

# Will Top Teams Tumble In Week Two

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The 2006 High School Football season opened last Friday with little fanfare as a tropical storm charged up the East Coast playing havoc with the early schedule. Many schools moved their games to earlier times while some played in a wind driven rain on Friday night.

It seems that several preseason favorites maybe in for a long hard road to live up to those lofty expectations. Perennial District One powers Strath Haven, Neshaminy, Interboro and North Penn all fell to defeat last week. Catholic League's Cardinal O'Hara also dropped a tight game to Easton to kick off the season.

All of these teams were highly ranked in *Ed Thomas's Southeastern Pa Preseason Top 20* and will face fairly tough opponents in week two. Several great games await District One fans this weekend and with favorable weather conditions likely it will be great for a Friday night outing.

The premier Delaware County showdown features Strath Haven at Ridley. The Green Raiders are rated number one in the *Delaware County Times Super 7* and number twelve in the *Southeastern Pa top 20*. Ridley used an effective passing attack with quarterback **Al Humes** hooking up with favorite receiver **Marcus Payton** for 84 yards and two touchdowns for a 21-7 victory over Bensalem.

Strath Haven struggled in the mud fumbling five times and losing the ball on two of those mishaps. Although out gaining Sun Valley 239 to 155 in total yards they were unable to convert this advantage and lost 12-7.

**Prediction   Ridley 27   Strath Haven 12**

North Penn ranked number two in the Southeaster ranking will seek its first victory of the season over Cardinal O'Hara the third ranked team in *Delaware County Times* poll. Both of these teams are now fighting for early season survival. O'Hara's offense needs to recover from last week but they will have to wait one more game.

**Prediction   North Penn 17   O'Hara 7**

In other key contests this weekend look for the following outcomes

**Interboro 21   Bonner 12**

**Upper Darby 24   Marple Newtown 14**

**Springfield 21   Radnor 10**

