

## Wilson Bulldogs

Varsity Football • 2008

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## Wilson Varsity Football

Record: 7-0 League: 14-1 Overall Season: 08-09 League/Div: Lancaster-Lebanon League - 1

Date	Opponent	Score
Fri, 8/29/2008	Gov. Mifflin	W 14-35
 Fri, 9/5/2008	Manheim Central	W 15-20
 Fri, 9/12/2008	Downingtown East	W 34-0
Fri, 9/19/2008	McCaskey	W 7-44
Fri, 9/26/2008	Cedar Crest	W 55-14
 Fri, 10/3/2008	Hempfield	W 13-45
 Fri, 10/10/2008	Reading High	W 46-6
 Fri, 10/17/2008	Manheim Township	W 3-51
 Fri, 10/24/2008	Penn Manor	W 42-0
 Fri, 10/31/2008	Warwick	W 24-0
 Fri, 11/7/2008	ElizabethTown	W 14-35
 Fri, 11/14/2008	Muhlenberg	W 0-46
 Fri, 11/21/2008	Bishop McDevitt	W 6-48
 Sat, 11/29/2008	Cumberland Valley	W 7-35
 Sat, 12/6/2008	Bethel Park	L 38-35



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## Roster

Jersey #	Player Name	Position	Class
1	Ammon, Brandon	WR/DB	Sr
77	Anthony, Dominic	OL/DE	Jr
85	Beck, Tyler	TE/DE	Jr
92	Birabaharan, Morgan	WR/LB	So
78	Black, Dan	OL/DL	Jr
61	Borkey, Matt	OL/DL	So
95	Bross, Dan	WR/LB	So
16	Brown, Collin	QB/DB	So
37	Brown, Jacquil	WR/DB	So
21	Brown, Kriss	RB/DB	Jr
59	Buchanon, Jordan	OL/DL	So
18	Capozella, Andy	QB/LB	Sr
22	Carabello, Julian	WR/LB	So
66	Case, Ryan	OL/LB	Sr
20	Charles, Meniel	WR/LB	Sr
35	Corona, A.J	RB/LB	Sr
38	Cruz, Nathan	WR/LB	So
39	Davis, Zach	RB/LB	Jr
11	Devitt, Drew	QB/DB	So
73	Diaz, Benito	OL/DL	So
76	Doria, Brian	OL/DT	Sr
89	Dunn, Dave	WR/DB	So
15	Dunn, Patrick	WR/DB	So
49	Espinoza, Tobias	RB/DE	Sr
6	Fegley , Alex	WR/DB	Sr
94	Forry, Josh	TE/DE	Sr
67	Franck, Andrew	OL/DL	Sr
52	Gorddard, Zach	OL/LB	Sr
30	Greth, Nick	RB/LB	Jr
28	Groff, Zacc	RB/LB	Sr
23	Hannibal-Nixon, Sheldon	RB/DB	So
70	Herrera, Sebastian	OL/DL	So
44	Hill, Nuku	TE/LB	So
71	Hill, Rodney	OL/DL	Sr
87	Hills, Trevor	OL/DL	So
42	Holbert, Jordan	RB/LB	Sr
19	Huber, Steve	QB	Sr
46	lacob, Josh	WR/LB	Jr
97	Ingram, Terry	WR/DB	So
75	Jackson, Derek	OL/DL	So
8	Keeny, Brandon	WR/DB	Sr
86	Kidd, Sam	WR/DB	So
51	Kline, Elliott	TE/LB	Jr
82	Koehn, Tyler	WR/DB	So
88	Kondracki, Brian	WR/DB	So
63	Kreiser, Kyle	OL/DL	Jr

## **Scouting Reports**

### AUGUST 29, 2008

### Gov. Mifflin (12-2) vs. Wilson (9-4)

(Last season's final records in parentheses) Kickoff: Tonight, 7, at Gurski Stadium. Last season: Gov. Mifflin won 28-16.

Notable: Tonight's game marks the 50th meeting, with Wilson leading the series 26-23.... From 1946-53 Wilson played the Shillington Speedboys eight times, winning five. . . . Mifflin owned just one win in the series from 1987-2005 before taking the 2006 season-opener 14-12.... They have won three straight in the series, the first time they've done that since the mid-1960s. ... Both teams have been forced to use sophomores at QB tonight. Vince Garipoli will go for the Mustangs, taking over after Casey Hughes broke his arm in the first scrimmage. Zach Zweizig takes over for Steve Huber, who injured his knee in Wilson's scrimmage last week. . . . Mifflin's 28 points last year were the most the Bulldogs allowed all season; Manheim Township scored 26 points against them, but scored one TD on an INT return and another on a punt return.... FB Pat Haggerty figures to get the majority of the carries for Mifflin; he split time last season with George Schmidt. . . . Wilson will alternate three players at tailback: senior Zacc Groff, junior Nick Greth and junior Kriss Brown. Dylan Stopper returns at FB. . . . Wilson reached the District 3/6-AAA semifinals last season, losing to Harrisburg; Mifflin made it to the championship game, also losing to the Cougars. . . . Mifflin coach Mick Vecchio needs one victory to become just the ninth Berks coach to reach 100....Wilson coach Doug Dahms is 20-6, the most wins ever recorded by a Berks coach in his first two seasons.

**Quotable:** "Obviously, we'll keep it simple and try to take the game off his shoulders." – Wilson coach Doug Dahms, on QB Zach Zweizig. Quotable: "Am I happy about the pressure (of such a big game) on a first-time quarterback? No, not at all." – Mifflin coach Mick Vecchio.

#### **SEPTEMBER 5, 2008**

Wilson (1-0) vs. Manheim Central (1-0) Kickoff: Tonight, 7, at Gurski Stadium. Last meeting: Wilson won 34-29 in 1999. Last week: Wilson beat Gov. Mifflin 35-14; Central beat Susquehannock 32-10.

Notable: Barons are rebounding from a 6-5 season that included a first-round loss in districts; they've gone three straight years without a Lancaster-Lebanon League Section 2 title....Team is young, with just 10 seniors, but talented and considered to be on the way back to the top of the heap when it comes to Class AAA teams in District 3.... They are led by senior QB Jeremy Knosp, who passed for 226 yards and two TDs and ran for two TDs last week. . . . Overall, offense piled up 574 total yards; their only problem was the kicking game, where they missed three PATs. ... Junior DE Dakota Royer is considered a potential D-1 recruit.... Ranked No. 6 in the state in Class AAA by Pennsylvania Football News.... Bulldogs defense allowed 88 yards rushing last week, but 39 of that came on the final play, against the second team. Through three quarters, they allowed just 32 yards on 26 rushing attempts, with 10 of those plays going for losses. . . . Only TD allowed by the first string came on a flea-flicker. . . . LB Andy Capozello came up with an interception and a pair of tackles for losses.... LB Jon Wagner had a pair of tackles for losses and recovered a fumble.... Nick Greth (9 carries/69 yards) and Zacc Groth (8/51) ran effectively for a Bulldogs offense that piled up 370 total yards. .... Bulldogs are ranked No. 5 in the state

in Class AAAA by Pennsylvania Football News. . . . Wilson leads all-time series 3-2. Quotable: "As much as I lose sleep before a game like this, I'd much rather match wits with somebody I respect like (Manheim Central coach) Mike (Williams) than go play the weak sisters of the poor. We're gonna win our share (in this series), and Mike's gonna win his share." – Wilson coach Doug Dahms.

**Quotable:** "We like to play Wilson because of the tough competition. It'll be good for us, in that we'll be gaining experience playing against someone with size and speed — that's something you can't simulate in practice. When you play a weak non-league schedule, it doesn't get you ready for your season. This'll be a nice test for us." — Manheim Central coach Mike Williams.

### **SEPTEMBER 12, 2008**

Wilson (2-0) vs. Downingtown East (0-2) Kickoff: Tonight, 7, at Downingtown.

**Series:** First meeting.

Last week: Wilson beat Manheim Central 20-15; Cougars lost to Souderton 46-14.

**Notable:** Cougars played last week without starting QB Casey Roche, who broke his collarbone in Week 1 against Lansdale Catholic. . . . Backup QB Trey Lauletta was effective at times running the no-huddle offense and throwing a pair of TD passes. . . . In their opener, a 14-7 loss, the Cougars turned the ball over six times and gave up six sacks. . . . Downingtown East went 8-3 a year ago, reaching the second round of the District 1-AAAA playoffs. . . . Bulldogs are ranked No. 7 in the state in Class AAAA by the Pennsylvania Football News. . . . Bulldogs gave up just 64 rushing yards on 28 attempts last week against Manheim. . . . After seeing the carries split evenly in Week 1, TB Zacc Groff was the featured back last week, rushing for 129 yards on 21 carries.

... Wilson's Alex Fegley saw an 84-yard punt return for a TD against Manheim wiped off the board by a penalty.

## SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

Wilson (3-0) vs. McCaskey (0-3) Kickoff: Tonight, 7, at Gurski Stadium, West Lawn.

Last season: Wilson won 22-0.

**Last week:** Wilson beat Downingtown East 34-0; McCaskey lost to Coatesville 14-0.

Lancaster-Lebanon League Section 1: Opener for both. Notable: Bulldogs have won six straight (including two playoff games) in the series dating back to 2003, when Tornado notched a 31-14 win in Chad Henne's senior season. . . . Bulldogs WR Alex Fegley is tied for fourth in Berks with 11 catches after last week's six-catch, 126-yard effort. . . . Defense, let by LB Colton Weaver and DT Rodney Hill, has not allowed a score over the last six guarters.... Bulldogs are ranked No. 10 in Class AAAA in the state by the Harrisburg Patriot/News. . . . Red Tornado has been outscored 124-27, committing 14 turnovers. . . . McCaskey coach Scott Feldman is using a quarterback rotation of Nate Shaeffer (22-for-52, 231 yards) and Adrian Westbrook (14-for-34, 172 yards, one TD), with Westbrook having run for a team-high 153 vards and three TDs. . . . Top receiving threats are Taylor Schmalhofer (15 catches, 127 yards) and Brandon Williams (172 receiving yards).

### **SEPTEMBER 26, 2008**

Wilson (4-0) vs. Cedar Crest (1-3) Kickoff: Tonight, 7, at South Lebanon. Last season : Wilson won 38-10.

## Wilson loses starting quarterback for 4-6 weeks

Senior Steve Huber suffers a knee injury during a Saturday scrimmage.

#### **Bv Mike Drago** Reading Eagle

The most anticipated football game of the season — that's Wilson vs. Gov. Mifflin, in a Friday season opener at West Lawn - suddenly has clouds hanging over it.

One week after Gov. Mifflin lost its starting quarterback to an injury, Wilson lost its QB, as well.

Senior Steve Huber, a starter since his sophomore season, suffered a knee injury in a Saturday scrimmage and will miss at least half the season.

One week earlier Mifflin lost its quarterback, Casey Hughes, to a broken bone above his left wrist in the Mustangs' first scrimmage.

Hughes, at least, is expected to play cornerback in the opener. Huber is out for 4-6 weeks, according to Bulldogs coach Doug Dahms.

Both teams will go with sophomore starters. Wilson turns to Zach Zweizig, a 6-3, 170-pounder with limited experience. He missed all of last season after undergoing shoulder surgery. He hasn't played since his eighth grade season at Central Junior High.

"He's a big, strong kid with a strong arm," Dahms said. "Going into some big games (at the start of the season), we're putting him in a bit of a pressure cooker."

Mifflin counters with Vince Garipoli, who at least was able to get some playing time in Saturday's scrimmage.

Huber obviously was one of the keys to a Wilson offense that has several key people to replace, notably wide receiver Chris Hartzell. tailback Jake Stopper and the entire offensive line. He was expected to hold things down.

Those plans came apart when he was sacked in Saturday's scrimmage, taken down on a high/low tackle by two defenders. His right knee bent awkwardly, and he suffered a torn MCL.

The Bulldogs entered camp as the consensus favorite in Section 1 and have been mentioned in the Top 10 and Top 20 in several state polls.

Playing half a season without Huber, who passed for 1,6877 yards and 18 TDs as a junior, puts them in a much more precarious position.

"We'll just have to pull together and keep it simple,"" Dahms said. "They (the players) are all under the assumption that we'll have to work harder now to help Zach out."

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Wilson's Zacc Groff jumps over the Manheim defense to score a touchdown in the third quarter in the Bulldogs' 20-15 victory.

## **Bulldogs hold on vs. Barons**

Wilson's defense comes up big under pressure down the stretch to help the Bulldogs earn a victory over Manheim Central.

### By Mike Drago Reading Eagle

The Wilson Bulldogs have talked about being a great defense. Friday night they showed that,

when pressed, they can be.

Manheim Central repeatedly knocked on the door, driving deep into Wilson territory, and the Bulldogs kept answering the call time after time, enough times to withstand the Barons and hold on for a 20-15 non-league win at Gurski Stadium. The Barons ran 31 plays in the fourth quarter and twice got inside the Wilson 10, but never managed to cross the goal line.

"They came up big when they had to," said Wilson coach Doug Dahms, his voice hoarse from extolling his defenders to hold on down the stretch.

The Barons (1-1) were stopped on a fourth-and-5 from the 7 when linebacker Colton Weaver knocked the ball out of the hands of receiver Alex Shenk inside the 5 with 10 minutes to go and the Bulldogs (20) ahead 20-13.

The Bulldogs stopped them again, on a fourth-and-goal from the 3 with 4½ minutes left, when outside linebacker Jordan Holbert slowed Dan Trafford on a sweep.

Finally, after the Bulldogs, pinned back at their 1, took a safety with 2½ minutes left, the defense answered one last call.

Quarterback Jeremy Knosp, a gutsy competitor who burned the Bulldogs all night, withstood a fierce pass rush over the final mincont'd. on page 12

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## SCHOLASTIC FOOTBALL DISTRICT 3-AAAA SEMIFINALS

## **Bulldogs rock; Mustangs rolled** Wilson's defense squashes McDevitt



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Zacc Groff runs for a touchdown on Wilson's first offensive play of the night during the Bulldogs' 48-6 win over Bishop McDevitt in Friday's District 3-AAAA semifinal.

#### By Mike Drago Reading Eagle

It's been awhile since the Wilson Bulldogs faced any kind of a real challenge.

They breezed through the early rounds of the District 3-AAAA playoffs, and their Lancaster-Lebanon League schedule before that. You'd have to go back to the warm days of early September to find them actually sweating it out at the finish.

Colton Weaver and the Bulldogs were far from perspiring in Friday's brutal wind chill at Gurski Stadium, but they did manage to put the heat on Bishop McDevitt's high-powered offense and its much-ballyhooed young quarterback, Matt Johnson.

"We get fired up for the big games," said Weaver, the Bulldogs' senior linebacker. "We love challenges like this."

The unbeaten Bulldogs were so good Friday that their 48-6 thrashing of the Crusaders in a District 3-AAAA semifinal looks like just another scalp added to a long string, but it was more than that.

The fifth-seeded Crusaders (10-3) indeed were a test. The Bulldogs (13-0) just aced it.

Their defense was near-perfect again, rattling Johnson with early pressure and completely stuffing an offense that had been averaging more than 40 points a game. Before Weaver and the rest of Wilson's first unit left the field midway through the fourth quarter, the Crusaders had managed all of one first down.

One.

Johnson kept firing after that and led his team into the end zone in the final minutes, but that was only window dressing.



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# 2008 The year in sports Top dogs: Wilson football No. 1

The Bulldogs' dominating season is a nearly unanimous selection as the top sports story of the year in Berks.



The Wilson football team celebrates after their win against Cumberland Valley in the District 3-AAAA championship game at Hershey Park Stadium.

From our news staff

For the Wilson football team, it was the perfect storm of a season.

What good fortune to have the highest-scoring offense in Berks County history, sharing the field with arguably the most dominant, overpowering defense Berks has ever seen.

The two units came together to produce — you guessed it — one of the most memorable seasons in Berks history.

The Bulldogs' march to the Lancaster-Lebanon League Section 1 title, the District 3-AAAA championship and the PIAA Class AAAA semifinals has been chosen as the No. 1 local sports story of the year by a vote of the sports staff of the *Reading Eagle*.

The vote was nearly unaninmous, as one-sided as most of Wilson's games.

The Bulldogs steam rolled through the regular season with only one close call — a 20-15 victory over Manheim Central in Week 2. After that, a 24-0 win over Warwick was the only other "squeaker."

The trend continued in the district playoffs. Wilson cruised to the championship, winning its four games by an average of 34.2 points and pounding Cumberland Valley 35-7 in the final.

The next stop turned out to be the Bulldogs' last stop. Facing Bethel Park in State College, Wilson fell 38-35 in triple overtime to finish 14-1.

A play here or a play there, and the outcome might've been different.

Still, it was quite the ride. The Bulldogs broke the Berks record for scoring, with 595 points, and mercy-ruled 11 of their 15 opponents. Through their first 14 games, they allowed an average of 6.6 points.

No wonder the L-L all-star team was dominated by Wilson players. Alex Fegley was named the league's outstanding back, wide receiver and defensive back; Rodney Hill and Pat Zerbe shared the outstanding lineman award; Hill was named the outstanding defensive lineman; Zerbe was named the outstanding offensive lineman; and Colton Weaver was the linebacker of the year.

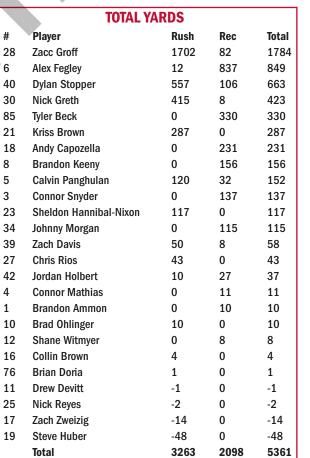
"It was a heckuva year," coach Doug Dahms said in the aftermath of the loss to Bethel Park. "It didn't quite end where they wanted it to, but they'll get over it. Hey, you win 14 games, that's a lot of football games."

	SCORING						RUSHING				
#	Player	TDs	FGs	2pt	1pt	Pts	#	Player	Att	Yds	Avg
28	Zacc Groff	23	0	1	3	143	28	Zacc Groff	203	1702	8.38
40	Dylan Stopper	23	0	1	0	140	40	Dylan Stopper	94	557	5.93
6	Alex Fegley	15	0	0	0	90	30	Nick Greth	70	415	5.93
12	Shane Witmyer	0	4	0	65	77	21	Kriss Brown	55	287	5.22
30	Nick Greth	6	0	0	0	36	5	Calvin Panghulan	16	120	7.50
85	Tyler Beck	3	0	1	0	20	23	Sheldon Hannibal-Nixon	14	117	8.36
34	Johnny Morgan	2	0	0	0	12	39	Zach Davis	4	50	12.50
42	Jordan Holbert	2	0	0	0	12	27	Chris Rios	22	43	1.95
19	Steve Huber	2	0	0	0	12	6	Alex Fegley	4	12	3.00
21	Kriss Brown	1	0	0	0	6	10	Brad Ohlinger	11	10	.91
27	Chris Rios	1	0	0	0	6	42	Jordan Holbert	3	10	3.33
17	Zach Zweizig	1	0	0	0	6	16	Collin Brown	1	4	4.00
18	Andy Capozella	1	0	0	0	6	76	Brian Doria	3	1	.33
2	Pat O'Brien	1	0	0	0	6	11	Drew Devitt	1	-1	-1.00
3	Connor Snyder	1	0	0	0	6	25	Nick Reyes	1	-2	-2.00
5	Calvin Panghulan	1	0	0	0	6	17	Zach Zweizig	17	-14	82
8	Brandon Keeny	1	0	0	0	6	19	Steve Huber	17	-48	-2.82
83	Evan Witmer	0	0	0	1	1		Total	536	3263	6.09
	Total	84	4	3	69	591					
						PAS	SING				
#	Player	Com	р	At	t		Pct	Yds	TDs	Ints	Rating
6	Alex Fegley	0		1			.00	0	0	1	-200.00
11	Drew Devitt	0		1			.00	0	0	0	.00
17	Zach Zweizig	34		57	7		59.65	505	6	1	165.30
19	Steve Huber	107		18	35		57.84	1593	14	3	151.90
28	Zacc Groff	0		1			.00	0	0	0	.00
	Total	141		24	15		57.55	2098	20	5	

RECEIVING							
#	Player	Att	Yds	Avg			
6	Alex Fegley	44	837	19.02			
85	Tyler Beck	21	330	15.71			
18	Andy Capozella	16	231	14.44			
8	Brandon Keeny	9	156	17.33			
3	Connor Snyder	12	137	11.42			
34	Johnny Morgan	8	115	14.38			
40	Dylan Stopper	12	106	8.83			
28	Zacc Groff	5	82	16.40			
5	Calvin Panghulan	4	32	8.00			
42	Jordan Holbert	27	27.00				
4 Connor Mathias 2 11 5.50							
1	Brandon Ammon	4	10	2.50			
12	Shane Witmyer	1	8	8.00			
30	Nick Greth	1	8	8.00			
39	Zach Davis	1	8	8.00			
	Total	141	2098	14.88			

Score by Quarters	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Final
Wilson	186	178	152	65	595
Opponents	27	13	17	63	137

Stats



## **Photo Gallery**



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