1969

The Timon Tigers claimed their first Burke Division championship since 1961 with a 7-0-1 record. A 6-6 tie with Dougherty in week two prevented a perfect 8-0 season. Walsh won their third consecutive Smith title and extended their winning streak to 23 in a row. It was a season of record setting feats. Mike Connolly from Canisius **drop kicked** the first extra point in ten years in the Crusaders opener against Ryan. St. Josephs Gary Castine threw a state record eight (8) touchdown passes against Turner. That accomplishment remains a state record to this day. Finally, the Timon passing combination of Ed Carney to Tom Grys accounted for 38 catches for 695 yards and 10 touchdowns. Their three season totals of 93 receptions for 1539 yards and 132 points prompted Timon Athletic Director Mel Palano to have the school retire their numbers. (8-Carney and 80-Grys)

A new rule was instituted for high school football this year. From now on, a run or pass for an extra point will count for two points, while the traditional kick for PAT will still count one point.

FINAL BURKE LEAGUE STANDINGS				
SCHOOL	**W-L**	**W-L**	**PTS**	
Timon	7-0-1	7-0-1	234	61
Canisius	7-1	7-1	218	83
St. Josephs	5-3	5-3	184	78
Duffy	5-3	5-3	156	114
Ryan	4-4	4-4	143	121
O'Hara	3-5	3-5	94	127
Dougherty	2-5-1	2-5-1	84	107
Fallon	1-7	1-7	92	206
Turner	1-7	1-7	28	336

FINAL SMITH LEAGUE STANDINGS				
SCHOOL	**W-L**	**W-L**	**PTS**	
Walsh	6-0	8-0	288	62
Mindszenty	5-1	5-3	96	123
DeSales	3-3	5-3	86	91
St. Mary's	3-3	3-5	119	90
Gibbons	2-4	4-4	163	123
St. Francis	2-4	3-5	60	84
Notre Dame	0-6	0-7-1	24	137

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FINAL BURKE LEAGUE SCORING						
NAME	**SCHOOL**	**TDS**	**EPS**	**CONV**	**FGS**	**TOTAL**
Connolly	Canisius	15	1	3	0	97
Bolognese	Ryan	12	0	3	0	78
T.Grys	Timon	9	0	3	0	60
O'Brien	St. Josephs	9	0	2	0	58
B.Amico	Fallon	8	0	5	0	58

FINAL SMITH LEAGUE SCORING						
NAME	**SCHOOL**	**TDS**	**EPS**	**CONV**	**FGS**	**TOTAL**
H.Bzdak	Walsh	13	0	0	0	78
Cox	Gibbons	11	0	0	0	66
McBride	Walsh	9	0	0	0	54
M.Griswold	St. Mary's	7	0	6	0	54
P. Bzdak	Walsh	1	29	0	3	44

Year	1969				Selected All-Catholic By:	
First	Last	Positon	School	Grade	Courier-Express	Buffalo News
	Offense					
Tom	Grys	E	Timon	12	x	x
Paul	Sawicz	T	Canisius	12	x	x
Rich	Schmitt	G	Ryan	11	x	x
Dennis	McCleary	G	Canisius	12		x
Sam	LaTona	C	Duffy	12	x	
Paul	Buchanan	G	Fallon	12	x	
Mike	Stefan	T	Timon	11	x	
Larry	Van Loan	E	St. Joe's	12	x	
Ed	Carney	QB	Timon	12	x	x
Mike	Connolly	B	Canisius	12	x	x
Doug	Bolognese	B	Ryan	11	x	x
Tom	Harrity	FB	Timon	11	x	
Bob	Amico	E	Fallon	11	x	x
Gary	Castine	B	St. Joe's	11	x	x
Dick	Seebald	T	Timon			x
Bill	Travis	C	Timon	11		x
	Defense					
Tony	Tripi	E	Canisius	12	x	x
Lamont	Garnett	E	St. Joe's	12	x	
Larry	Zgoda	T	Canisius	12	x	
Jim	LuVullo	T	Turner	12	x	x
Ken	Hunt	MG	O'Hara	12	x	x
Dennis	McCleary	LB	Canisius	12	x	
Mike	Mooney	LB	Dougherty	12	x	x
Don	McMahon	LB	St. Joe's	12	x	
Joe	Land	B	Dougherty	12	x	
Dave	Garbacz	B	Ryan	xx	x	
Bob	Veillette	FS	Duffy	12	x	
John	Marschner	E	Timon			x
Vic	Vicanti	LB	Dougherty			x
Nino	D'Orazio	LB	Timon			x
Ed	McDonald	LB	Duffy			x
Tom	Barrett	LB	Canisius			x
Larry	Van Loan	B	St. Joe's	12		x
Pat	Kerins	B	Duffy			x

Year	1969				Selected All-Catholic By:	
First	Last	Positon	School	Grade	Courier-Express	Buffalo News
			Smith Division			
	Offense					
Kevin	McBride	E	Walsh	11	x	x
Al	Guenther	T	St. Mary's	12	x	x
Paul	Vosburgh	G	DeSales	11	x	x
Paul	Prusak	C	Walsh	12	x	x
Ed	Krieger	G	Walsh	11	x	x
Steve	Slavin	T	Walsh	11	x	x
Terry	Rowson	E	Mindszenty	12	x	x
Mike	Metzler	QB	Walsh	12	x	x
Hank	Bzdak	HB	Walsh	12	x	x
Pat	Cox	HB	Gibbons	12	x	
Mark	Griswold	FB	St. Mary's	11	x	x
Tom	Ostrye	B	Mindszenty	12	x	x
	Defense`					
Dick	Feichter	E	Walsh	12	x	x
Mike	McGuire	E	Walsh	10	x	x
Jan	Jadlowski	DL	Walsh	12	x	x
Jim	Popielinski	DL	St. Francis	12	x	x
Tom	Fenzel	DL	DeSales	12	x	x
Mikey	Donovan	LB	Walsh	11	x	x
Tom	Samuelson	LB	Mindszenty	12	x	x
Jack	Merrilees	LB	St. Mary's	12	x	x
Tom	Ostrye	B	Mindszenty	12	x	
Tom	Compisi	B	St. Francis	12	x	x
Mike	Hart	B	Walsh	12	x	x
Pat	Cox	B	Gibbons	12		x