

Powers of the past face tough season

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The 2006 High School Football season enters its third week with perennial powers St. Joseph Prep, North Penn, Cardinal O'Hara, Neshaminy and Strath Haven all suffering early season defeats. However with many games to play and expanded playoff slots available there is plenty of time for these teams to recover and succeed in 2006.

Last week's predictions left this writer with a dismal 3-2 record with hopes of a better prognostication effort this week. While Upper Darby, Ridley and Interboro came through as predicted. Radnor's last second TD spoiled Springfield while O'Hara rose to occasion to overcome North Penn 14-0.

The games to watch this week include fourth ranked Pennsbury (Ed Thomas's Southeastern Pa rankings) traveling to Glen Mills ranked number seven in the *Delaware County Times Super 7*. The Pennsbury Falcons are lead by running back **Jason Fagan** who scored three touchdowns last week along with 168 rushing yards in a 22-0 defeat of Frankford of the Philadelphia Public League. The Glen Mills Bulls feature running back **Raymone West** with two TD's and 411 yards in the first two games of this season. The Bulls have been on the verge of breaking out to great seasons and a win over the Falcon's would be quite a feather in their horns.

Prediction Glen Mills 28 Pennsbury 24

The Ridley Green Raiders are rated number one in the *Delaware County Times Super 7* and number nine in the *Southeastern Pa top 20*. Last weeks victory over Central League rival Strath Haven may well be the boost they need to get back to the glory days of the 1980's and early 1990's. Quarterback **Al Humes** has passed for over 150 yards in each of the first two games and the Green Raider defense forced five turnovers from a Panther team known for mistake free football. Ridley travels to Penncrest this Friday and should have little trouble going 3-0.

Prediction: Ridley 35 Penncrest 0

Here is the rest of my fearless forecast :

Strath Haven 24 Radnor 14

Upper Darby 28 Conestoga 10

Interboro 21 Council Rock South 17

