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High school sports are serious business in Southwestern Pennsylvania communities, which became all the more obvious during the past year. In Pine Township, residents organized protests to denounce the firing of a popular football coach. In Aliquippa, school administrators took on the PIAA, insisting the association's competitive-balance rule was unsafe and unfair. Both were stories that developed over the course of multiple weeks and required continued coverage. In Turtle Creek, a season-opening football game became national news for all the wrong reasons. But there also was plenty to celebrate in 2021. Among the most unexpected stories, the Upper St. Clair boys basketball team told the perfect underdog tale by overcoming a covid-19 outbreak to win a state playoff game with only six players and a volunteer coach. The Tribune-Review covers nearly 150 high schools and was a leading source for PIAA news cited by media outlets across the state.

### **FEATURE**

After near-death experience, Bishop Canevin senior writing comeback story on football field

<https://tribhssn.triblive.com/after-near-death-experience-bishop-canevin-senior-writing-comeback-story-on-football-field/>

### **BREAKING NEWS**

Pine-Richland fires football coach Eric Kasperowicz 5 months after winning state title

<https://tribhssn.triblive.com/pine-richland-fires-football-coach-eric-kasperowicz-5-months-after-piaa-championship-victory/>

### **GAME STORY**

Mt. Lebanon dethrones St. Joseph's Prep to win 1st state championship

<https://tribhssn.triblive.com/mt-lebanon-dethrones-st-josephs-prep-to-win-1st-state-championship/>

### **EXCLUSIVE**

Aliquippa has 'no legitimate complaint' about competitive-balance rule, says PIAA director

<https://tribhssn.triblive.com/aliquippa-has-no-legitimate-complaint-about-competitive-balance-rule-says-piaa-executive-director/>

## **FEATURE**

Girls wrestling moving closer and closer to PIAA-sanctioned status

<https://tribhssn.triblive.com/girls-wrestling-moving-closer-and-closer-to-piaa-sanctioned-status/>

## **GAME STORY**

Short-handed Upper St. Clair wins PIAA quarterfinal with 6 players, volunteer coach

<https://tribhssn.triblive.com/short-handed-upper-st-clair-wins-piaa-quarterfinal-with-6-players-volunteer-coach/>

## **BREAKING NEWS**

Bishop Sycamore under scrutiny after facing Sto-Rox, IMG Academy on same weekend

<https://tribhssn.triblive.com/bishop-sycamore-under-scrutiny-after-facing-sto-rox-img-academy-on-same-weekend/>