10-04	7:00 pm	@ Jersey Shore	56-14	W
10-11	7:00 pm	@ Wyoming Area	0-0	-
10-18	7:00 pm	@ Montoursville	0-0	-
10-25	7:00 pm	vs. Danville	0-0	-



Head Coach Jim Roth

WYOMING AREA WARRIORS



Coaching Staff

Randy Spencer, Head Coach
Mike Fanti, Assistant Head Coach
Joe Pizano, Athletic Director

Assistant Coaches

Rich Musinski
Tom Loftus
Jason Speece
Ken Kopetchny
John McNeil
Corey Popovich
Russ Herron
Don Hindmarsh
Carl DeLuca

Volunteer Coaches

Tom Campenni
Brian Hines
David Pacchioni
Kim Pace
Jim Pizano
Eric Speece

Mike Laffey, Strength Coach
Dr. Gerald Gibbons, Team Physician
Faith Musinski, Trainer
Charles Medico, Statistician

Janet Serino, Superintendent
Dr. Jon Pollard, Principal

Location

Exeter, PA

Mascot

WARRIORS

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Number	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Grade
1	Darren Rodney	RB	6'0"	190	12
2	Quadre Sessoms	WR	6'0"	205	12
3	Rocco Pizano	WR	5'7"	150	10
4	Riley Rusyn	WR	5'10"	165	12
5	Zajquay Williamson	RB	5'8"	160	12
6	Brian Williams	WR	6'1"	190	12
7	Nick Ross	WR	5'6"	135	10
9	Dominic DeLuca	QB	6'2"	200	12
10	Nick George	WR	5'5"	125	10
11	Derek Ambrosino	TE	6'3"	220	12
14	Usamah Alansari	WR	5'10"	160	10
15	Blaise Sokach-Minnick	QB	6'3"	185	10
16	Nico Sciandra	RB	5'9"	165	10
17	Jacob Williams	QB	6'0"	195	11
18	Michael Mondlak	WR	5'9"	165	12
19	Vincenzo Nova	WR	5'5"	130	10
21	Drew Mruk	RB	5'11"	180	9
22	Leo Haros	RB	5'9"	160	10
23	Corey Mruk	RB	5'10"	190	12
24	Sydney Kruszka	K	5'5"	100	11
25	Colby Gashi	RB	5'8"	195	11
26	Charlie Banashefski	RB	5'6"	170	12
30	Vincenzo Giambra	RB	5'7"	155	11
35	Enzo Scotto-Diluzio	RB	5'9"	185	12
36	FJ Braccini	RB	5'9"	205	12
38	Matthew Skilonger	WR	5'7"	155	11
40	Matt Ragantesi	RB	5'5"	140	10
42	Rich Hizynski	RB	5'9"	170	10
43	Dillon Williams	RB	6'3"	240	12
69	Nick Elko	RB, T	6'2"	265	10
45	Dylan Rosati	WR	5'8"	140	10
46	Daniel Angus	TE	5'8"	185	11
47	Jerrel Chepalonis	WR	5'9"	150	11
50	Dante Bovani	G	6'0"	240	12
51	Bryce Hinkle	C	5'8"	205	11
52	Nasir Condry	C	5'7"	215	11
53	AJ Merlino	T	5'10"	200	11
54	Matt Clarke	G	5'9"	275	10
56	Alessandro Mannino	T	5'10"	220	10
57	Owen Kelly	T	6'3"	230	10
58	Ethan Speece	C	5'11"	250	9
59	Jayden Rusyn	G	6'1"	230	10
62	Matt Pelleschi	G	5'7"	180	10
63	Dustin Doria	G	5'9"	220	10
64	Vincent Bowers	G	5'9"	190	11
66	Shawn Kostak	T	6'1"	235	11
68	Jaleem DeJesus	G	5'8"	190	11
71	Thomas Wycoski	T	6'5"	290	12
72	Tyler Brzozowski	G	5'8"	250	10
73	Ryan Gilpin	T	5'10"	250	10
74	Kameron Barber	T	5'8"	200	10
79	Alex Chickson	T	5'10"	220	10
80	Zack Sheridan	WR	5'6"	130	10
82	Michael Clark	TE	6'1"	200	10
86	Caleb Graham	TE	6'3"	210	12
87	Thomas Collins	TE	5'10"	165	11
88	Adam Sigman	WR	5'7"	140	11
90	Samuel Solomon	RB	6'4"	295	12
92	Stanley Moderski	K	5'9"	200	12
94	James Miller	TE	6'1"	200	12
95	Josh Cumbo	K	5'7"	230	12
99	Erik Trasciatti	WR	5'9"	150	10



Head Coach Randy Spencer

WA SCHEDULE 2019

08/23	7:00 PM	vs Mid-Valley	W 56-13
08/31	1:30 PM	@ Scranton Prep	W 34-0
09/06	7:00 PM	@ Northwest	W 34-3
09/13	7:00 PM	@ Nanticoke	W 48-7
09/20	7:00 PM	vs Tunkhannock	W 49-10
09/27	7:00 PM	@ Lake Lehman	W 35-30
10/04	7:00 PM	@ Dunmore	W 35-14
10/11	7:00 PM	Southern Columbia	
10/18	7:00 PM	vs Hanover Area	
10/25	7:00 PM	vs Pittston Area	

Dominic DeLuca sparks Wyoming Area win over Dunmore

Tom Robinson - Reprinted with permission from Sunday Dispatch October 4

DUNMORE – When Dominic DeLuca’s play at quarterback and safety is not enough to help separate Wyoming Area from an opponent, sometimes the Warriors need a little special extra from their senior leader.



FJ Braccini - Golden Photo

Already having a big game as a punter, DeLuca took on additional special teams duties in the return game with Wyoming Area’s second straight unbeaten regular season in jeopardy Friday night.

The move paid off in DeLuca’s 79-yard kickoff return for the game-winning touchdown, sparking a 21-point burst over the final nine minutes to pull away from host Dunmore 35-14 in a non-league game between two of District 2’s top small school teams.

State-ranked Wyoming Area (7-0) currently leads the race

for the district’s top seed in Class 3A. Defending champion Dunmore (4-3) led the Class 2A race going into the night.

The Bucks controlled the game’s first 20 minutes, scored first and came back to force a fourth-quarter tie.

On a night when Dunmore had more first downs, more yards and more time of possession, Wyoming Area needed to find another way to win the game.

DeLuca’s kickoff return put the Warriors ahead to stay. He fielded a ball on the right side, made it across the field to stick to the “return left” that was called.

“We didn’t have much momentum in the beginning of the second half,” DeLuca said. “I feel like that kick return

changed the whole game.”

After getting to the sideline by working around a block by Jayden Rusyn, DeLuca cut back inside almost to the hashmarks, worked back to the sideline, then won a footrace to the end zone.

“I’m usually the emergency guy when we need a big return or a big play, or when we have injuries,” DeLuca said of his part-time role as a kick returner. “I’ve got to do what I’ve got to do sometimes.”

“Dominic is an outstanding player. Even in the special teams game, he is explosive and can make big plays.”

DeLuca finished with another wide-ranging night on the statistical charts.

As a quarterback, he carried 11 times for 94 yards and a touchdown, hit three of seven passes for 32 yards and even slipped out of the backfield for a 9-yard catch. On special teams, three of his four punts covered at least 50 yards and he finished the night averaging 47.3. Defensively, he contributed three tackles and five assists in addition to the

interception.

“He’s best at being a football player,” Spencer said, “and we needed every aspect of it tonight.”

The interception set up Darren Rodney’s third touchdown, a 23-yarder.

Rodney had scored on a 2-yard run in the final minute of the half, capping a momentum-changing, 11-play, 80-yard scoring drive to send the teams to the locker room tied.

Prior to that drive, Dunmore led 9-2 in first downs and 174-46 in total offense.

“We certainly weren’t executing and Dunmore was doing a great job up front in the first half, limiting what we could do,” Spencer said.

Rodney gave Wyoming Area its first lead on a 1-yard, third-quarter touchdown run that completed a 40-yard drive that consisted of seven straight runs.

The short field was the end result of a big advantage in the kicking game behind DeLuca’s punts and the returns of DeLuca and Brian Williams. Two of the punts pinned Dunmore at the 6 and 1.

The come-from-behind win was the second straight for Wyoming Area, which came from 10 down to beat Lake-Lehman 35-30 last Friday.

“We gave it all we had every play,” Rodney said. There was still more to be done.

DeLuca’s 46-yard run up the middle with 5:36 left provided an insurance touchdown. His interception and 48-yard return a little more than a minute later essentially finished off the Bucks.

“Our coaching staff is constantly evaluating situations,” Wyoming Area head coach Randy Spencer said. “In big games and situations, we have to use all of our resources.”



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