

District 3 Notes for York & Adams Counties – Week Twelve

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As the 4th seed in District 3, class AAAA, the Mustangs of South Western (10-1 overall, 6-1 YAIAA Division I) hosted the 5th seeded Comets of Penn Manor (9-2 overall, 4-2 Lancaster-Lebanon League Division 1) at the Mustang Corral in the quarterfinal round of the playoffs and were defeated 34-12. The Comets will move on to the semifinal round and face the number 1 seed Crusaders of Bishop McDevitt (11-0 overall, 4-0 Mid-Penn Keystone Division). Jared Shearer led the Comets rushing attack with 10 carries for 50-yards, followed by P. J. Rehm with 11 carries for 41-yards, LaRonn Lee with 6 carries for 40-yards, Garrett Young with 6 carries for 13-yards (including 2 touchdowns of 1-yard each), Aaron Frederick with 1 carry for 1-yard, Adam Sahd with 1 carry for no yards, and Darius Howard with 2 carries for minus 4-yards. Quarterback Rehm completed 17 of 24 passes for 325-yards and 3 touchdowns, 6 passes for 156-yards to Demetrius Dixon (including a 35-yard touchdown), 5 passes for 116-yards to Aaron Frederick (including a 24-yard touchdown), 2 passes for 18-yards to LaRonn Lee, 2 passes for 17-yards to Darius Howard, 1 pass for 10-yards and a touchdown to Jared Shearer, and 1 pass for 8-yards to Austin Sahd, for the Comets. Keith Eshleman kicked 4 extra points for the Comets. The South Western Mustangs began and ended the game on high notes, Jake Myers intercepted a pass on the Comets first possession and backup senior quarterback Bobby Porter threw a 16-yard touchdown pass as the clock ran out. J. R. Mummert led the Mustangs rushing attack with 10 carries for 52-yards, followed by Levi Sager with 5 carries for 24-yards, Bobby Porter with 4 carries for 11-yards, Kyle King with 1 carry for 5-yards, and Mike Felton with 1 carry for 4-yards. Quarterback Smith completed 10 of 24 passes for 155-yards and a touchdown and quarterback Bobby Porter completed 5 of 8 passes for 51-yards and a touchdown, for the Mustangs. Kyle Mahorney caught 4 passes for 62-yards (including a 16-yard touchdown from Porter) followed by Mike Felton with 4 passes for 57-yards (including a 38-yard touchdown from Smith), Jimmy Nicklas with 3 passes for 33-yards, Levi Sager with 1 pass for 31-yards, Tyrell McCleary with 1 pass for 10-yards, Kyle King with 1 pass for 8-yards, and HJ. R. Mummert with 1 pass for 5-yards, for the Mustangs. Jake Myers intercepted a pass and returned it 16-yards for the Mustangs. Colby Fuhrman was credited with a sack, and Aaron Bosley, Mike Felton, Cody Fricke and Kyle King were each credited with a pass defense, for the Mustangs.

As the 7th seed in District 3, class AAAA, the Panthers of Central York (8-4 overall, 6-1 Division I) visited the 2nd seeded Bulldogs of Wilson (11-1 overall, 6-0 Lebanon-Lancaster League Division 1) in the quarterfinal round and were defeated 34-07. The Bulldogs will move on to the semifinal round and face the 6th seeded Eagles of Cumberland (10-2 overall, 3-2 Mid-Penn Commonwealth Division). Kriss Brown led the Bulldogs rushing attack with 47-yards, followed by Rodney Gillin with 31, Nick Greth with 15-yards, Matt Stopper with no yards, and Zach Zweizig with minus 11-yards. Quarterback Zweizig completed 19 of 26 passes for 308-yards and 2 touchdowns, 3 for 83-yards to Johnny Morgan (including a 39-yard touchdown), 4 for 82-yards to Tyler Beck, 1 for 57-yards to Sheldon Hannibal-Nixon, 4 for 47-yards to Patrick O'Brien, 2 for 27-yards to Calvin Panghulan (including a 30-yard touchdown), 1 for 8-yards to Brad Ohlinger, 1 for 5-yards to Julian Carabello, 1 for 4-yards to Brown, and 1 for minus 5-yards to Greth, for the Bulldogs. Hannibal-Nixon took a lateral from Tyler Beck 51-yards for a touchdown, Beck returned a blocked punt 43-yards for a touchdown, Shane Witmyer kicked 2 field goals (for 22 and 23-yards) and 4 extra points, for the Bulldogs. Tyler Beck and Alex Little

each recorded a sack and Josh Jacob intercepted a pass for the Bulldogs. Charles Anderson led the Panthers rushing attack with 73-yards, followed by Zach Sprenkle with 26-yards (including a 16-yard touchdown), Chris Englar with 15-yards, Brandon Baker with 10-yards, and Parrish Fells with 5-yards. Quarterback Baker completed 6 of 20 passes for 173-yards and Zach Sprenkle completed 2 of 4 passes for 13-yards, for the Panthers. Anderson caught 2 passes for 24-yards, followed by Justin Burke with 2 for 23-yards, Karl Rice with 1 for 16-yards, Kyle Baublitz with 2 for 13-yards, and Parrish Fells with 1 for 13-yards, for the Panthers. Aaron Goodyear kicked 1 extra point, Baublitz blocked a punt, and Dylan Wanner recorded a sack, for the Panthers.

As the 3rd seed in District 3, class AAA, the Bulldogs of West York (11-1 overall, 5-1 YAIAA Division II) hosted the 11th seeded Buckskins of Conestoga Valley (7-5 overall, 4-3 Lancaster-Lebanon League Division 2) in the quarterfinal round and came away with a thrilling 35-34 victory in double overtime. The Bulldogs will move on to the semifinal round and face the 2nd seeded Indians of Susquehanna Township (11-1 overall, 5-0 Mid-Penn Colonial Division). Alex George led the Bulldogs rushing attack with 70-yards (including a 65-yard touchdown), followed by Corey Harris with 52-yards (including touchdowns of 4 and 1-yards). Quarterback George completed 11 of 18 passes for 186-yards and 2 touchdowns, 4 for 95-yards to Brett Campbell (including a 31-yard touchdown), 3 for 67-yards to Dan Gay (including a 4-yard touchdown), 2 for 17-yards to Harris, 1 for 5-yards to Kenji Williams, and 1 for 2-yards to Darion Bundy, for the Bulldogs. George threw a 2-point conversion pass to Gay and ran in for the game winning 2-point conversion, and Blake Shaffer kicked 1 extra point for the Bulldogs. Kevin Kelly led the Buckskins rushing attack with 232-yards (including a 10-yard touchdown), followed by Joel Leicy with 33-yards, and Alex Dienner with no yards. Quarterback Dienner completed 10 of 15 passes for 123-yards and 3 touchdowns, 4 for 49-yards to Stefan Sensenig (including an 8-yard touchdown), 2 for 23-yards to Leicy (including an 8-yard touchdown), 1 for 25-yards to Diaire Brison (including a 25-yard touchdown), 2 for 15-yards to Conner Kruis, and 1 for 11-yards to Joel Lapp, for the Buckskins. Robbie Cardina kicked 2 field goals (for 21 and 30-yards) and 2 extra points, and Dienner threw a 2-point conversion pass to Sensenig, for the Buckskins.

As the 2nd seed in District 3, class AA, the Squires of Delone Catholic (11-1 overall, 6-0 YAIAA Division III) hosted the 3rd seeded Thunderbolts of Littlestown (9-3 overall, 5-1 YAIAA Division II) in the semifinal round and came away with a hard fought 27-24 victory. The Squires move on to face the 1st seeded Crusaders of Lancaster Catholic (11-1 overall, 7-0 Lancaster-Lebanon League Division 3) at Hershey Park Stadium for the District 3 championship. Dusty Reed led the Squires rushing attack with 168-yards (including touchdowns of 79 and 2-yards), followed by Wes Smith with 73, Kodi Reed with 63-yards, and Austin Brady with no yards. Quarterback Brady completed 3 of 4 passes for 32-yards, 2 for 28-yards to Dusty Reed, and 1 for 4-yards to Matt Haines, for the Squires. Porter Strickler kicked 2 field goals, each for 20-yards, and 3 extra points for the Squires. Matt Zuber led the Thunderbolts rushing attack with 33-yards (including an 8-yard touchdown), followed by Sean Doherty with 33, Tanner Mitz with 14, and Tyler Fodor with 7-yards. Quarterback Zuber completed 11 of 17 passes for 273-yards and 2 touchdowns, 8 for 234-yards to Matt Koontz (including touchdowns of 66 and 57-yards), 1 for 26-yards to Mitchell Deaner, and 2 for 13-yards to Doherty, for the Thunderbolts. Adam Hunt kicked a 22-yard field goal and 3 extra points, for the Thunderbolts.

As the 5th seed in District 3, class A, the Fighting Irish of York Catholic (7-5 overall, 5-1 YAI AA Division III) visited the 1st seeded Trojans of Upper Dauphin (10-1 overall, 7-1 Twin Valley Conference) in the semifinal round and were defeated 26-14. The Trojans move on and will face the 3rd seeded Indians of Millersburg (9-3 overall, 6-2 Twin Valley Conference) for the District 3 championship. Cody Cooper led the Trojans rushing attack with 137-yards, followed by Tyler Grosser with 68, Cody Hoffman with 16, Tyler Koppenhaver with 6-yards, and Ty Raubenstine with minus 6-yards. Quarterback Koppenhaver completed 8 of 13 passes for 142-yards and 1 touchdown, 6 for 95-yards to Raubenstine (including a 6-yard touchdown), 1 for 41-yards to Hoffman, and 2 for 6-yards to Grosser, for the Trojans. Nicholas Full led the Fighting Irish rushing attack with 56-yards (including a 16-yard touchdown), followed by Christian Bohn with 5-yards, Adam Sentz with minus 2 yards, and Gary Laucks with minus 3-yards. Quarterback Sentz completed 15 of 25 passes for 116-yards and 1 touchdown, 9 for 63-yards to Laucks (including an 11-yard touchdown), 2 for 21-yards to Full, 2 for 18-yards to Ethan Urey, and 2 for 14-yards to Patrick Montgomery, for the Fighting Irish. Brett Moore kicked 2 extra points for the Fighting Irish.