1974

Canisius Crusaders retained the Burke crown going 8-0 and extending their unbeaten streak to 24 in a row. Walsh left the Association after seven years to play football in the Tri County league. That left the Smith Division with only six schools for 1974. Last seasons Smith co-champion DeSales won the crown outright by going 8-0. At the end of the season, the Knights tied for the New York State mythical small school championship.

Gerry Nesselbush from Bishop Timon became the first Western New York high school gridder to rush for 3000 yards in his varsity career. He finished with a total of 3103 yards. In week two of the season, St. Josephs Bill Hurley rushed for a state record 381 yards against Bishop Turner.

FINAL BURKE LEAGUE STANDINGS				
SCHOOL	**W-L**	**W-L**	**PTS**	
Canisius	8-0	8-0	258	20
Dougherty	5-3	6-3	176	128
Neumann	5-3	5-4	136	105
Timon	5-3	5-4	152	162
St. Josephs	4-3-1	5-3-1	186	164
Duffy	4-4	4-5	92	155
O'Hara	2-5-1	2-6-1	94	166
Turner	1-7	1-8	72	193
Fallon	1-7	1-7	66	180

FINAL SMITH LEAGUE STANDINGS				
SCHOOL	**W-L**	**W-L**	**PTS**	
DeSales	5-0	8-0	218	58
Baker Victory	3-2	7-2	199	41
Notre Dame	3-2	5-4	174	153
St. Francis	3-2	5-4	60	122
St. Mary's	1-4	2-6	59	194
Mindszenty	0-5	0-8	47	206

FINAL BURKE LEAGUE SCORING						
NAME	**SCHOOL**	**TDS**	**EPS**	**CONV**	**FGS**	**TOTAL**
Niland	Dougherty	10	0	3	0	66
Hurley	St. Josephs	8	11	1	0	61
Nesselbush	Timon	8	0	5	0	58
McConkey	Canisius	8	0	4	0	56
Battin	St. Josephs	7	0	3	0	48
Howard	Canisius	6	0	5	0	46

FINAL SMITH LEAGUE SCORING						
NAME	**SCHOOL**	**TDS**	**EPS**	**CONV**	**FGS**	**TOTAL**
Pichey	DeSales	10	0	1	0	62
Szczesny	Notre Dame	8	0	0	0	48
Hightower	Baker Victory	7	0	1	0	44
Francis	Notre Dame	7	0	0	0	42
Milligan	Baker Victory	5	0	0	0	30
O'Brien	DeSales	5	0	0	0	30

Year	1974				Selected All-Catholic By:	
First	Last	Positon	School	Grade	Courier-Express	Buffalo News
			Burke Division			
Ed	Howard	E	Canisius	12	x	x
David	Spoth	T	Neuman	12	x	x
Jim	Bednarek	G	Canisius	11	x	x
Kevin	Murphy	C	St. Joe's	12	x	
Dan	McDermott	G	O'Hara	12	x	
Tom	Catalano	T	Timon	12	x	
Phil	McConkey	E	Canisius	12	x	
John	Sawicz	QB	Canisius	12	x	x
Bill	Hurley	B	St. Joe's	12	x	x
Gerry	Nesselbush	B	Timon	12	x	x
Kevin	Curan	B	Canisius	12	x	
Mike	Garlick	C	Timon	12	x	x
Steve	Grande	G	St. Joe's	11	x	x
Rich	McNerney	T	Canisius	12		x
Jerome	Bullock	E	Dougherty	12		x
Bo	Niland	B	Dougherty	12		x
	Defense					
John	Schaus	E	Canisius	12	x	x
Rod	Nickson	DL	Canisius	11	x	x
Steve	Connelly	LB	Canisius	11	x	
Art	Eve	B	Canisius	12	x	x
Tom	Saeli	E	Neuman	12	x	
Mark	Rhode	LB	Neuman	12	x	
Tom	Ludtka	DL	Timon	12	x	x
Charlie	Besch	DL	Dougherty	12	x	x
Bo	Niland	B	Dougherty	12	x	
Marc	Zangara	LB	Turner	12	x	x
Carl	Rotella	B	Duffy		x	x
Mark	Warheim	E	Dougherty	12		x
Mike	Clemons	LB	Dougherty	12		x
Mike	Ervolina	LB	Neuman			x
Phil	McConkey	E	Canisius	12		x

Year	1974				Selected All-Catholic By:	
First	Last	Positon	School	Grade	Courier-Express	Buffalo News
			Smith Division			
Mark	St. Francis	E	Notre Dame	12	x	x
Steve	Barry	T	DeSales	12	x	x
Shaun	McLaughin	G	Baker-Victory	12	x	
Keven	Kenyon	C	DeSales	12	x	x
Bill	Welsh	G	Baker-Victory	12	x	
Pat	Granchelli	T	DeSales	12	x	x
Gerry	O'Brien	E	DeSales	12	x	x
Bob	Hightower	B	Baker-Victory	11	x	x
Mark	McDonell	B	Baker-Victory	12	x	
Walt	Szcznesy	B	Notre Dame	11	x	x
Jack	Coe	QB	DeSales	12	x	x
Mike	Pichey	B	DeSales	12		x
Shaun	McLaughlin	G	Baker-Victory	12		x
	Defense					
Jim	Chicon	E	Baker-Victory	12	x	x
Bill	Willson	DL	St. Francis	12	x	x
Tim	Kugler	DL	DeSales	12	x	x
Mike	Cordes	DL	Notre Dame	12	x	
Don	Insalaco	E	Baker-Victory	12	x	x
Jim	Martin	LB	St. Francis	11	x	x
Joel	Milligan	LB	Baker-Victory	11	x	x
Nick	Rubert	LB	DeSales	11	x	x
Al	Wehner	LB	DeSales	12	x	
Jim	Tassone	B	Notre Dame	12	x	x
Kevin	Finbar	B	Notre Dame	12	x	
Rich	Farmer	DL	St. Mary's	12		x
Mark	McDonell	B	Baker-Victory	12		x
John	Mastratoni	B	St. Francis	11		x