

District 3 Notes for York & Adams Counties – Week Thirteen

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York-Adams Interscholastic Athletic Association (YAIAA) Division III action:

The number 6 seeded Squires of Delone Catholic (9-3 overall, 6-0 league) shutout the number 1 seeded (ranked number 2 in Pennsylvania by the Pennsylvania Football News) Shamrocks of Trinity (12-0 overall, 7-0 Mid-Penn Capital Division) 25-0 in the class AA District 3 championship game at Hershey Park Stadium. The Squires will face the Lancers of Loyalsock Township (11-2 overall, 4-2 Central Susquehanna League Section 2), the District 4 champions, in next week's PIAA Class AA quarterfinal game, possibly at Shamokin High School. The opportune Squires recovered Shamrocks fumbles by Joe Kindler, Ted Spinelli, Steve Kazor and Bill Phillipy, all of which were caused by hard defensive hits. Miles Moore's 20-yard field goal put the Squires up 3-0 early in the second quarter and they never looked back. Justin Bischoff's recovery of a fumble gave the Squires field position and resulted in a 32-yard field goal by Miles Moore for a 6-0 lead as the first half came to a close. Jon Lawrence caused a fumble on a punt reception that gave the Squires the ball and resulted in a third quarter 3-yard touchdown run by Mike Kale. Lawrence also batted down a pass that might have led to a Shamrocks touchdown, and Brayden Daigle forced another fumble that pretty much dashed the last hopes of the Shamrocks. Mike Kale led the Squires rushing attack with 88-yards (including a 3-yard touchdown), followed by sophomore sensation Dustin Reed with 80-yards (including a 16-yard touchdown), Joshua McNutt with 65-yards (including a 5-yard touchdown), Thomas Tippett with 13-yards, and Noah Landi with 1-yard. Quarterback Landi completed 1 pass for 42-yards to Charlie Hertz, that set up a touchdown, for the Squires. Rod Trivino led the Shamrocks rushing attack with 53-yards, followed by Christian Kuntz with 22-yards, Ted Spinelli with 10-yards, Marino Magaro with 9-yards, and John Slifka with minus 5-yards. Quarterback Ted Spinelli completed 5 passes for 45-yards, 1 for 14-yards to Bill Phillipy, 2 for 13-yards to Steve Kazor, 1 for 9-yards to John Slifka, and 1 for 9-yards to Christian Kuntz, for the Shamrocks.

Adams or York County Mid-Penn action:

The number 4 seeded Warriors of Gettysburg (11-1 overall, 6-1 Mid-Penn Keystone Division) defeated the Blazers of Daniel Boone (9-4 overall, 3-3 Berks Inter-County League 1) 35-14 in the class AAA semifinals. The Warriors will face the Pioneers of Lampeter-Strasburg (11-2 overall, 6-1 Lancaster-Lebanon League Section 3) at Hershey Park Stadium next Friday in the District 3 class AAA championship game. Five lost fumbles and an interception spelled the downfall of the Blazers. Cody Trail blazed the way for the Warriors with 81-yards rushing (including a 9-yard touchdown), trailed by Justin Jones with 30-yards (including a 1-yard touchdown), Zach Sharrah with 4-yards, Storm Woerner with minus 6-yards, and Evan Lewis with minus 10-yards. Quarterback Evan Lewis completed 11 passes for 218-yards and 3 touchdowns, 3 for 74-yards to Zach Michael (including a 45-yard touchdown), 2 for 68-yards to Storm Woerner (including a 29-yard touchdown), 4 for 60-yards to Jones, 1 for a 15-yard touchdown to Sean Manahan, and 1 for 1-yard to Cody Trail. All purpose Evan Lewis also kicked 2 extra points and a 28-yard field goal and punted 3 times for a 45.33-yard average for the Warriors. Justin Jones, with 11 tackles, and Zach Michael and Brian Irvin, with 10 each, led the Warriors ferocious defense. Tyler White intercepted a pass and returned it 11-yards and

recovered a fumble, and Justin Jones, Cody Trail, Justin Horan and D. J. Cool each recovered a fumble for the Warriors. Anthony Fortwangler led the Blazers rushing attack with 47-yards (including a 14-yard touchdown), followed by Nate Green with 29-yards, Zach Keeley with minus 1-yard, Jordan Smith with minus 6-yards, Anthony Heimbach with minus 7-yards and Josey Orr with minus 7-yards. Quarterback Heimbach completed 21 passes for 273-yards and a touchdown, 8 for 133-yards to Zach Keeley (including a 9-yard touchdown), 6 for 86-yards to Josey Orr, 5 for 38-yards to Anthony Fortwangler, and 2 for 16-yards to Kyle Yarmush for the Blazers.