

The Upsets Continue to Rock Top Teams

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The 2006 High School Football season enters its fifth week and upset victories over early season favorites continue to be the rule. Cardinal O'Hara suffered its third set back of the season with a 35-28 loss to Catholic League rival Father Judge last Friday night. This loss pushed the Lions down to number 16 in *Ed Thomas's Southeastern Pa Top Twenty*.

Last week's predictions left this writer with another 4-1 record (11-4) on the season. The only game not going as predicted was O'Hara's setback to Judge. Ridley continued their winning ways but struggled against a stubborn Conestoga defense to eek out a 7-0 victory with a late TD drive saving the day for the undefeated Green Raiders.

Upper Darby, Interboro, and Strath Haven all posted easy victories and continue their march to a possible playoff slot at seasons end. The Interboro Bucs were impressive in their home opener by dominating Simon Gratz on both sides of the ball. The 50-16 victory came with the help of running backs **Mike Sullivan** and **Tim Ridewood** who combined four touchdowns and 293 total yards to assure the win.

The games to watch this week starts with Downingtown West traveling to West Chester East on Friday night. West Chester East will be hard pressed to slow down Whippets running back **Roshaad McCain** and will lose this one despite their own high powered offense.

Prediction: Downingtown West 49 West Chester East 21

Strath Haven faces its next Central League test at Marple Newtown this Friday and will need to play mistake free football to win this one. However the call from here is that Marple pulls off a slight upset.

Prediction: Marple Newtown 24 Strath Haven 21

North Catholic will continue the agony for the Lions of Cardinal O'Hara with a hard fought victory this Saturday afternoon.

North Catholic 17 Cardinal O'Hara 14

Here is the rest of my fearless forecast:

Interboro 35 Kennett 7

Garnet Valley 28 Great Valley 17

