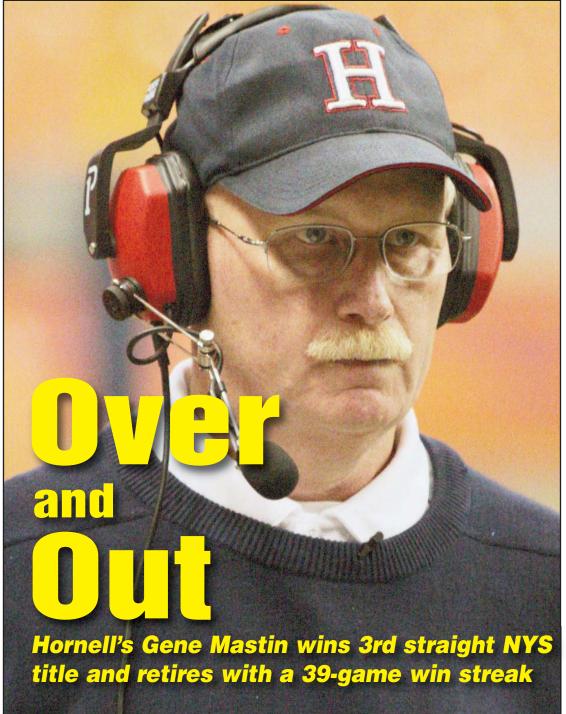
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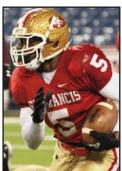


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# **Gatorade Honors Akeel Lynch**

### **By Mark Adair**

Akeel Lynch of St. Francis (Buffalo) has been named New York State Player of the Year by Gatorade.

The senior running back led the Red Raiders to an 8-3 record and the Monsignor Martin Association championship this past season.

"Obviously I was ecstatic for Akeel and the program," St. Francis coach Jerry Smith said. "It couldn't go to a more deserving player."

Lynch rushed for 2,131 yards and 25 touchdowns on 213 carries.

He ended his career on a bittersweet night at Ralph Wilson Stadium in Buffalo as the Raiders beat St. Joe's and QB Chad Kelly 37-16 for the title

Lynch rushed for 167 yards and 2 TDs in the first half, however, shortly before the break, Lynch broke through a hole and suddenly went down.

Lynch had suffered a turf-toe injury and carried the ball just twice in the second half.

Lynch is a First Team All-Catholic selection and was MVP of the 2011 Kickoff Classic. He was a 2nd Team All-Western New York in 2010.

This fall, Lynch was named a first-team player on the All-Football Weekly team.

As one of the 51 state winners (an award is also given to the top player from the District of

Columbia), Lynch is now a finalist for the Gatorade National Football Player of the Year Award.

"As a High School player, Akeel and Chad Kelly are the best players to ever come out of Western New York," Smith said. "They both graduate the same year and, at their positions, they are each the best to ever play here."

Lynch also excels in the classroom as he has maintained an academic average of 92 since he arrived at St. Francis from his hometown, Toronto, Ontario.

"I always wanted to play Division I college football," Lynch said earlier this year, "even growing up in a big hockey area."

Lynch has volunteered on behalf of senior citizens and underprivileged residents at a low-income housing development.

"He does that when he goes back home," Smith said. "He

visits Toronto when he goes back in the summer and helps out during the holidays."

Lynch never mentioned that in several media reports over the past two years.

"He is a very humble guy," Smith said. "He is always looking out for others first... always.. He is the last one to talk about himself."

Charlie Comerford, head coach of rival Bishop Timon (Buffalo) can talk about Lynch. Comerford saw first-hand what the senior is capable of.

Lynch rushed for a St. Francis single-game record 381 yards on 30 carries as St. Francis beat Bishop Timon 42-27. Lynch also scored 5 TDs as the Red Raiders gave Timon its first loss and ruined the Tigers homecoming game.

"Lynch is one of the smoothest high school athletes I have ever seen," Comerford said. "He makes unbelievable plays almost effortlessly. He hits holes quicker than any back I have seen, and once he gets daylight, he is gone."



Photo by Mark Adair

St. Francis senior Akeel Lynch rushed for 2,131 and 25 TDs this past fall. Lynch was named the New York State Player of the Year by Gatorade.

Lynch has verbally committed to play football on an athletic scholarship at Boston College beginning in the fall of 2012.

"I expect him to go to Boston College," Smith said. "B.C. is still number-1 on his list but he is going to take a visit to lowa next weekend. Utah has also called and gotten into the picture."

Smith says that Lynch would be

"If he wouldn't have gotten injured two times he undoubtedly been one of the top players," Smith said. "We've had some great players from Western New York like Ron Jaworski, Phil McKonkey and Rob Gronkowski. I think Akeel is definitely in that discussion."

# Casarella Steps Back

Legendary North Rockland coach Joe Casarella stepped back from the sidelines this season and, after a 19-15 win over White Plains, ended his 45-year coaching tenure at the school.

"I was the head coach for the first two games," Casarella said. "But it became very difficult to do with all the walking that is required to do the job."

Casarella had knee-replacement surgery scheduled for early December.

"I needed to get it done," he said. "It just got to be too uncomfortable to deal with. It was the time and the place to make the switch. Tom Lynch took over and he was great. He'll do a great job for the school."

Casarella started as an assistant coach at North Rockland in 1967. He took over the head coaching position in 1980.

"I started coaching here 45 years ago," Casarella said. "It was actually a bit traumatic to have to stop."

Working as North Rockland's Athletic Director eased the transition for Casarella.

"That helped a bit because I could stay busy," he said. "I could watch the rest of the program and I could stop by practice every day. I went to all the games to help out."

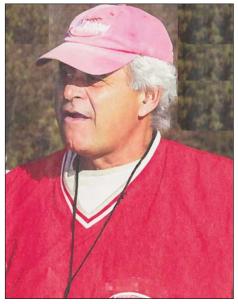


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### North Rockland coach Joe Casarella.

Casarella leaves with 256 career wins, 9th all-time in New York State. He has a career record of 256-44-0.

Casarella led North Rockland to a NYS Championship in 1993, the first year that the state held a football tournament.

His teams lost two other times in the state finals in the Syracuse Carrier Dome and he won 14 Section 1 titles.

"I loved the game from the first time I put on a helmet in 1959," he said. "I would love to go back and just stay in football at a lower level. I would love to be a freshman or JV coach. I love the game of football and I like coaching."

# Lincoln Claims PSAL Title in Yankee Stadium

Lincoln High School kept a perfect season intact by shutting out Erasmus Hall in the second half to win the NYC title 20-12.

Lincoln, which finished the season 13-0, hounded and harassed Wayne Morgan, Erasmus's dynamic quarterback, throughout a physical game played in a steady rain.

Lincoln, which entered the championship game riding the momentum of a 30-14 thumping of DeWitt Clinton in the semifinal, was making its second straight appearance in the title game. The Railsplitters lost last season's final at Yankee Stadium to Fort Hamilton, 8-6.

Lincoln Coach Shawn O'Connor said that he was proud that Lincoln will be known as more than just a basketball school.

"I'm proud of what our kids did here tonight," O'Connor said. "We proved that Lincoln is more than just a basketball school."



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We were elated as we won the Nassau County Championship. We beat East Rockaway... my hometown, where my coaching career began making it a bittersweet victory. (Better than a bittersweet loss!) A week later the feeling was deflated, the loss was just bitter. We got crushed by defending Long Island Champ John Glenn, a fine example of the Football Gods at work.

It's hard to believe the season is over. Where did all that time go? The end of the season gives us mixed

emotions. For some its relief, for others it's unfulfilled, some won't know what to do with their free time, and for others they can't wait to get started on the next season. For all of us it's time to reenergize.

I'd like to salute all the coaches in New York State. Congrats to the NY State Champs, Catholic League Champs, PSAL Champs and Long Island Champs.

A select few coaches will enjoy the off-season while most of us spend our time figuring out what went wrong and how we can improve our teams. One sure way to improve would be attending the NYSHSFCA Coaches Clinic at Turning Stone on February 2-4, 2012. This will be a great opportunity to learn from some of the top college coaches as well as many of the successful New York high school coaches.

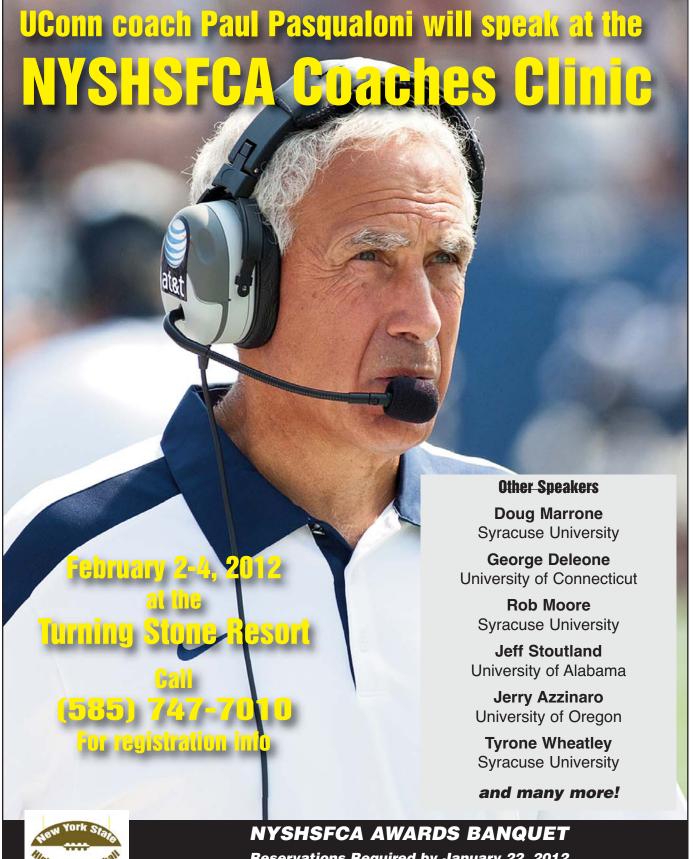
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The awards are as follows; Scholar-Athlete, 12th Man, & Player of the Year. All submission forms for these awards can be found on our website www.NYSHSFCA.org. In addition, all information regarding the clinic can be obtained there.

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# Over and Out

### Gene Maston leaves with a 39-game winning streak intact

### By Mark Adair

Longtime Hornell coach Gene Mastin led his team to a third straight New York State Championship as the Red Raiders beat Croton-Harmon 22-6 in the Carrier Dome.

"It was a very gratifying way to end," Mastin said. "I was blessed to be able to end my career like that."

Scott McKibben ran 25 times for 104 yards and 2 TDs while Zack Bacon rushed for 148 yards on 13 carries.

QB Dominic Scavo passed for 71 yards and ran for a 24-yard TD as he finished his career with a 39-0 record

"He never lost a high school football game," Mastin said. "He has a lot of athleticism, he has a great arm and he's a winner. I'm sure a lot of colleges will be talking to him in December."

Bacon, a junior, has started at FB and NG since 2009

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Photo by Mark Adair

Hornell coach Gene Mastin retired after winning the New York State championship for the 3rd straight year.

"He was a two-way starter as a freshman," Mastin said. "He's the only freshman two-way starter I've ever had in all 36 years of coaching."

Hornell scored all 3 TDs in the 2nd quarter to take a 22-0 lead at the half. Croton-Harmon scored with 4:10 left in the 3rd quarter but the Hornell defense stiffened after that and did not allow another scoring threat.

Hornell became just the fourth program in New York State history to win three straight NYS titles. The Raiders join Cal-Mum (1993, '94 and '95), Edgemont (1998, '99 and 2000) and Onondaga (2001, '02 and '03) as three-peat champions.

And, with three state championships in his pocket, Gene Mastin walked out the door, taking a 39-game winning streak into retirement with him.

"Very few coaches get to win the last game that they coach," Mastin said. "I certainly was fortunate to have it end the right way for me. It's hard to comprehend, it really hasn't sunk in yet."

The 39-game winning streak will be continued next season but under a new coach.

Mastin says that the weight of the streak had begun to wear on him.

"There's a real sense of relief," Mastin said. "Winning 39 games in a row is a wonderful experience but, every week, our coaching staff was looking harder and harder to try and find a new edge going into the game. By the time you reach 39 games, you don't sneak up on anybody. They are all ready for you."

Mastin retires with

240 wins, 221 coming at Hornell. He started his career in 1979 at Cameron County High School in Pennsylvania. In 1983, Mastin left the Keystone State to take the job at Hornell.

He worked in a few different jobs for the district, serving most recently as the school's Athletic Director.

"I'll stay on as A.D. through the end of this school year," Mastin said. "I'm not sure what the school's plan is going forward. With all the budget cuts across the state, I'll just have to wait and see what the school needs

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before I plan anything beyond that."

Mastin was joined in the celebratory gathering at midfield by his wife Cheryl and daughter Nicole. Both women shed tears as Mastin was handed the trophy.

"I think they are as sad to see it end as I am," Mastin said. "December through August, we have our family things. Then, in August, we kick it into football mode and a lot of my time and energy goes to football. We are a football family and we have had a lot of fun with it."

Mastin is proud of the program that has been built at Hornell.

"We ran our program the right way," Mastin said. "and to have the kids play at the level that we did against the great teams that we faced... these things didn't happen to us by accident. Our coaching staff and our players went out there and earned these things."

During the streak, Hornell actually came the closest to losing a game in the Far West Regionals this season. The Raiders trailed Alden 14-7 with a minute to play before tying the game and winning 20-14 in overtime.

"The only time we led was when we scored in overtime and won the game," Mastin said. "Alden was equally deserving of winning a championship. I think we had an advantage because of the experience we have had the last few years. But Alden has a good group of kids and very quality coaches. They are that good and it's just a matter of time for them."

Mastin also says he will not, like some coaches, hang around until the public is tired of him.

"This is absolutely it for me," Mastin said. "I am done coaching. I was going to retire at the end of last year but a few parents and kids asked me to come back for one more year. This is a great time to leave."

Mastin said that he wanted to make sure the transition was smooth - much like his friend Mike Monacelli did when he retired from Cal-Mum last fall.

"We have a ton of kids coming back," he said. "I want to leave the new coach some experience so they don't come in with the cupboard bare. I want to make sure that a lot of quality kids are in place for the next coach. Mike had a great group of kids for the new coach to start with and I wanted to do the same thing for Hornell."

Mastin says he does not know who the school will appoint to take his place... but he does have a suggestion.

"Everybody here believes it should be Erik Werner," Mastin said. "He's been here 9 years. The last 4 years he was the Defensive Coordinator and we won three state championships. He's well-known by our players and parents and understands the culture of our program. He is the perfect person to come in."

Mastin says that he has no plans for retirement.

"I have no plans right now," he said. "Not even one plan. My biggest goal is to get my daughter through college, and then I'll probably end up on a golf course with Mike Monacelli."



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### NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### at Syracuse University

### Class AA: Orchard Park 21, Newburgh FA 13

Rush-Henrietta beat Newburgh Free Acdemy in the Class AA championship game in the Carrier Dome at Syracuse. The Quakers finished 13-0 as they won the school's second state title since 2008.

Orchard Park led 21-0 in the fourth guarter and survived a Newburgh rally. The Quakers intercepted a 40-yard "Hail Mary" pass in the end zone on the last play of the game.

"We made big plays in our passing game when we had too," Tundo said. "We didn't turn the ball over which was crucial."

This is Orchard Park's second New York State championship. The Quakers also won in 2008.

"It's just an incredible feeling," Tundo said. "Anytime you win a state championship it's awesome. The first time, we were in uncharted territory and I didn't really know what to expect. This time, it felt new all over again. We had a new bunch of guys. It's really hard to describe how happy and excited I am for the kids and for our community."



Photo by Mark Adair

Orchard Park QB James Fitzgerald rushed for 2 TDs as the Quakers won the NYS Class AA title.

The Quakers'

three-game run through the NYS tournament wasn't a breeze. OP trailed Rush-Henrietta 28-14 in the 4th quarter of the Far West Regionals and were looking an early end

But Tundo switched the Quakers from the Spread into the Big Cat offense. James Fitzgerald stepped into the QB spot and the Quakers scored 3 TDs in the 4th guarter to pull out a win.

"Rush-Henrietta had a ton of talent," Tundo said. "We came right at them and took control of the game. We hadn't used that offense so I don't think they saw it coming. They really had no idea what we were doing."

The Quakers also used the Big Cat in the New York State title game.

With Orchard Park leading 7-0, Fitzgerald moved to QB and the Quakers began to pound the ball. Fitz finished with 38 yards and 2 TDs on 10 carries. Orchard Park stretched the lead to 21-0 before holding off a Newburgh rally.

### Class A: Maine-Endwell 27, Burnt Hills 20

Nick Sorrenti scored three 2nd-half TDs as Maine-Endwell scored 20 unanswered points to rally for a 27-20 victory against Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake in the Class A state championship game at the Syracuse Carrier Dome.

Maine-Endwell scorted on the first drive of the game but the defense gave up 281 yards and 20 points in the first half - more points than it had allowed in any of its previous seven games.

Maine-Endwell's defense settled down in the second half and the offense brought the Spartans back.

Trailing 20-7, the Spartans began to move the ball. They

finally took a 21-20 lead with 10:26 left in the game as Sorrenti plowed in from 3 vards out for a touchdown and Stephen Pham added the PAT kick. Sorrenti finished with 3 TDs on the day, two in the fourth quarter.

The defense held Burnt Hills to just 36 total yards after the break.

After falling behind by a point, Burnt Hills drove to the Maine-Endwell 28-yard line but the drive sputtered.

Maine-Endwell for the final TD, including an 11yard gain by QB



than drove 62 yards Maine-Endwell running back Nick Sorrenti rushed for 3 TDs in the 2nd half of the Spartans 27-20 win.

Kyle Gallagher on 4th-and-4. Sorrenti scored on a 29-yard run with 43 seconds left to make it 27-20.

Luis Uceta led the offense as he rushed for 117 yards on 16 carries. Uceta scored the game's first TD on a 5-yard run. He was named the game's Most Valuable Player .

"It's the greatest feeling I've had in my life," Uceta said. "It's such an accomplishment for our team, the hard work we've put in. It's amazing."

Sorrenti finished with 67 yards on 11 carries, including the 3 TDs. Justin Jacoby added 48 yards on 15 carries.

Colin Reynolds had an amazing day as Maine-Endwell's punter. Reynolds punted five times, averaging 50.6 yards per punt, including a 60-yard bomb. Burnt Hills had just 11 yards on one punt return - meaning Reynolds gained 242 yards with his kicking. The field position played a large role for the Spartans defense in the second half.

The NYS title is Maine-Endwell's second, but the first for head coach Matt Gallagher. The Spartans also went 12-0 in 2004 with head coach Jack Touhey.

### NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### at Syracuse University

### Class C: Dobbs Ferry 39, Southwestern 0

Dobbs Ferry won the fourth state championship in program history, beating Southwestern 39-0 in the Class C state title game at the Syracuse Carrier Dome.

Quarterback Spencer Avalos was named the game's MVP. The senior completed 9 of 10 passes for 146 yards and a TD. Avalos completed all nine of his passes in the first half and also rushed for 42 yards on eight carries and had an interception in the win.

Dobbs Ferry scored twice in the final 3:08 of the first quarter to take a 15-0 lead and never looked back.

With just 1:38 left in the first half, Dobbs Ferry started a

drive on their own 19-yard line. The Eagles marched 81 yards in 5 plays for a TD. Senior Thomas Fleming caught the 16-yard score with 47 seconds left in the half. Fleming finished the game with 5 catches for 86 yards.

The Eagles were able to move the ball at will. The Eagles rushed for 421 yards and five touchdowns on 61 rushes and three Dobbs Ferry backs surpassed 100 yards rushing.

Senior RB Eddie Ritch (5-9, 170) led the way with 127 yards and a TD on 15 carries. Senior RB John Yozzo-Scaperrotta rushed



Photo by Mark Adair

Dobbs Ferry senior Eddie Ritch rushed for 127 yards and a TD in the 39-0 win over Southwestern.

118 yards and three touchdowns on 13 carries, including a 58-yard TD in the fourth quarter. Sophomore Tim Soave had 19 carries for 110 yards and a TD.

The Eagles were so efficient on offense that they did not punt all game. Dobbs Ferry twice lost fumbles inside the Southwestern 10 and also turned the ball over on downs in Southwestern territory.

Dobbs Ferry outgained Southwestern 567-96 and recorded 30 first downs compared to six for Southwestern.

The defense was stiff in posting the shutout. The Eagles held Southwestern to just 49 yards rushing and 103 yards of total offense.

Matt Fata led Dobbs with seven tackles. Darien Bica also had an interception. Soave and Brian Gardner combined on a sack. Gardner became the fourth player in his family to win a state championship.

It was the 7th NYS championship game that Dobbs has played in. The Eagles won NYS titles in in 2002, 2004 and 2006. Dobbs Ferry lost title games in 2001, 2005 and 2007.

### Class D: Letchworth 27, Chester 0

Letchworth shut out previously unbeaten Chester 27-0 in the NYS Class D championship game played at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse. It was the school's first state title.

Letchworth Senior Clifton Bacon was named MVP after scoring two first quarter TD for the Indians, who finished the season 12-1.

"We've been dreaming about this since we were little kids," Bacon said in a post-game interview. "It's like a fairy tale. I can't believe we won. This is the greatest feeling I've ever had. I love these guys."

Bacon, who finished with 136 total yards while playing on

a sore ankle, opened the scoring midway through the first quarter with a 25-yard touchdown run on Letchworth's first possession. Minutes later, on 3rd-and-19, Bacon took a screen pass from Ryan Owens and ran 75 yards for a TD with 1:56 left in the opening period.

Senior Chris
Nevinger, who had
173 yards rushing
on 23 carries, added
a pair of second-half
rushing touchdowns
— a 6-yard run on
the opening possession of the third
quarter, and a 12
yard run with 47
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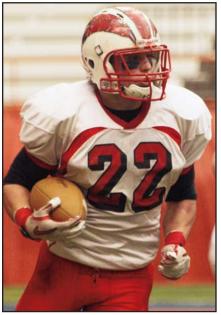


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Letchworth senior Chris Nevinger rushed for 173 yards and 2 TDs as the Indians beat Chester 27-0.

up by his 47-yard run on third down.

Owens set up Nevinger's first score with a 52-yard run. "That was a backbreaker right there," said Hambletonians' head coach Ron Stover. "We felt if we could hold them on their first possession of the second half, that we could do something offensively and get back in it. That didn't happen. They were by far the best team we've played all year. It's not even close."

Nevinger was named the game's Most Outstanding Offensive Back. He added 11 tackles and two sacks on defense.

"This means everything," said Nevinger, a two-time state wrestling champ headed to Buffalo next fall. "This is what we've always dreamed of. Now it's real, we're state champions and it feels amazing."

Letchworth center Jake Remington was named Most Valuable Offenseive Lineman. Linebacker Austin Bowles, who had a career-high 14 tackles, including 10 solo stops, was named Most Valuable Defensive Back.

Bacon said Letchworth's championship is bigger than any individual.

### LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

### at Stony Brook University • at Hofstra

### Class I: William Floyd 54, East Meadow 47

William Floyd running back Stacey Bedell was electric in this year's Class I Long Island championship, setting an LIC record with 412 rushing yards, helping the Colonials beat East Meadow, 54-47, at Stony Brook's LaValle Stadium.

"He never ceases to amaze me," said William Floyd coach Paul Longo. "He always comes up big and makes big plays in big games."

Bedell's opening 80-yard touchdown run was a clear example of what the senior back would do the rest of the evening. He also rushed for three other touchdowns in the

game of 51, 59 and 80 yards.

Floyd (10-2) twice held leads of 21 points in the contest, but East Meadow (10-2) rallied back each time. East Meadow tied the score at 47 with 2:34 left on a 22yard touchdown run by Dylan Curry and a two-point conversion by Ryan Healy.

Floyd scored on its next series, a 68-yard drive, which began with a 39-yard Bedell run and ended on an 18-yard touchdown pass from AJ Otranto to Corey Banks.

"To be able to drive us down the



Photo by Chris Vaccaro

William Floyd coach Paul Longo led Colonials to the Long Island championship.

field and set up that last touchdown shows the kind of player he is," Longo said of Bedell. "This game caps off a tremendous career of big games and big situations. We needed every point we could get against them. Every one of his runs were huge."

The win marked William Floyd's fourth Long Island championship in eight appearances. The Colonials lost the last two title games to Freeport and had not won since 2007.

"This is the wildest Long Island championship game we've ever won," Longo said. "This is the wildest football game I've ever been involved in. I literally stood there in disbelief during the game."

Bedell, who decommitted from attending Villanova earlier in the fall, finished the season with 2,532 yards and 39 touchdowns.

Otranto was 3-of-5 passing for 94 yards and 3 touch-downs. Healy had 24 carries for 176 yards and 1 touch-down. East Meadow's Billy Andrle had 25 carries for 128 yards and 3 touchdowns.

- Story and photos by Chris Vaccaro

### Class II: Newfield 14, Garden City 7

Newfield defeated three higher-seeded Suffolk programs en route to the school's first county championship. The Wolverines finished the job when they beat Garden City 14-7 in the Class II Long Island championship to win the school's first title at Hofstra's Shuart Stadium.

"It was a close game with two good teams," said Garden City coach Tom Flatley.

It was Garden City's third straight appearance in the Long Island championship and 12th time since the 1992 when the current playoff structure was adopted. The Trojans are 4-8 in championship games.

Newfield (9-3) held a 7-0 lead at halftime on a 1-yard TD run by Michael Silva. Garden City tied the score in the third with a 6-yard touchdown run by Mark Ellis at 5:54. The Wolverines Julian Santiago rushed in for 1-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter for the winning TD.

Garden City (11-1) had scoring opportunities throughout the game, but came up short. Newfield also controlled the line of scrimmage for most of the contest.

"They're not just big, they're good," Flatley said. "We show up, we play



Photo by Chris Vaccaro

Newfield celebrates their school's first-ever Long Island title. The Wolverines beat Garden City 14-7.

and we give it our best shot."

Prior to the game, Newfield alum and former NFL player Rob Burnett, who won a Super Bowl with the Ravens, spoke with his alma mater.

"He was saying that we have to go in with our hearts, our minds and our souls," said Newfield junior lineman James Manginelli. "Everything we got, leave it on the field."

Newfield upset Riverhead, West Babylon and East Islip in the Suffolk playoffs from its fifth seed. They would not be denied this year.

"They play with a great amount of desire," said Newfield coach Joe Piccinnini. "They're a relentless group and they won't quit. They don't know what that word is. We knew we'd be a contender knowing the group of kids we had. If you tell them they can't do it, they'll prove you wrong."

Garden City loses 28 seniors to graduation this year, and Flatley is uncertain if he'll be back as head coach in 2012.

"They'll be a Garden City football team," he said, "but I'm not committed to anything right now."

- Story and photos by Chris Vaccaro

### LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

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### Class III: Sayville 78, Lawrence 61

Sayville and Lawrence combined to break or set 17 records in the highest scoring game in Long Island football history. Sayville won the Class III Long Island championship game, 78-61.

Among the many records set were: total points scored (139); total offensive yardage (1,276) ... breaking the previous record of 786 set in 2010 by Freeport and Floyd.

Also, Sayville's 78 points are the most by any one team in the LIC; Lawrence QB Joe Capobianco threw for a record 541 yards and 7 touchdowns and 27 completions; Lawrence's Ed Robinson had a record 238 receiving yards; and Sayville's

Zach Sirico rushed for six touchdowns, tying the record set last year by Freeport's Isaiah Barnes.

Sirico and fellow half-back John Haggart led the way for Sayville.

"We used John as a battering ram," Sayville coach Rob Hoss said. "Zach has been great all year. We have so many kids. Sirico showed up and played a great game.

Sirico and Haggart combined for eight touchdowns and more than 250 yards rushing. Sirico rushed 17 times for 228 yards and 6 touchdowns, while



Photo by Chris Vaccaro

Sayville coach Rob Hoss celebrates his team's 78-61 win in the Long Island title game.

Haggart had 141 yards on 13 carries and 2 touchdowns.

"Everybody did their job," Sirico said. "We came together as one and pulled out a win. The run game was great; there were holes everywhere. I kept running through them and it was open field from there. Our linemen kept pounding. You feel like you can't be touched."

Ferreira, Long Island's career passing leader, completed 10-of-14 passes for 225 yards and 2 TDs. He finished his career with 6,407 passing yards and 73 touchdowns.

Capobianco, had a career-day for Lawrence, completing 27-of-41 passes for 541 yards and 7 TDs. The Fredericks brothers – Jordan (7), Tyler (6) and Ryan (6) – combined for 19 receptions, 303 yards and 4 touchdowns.

Sayville, who has now won five Long Island titles, lost to Lynbrook last season in the Long Island championship and waited a full year to get back to this point.

"It was a bitter taste in our mouths," Hoss said. "In Sayville, really the bar is the Long Island championship. Anything else, to our standards, is unacceptable."

- Story and photos by Chris Vaccaro

Class IV: John Glenn 56, Roosevelt 21

John Glenn's players and coaches sang paid homage to quarterback Rich Czeczotka, who consistently helped Glenn win games in the air and on the ground by singing "Czec money ... Czec money ... money, money."

During the Class IV Long Island championship Czeczotka rushed 14 times for 110 yards and 2 touchdowns. He also completed 14-of-20 passes for 142 yards, helping Glenn capture its second straight Long Island title with a 56-21 victory over Roosevelt at Hofstra's Shuart Stadium.

It was John Glenn's (11-1) second straight Long Island title.

"It feels like a million dollars," said Glenn coach Dave Shanahan, earned career win No. 101 with the Long Island title.

An array of characters did their part in helping John Glenn win the title. Nick Wagner set a Long Island championship record with three interceptions and Tom Forsberg scored four touchdowns.

Glenn opened up a 35-0 lead with 8:03 left in the second quarter. Wagner added to the lead with a Long Island championship record 68yard interception



Photo by Chris Vaccaro

John Glenn QB Rich Czeczotka had 242 yards of total offense in the 56-21 win over Roosevelt.

return for a touchdown with 1:03 left in the half to make it 42-7.

Forsberg scored on a 4-yard run in the third quarter and Czeczotka capped Glenn's scoring in the fourth with a 25-yard touchdown run.

"We were determined to make a stand on offense," Czeczotka said. "We wanted to score as many points as possible. Especially since this was our last game. We wanted to go out on top."

Roosevelt's (8-4) Erin Parker had 22 carries for 152 yards and 2 touchdowns, including a 67-yard touchdown run later in the game.

The win was extra special for Glenn defensive coordinator Fred Fusaro. It marked the first time had had been back at Hofstra since his Sachem team lost the 1995 Class I Long Island championship to Lawrence.

"Getting here once and winning is hard," Fusaro said. "Getting here twice, that's a dream come true."

- Story and photos by Chris Vaccaro

### 1993 Class A

#### **Quarterfinals**

North Rockland 24, Middletown 0 Rome FA 34, Binghamton 20 Jamestown 21, Fairport 14 Troy (Bye)

### **Semifinals**

North Rockland 14 Troy 0 Jamestown 6, Rome FA 2

### Championship

North Rockland 24, Jamestown 12

### Class B

**First Round** 

Peru 19, Potsdam 18

**Quarterfinals** 

Yorktown 51, Saugerties 8 Glens Falls 21, Peru 7 Chittenango 21, Norwich 0 Lackawanna 35, Livonia 7

### **Semifinals**

Yorktown 27, Glens Falls 0 Chittenango 30, Lackawanna 24

### **Championship**

Yorktown 23, Chittenango 13

### Class C

### **Quarterfinals**

Rye 42, Ellenville 8 Cambridge 14, Saranac Lake 7 Cal-Mum 27, Salamanca 0 Windsor (Bye)

### Semifinals

Rye 29, Cambridge 15 Cal-Mum 34, Windsor 0

### Championship

Cal-Mum 38, Rye 19

### Class D

### Quarterfinals

Tuckahoe 46, Delaware Valley 0 Clyde-Savannah 34, Frewsburg 7 Rensselaer (Bye) Lansing (Bye)

#### **Semifinals**

Tuckahoe 26, Rensselaer 6 Clyde-Savannah 20, Lansing 7

### **Championship**

Clyde-Savannah 40, Tuckahoe 0

### 1994 Class A

### **Quarterfinals**

North Rockland 6, Middletown 0 Liverpool 28, Horseheads 6 Jamestown 14, Fairport 7 Saratoga (Bye)

#### **Semifinals**

North Rockland 16, Saratoga 6 Jamestown 40, Liverpool 20

### Championship

Jamestown 26, North Rockland 20

### Class B

**First Round** 

Massena 20, Peru 19

### **Quarterfinals**

Yorktown 35, Goshen 14 Massena 18, Hudson Falls 14 Syr. Corcoran 35, Elmira FA 6 Williamsville South 46, Hilton 0

### **Semifinals**

Yorktown 22 Massena 0 Wmsville South 35, Corcoran 34

### Championship

Yorktown 25, Wmsville South 24

### Class C

### **Quarterfinals**

Nanuet 40, Highland 15 Hudson 14, Ausable Valley 6 Walton 16, Dolgeville 12 Falconer 7, LeRoy 6

### **Semifinals**

Hudson 14, Nanuet 6 Walton 20, Falconer 12

### Championship

Walton 28, Hudson 18

### Class D

### **Quarterfinals**

Delaware Valley 35, Pawling 26 Rensselaer 19, Moriah 0 Deposit 33, Weedsport 14 Cal-Mum 25, Pine Valley 7

### **Semifinals**

Rensselaer 19, Delaware Valley 12 Cal-Mum 23, Deposit 6

### Championship

Cal-Mum 36, Rensselaer 20

### 1995

### Class A **Quarterfinals**

Yonkers Roosevelt 25, Pine Bush 6 Shenedehowa 55 Watertown 16 Union-Endicott 30, Henninger 14 Jamestown 35, Gates-Chili 0

#### **Semifinals**

Shenedehowa 31, Roosevelt 24 Jamestown 37, Union-Endicott 0

### Championship

Jamestown 32, Shenedehowa 18

### Class B

First Round Peru 34, Ogdensburg FA 12

### **Quarterfinals**

Nyack 40, Port Jervis 6 Amsterdam 27, Peru 0 Corcoran 28, Chenango Forks 12 Lake Shore 14, Edison Tech 8 (ot)

### **Semifinals**

Amsterdam 28, Nyack 15 Lake Shore 14, Svr. Corcoran 8

### **Championship**

Amsterdam 11, Lake Shore 8

### Class C

### **Quarterfinals**

Highland 14, Edgemont 6 Saranac Lake 28, Cambridge 27 Dolgeville 7, Delhi 6 LeRoy 19, Eden 0

### **Semifinals**

Saranac Lake 18, Highland 15 LeRoy 12, Dolgeville 0

### Championship

LeRoy 37, Saranac Lake 27

### Class D

### **Quarterfinals** Bronxville 27, Delaware Valley 0 Rensselaer 21 Moriah 7 Deposit 48, Weedsport 21 Cal-Mum 18, Pine Valley 3

### **Semifinals**

Rensselaer 30, Bronxville 26 Cal-Mum 27, Deposit 6

### **Championship** Cal-Mum 41, Rensselaer 0

Edgemont, Caledonia-Mumford, Onondaga and Hornell are the only teams to have won three straight state titles... Cal-Mum, Lackawanna, Dobbs Ferry and Monroe-Woodbury have played in four consecutive NYS title games... **Troy** appeared in three straight title games, losing in 1997 and 1999 and winning in 1998... Iroquois beat Eastridge 67-48 in the highestscoring NYS playoff game ever...

### 1996

### Class AA

#### **Quarterfinals**

Yonkers Roosevelt 34, Albany 27 Rome FA 41 Horseheads 0 Rochester East 35, Orchard Park 3 Kingston (Bye)

#### **Semifinals**

Roosevelt Yonkers 40, Kingston 14 Rome FA 27, Rochester East 0

### Championship

Yonkers Roosevelt 27, Rome FA 14

### Class A

### **Quarterfinals**

Yorktown 32, Port Jervis 12 Troy 35, Ogdensburg FA 0 Whitesboro 14, Elmira FA 0 Marshall 36, Niagara Wheatfield 34

#### **Semifinals**

Trov 35, Yorktown 14 Whitesboro 15, Marshall 12

### Championship

Troy 27, Whitesboro 13

### Class B

### First Round

Gouverneur 30, Beekmantown 29

#### **Quarterfinals**

Brewster 42, Rondout Valley 21 Ravena 35, Gouverneur 12 Windsor 18, Ilion 12 (ot) Springville 44, Midlakes 18

### **Semifinals**

Ravena 21, Brewster 6 Springville 41, Windsor 14

### Championship

Springville 9, Ravena 0

### Class C

### Quarterfinals

Highland 33, Dover 21 Watervliet 16, Plattsburg Seton 6 Cazenovia 21, Elmira Notre Dame 14 LeRoy 20, Salamanca 6

### **Semifinals**

Watervliet 20, Highland 18 LeRoy 19, Cazenovia 6

### Championship

Watervliet 20, LeRoy 19

### Class D **Quarterfinals**

Valhalla 8, Tri-Valley 0 Cambridge 42, Tupper Lake 3 Hamilton 12, Deposit 8 Cal-Mum 30, Maple Grove 28 (ot)

### **Semifinals**

Valhalla 19, Cambridge 10 Cal-Mum 40, Hamilton 6

### Championship

Valhalla 12, Cal-Mum 8

### 1997

### Class AA **Quarterfinals**

Spring Valley 27, Newburgh FA 12 Trov 21, Watertown 12 Henninger 25, Horseheads 14 Fairport 29, Orchard Park 24

#### **Semifinals**

Troy 41, Spring Valley 13 Fairport 30, Henninger 27

### **Championship**

Fairport 35, Troy 14

### Class A

### **Quarterfinals**

Port Jervis 14, Ossining 0 Oueensbury 32, Potsdam 8 Vestal 27, Carthage 20 Niagara Wheatfield 31, Olympia 6

### **Semifinals**

Queensbury 37, Port Jervis 6 Vestal 13, Niag. Wheatfield 7 (ot)

### Championship

Vestal 14, Queensbury 11

### Class B

### **First Round**

Ogdensburg FA 29, Peru 6

### **Quarterfinals**

Brewster 54, Rondout Valley 33 Ravena 28, Ogdensburg FA 7 Jamesville-DeWitt 47, Windsor 20 Lackawanna 16, Hornell 12

#### **Semifinals**

Brewster 27, Ravena 6 Lackawanna 36, Jamesville-DeWitt 0

### Championship

Lackawanna 14, Brewster 7

### Class C

### **Quarterfinals**

Dover 34 Red Hook 8 Watervliet 6, Saranac Lake 0 Syracuse CBA 35, Walton 28 Cal-Mum 30, Gowanda 8

### **Semifinals**

Dover 48, Watervliet 34 Syracuse CBA 40, Cal-Mum 20

### Championship Dover 32, Syracuse CBA 26 (2ot)

### Class D

**Quarterfinals** Bronxville 37, Delaware Valley 8 Greenwich 24, Moriah 0 West Canada 37, Oxford 6 Clyde-Savannah 38, Maple Grove 20

### **Semifinals**

Bronxville 38, Greenwich 14 West Canada 47, Clyde-Savannah 21

Championship

West Canada 22 Bronxville 14

### **Repeat Champions**

Jamestown (1994, 1995) Yorktown (1993, 1994) Cal-Mum (1993, 1994, 1995) Lackawanna (1997, 1998) Edgemont (1998, 1999, 2000) Webster / Schroeder (2001, 2002) Aquinas (2001, 2002) Onondaga (2001, 2002, 2003) Chenango Forks (2003, 2004) Rye (2007, 2008)

Sweet Home (2008, 2009)

Southwestern (2008, 2009)

Hornell (2009, 2010, 2011)

### Of Note...

### 1998 Class AA

### **Quarterfinals**

Liverpool 38, Horseheads 14 Fairport 24, Orchard Park 19 Troy 15, Monroe-Woodbury 13 Carmel (Bye)

#### **Semifinals**

Fairport 41, Liverpool 14 Troy 28, Carmel 14

### Championship

Troy 26, Fairport 9

### Class A

### **Quarterfinals**

Fayette.-Manlius 28, Johnson City 27 Aquinas 28, Clarence 21 (ot) Yorktown 35, Port Jervis 31 Queensbury 60, Watertown 35

### Semifinals

Aguinas 22, Fayetteville-Manlius 12 Queensbury 39, Yorktown 27

### Championship

Aquinas 33, Queensbury 16

### Class B

### **First Round**

Peru 32, Ogdensburg FA 6

### **Quarterfinals**

Maine-Endwell 34, Syracuse CBA 19 Lackawanna 42, Hornell 22 Harrison 47 Rondout Valley 6 Ravena 52, Peru 27

### **Semifinals**

Harrison 34, Ravena 27 Lackawanna 6, Maine-Endwell 0

### Championship

Lackawanna 22, Harrison 18

### Class C

### **Quarterfinals**

Elmira Notre Dame 41, Lowville 3 LeRoy 28, Salamanca 16 Edgemont 55, Highland 12 Saranac Lake 39, Voorheesville 6

### Semifinals

Elmira Notre Dame 16, LeRoy 15 Edgemont 41, Saranac Lake 25

### Championship

Edgemont 28, Elmira ND 27 (ot)

### Class D

### **Quarterfinals**

Dolgeville 28, Hancock 13 Maple Grove 35, Red Jacket 20 Delaware Valley 40, Valhalla 14 Lake George 14, Moriah 7

### **Semifinals**

Maple Grove 20, Dolgeville 19 Lake George 30, Delaware Valley 26

### **Championship**

Maple Grove 39, Lake George 6

### 1999

### Class AA

### **Quarterfinals**

Webster 39, Lancaster 13 Troy 7, North Rockland 3 Henninger 49, Union-Endicott 13 Newburgh (Bye)

### **Semifinals**

Webster 31, Henninger 7 Troy 31, Newburgh Free 14

### Championship

Webster 35, Troy 18

### Class A

### **Quarterfinals**

Canandaigua 21, Pioneer 6 Brewster 20, Minnisink Valley 13 Chittenango 24, Corning West 14 Amsterdam 41, Indian River 0

#### **Semifinals**

Canandaigua 47, Chittenango 12 Brewster 19, Amsterdam 14

### **Championship**

Canandaigua 17, Brewster 14

### Class B

### First Round

Peru 47, Ogdensburg FA 7

### **Quarterfinals**

Lackawanna 28, Hornell 15 Harrison 54, Red Hook 21 Peru 35, Fonda-Fultonville 26 Syracuse CBA 55, Norwich 22

### Semifinals

Lackawanna 28, Syracuse CBA 16 Harrison 48, Peru 17

### **Championship**

Harrison 28, Lackawanna 26

### Class C

### First Round

AuSable Valley 15, Gouverner 13 Quarterfinals

Salamanca 22, LeRoy 13 Delhi 20. Utica Notre Dame 9 Edgemont 44, Liberty 7 Mechanicville 31, AuSable Valley 6

### **Semifinals**

Salamanca 16, Delhi 12 Edgemont 37, Mechanicville 26

### Championship

Edgemont 32, Salamanca 20

### Class D

### **Quarterfinals**

Clymer 13, Batavia Notre Dame 12 Hamilton 34, Oxford 14 Tuckahoe 24, Tri-Valley 19 Cambridge 36, Moriah 8

### **Semifinals**

Clymer 28, Hamilton 20 Cambridge 42, Tuckahoe 26

### Championship

Cambridge 28, Clymer 0

### 2000

### Class AA **Quarterfinals**

#### Henninger 21, Union-Endicott 14 Jamestown 16, Webster 14

New Rochelle 42, Monroe-Woodbury 12 Troy (Bye)

### **Semifinals**

New Rochelle 24, Troy 22 Jamestown 34, Henninger 12

### Championship

Jamestown 33, New Rochelle 7

### Class A

### **Quarterfinals** Fulton 41, Elmira Free Academy 6

Victor 22, Pioneer 12 Troy LaSalle 40, Massena 13 Nyack 19, Warwick Valley 0

### Semifinals

Fulton 48, Victor 19 Nyack 35, Troy LaSalle 0

### Championship

Nyack 34, Fulton 20

### Class B

### First Round

Peru 45, Ogdensburg FA 12

### **Quarterfinals**

Syr. CBA 35, Susquehenna Valley 20 Lackawanna 37, Hornell 20 Hudson Falls 34, Peru 16 Rondout Valley 28, Somers 14

### Semifinals

Rondout Valley 41, Hudson Falls 15 Lackawanna 19, Syracuse CBA 7

### Championship

Rondout Valley 21, Lackawanna 0

### Class C

### First Round

Gouveneur 22, AuSable Valley 21

### **Quarterfinals**

Edgemont 62, Sullivan West 15 Mechanicville 52, Gouveneur 8 Walton 40, Bishop Ludden 14 Cal-Mum 14, Cleveland Hill 6

### Semifinals

Edgemont 48, Mechanicville 13 Walton 34, Cal-Mum 24

### Championship

Edgemont 37, Walton 20

### Class D

### **Quarterfinals**

Haldane 33, Millbrook 18 Fort Edward 24, Moriah 22 Dolgeville 25, Oxford 20 Clymer 50, Red Jacket 8

### **Semifinals**

Dolgeville 14, Clymer 6 Fort Edward 28, Haldane 6

#### Championship

Dolgeville 55, Fort Edward 3

### 2001

### Class AA

### **Quarterfinals**

Bethlehem 32, Newburgh FA 6 Fayetteville-Manlius 41, Vestal 13 Webster 13, Orchard Park 7 North Rockland (Bye)

#### **Semifinals**

North Rockland 27, Bethlehem 7 Webster 44, Fayette-Manlius 18

### **Championship**

Webster 32, North Rockland 14

### Class A

### **Quarterfinals**

Horace Greelev 43, Port Jervis 6 Amsterdam 38, Massena 12 Syracuse CBA 35, Elmira FA 0 Aguinas 28, Pioneer 0

### **Semifinals**

Horace Greeley 35, Amsterdam 6 Aguinas 37, Syracuse CBA 34

### **Championship**

Aquinas 22, Horace Greeley 15

### Class B

### First Round

Peru 21 Gouveneur 6

### Quarterfinals

Harrison 20, Red Hook 18 Peru 35, Hudson 0 Chenango Forks 27, Cazenovia 7 Bath 24, Olean 22

### **Semifinals**

Peru 36, Harrison 29 Chenango Forks 7, Bath 0 (ot)

### **Championship**

Peru 14, Chenango Forks 7

### Class C

### **Quarterfinals**

Edgemont 41, James O'Neill 14 Cambridge 49, AuSable Valley 7 Delhi 21, Weedsport 14 Salamanca 28, LeRoy 23

### **Semifinals**

Cambridge 14, Edgemont 8 Delhi 28, Salamanca 8

### **Championship**

Delhi 39, Cambridge 21

### Class D

**Quarterfinals** Dobbs Ferry 42, Millbrook 14 Lake George 38, Moriah 6 Onondaga 20, Newfield 14 Clymer 42, Clyde-Savannah 21

**Semifinals** Dobbs Ferry 26, Lake George 13 Onondaga 33, Clymer 26

### Championship

Onondaga 35, Dobbs Ferry 7

### 2002

### Class AA

#### Quarterfinals

Shenendehowa 42, North Rockland 0 Vestal 14, Syracuse Corcoran 7 Webster Schroeder N. Tonawanda Newburgh FA (Bye)

#### Semifinals

Webster Schroeder 48, Vestal 7 Shenendehowa 42, Newburgh FA 0

### Championship

Schroeder 28, Shenendehowa 0

### Class A

### **Quarterfinals**

Nyack 34, Rondout Valley 0 Amsterdam 34, Canton 14 Elmira FA 42, Syracuse CBA 24 Aquinas 56, Sweet Home 27

#### Semifinals

Aquinas 42, Elmira FA 14 Nyack 34, Amsterdam 10

### Championship

Aquinas 19, Nyack 15

### <u>Class B</u>

#### First Round

Peru 52, Massena 6

#### Quarterfinals

Harrison 41, New Paltz 8 Lansingburgh 22, Peru 18 Chenango Forks 35, Solvay 21 Bath 28, Olean 6

### **Semifinals**

Chenango Forks 28, Bath 14 Harrison 31, Lansingburgh 21

### Championship

Harrison 22, Chenango Forks 21

### Class C Quarterfinals

### Onondaga 38, Lansing 0 LeRoy 29, Gowanda 6

LeRoy 29, Gowanda 6 Cambridge 28, Tupper Lake 7 Briarcliff (Bye)

### **Semifinals**

Onondaga 13, LeRoy 10 Briarcliff 10, Cambridge 7

### Championship

Onondaga 35, Briarcliff 6

### <u>Class D</u>

### Quarterfinals

Dolgeville 35, Newfield 0 Clymer 28, Lyons 6 Dobbs Ferry 15, Livingston Manor 14 Salem 25, Seton Catholic 0

### **Semifinals**

Dobbs Ferry 28, Salem 0 Dolgeville 29, Clymer 22

### Championship

Dobbs Ferry 38, Dolgeville 35

### 2003

### Class AA

### Quarterfinals

Corcoran 34, Union-Endicott 7 New Rochelle 24, Newburgh FA 12 Webster Schroeder 32, Lockport 12 Shenendehowa (Bye)

### Semifinals

Webster Schroeder 36, Corcoran 29 New Rochelle 14, Shenendehowa 7

### Championship

New Rochelle 32, Webster 7

### Class A

### First Round

Massena 20, Potsdam 14

### **Quarterfinals**

Nyack 41, Cornwall 7 Amsterdam 39, Massena 20 Victor 31, Grand Island 28 Corning East 46, Camden 15

### **Semifinals**

Corning East 31, Victor 26 Nyack 28, Amsterdam 11

### Championship

Nyack 43, Corning East 0

### Class B

### First Round

Peru 42, Ogdensburg 15

### **Quarterfinals**

Rye 34, James O'Neill 7 Chenango Forks 12, Westhill 7 Peru 43, Lansingburgh 42 (ot) Eden 21, Bath 0

### **Semifinals**

Chenango Forks 19, Eden 9 Rve 35, Peru 22

### Championship

Chenango Forks 16, Rye 0

### Class C

### First Round

Tupper Lake 34, AuSable Valley 0

### Quarterfinals

Hoosick Falls 21, Tupper Lake 14 General Brown 28, Unatego 20 Dobbs Ferry 42, Tri-Valley 0 Caledonia-Mumford 12, Portville 7

### **Semifinals**

Cal-Mum 48, General Brown 7 Hoosick Falls 14, Dobbs Ferry 6

### Championship

Cal-Mum 30, Hoosick Falls 26

### Class D

### First Round

Seton Catholic 35, Moriah 14

### Quarterfinals

Cambridge 19, Seton Catholic 6 Lyons 32, Randolph 30 Onondaga 56, Deposit 16 Tuckahoe 48, Chester 6

### **Semifinals**

Onondaga 29, Lyons 22 Cambridge 35, Tuckahoe 20

### Championship

Onondaga 41, Cambridge 21

### 2004

### Class AA

### **Quarterfinals**

Monroe-Woodbury 42, Saratoga 7 Syracuse CBA 48, Binghamton 16 Webster Thomas 28, Orchard Park 7 New Rochelle (Bye)

### **Semifinals**

New Rochelle 41, Monroe-Wood. 0 Syracuse CBA 44, Webster Thom. 14

### Championship

Syracuse CBA 41, New Rochelle 35

### Class A

### Quarterfinals

Walkill 21, Nyack 18 Amsterdam 25, Indian River 19 Maine-Endwell 27, Whitesboro 20 Iroquois 67, Eastridge 48

### **Semifinals**

Wallkill 21, Amsterdam 18 Maine-Endwell 33, Iroquois 28

### Championship

Maine-Endwell 39, Walkill 36

### <u>Class B</u>

### First Round

Peru 21, Saranac Lake 17

### **Quarterfinals**

Rye 14, Sullivan West 6 Ravena-C-S 43, Peru 7 Chenango Forks 48, Westhill 7 Hornell 12 Southwestern 7

### Semifinals

Rye 21, Ravena C-S 14 Chenango Forks 27, Hornell 7

### Championship

Chenango Forks 48, Rye 0

### <u>Class C</u>

### First Round

AuSable Valley vs. Ticonderoga

### Quarterfinals

Dobbs Ferry 47, Tri-Valley 0 Schuylerville 34, AuSable Valley 18 Walton 40, General Brown 15 LeRoy 14, Falconer 7

### **Semifinals**

Dobbs Ferry 46, Schuylerville 8 LeRoy 25, Walton 14

### Championship

Dobbs Ferry 14, LeRoy 6

### Class D

### **Quarterfinals**Tuckahoe 14, Chester 0 Weedsport 48, Hancock 13

Weedsport 48, Hancock 13 Oakfield-Alabama 20, Ellicottville 0 Warrensburg 28, Plattsburg Seton 14

### Semifinals

Tuckahoe 47, Warrensburg 6 Weedsport 28, Oakfield-Alabama 16

### Championship

Weedsport 22, Tuckahoe 21

### 2005

### Class AA

### Quarterfinals

North Rockland 22, LaSalle 6 Monroe-Woodbury (Bye) Syr. CBA 24, Union-Endicott 13 Webster Thom 39, Orchard Park 14

### **Semifinals**

Mon-Woodbury 28, N.Rockland 0 Webster Thomas 34, Syr. CBA 21

### Championship

Mon-Woodbury 32, Webster 10

### Class A

### Quarterfinals

Harrison 40, Cornwall 7 Amsterdam 33, Indian River 8 Corning East 35, Whitesboro 14 Geneva 34, Grand Island 16

#### Semifinals

Amsterdam 20, Harrison 10 Geneva 26, Corning East 14

### Championship

Amsterdam 35, Geneva 14

### Class B

### Quarterfinals

Rye 41, Burke Catholic 13 Lansingburgh 57, Beekmantown 16 Chenango Forks 34, Homer 7 Hornell 14, Lackawanna 0

### Semifinals

Rye 41, Lansingburgh 8 Chenango Forks 21, Hornell 20

### Championship

Rve 28. Chenango Forks 7

### Class C

### Quarterfinals

Dobbs Ferry 26, Sullivan west 0 Schuylverville 33, AuSable Valley 8 Marcus Whitman 13, Silver Crk 12 Sidney 41, General Brown 13

#### Semifinals

Dobbs Ferry 35, Schuylverville 0 Sidney 28, Marcus Whitman 22

### Championship

Sidney 48, Dobbs Ferry 21

### Class D

**Quarterfinals**Tuckahoe 40, Eldred 7
Cambridge 27, Ticonderoga 20
Deposit 24, Watertown IHC 14

### Randolph 42, Oakfield-Alabama 7 Semifinals

Cambridge 28, Tuckahoe 8 Randolph 28, Deposit 0

### Championship

Randolph 35, Cambridge 6

#### **Quarterfinals**

Marshall 32, Orchard Park 7 Auburn 39, Union-Endicott 7 Mon-Wood. 14, New Rochelle 7 Albany C BA (Bye)

### **Semifinals**

Mon-Woodbury 21, Albany CBA 0 Auburn 20, Marshall 18

### Championship

Auburn 27, Mon-Woodbury 26 ot

### Championship: Auburn 27, Monroe-Woodbury 26

Darnell Murphy's 20-yard TD pass and a penalty against Monroe-Woodbury on the extra point try gave a three-loss Auburn team the victory before the first Carrier Dome crowd to extend to behind the end zones.

Monroe-Woodbury scored on its OT possession when Dave Landesberg ran in from two yards out, but the extra-point kick failed. Murphy then connected with Jeff Richardson in the end zone on the first play of Auburn's possession. Matt Hoey missed the extra point but a roughing the kicker penalty gave him a second chance. He made the kick to win the game.

Monroe-Woodbury 7 6 0 7 6 Auburn 7 7 0 6 7



### Quarterfinals

Coming East 10, ES-Minoa 3 Comwall 13, Harrison 10 Indian River 30, Burnt Hills 7 Aguinas 7, Iroquois 0

### Semifinals

Corning East 23, Aquinas 0 Cornwall 34, Indian River 6

### Championship

Corning East 27, Cornwall 14

#### Championship: Corning East 27, Cornwall 14

Coleman Flory ran 26 times for 176 yards and scored three TDs to lead the Trojans. Flory ran for all but five yards of a 11-play, 66-yard drive and added a two-point conversion to give the Trojans a 21-14 lead in the fourth quarter. He also gained the last 41 yards of a four-play, 54-yard drive to close out the scoring.

Flory scored from a yard out to cap a seven-play, 67-yard drive midway through the first quarter, but Karl Van Wygerden ran back the kickoff 95 yards to tie the game.

Cornwall 7 7 0 0 14 Corning East 7 6 6 8 27



### Quarterfinals

Albany Academy 42, Peru 14 Rye 35, Red Hook 14 Chenango Forks 3, Cazenovia 0 Geneva 32, Lackawanna 8

#### **Semifinals**

Albany Academy 19, Rye 16 Geneva 26, Chenango Forks 21

### Championship

Geneva 33, Albany Academy 7

### Championship: Geneva 33, Albany Academy 7

Brian Fowler rushed for 102 first-half yards and 139 for the game on 26 carries to go along with three touchdowns.

Fowler scored on second-quarter runs of 32 and 12 yards that gave Geneva a 20-7 lead.

Albany Academy scored first on a 1-yard run by Dion Lewis (16 carries, 75 yards) early in the first quarter, but Geneva's Bobby Martin hit Tremaine Green with a 34-yard pass midway through the first quarter.

Albany Academy 7 0 0 0 7 Geneva 7 19 0 7 33



### **Quarterfinals**

Dobbs Ferry 48, Sullivan West 18 Falconer 13, LeRoy 12 Westmoreland 25, Sidney 24 AuSable Valley 21, Hoosick Falls 12

### **Semifinals**

Dobbs Ferry 25, AuSable Valley 7 Falconer 20, Westmoreland 6

### Championship

Dobbs Ferry 24, Falconer 0

### Championship: Dobbs Ferry 24, Falconer 0

Frank Scattaretico ran for two touchdowns and Trevor Saunders passed for another to lead Dobbs Ferry to its third state title in five years.

With the first quarter winding down, Saunders hit Kadeem Scott for a 63-yard gain to set up Scattaretico's 11-yard scoring run on the next play.

Andy Saff made 16 tackles in a losing effort.

Dobbs Ferry Falconer



### Quarterfinals

Oakfield-Alabama 28, Catt-LV 20 Onondaga 28, Delhi 0 Tuckahoe 27, Chester 0 Ticonderoga 34, Fort Edward 28

### **Semifinals**

Tuckahoe 22, Ticonderoga 19 Oakfield-Alabama 17, Onondaga 8

### Championship

Tuckahoe 27, Oakfield-Alabama 14

### Championship: Tuckahoe 27, Oakfield-Alabama 14

QB Joseph Melendez ran for 2 TDs and caught another on a halfback option to lead Tuckahoe to its first title. Melendez (14-for-20, 119 yards) scored on 1- and 2-yard runs and caught an 8-yard pass from Lowell Robinson, all in the 1st half.

Robinson rushed for 143 yards and a TD for the Tigers and intercepted a pass in the end zone in the final seconds to wrap up the win. O-A pulled to within 21-14 on a 73-yard pass from Jason Kirkum to Tucker Smart with 6:11 left, but Robinson's 14-yard scoring run with 1:02 to play restored the two-score lead.

Tuckahoe 6 15 0 6 27 Oakfield-Alabama 7 0 0 7 14



### **Quarterfinals**

New Rochelle (Bye) Monroe-Woodbury 42, LaSalle 20 W. Genesee 21, Union-Endicott 7 Orchard Park 49, Canandaigua 27

#### Semifinals

Mon-Wood. 22, New Rochelle 16 W. Genesee 30, Orchard Park 27

### Championship

W. Genesee 42, Mon-Wood 21

### Championship: West Genesee 42, Monroe-Woodbury 21

Tim Moran threw for 272 yards and three touchdowns as the Wildcats rolled up 494 total yards. West Genesee allowed the game's first score but moved out to a 28-7 lead in the second quarter and scored touchdowns on six of its first eight possessions.

Ben Waldron scored on three short runs for the winners. The loss was just the second in 38 games for Monroe-Woodbury, which got scoring runs of 1 and 15 yards from Dan Scalo.

West Genesee 14 14 7 7 42 Monroe-Woodbury 7 7 7 0 21



### Class A

### Quarterfinals

Ossining 13, Cornwall 0 Lansingburgh 37, Indian River 36 Carthage 19, Corning East 7 Aquinas 28, Sweet Home 7

### **Semifinals**

Aquinas 17, Carthage 0 Lansingburgh 49, Ossining 20

### Championship

Aquinas 34, Lansingburgh 12

#### Championship: Aquinas 34, Lansingburgh 12

Senior running back Anthony Fitts carried for 159 yards and three touchdowns, and sophomore Anthony Bianchi returned one of his two interceptions 69 yards for a score as the Little Irish wrapped up a 13-0 season.

Aquinas scored on its first two possessions for a 14-0 lead, but the Knights closed to 14-12 on Kenny Youngs' second TD, coming with 3:07 to go in the third quarter. Youngs ran for 156 yards to end his career with 5,404 yards.

It was Aquinas' fourth NYSPHSAA championship.

Aquinas 14 0 7 13 34 Lansingburgh 0 6 6 0 12



### Class B

### Quarterfinals

Rye 35, New Paltz 14 Peru 21, Cobleskill-Rich 7 Chenango Forks 12, Cazenovia 7 Geneva 32, Depew 14

### **Semifinals**

Rye 24, Peru 7 Chenango Forks 14, Geneva 13

### Championship

Rye 19, Chenango Forks 12

### Championship: Rye 19, Chenango Forks 12

Rye trailed 12-6 at the half but blanked Chenango Forks and rode Jordan Eck scoring passes of 55 yards to James Bonsall and seven yards to Pat O'Callaghan less than 6:00 minutes apart to pull out the win.

Eck (180 yards on 12-for-19 passing, 50 rushing yards) also scored on a 5-yard run to cap a 16-play, 69-yard drive for Rye, which held a 340-238 advantage in yardage.

Matt Dunn's sack and fumble recovery with 1:54 to go snuffed out Chenango Forks' final opportunity. The teams were a combined 4-for-9 on fourth-down conversions.

Chenango Forks 6 6 0 0 12 Rve 0 6 6 7 19



### Class C

### **Quarterfinals**

Dobbs Ferry 33, Tri-Valley 0 Cambridge 24, Tupper Lake 8 Bishop Ludden 30, Unatego 21 LeRoy 47, Cleveland Hill 20

### **Semifinals**

Dobbs Ferry 47, Cambridge 0 Bishop Ludden 34, LeRoy 33 ot

### Championship

Bishop Ludden 21, Dobbs Ferry 16

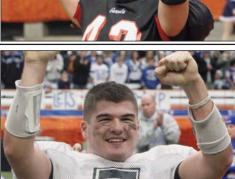
### Championship: Bishop Ludden 21, Dobbs Ferry 16

Senior Connor Sweeney completed an 80-yard TD pass to Wendall Williams on the first play from scrimmage to start the Gaelic Knights on their way to victory. Sweeney was 8-for-10 passing for 184 yards and 2 TDs to Williams.

Daquan Grobsmith's 12-yard scoring run early in the fourth quarter made the score 21-10 and proved to be the difference for Ludden. Grobsmith carried 20 times for 116 yards.

Trevon Saunders of Dobbs Ferry scored on a 3-yard run with 2:09 to play, but Ludden's John Rooney recovered the ensuing onside kick to seal the win.

Bishop Ludden 7 7 0 7 21 Dobbs Ferry 0 10 0 6 16



### Class D

### Quarterfinals

Haldane 19, Eldred 14 Ticonderoga 27, Fort Edward 16 Walton 52, Onondaga 14 Bolivar-Richburg 35, Randolph 14

### Semifinals

Walton 42, Bolivar-Richburg 0 Ticonderoga 35, Haldane 8

### Championship

Walton 64, Ticonderoga 6

### Championship: Walton 64, Ticonderoga 6

Richard Fletcher (18 carries, 108 yards) rolled up four of the team's nine touchdown runs in the most lopsided championship game in NYSPHSAA tournament history.

Walton held advantages of 399-83 in yardage and 19-8 in first downs and took a 42-0 lead into halftime. Twelve players carried the ball a combined 52 times for the winners.

Walton capped a perfect season in which it outscored its opponents by a combined 707-48 margin en route to its first championship since 1994.

Walton 22 20 16 6 64 Ticonderoga 0 0 0 6 6



### **Quarterfinals**

Monroe-Woodbury (Bye) New Rochelle 33, LaSalle 7 Binghamton 28, Henninger 20 Orchard Park 34, Gates-Chili 12

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**Semifinals** Monroe-Wood. 10, New Rochelle 8 Orchard Park 37, Binghamton 21

### Championship

Orchard Park 21, Mon-Wood 17

### Championship: Orchard Park 21, Monroe-Woodbury 17

The Quakers completed their rally from a 17-0 deficit to win on QB Kyle Hoppy's 67-yard run with 6:00 to play. Hoppy also scored on a 14-yard run in the third quarter and finished with 16 carries for 131 yards.

Senior RB Jeff Tundo added 26 carries for 146 yards for Orchard Park, which piled up a 233-41 yardage advantage in the 2nd half.

Monroe-Woodbury junior QB Dan Scalo, playing with a shoulder injury since the preseason, carried 17 times for 113 yards and two short touchdowns in the first half.

Monroe-Woodbury 7 10 0 0 1 Orchard Park 0 0 14 7 2



#### First Round

Indian River 36, Potsdam 0

### **Quarterfinals**

Burnt Hills-Bal 35, Indian River 12 Sweet Home 23, Aquinas 6 Corning West 28, New Hartford 26 Nyack 24, Cornwall 21

#### **Semifinals**

Burnt Hills-Balston 14, Nyack 13 Sweet Home 48, Corning West 8

### Championship

Sweet Home 35, Burnt Hills 28

### Championship: Sweet Home 35, Burnt Hills 28

D.J. Nettles scored on a 91-yard run in the first quarter and a 29-yard pass play in the second as the Panthers roared to a 28-7 lead en route to 500 yards of offense in the contest.

Nettles carried three times for 106 yards and caught three passes for 63 yards. Classmate Deshanaro "Day Day" Morris chipped in with 98 yards on the ground, made 10 tackles and recorded an interception and a sack.

Burnt Hills pulled within 35-28 with 6:26 to go but senior Casey Kacz (11-for-15 passing for 246 yards and 2 TDs) engineered a 13-play drive to run out the clock.

Burnt Hills 7 7 7 7 28 Sweet Home 21 7 7 0 35



### First Round

Beekmantown 21, Peru 20

### **Quarterfinals**

Rye 35, Highland 6 Hudson Falls 54, Beekmantown 20 Bath 28, Lackawanna 12 Oneida 27, Waverly 21

### **Semifinals**

Rye 34, Hudson Falls 7 Oneida 27, Bath 0

### **Championship**

Rye 16, Oneida 12

### Championship: Rye 16, Oneida 12

Oneida struck first with a four-play, 28-yard drive to open the game, but Rye seized momentum and survived 13 penalties for 113 yards.

Nate Mallinder scored to give Oneida a 6-0 lead, but Rye struck back when Cole McCormack ran for a TD from 28 yards away to give Rye a 7-6 lead.

Kyle Ramalho ran 24 times for 136 yards and made threee catches for 31 yards in the victory. QB Connor Eck was 5-for-8 for 56 yards and a 15-yard TD pass to Pat O'Callaghan.

Rye 13 3 0 0 16 Oneida 6 0 0 6 12



### First Round

Saranac Lake 33, Ogdensburg 21

### **Quarterfinals**

Saranac Lake 14, Watervliet 7 Croton-Harmon 42, Ellenville 20 Elmira ND 48, Westmoreland 21 Southwestern 38, LeRoy 35

### Semifinals

Croton-Harmon 23, Saranac Lk 14 Southwestern 20, Elmira ND 6

### Championship

Southwestern 35, Croton-Harmon 7

### Championship: Southwestern 35, Croton-Harmon 7

Southwestern scored 3 TDs in a 1:10 span midway through the 2nd quarter to take a 21-0 lead. Ryan Buzzetto returned a fumble 29 yards for a score between two Zack Sopak TD passes. Sopak's TD throws covered 20 yards to Levi Bursch to cap a 10-play, 64-yard drive.

Two plays after Zach Nelson recovered the fumbled kickoff return at the Croton-Harmon 10, Sopak passed 11 yards to Andy Latta for a TD.

Sopak was 5-for-7 for 92 yards and 1 INT and also ran for 77 yards. John Mistretta added 92 yards on the ground.

 Croton-Harmon
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 Southwestern
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 33



### Quarterfinals

Moriah 19, Rensselaer 0 Tuckahoe 47, Chester 20 Walton 44, Dolgeville 21 Maple Grove 57, Dundee 12

### **Semifinals**

Moriah 21, Tuckahoe 6 Maple Grove 49, Walton 14

### Championship

Maple Grove 55, Moriah 7

### Championship: Maple Grove 55, Moriah 7

The Red Dragons put the game away early as they drove six plays and 69 yards on the opening possession, capped by game MVP Chris Secky's 13-yard keeper over left tackle.

Junior Adam Wascher recovered a fumble two plays into Moriah's next possession, leading to Jake Larson's 4-yard TD run three plays later.

Secky (8-for-9 passing for 214 yards and 3 TDs) hit Joe Caporale (six catches, 175 yards) on second-quarter TD pass plays covering 63 and 48 yards. Secky threw for 23 TDs and just one interception for the season.

Moriah 0 0 0 7 7 Maple Grove 21 21 7 6 55



#### **Quarterfinals**

Saratoga Springs (Bye) New Rochelle 21, Mon-Wood 14 N. Tonawanda 26, Schroeder 24 Baldwinsville 49, Union-Endictt 26

### **Semifinals**

N. Tonawanda 28, Baldwinsville 7 New Rochelle 28, Saratoga 21

### Championship

N. Tonawanda 14, New Rochelle 7

### Championship: North Tonawanda 14, New Rochelle 7

Senior Darrik Bloomfield reeled in a 12-yard TD reception from junior HB Joe Montesanti midway through the 4th quarter, out-jumping Jonny McGhee in the right front corner of the end zone and gingerly clutching the ball as the defender took a final, futile swipe at it on the way down.

For New Rochelle, senior QB Lewis Edney exited with a badly injured left ankle with 3:24 to go in the first quarter and could not return.

North Tonawanda drove 11 plays and 77 yards to take the lead on Bloomfield's leaping catch.

North Tonawanda 7 0 0 7 1 New Rochelle 0 0 7 0



### First Round

Malone 28, Gouverneur 8

### **Quarterfinals**

Burnt Hills 54, Malone 13 Cornwall 31, Yonkers Roosevelt 21 Sweet Home 33, Aquinas 7 Whitesboro 27, Corning East 19

### Semifinals

Sweet Home 36, Whitesboro 13 Burnt Hills 41, Cornwall 16

### Championship

Sweet Home 34, Burnt Hills 7

#### Championship: Sweet Home 34, Burnt Hills 7

Senior Patrick McMahon, one of 10 first-year starters on offense, went 13-for-20 for 297 yards and a pair of long scoring plays in the 2nd quarter in the rematch of the 2008 final.

McMahon was 6-for-8 for 220 yards and both of his TDs in the first half to build a 19-0 lead. Ralph Neasman scored on a 1-yard run 1:51 into the second quarter, then McMahon engineered three-play drives that ended with catch-and-run TDs of 91 yards to Jahaan Williams and 54 yards on a screen to D.J. Nettles.

Nettles had 2 crucial INTs in the second half.

Sweet Home 0 19 0 15 34 Burnt Hills 0 0 7 0 9



### First Round O'Neill 35, Highland Falls 28

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### **Quarterfinals**

Westhill 41, Johnson City 14 Schalmont 34, Beelmantown 20 Nanuet 35, O'Neill 0 Hornell 48, Cheektowaga 12

### **Semifinals**

Nanuet 28, Schalmont 7 Hornell 49, Westhill 7

### **Championship**

Hornell 16, Nanuet 14

### Championship: Hornell 16, Nanuet 14

Nanuet held the Red Raiders to 48 yards on 28 plays, largely a mix of incompletions or finesse running, to take a 7-0 lead before Hornell put up 163 yards in the second half - all but five on the ground - to grind out the win.

A Pat McCormick fumble recovery on the first play of the second half launched an 11-play, 38-yard drive that included nine straight carries by Austin Dwyer (35 carries, 169 yards) and concluded with the senior's 2-yard TD run.

Dwyer raised his season total on the ground to 2,836 yards, the No. 6 mark in state history.

Hornell 0 0 16 0 16 Nanuet 0 7 0 7 14



### First Round

Ogdensburg 25, Saranac Lake 14

### **Quarterfinals**

Chenango Forks 27, Gen. Brown 0 Southwestern 28, Letchworth 18 Hoosick Falls 51, Ogdensburg 6 Bronxville 34, Ellenville 6

### Semifinals

Southwestern 21, Chenango Forks 0 Bronxville 28, Hoosick Falls 27

### Championship

Southwestern 40, Bronxville 14

### Championship: Southwestern 40, Bronxville 14

Senior Zack Sopak threw a pair of short TD passes on Southwestern's first two possessions of the second half to refocus the Trojans and pave the way for a 40- 14 victory.

Southwestern ran its winning streak to 29 games following its 2nd straight 13-0 season and NYS championship. The Trojans took the second-half kickoff and marched 55 yards to a short 7-yard Levi Bursch TD reception in just 1:50 into the third quarter, then held Bronxville on downs. Seven plays and 60 yards later, Sopak completed 8 of 16 passes for 220 yards and four TDs.

Southwestern 7 6 13 14 40 Bronxville 0 7 7 0 14



### Class D Quarterfinals

### Randolph 14, Dundee 6 Moriah 28, Rensselaer 25

Moriah 28, Rensselaer 25 Eldred 21, Tuckahoe 14 Groton 40, Westmoreland 11

### Semifinals

Randolph 61, Groton 8 Moriah 22, Eldred 13

#### **Championship**

Randolph 41, Moriah 0

### Championship: Randolph 41, Moriah 0

Senior Mike Maycock ran for one score and threw for another in the final 44 seconds of the 1st half to break open a 14-0 game. Maycock was selected game MVP after going 3-for-3 for 76 yards for the Cardinals (12-1), who ran the table in the small-school classification after suffering a 7-6 loss to 2008 state champion Maple Grove in the opener.

Maycock scored on a 4-yard run with :44 left, then connected on a 15-yard pass to Eric Gruber to cap a two-play, 47-yard drive with :03 to go in the quarter. Randolph had gotten the ball back when Matt Lundsten recovered an onside kick.

Randolph 7 20 7 7 41 Moriah 0 0 0 0



#### **Quarterfinals**

Rush-Henrietta 42, Clarence 34 Baldwinsville 49, Corning 20 Troy 32, Monroe-Woodbury 21 New Rochelle (Bye)

### Semifinals

Rush-Henrietta 55, Baldwinsville 28 Troy 20, New Rochelle 19

### Championship

Rush-Henrietta 40, Troy 28

### Championship: Rush-Henrietta 40, Troy 28

NYSSWA Class AA player of the year Ashton Broyld ran 23 times for 196 yards, threw for 94 yards and another score in one of the most memorable scoring slugfests in the history of the NYSPHSAA finals.

Devin Wofford brought back the opening kickoff 89 yards for a TD but the outcome was in doubt until the closing minutes. Wofford rushed for 134 yards on 20 carries.

R-H and Troy combined for 599 yards in the second half alone, including 307 on the ground by Troy, and 902 for the afternoon.

Troy 7 0 21 0 23 Rush-Henrietta 14 0 12 14 40



### Quarterfinals

Aquinas 36, Sweet Home 6 Whitesboro 40, Maine-Endwell 14 Harrison 35, Walkill 29 Burnt Hills 42, Potsdam 0

### Semifinals

Aquinas 35, Whitesboro 12 Harrison 17, Burnt Hills 7

### Championship

Aquinas 24, Harrison 13

### Championship: Aquinas 24, Harrison 13

State Class A co-player of the year Mike Messina (16 carries, 176 yards) ran 50 yards for the clinching score with 2:08 to go. The championship was Aquinas' fifth, breaking a tie with Caledonia-Mumford for the all-time state lead.

Aquinas receiver Chris Bostick caught 2 passes for 31 yards, including a 24-yard TD pass on a fourth-and-17 play for a 14-0 lead. Harrison then drove 76 yards in 17 snaps over 6:53, including a missed field-goal attempt negated by a defensive penalty, but came away empty as time expired in the first half.

Harrison 0 0 7 6 13 Aquinas 7 7 0 10 24



### **Quarterfinals**

Hornell 21, Alden 14 Chenango Valley 27, Cazenovia 14 Croton-Harmon 27, New Paltz 0 Schalmont 38, Ogdensburg 7

### Semifinals

Hornell 45, Chenango Valley 12 Schalmont 28, Croton-Harmon 14

### Championship

Hornell 50, Schalmont 20

### Championship: Hornell 50, Schalmont 20

The Red Raiders put together a dominating first-half and cruised to their 2nd straight NYS championsip in Syracuse.

Sam Stonerock (27 carries, 173 yards) and Scott McKibben (18-106) each rushed for a touchdown, and game MVP Dominic Scavo completed all four of his throws for 57 yards and two TDs. Hornell outgained Schalmont 389-208 and rolled up 24 first downs.

Hornell raced to a 28-0 lead, paced by Scavo's 18-yard scoring strike to Jordan Schwartz. The Raiders extended their winning streak to 26 games.

Schalmont 0 0 14 6 2 Hornell 8 20 8 14 5



#### **Quarterfinals**

Fredonia 18, Letchworth 13 Gen. Brown 21, Chenango Forks 0 Saranac Lake 15, Hoosick Falls 12 Bronxville 42, Millbrook 0

### **Semifinals**

General Brown 19, Fredonia 14 Bronxville 49, Saranac Lake 14

### Championship

Bronxville 34, General Brown 14

### Championship: Bronxville 34, General Brown 14

Dillon Mitchell ran for one score and threw for two more in the first 17 minutes to stake Bronxville to a 21-0 lead.

Mitchell finished 7-for-13 for 81 yards through the air and also gained 77 yards on 14 carries to earn game MVP honors.

Mitchell ran 29 yards for the first score 2:04 into the game and then threw TD passes of 3 and 55 yards in the second quarter. Ryan Grunseich kicked field goals of 32 and 29 yards in the final 2:04 to build the lead to 27-0 at the half.

Bronxville outgained General Brown by 232-38 in the first half.

Bronxville 7 20 7 0 34 General Brown 0 0 0 14 14



### **Quarterfinals**

Cal-Mum 20, Silver Creek 13 Walton 20, Onondaga 0 Tuckahoe 43, Chester 8 Moriah 14, Cambridge 6

#### **Semifinals**

Cal-Mum 24, Walton 10 Tuckahoe 31, Moriah 10

### Championship

Tuckahoe 27, Cal-Mum 0

### Championship: Tuckahoe 27, Cal-Mum 0

Caledonia-Mumford drove 21 plays and 73 yards to consume 9:06 on the clock only to turn the ball over on downs at the 7 to close the first half and mustered little in the second half against its faster, bigger and disciplined opponent.

Tuckahoe got 12 carries for 81 yards from Luis Esquilin and 15 attempts for 65 yards by Jarett Sommers. The Tigers scored in the first quarter with QB Kevin Garabitos' 1-yard scoring run.

The third quarter began with Tuckahoe driving nine plays and 53 yards to Esquilin's 5-yard TD run for a 14-0 lead.

Tuckahoe 6 0 8 13 27 Cal-Mum 0 0 0 0 0



# **Meaningless Games**



In New York State, high school football teams are allowed to play nine games. Most teams across the state play seven games - and then start their sectional playoffs.

Since the State allows teams to play nine games, some sections will allow non-playoff teams to schedule and play two extra games.

These games get a bad rap in the media - with many sportswriters terming them "meaningless" games.

This past season, in a 9th-Week matchup in Western New York, Wilson beat Lew-Port 34-14.

There was no trophy at stake. There was very little fanfare involved. Not many people attended - mostly parents. The final score wasn't even reported in the media.

So, why play it at all? Well... Wilson coach Bill Atlas says that New York State doesn't play enough games as it is.

"Even with nine games we play one less game than almost every other state," Atlas said. "When colleges are recruiting our players, a kid in Ohio will have played almost a full season more than our kids. It makes a difference."

But is playing one extra game per season - for the very few players that might be recruited - enough of a reason to host a "meaningless" game?

"It also gets some of our younger guys into a varsity game," Atlas said. "It will give our JV players a little experience and shows them what they need to do to get better so they can play for the varsity next year."

But is giving a bunch of JV kids 2 quarters of playing time enough of a reason to play a "meaningless" game?

Maybe there's another reason.

Atlas says that he prepared for the ninth game, the "meaningless" one at the end of the season, the same way he prepared for the opener.

"We prepare all year long for this," he said. "If you have the chance to play another game, why not? If someone told me I could play a 10th game, I would find 22 kids and go play."

But, what about a player like Wilson senior Pat Walch, a FOUR-YEAR starter for the Lakemen.

Walch made 15 tackles in Wilson's final regular-season game... a 12-6 loss to Lafayette.

The senior now has 354 tackles in his career, which makes him the all-time tackle leader for Wilson, beating the old record of 341 set by Matt Faery (1988-1991).

Walch (6-0, 180) was called up to the varsity team in the fall of 2009 when he was just 14 years old.

"He had had some success at the JV level as a 7th and 8th grader," Atlas said. "We thought he could handle the varsity level."

Atlas says that Walch has a supreme football intelligence.

"He's probably one of the smartest football players I have ever coached," Atlas said. "I know coaches say it a lot, but Pat really is another coach on the field. He makes all the calls and all the checks. He has a really good foot-

ball mind."

Walch also starts at TE and finished his career as the 3rd-leading receiver in school history. He caught 2 more passes for 56 yards against Lew-Port.

"He averages about 18 catches per season," Atlas said. "He'll finish his career with 60 to 70 catches."

Walch is also an outstanding student.

"Pat is a great student," Atlas said. "He is 18th in his class academically. His grades are in the 90s."

Not only is Walch a great student, but he is a solid citizen.

"He's a great kid," Atlas said. "He just finished his Eagle Scout, he's involved with his church. You really couldn't ask for a better kid to be a part of your football program for four years."

And, even with Wilson struggling to a 2-7 record this year, Walch remained driven to succeed.

"He's never wavered." Atlas said.

"He just shows up and does his job. I've never heard him say a nasty word to anyone. He's never missed a practice in four years."

Atlas says that Walsh would love to play football in college if he has the opportunity.

"He wants to be a Physician's Assistant," Atlas said.

"Academics are number-1 with him but he could play at a smaller school. I'm sure he would want the chance."

Walch is a 4-year starter who has never missed a practice, has outstanding grades, made Eagle Scout, is active in his church and is an all-around great kid.

And, in the ninth week of the season, he has one last chance to strap on his helmet and just go play a football game just because he loves to play.

Somehow, I don't think the game was "meaningless" to him.



Photo by Mark Adair

Wilson senior Pat Walch.

# **2011 Scholar Athlete**

### **NYSHSFCA** Criteria

The New York State High School Football Coaches Association will present annual awards to Scholar/ Athletes from Classes AA, A, B, C and D.

The awards will be presented at the NYSHSFCA CLINIC to be held in February at THE TURNING STONE RESORT.

In addition, the coaches will select a

SCHOLAR/ATHLETE FIRST-TEAM FOR EACH CLASSIFICATION.

The following are the criteria we will use for judging the nominations.

### The player MUST

- · Be a member of the Senior Class
- · Be a significant contributor to your team
- · Have a 90+ GPA for their high school career
- · Have a class rank in the upper 25% of his class
- · Be a person exhibiting good citizenship characteristics
- Must have a score of 1100+ (math and verbal only) on the SAT OR 25+ on the ACT



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# **2011 Scholar Athlete**

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(Please copy and use a separate form for each player)

Grade

Players Name

Positions: Offense		Defense: _	Specia	l Teams	_
SAT Score Math	_Verbal	Total	ACT Score	Class Rank	Total in Class
Home Address					
City / Zip					
Home phone					
E-mail					
Class (Circle One):	AA A	в с	D		
Head Coach					
School					
Home phone					
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# 2011 Player of the Year

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lame of Section Rep:	
Section	
Players Name	Grade
Positions: Offense Defense:	Special Teams
Statistics:	
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Home Address	
City / Zip	
Home phone	-
E-mail	
Class (Circle One): AA A B C D	
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School	
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# 2011 12th Man Award

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Name of Section Rep:			
Section			
returned to his team. This player	would have made a v	who has overcome a serious physical injuvaluable contribution to the success of his twe been made on or off the field of play.	
Players Name		Grade	
Positions: Offense	Defense:	Special Teams	
WHY:			
Home Address City / Zip			
Home phone			
E-mail			
Class (Circle One): AA	A B C D	)	
Head Coach			
School			
Home phone			
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