

# Week Eight will tell the tale

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We are now through the first seven weeks of the 2006 high school football season and the playoff picture will become much clearer after this week's action. Perennial AAA power Strath Haven is 4-3 and the Panthers have greatly improved their post season chances with recent victories over Upper Darby and Lower Merion. Haven could move into one of the top six positions in District One with a victory over Central League rival Springfield this Friday night.

Last week's predictions left this writer with another 4-1 record (23-7) on the season. The only game to go against last weeks predictions was Unionville's last minute victory over Garnet Valley. **Eric DiProspero's** plunge for a touchdown and a two point conversion accounted for the hard fought 29-28 victory.

There are plenty of great games to watch this weekend. Undefeated Ridley travels to Upper Darby for a Central League showdown. A Green Raider victory will assure them of their first Central League championship since 1995. The Upper Darby Royals have just one loss and are hungry to grab the league championship as well as an AAAA playoff slot. The Royals will not be able to contend with the Ridley defense this week and will have to wait one more week to clinch a playoff invitation.

**Prediction: Ridley 21 Upper Darby 10**

Downingtown East faces cross town rival Downingtown West on Saturday. This game not only allows for hometown bragging rights but a playoff berth and Chest-Mont League supremacy depending on the outcome

**Prediction: Downingtown East 31 Downingtown West 21**

Here is the rest of my fearless forecast:

**Prediction: North Penn 28 Neshaminy 17**

**Prediction: Souderton 35 Norristown 7**

**Prediction: St. Joe's Prep 17 LaSalle 10**

