

Winners Smell Chocolate

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The PIAA playoffs are down to last eight teams in each division and this weeks victors will be just one win away from a trip to Chocolate Town with hopes of a State Championship. The teams still alive have used skill, lack of injuries and a smidgen of luck to get this deep into the playoffs and will need more of the same to get to next weeks final four.

Last week's predictions found this writer going a dismal 1-4 (47-13) on the season. The only glimmer of light was that after going 5-0 for three straight weeks I correctly concluded that I was due for a down week and that prediction was right on point.

The only successful pick last week was Pennsbury's victory over Abington. The Falcon's used their superior running game too set up this week showdown with the Ridley Green Raiders for the District One AAAA title. Ridley is now ranked number one in *Ed Thomas' Southeast Pa Top Twenty* while Pennsbury is ranked number two in this poll. The game will be a classic clash of passing vs running and unless the game is played in rain and wind the Green Raider pass attack will not be stopped.

Prediction: Ridley 28 Pennsbury 24

Bethlehem Liberty pounded Easton last Saturday and will travel to Philadelphia to face a well rested Frankford squad. The rest will not be enough to stop Liberty this Saturday.

Prediction: Bethlehem Liberty 35 Frankford 10

Here is the rest of my fearless forecast:

Prediction: Pottsville 28 Garnet Valley 14

Prediction: South Western 31 Red Land 17

Prediction: Lakeland 21 Wilson Area 7

