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Canisius retained their crown with a second consecutive 8-0 season and extending their unbeaten streak to 16 in a row. For the first time in 42 years the Crusaders had a new football coach. Richard “Bus” Werder took over from the legendary Johnny Barnes. Notre Dame and DeSales were Smith co-champions with 5-1 league records. For the first time in Western New York history, one school had two 1000 yard rushers in the same season. Mike Mullane and Jim Goerss from DeSales each reached the 1000 yard plateau. In another first, St. Josephs had four backs each rush for over 100 yards in a single game. In week three against Timon, Kevin Barlog-119, Phil Scaffidi-118, Garnell Whitfield-107 and Tim Paxson-101 accomplished this rare feat. Turner broke its long 23 game losing streak with a 29-14 victory over Walsh. At season’s end, Walsh announced that it was leaving the Monsignor Martin Association to join the Tri County league for football.

FINAL BURKE LEAGUE STANDINGS				
SCHOOL	**W-L**	**W-L**	**PTS**	
Canisius	8-0	8-0	241	66
St. Josephs	7-1	7-1	207	83
Neumann	6-2	6-2	206	107
Timon	5-3	5-4	208	130
Dougherty	3-5	4-5	154	188
Duffy	3-5	3-6	65	249
O’Hara	3-5	3-6	179	178
Turner	0-7-1	1-7-1	99	239
Fallon	0-7-1	0-7-1	71	205

FINAL SMITH LEAGUE STANDINGS				
SCHOOL	**W-L**	**W-L**	**PTS**	
DeSales	5-1	8-1	248	58
Notre Dame	5-1	7-2	191	86
St. Francis	4-2	6-2	147	83
Baker Victory	4-2	6-2	118	69
Walsh	2-4	2-6	101	191
St. Mary’s	1-5	1-6	34	182
Mindszenty	0-6	1-7-1	74	177

FINAL BURKE LEAGUE SCORING						
NAME	**SCHOOL**	**TDS**	**EPS**	**CONV**	**FGS**	**TOTAL**
Nesselbush	Timon	14	0	11	0	106
Coppola	Neumann	16	0	3	0	102
Koessler	Canisius	15	0	2	0	94
Paxson	St. Josephs	13	0	0	0	78
McConkey	Canisius	8	0	7	0	62

FINAL SMITH LEAGUE SCORING						
NAME	**SCHOOL**	**TDS**	**EPS**	**CONV**	**FGS**	**TOTAL**
Goerss	DeSales	10	0	0	0	60
Mullane	DeSales	9	0	0	0	54
Martin	St. Francis	9	0	0	0	54
McGee	Notre Dame	7	0	0	0	42
M.Francis	Notre Dame	4	0	1	0	26
Szczesny	Notre Dame	4	0	1	0	26
Phillips	Baker Victory	4	0	1	0	26

Year	1973				Selected All-Catholic By:	
First	Last	Positon	School	Grade	Courier-Express	Buffalo News
			Burke Division			
Marion	Nelson	E	Timon	12	x	x
John	Gibney	T	St. Joe's	12	x	x
Gary	Pollock	G	Canisius	12	x	x
Andy	Curtin	C	Canisius	12	x	x
Greg	Hall	G	O'Hara	12	x	
Ken	Schoetz	T	Canisius	12	x	x
Phil	Scaffidi	QB	St. Joe's	12	x	x
Bill	Koessler	B	Canisius	12	x	x
Gerry	Nesselbush	B	Timon	11	x	x
Peter	Coppola	B	Neuman	12	x	x
Mark	Pleto	E	Neuman	12	x	
John	Quinn	T	St. Joe's	12		x
Tim	Paxson	B	St. Joe's	12		x
	Defense					
Bob	Mills	E	Canisius	12	x	
Phil	McConkey	B	Canisius	11	x	x
Peter	Mendola	E	St. Joe's	12	x	x
Tom	Freedenberg	T	St. Joe's	12	x	x
John	Quinn	LB	St. Joe's	12	x	
Ron	Laux	B	St. Joe's	12	x	x
Dave	Spoth	DL	Neuman	11	x	x
Dave	Tartick	LB	O'Hara	12	x	x
Larry	Oliveri	LB	Fallon	12	x	
Kevin	Haggerty	B	Duffy	12	x	
Jim	Niland	DL	Dougherty	12	x	x
Peter	Finnegan	DL	Canisius	12		x
Joe	Wright	E	Timon	12		x
Mark	Pleto	B	Neuman	12		x
JJ	Miller	B	Fallon	12		x

Year	1973				Selected All-Catholic By:	
First	Last	Positon	School	Grade	Courier-Express	Buffalo News
			Smith Division			
Mark	St. Francis	E	Notre Dame	11	x	x
Tom	Kugler	T	DeSales	11	x	x
Jeff	San Fratello	G	Notre Dame	12	x	x
Rich	Granchelli	G	DeSales	11	x	x
Tom	Maxwell	T	Notre Dame	12	x	x
Bob	Sullivan	E	Baker-Victory	12	x	
Ron	Jachimowicz	C	St. Francis	12	x	x
Andy	Vogl	QB	Notre Dame	12	x	x
Jerry	Martin	B	St. Francis	12	x	x
Jim	Goerss	B	DeSales	12	x	x
Mike	Mullane	B	DeSales	12	x	x
Don	Insalaco	E	Baker-Victory	11		x
	Defense					
Gerry	O'Brien	E	DeSales	11	x	
Dave	Hartigan	DL	DeSales	12	x	x
Jim	Minderler	B	DeSales	12	x	x
Russ	Pensyl	LB	DeSales	12	x	x
Kevin	Sullivan	E	Notre Dame	12	x	x
Mike	Mead	T	Notre Dame	12	x	x
Mike	McGee	LB	Notre Dame	12	x	x
Dwight	Hicks	DL	Baker-Victory	12	x	x
Mack	McDonnell	LB	Baker-Victory	11	x	
Jim	Phillips	B	Baker-Victory	12	x	x
Mike	Nolder	B	Walsh	12	x	x
Neil	Shoemaker	E	Walsh	12		x
Joe	Aquino	LB	St. Mary's	12		x