

1966 GRID SQUAD



FRANK DELANEY



DAVE KOLESKY



WALT CHARNEY



FRED CICACCI



Left to right: First Row—Ed Connors, Domnick Ariz, Steve Harmanos, Paul Marranta, Biagio Manganiello, Jack Homan (coach), Adam Savitsky, George Sleboda, Fred Cicacci, Joe Bartell, Dave Kolesky, Frank Delaney. Second Row—Coach Nick Anzelmi, Coach Merle Bainbridge, Coach Pat Williams, Coach Larry Selenski, Coach Harold Seiple, Coach Art Faltyn, Coach Mike Blandina, Coach Gary Tilley, Coach John Jurchak, Coach Nicky Babish, Lou Berti, Walt Charney, Coach



GEORGE SLEBODA



PAUL MARRANCA



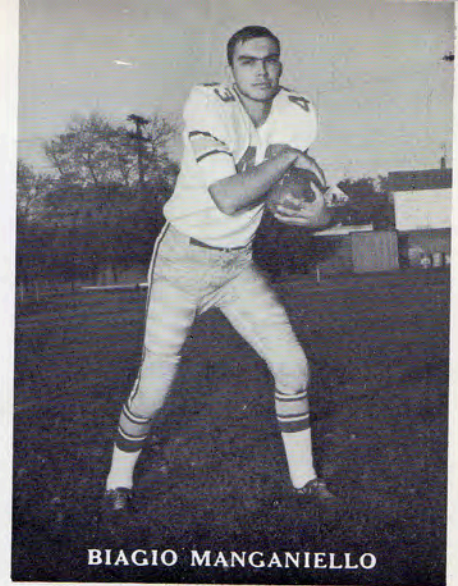
TOM BUTLER



STEVE HARMANOS



JOHN JURCHAK



BIAGIO MANGANIELLO



Bratlee, John Stanchak, Coach Angeli, Coach Vincent Zinkavich.
 Third Row—Tom Robbins, Bob Fowler, Bill Anzalone, Paul
 Mattina, George Gentile, Bill Hastie, Nick Marianacci, Tom
 Supey, John Sammon, Ron Sobocinski, Pat Donahue, George
 Yurek, Charles Piatt, Barry Abromovage, Thomas Butler.
 Absent—Edward Sadawski.



KENT BRATLEE



ADAM SAVITSKY



ED CONNORS



DOM ARITZ



JOE BARTELL



FOOTBALL COACHES

Left to right: First Row—Vincent Zinkavich, Phil Angeli, Nick Anzelmi, Merle Bainbridge, Jack Henzes (head coach).

FOOTBALL MANAGERS

Left to right: Charles Burns, Malcolm Moss, Tommy Charney.



"WARRIORS 66"

Playing for the first time under Wyoming Area School District, the mighty "Warriors" completed a brilliant season with a very impressive record of seven wins against only four defeats. Much of the success of the team should be credited to the direction of the fine coaching staff headed by Jack Henzes, and his able assistants Phil Angeli, Nicholas Anzelmi, Merle Bainbridge, and Vincent Zinkavich.

The Warriors opened the season against a bigger, more experienced Dunmore team. Although the boys did go down to defeat, many bright spots were detected in fine running by senior halfbacks, Frank Delaney and sophomore back, Bill Anzalone.

G.A.R. was the Warriors' next opponent. The pieces of a fine football team now started to fit together as the boys came roaring back from their previous defeat to up-end the Wilkes-Barre school, 21 - 6.

The Gold, Green, and White was next faced with one of its toughest foes of the entire season. Although the Warriors played a stout-hearted game, the experience and size of the Kingston Huskies were too much for the team to handle; and thus they went down to defeat, 37 - 14.

The Warriors then traveled to Meyers' stadium. Once again the boys met stiff competition. At first it looked as if it would be an "all Warrior" night, but mistakes hampered the team. After a quick score, they were unable to get started again and received their third loss of the season, 21 - 7.

After two consecutive losses, the Warriors started a five-game winning streak by defeating Dallas, 14 - 7.

The Warriors next victim was Plains. Trailing late in the game, 7 - 6, the Warriors' offense came alive; and behind the steady running of Dave Kolesky, Walt Charney, Frank Delaney, and Kent Bratlee, the team got on the scoreboard seconds before the final gun sounded, giving Wyoming Area win number three, 13 - 7.

The Team's next win came on a hot Saturday afternoon at Nanticoke. Here the Warriors found little trouble and handled their opponents quite easily. This time it was the fine blocking of the line led by Paul Marranca, Ed Connors, George Sleboda, and Steve Harmanos that gave the Warriors three in a row, with the final score 25 - 6.

Playing back home the next week, the team faced a confident Hanover squad, but it took the boys little time to get warmed up after Walt Charney's 85-yard punt return. Touchdowns by Dave Kolesky and Frank Delaney brought home another win for the mighty, mighty Warriors.

The next opponent was Plymouth, who, to the surprise of many people, gave the Warriors quite a tussle. It was not until late in the fourth quarter when quarterback Kent Bratlee connected with end Adam Savitsky for the game-winning touchdown for a 14 - 13 win. At this point the Warriors stood at six wins and three losses.

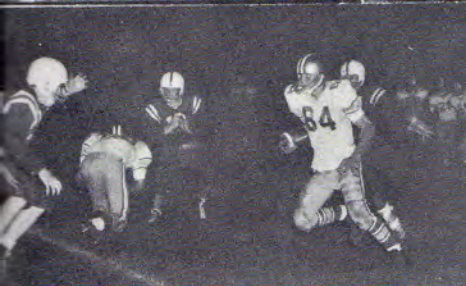
The following week the Warriors faced the Wyoming Valley Conference Champions in what almost became an upset for that team. Coughlin, expecting little opposition from Wyoming Area, ran head-on into one of the toughest defenses in the league; but with the size advantage they had, Coughlin was able to defeat our team by a slim 14 - 0.

There is an old saying, "The turkey always tastes better after a win on Thanksgiving Day." If this statement is true, the members of the Warrior football team enjoyed the best meals of their lives after their tremendous upset of Forty-Fort Area. The Warriors, after merely missing an upset the week before, challenged a favored Forty-Fort team and upset them, 21 - 13.

Listed as the "sleeper" at the beginning of the season, the local team proved to fans and sports writers alike that the Wyoming Area Warriors are not to be looked upon lightly.

The Warriors acquired a third place tie in the Wyoming Valley Conference. After ending their first season with such great success, the Warriors are sure that the conference crown will be coming their way in the very near future.







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	Score	Opponent	Score
WA	14	Dallas	7
WA	13	Dunmore	27
WA	21	Forty Fort	13
WA	25	Hanover	13
WA	14	Kingston	38
WA	25	Nanticoke	6
WA	13	Plains	6
WA	13	Plymouth	12
WA	0	Coughlin	14
WA	21	GAR	6
WA	7	Meyers	20
Totals	166		162
Avg	15.1		14.7