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### **Portage Area HS Athletic Department Press Release Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Tom Randazzo** has announced his intentions to continue his football career at Clarion University for Head Coach Chris Weibel. Randazzo, a 3-year letter winner and starter as well as senior captain for the Portage Mustangs Football team, has been an integral part of the Mustang squads that have made 4 consecutive district playoff appearances and a 37-11 record.

Tom is a WestPAC Football Conference All-Star, 1<sup>st</sup> team Tribune Democrat defensive back, and 1<sup>st</sup> team Altoona Mirror defensive back for the mustangs. He was also part of the SAFCA All-Star offensive team.

Tom gives credit to Coach Gary Gouse and the Portage Mustangs coaching staff for his success on and off of the field. He gives special credit to Coach Marty Slanoc and Coach Jeremy Burkett for being a great inspiration for him not only on the field but in life in general. He especially thanks his grandmother, Delores Canavan, for always attending the games even in the worst conditions. Tom also gives thanks to his brother for always being an amazing inspiration in the weight room, on the field, and as a brother. Tom could not thank his mother enough for always providing him with everything he needed in life even when it almost seemed impossible for her to provide it at the time. He will remember these years for the rest of his life.

He is currently an honor roll student at Portage High School. He plans to major in Nutrition and Fitness at Clarion.

Head Football Coach Gary Gouse:

“I am so proud and excited for Tom as he continues his football career at Clarion. He is one of the best players to come out of Portage and his leadership made him such a great player. The dedication that he has to the weight room is one of his strong points. It’s nice to see he will join another Mustang playing at Clarion, Brandon Vocco.”