

League Championships Determined this Week

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We are now through the first eight weeks of the 2006 high school football campaign and this week's games will determine several regular season league championships. In addition District One playoff berths will be clinched by a majority of the teams that will make the final cut. This year found many of the pre-season favorites falling to some new upstarts and this opens the door for some new names placed in those coveted playoff slots.

Last week's predictions left this writer with another 4-1 record (27-8) on the season. The only game to go against last weeks predictions was Downingtown West's defeat of cross town rival Downingtown East 24-13. Downingtown East travels to West Chester East for a Ches-Mont league showdown. A victory by West Chester East will clinch a league championship as well as a District One AAAA playoff berth.

Over in the Central League Ridley jumped to a 21-0 halftime lead on its way to a 27-6 win over Upper Darby. The Green Raider win clinched at least a tie for Central League Championship and dropped the Royals out of *Ed Thomas' Southeastern Pa top twenty* for the first time this year. Ridley will clinch its first championship since 1996 with a win over Lower Merion

Prediction: Ridley 49 Lower Merion 0

West Chester East will face a determined Downingtown East squad but will rise to the challenge and win the Chest-Mont league title on Friday night.

West Chester East 31 Downingtown East 21

Here is the rest of my fearless forecast:

Prediction: Salesianum 35 Interboro 20

Prediction: Pennsbury 27 Abington 13

Prediction: Cardinal O'Hara 17 Roman Catholic 14

