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LANCASTER-LEBANON LEAGUE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL REVIEW

A STRANGE YEAR

Through 10 weeks, L-L teams played a season like no other



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LOOKING BACK AT 2020

Who survived and thrived in an odd year

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That’s a wrap for Lancaster-Lebanon League football 2020.

In what will go down as one of the strangest seasons in league history because of COVID-19 and coronavirus protocols and mandates, every team played at least seven games, and three teams earned postseason bids.

Here’s a recap.

Section One

Wilson was looking up at a 0-1 record, after a humbling 48-7 setback against bitter backyard rival Governor Mifflin. But that loss only stoked the Bulldogs’ fire, as they rattled off six wins in a row and won the outright section championship —

Wilson’s league-best 28th section crown. However, the Bulldogs were denied a shot at the district 6A bracket as the No. 5 seed, even when top-seeded Harrisburg had to drop out because of a COVID-19 case. That didn’t exactly go over well at Wilson, which should have plenty of motivation in 2021. Manheim Township, which had won the last three section titles in a row,

earned a runner-up nod this time around, digging out of a 0-2 trench to win five games in a row down the stretch. Newbie QB Evan Clark made his presence felt, firing 18 TD passes against zero interceptions, and his favorite target, Anthony Ivey, made a verbal commitment to Penn State.

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FINAL L-L LEAGUE FOOTBALL TOP STATISTICAL LEADERS FOR 2020 SEASON

RUSHING

- Braden Bohannon, Elco — 144 carries for 990 yards, 6.9 avg., 17 TD
- Colton Miller, Warwick — 140 carries for 879 yards, 6.3 avg., 23 TD
- Mike Trainor, Octorara — 122 carries for 817 yards, 6.7 avg., 12 TD
- Anthony Bourassa, Cocalico — 90 carries for 752 yards, 8.4 avg., 8 TD
- Kaleb Brown, Wilson — 66 carries for 746 yards 11.3 avg., 7 TD
- Tony Lazar, Pequea Valley — 102 carries for 677 yards, 6.6 avg., 5 TD
- Tanner Hess, Hempfield — 116 carries for 663 yards, 5.7 avg., 11 TD
- Jake Williams, Elco — 63 carries for 660 yards, 10.5 avg., 5 TD
- Booper Johnson, Conestoga Valley — 123 carries for 618 yards, 5.0 avg., 4 TD
- Cade Clancy, Manheim Township — 82 carries for 531 yards, 6.5 avg., 9 TD
- Mason St. Clair, Solanco — 134 carries for 522 yards, 3.9 avg., 11 TD
- JadyN Jones, Wilson — 75 carries for 519 yards, 6.9 avg., 5 TD
- Isaiah Stoltzfus, Penn Manor — 132 carries for 517 yards, 3.9 avg., 5 TD
- Carson Nash, Cocalico — 108 carries for 511 yards, 4.7 avg., 11 TD
- Riley Drager, Elizabethtown — 100 carries for 507 yards, 5.1 avg., 5 TD
- Rogan Harter, Annville-Cleona — 39 carries for 493 yards, 12.6 avg., 7 TD
- Matt Brown, Lebanon — 85 carries for 480 yards, 5.7 avg., 6 TD
- Garrett Blake, Donegal — 82 carries for 479 yards, 5.8 avg., 6 TD
- Steven Flinton, Cocalico — 58 carries for 468 yards, 8.1 avg., 2 TD
- Jesse Martin, Garden Spot — 104 carries for 460 yards, 4.4 avg., 6 TD
- Luke Williams, Elco — 62 carries for 449 yards, 7.2 avg., 5 TD

- Drew Harris, Lampeter-Strasburg — 92 carries for 447 yards, 4.9 avg., 5 TD
- Robert Castagna, Solanco — 92 carries for 435 yards, 4.7 avg., 1 TD
- Steven Rivas, Columbia — 67 carries for 435 yards, 6.5 avg., 7 TD
- Weston Stoltzfus, Octorara — 53 carries for 409 yards, 7.7 avg., 7 TD
- Alex Knapp, Lampeter-Strasburg — 58 carries for 400 yards, 6.9 avg., 6 TD
- Sean McTaggart, Lampeter-Strasburg — 90 carries for 400 yards, 4.4 avg., 8 TD
- Chase Maguire, Annville-Cleona — 101 carries for 390 yards, 3.9 avg., 6 TD
- Haydyn Wrigley, Octorara — 60 carries for 366 yard, 6.1 avg., 1 TD
- Tony Cruz, Lancaster Catholic — 78 carries for 369 yards, 4.7 avg., 3 TD
- John Dykie, Garden Spot — 88 carries for 363 yards, 4.1 avg., 5 TD
- Ronnie Fulton, Solanco — 53 carries for 343 yards, 6.5 avg., 3 TD
- AadyN Richards, Cedar Crest — 64 carries for 343 yards, 5.4 avg., 4 TD
- Mason Ober, Donegal — 73 carries for 340 yards, 4.7 avg., 6 TD
- Evan Clark, Manheim Township — 65 carries for 339 yards, 5.2 avg., 4 TD
- Ryan Kernan, Octorara — 41 carries for 337 yards, 8.2 avg., 3 TD
- Zach Turpen, Solanco — 64 carries for 329 yards, 5.1 avg., 2 TD
- Justin Elliott, Columbia — 62 carries for 304 yards, 4.9 avg., 1 TD
- Richard Greer, Ephrata — 91 carries for 304 yards, 3.3 avg., 4 TD
- Nevin Roman, Lancaster Catholic — 79 carries for 303 yards, 3.8 avg., 0 TD

PASSER EFFICIENCY RATING (Minimum 30 pass attempts)

- Evan Clark, Manheim Township — 98 of 141 for 1,505 yards, 18 TD, 0 INT; 144 rating
- Sean McTaggart, Lampeter-Strasburg — 96

LANCASTER-LEBANON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Year in Review

GAMES OF THE WEEK

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- of 169 for 1,865 yards, 27 TD, 4 INT; 125 rating
- Joey McCracken, Warwick — 77 of 123 for 1,310 yards, 11 TD, 2 INT; 122 rating
- Judd Novak, Manheim Central — 97 of 179 for 1,580 yards, 21 TD, 7 INT; 107 rating
- Cam Harbaugh, Hempfield — 82 of 138 for 1,173 yards, 8 TD, 1 INT; 103 rating
- Isaiah Rodriguez, Lebanon — 63 of 118 for 907 yards, 8 TD, 2 INT; 94 rating
- Carson Nash, Cocalico — 23 of 52 for 454 yards, 5 TD, 2 INT; 91 rating
- Kaleb Brown, Wilson — 50 of 94 for 567 yards, 9 TD, 5 INT; 81 rating
- Joey Gunzenhauser, Ephrata — 22 of 49 for 345 yards, 4 TD, 2 INT; 79 rating
- Weston Stoltzfus, Octorara — 62 of 116 for 1,098 yards, 10 TD, 10 INT; 79 rating
- Robert Footman, Columbia — 97 of 185 for 1,516 yards, 14 TD, 12 INT; 78 rating
- Luke Braas, Penn Manor — 111 of 198 for 1,257 yards, 8 TD, 7 INT; 74 rating
- Macoy Kneisley, Conestoga Valley — 55 of 103 for 809 yards, 8 TD, 8 INT; 73 rating
- Jack Reed, Warwick — 21 of 38 for 320 yards, 1 TD, 2 INT; 70 rating
- Will Cranford, Lancaster Catholic — 51 of 108 for 817 yards, 3 TD, 5 INT; 63 rating
- Chase Maguire, Annville-Cleona — 12 of 35 for 180 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT; 62 rating
- Jesse Martin, Garden Spot — 44 of 95 for 428 yards, 3 TD, 2 INT; 61 rating
- Miracle Wratto, Ephrata — 26 of 52 for 368 yards, 4 TD, 6 INT; 59 rating
- Josh Rudy, Elizabethtown — 38 of 76 for 438 yards, 4 TD, 5 INT; 58 rating
- Chris Danz, Cedar Crest — 94 of 193 for 1,167 yards, 6 TD, 10 INT; 57 rating

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FOOTBALL IN A PANDEMIC

AN UNWELCOME DEVELOPMENT

*For the L-L League, COVID-19 meant a late start, truncated slate and a host of scheduling issues***JEFF REINHART**
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There was an inkling that the 2020 Lancaster-Lebanon League football season would be like none other back in July, when Lampeter-Strasburg had to stop all summer drills for two weeks because of coronavirus concerns in the school district.

Coach John Manion beat his bout of COVID-19, and eventually returned to the sideline to guide L-S to L-L League Section Three and District Three Class 4A championships.

But overall, the 2020 season was anything but cut and dried. All 24 teams got a late start, with heat acclimatization beginning on Aug. 31, and Week One games kicking off on Sept. 18. The truncated schedule featured one nonleague game, then head-to-head section play, and then the league-mandated crossover games to cap a seven-game schedule.

That all sounded pretty optimistic when L-L officials drew it up back in August. Despite some hiccups and speed bumps along the way, the league pulled it off. Plus, taking everything into consideration, seven games were much better than zero; some leagues and teams around the state didn't play at all, and some leagues played fewer than seven games.

"There were definitely a lot of challenges," said Annville-Cleona athletic director Tommy Long, the L-L League football chairman, who was tasked with drafting the master schedule and keeping the league afloat during a pandemic.

"The minute you thought you had everything figured out, you were thrown another curveball and you had to make changes on the fly," Long said. "But I think the fact that we were able to play games, and to get the kids on the field, and to even get those experiences was a real testament to everyone working together for what was best for our student-athletes."

Everyone, Long noted, like school board officials and district administrators. Athletic directors. Coaches. And especially health and medical personnel.

"It was a daunting task trying to figure



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COVID-19 protocols informed a great many procedures during the very unusual 2020 high school football season. For example, players had to be meticulous about keeping separate water bottles, face masks and other protective items, as shown during a scrimmage between Manheim Township and Manheim Central on Sept. 11.

out how all of this was going to work," Long said. "There were so many logistical things that had to go into place just to make sure we could even have a season. It came down to being a team effort, from your school boards, to your admin teams, to your medical teams, and to students and parents doing everything they needed to do with the protocols."

"The fact that we got any playing time in football at all this fall," Long added, "is a testament to all the schools and all those teams working together to make sure the safety protocols were in place to get these experiences for the kids. This was all new for us. None of us had ever gone through anything like this before."

There weren't many L-L League football teams not impacted by the virus outbreak this fall, with just six squads that didn't have a game postponed or canceled or shifted: Cocalico, Elizabethtown, Hempfield, Northern Lebanon, Solanco and Wilson all completed their seven-game

regular-season slates uninterrupted.

Cocalico, Elizabethtown, Hempfield and Northern Lebanon, in fact, added Week Eight nonleague games. Solanco and Wilson called it a season after Week Seven.

Other school districts and teams weren't so lucky. Arguably the unluckiest: Warwick. The Warriors steamrolled to a 7-0 regular-season ride, including the outright Section Two championship. Then came a District Three Class 5A semifinal victory over New Oxford, putting Warwick in a district title game for the first time in program history.

Alas, the school district closed its doors because of positive COVID-19 tests just four days before the Warriors' matchup against Governor Mifflin, and Warwick was forced to forfeit the title game to the Mustangs.

That was a stinger.

Garden Spot also caught a bad break; the Spartans weren't able to finish their season

because of positive COVID-19 cases in the Elanco School District. Ditto for Lebanon and Cedar Crest, who were slated to play in their annual backyard Cedar Bowl rivalry showdown on Nov. 6. After two postponements and more coronavirus concerns, that game was finally canceled on Nov. 13.

Manheim Township had to cancel three games; the Blue Streaks were slated to play Pennsbury, State College and Downingtown East in nonleague clashes in November, but with virus concerns on the rise at Township, the Streaks had to bag those games.

Seven teams were able to add games on the fly, after their section games were postponed during the week because of coronavirus cases: Ephrata picked up Sun Valley; McCaskey picked up Harrisburg; Lancaster Catholic picked up Juniata; Octorara picked up West Chester Henderson; Columbia picked up Southern Huntingdon; Annville-Cleona picked up James Buchanan; and Pequea Valley picked up Pine Grove.

Later, Ephrata's nonleague game against Manheim Central was canceled, and the Barons also had to drop a game vs. Carlisle.

Elco played the fewest regular-season games; the Raiders went 6-0 and won the Section Four title. But because of a scheduling tweak, Elco ended up with a bye in Week Seven. Instead of adding a game, the Raiders took the week off to prep for their District Three Class 4A semifinal tussle against Northern York, which Elco won 42-7.

L-S ended up playing the most games; the Pioneers went 9-1, including their district-championship victory over Elco, and a setback against Jersey Shore in the PIAA state semifinals.

"You're thankful that you participate in the league you do," Long said. "At the end of the day, we all worked together on getting opportunities for our kids and coaches. We came up with the best plans for our schools and as a league so the kids — be it football, soccer, field hockey, volleyball — could get opportunities to play."

Looking ahead, the 2021 L-L League football season — in the 50th anniversary of the league — should be a memorable one, as it will be the last campaign in its current format; 13 Berks League teams are set to come aboard as associate members in 2022, ushering in a new era for the L-L.

ON THE COVER: Lampeter-Strasburg's Sean McTaggart dives for a touchdown after a catch against Solanco during the first half in Quarryville on Sept. 18. L-S earned a 47-15 victory in the Week 1 game.

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UPSET SPECIAL

COLUMBIA 19, LANC. CATHOLIC 14

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Seemingly destined for a loss thanks to a late interception near the goal line, Columbia was gifted a golden opportunity to claim victory on the opening night of the 2020 season.

After taking over at its own 1 and following an offside by Columbia, Lancaster Catholic quarterback Mason McClair fumbled in the final minute. The ball was recovered by Collin McCarty at the 9.

The Tide made the most of the opportunity, as junior QB Robert Footman scampered 3 yards for a touchdown on fourth-and-goal with 35 seconds left to give Columbia a 19-14 win.

Ultimately, Footman completed 14 of 34 passes for 120 yards and added the game-winning TD run.

Key stats

Lancaster Catholic racked up 112 yards on its two first-quarter touchdowns.

From that point, the Tide defense held the Crusaders to 66 yards the rest of the game, including just 17 in the second half and no first downs.

The Crusaders attempted just two passes, the first of which came at the 4:32 mark of the third quarter. The other attempt was intercepted on the game's final play.

High Tide

Trailing 14-7, Columbia got a 69-yard touchdown run from Steven Rivas with 9:37 left in the final quarter. Later, the Tide recovered a muffed punt and drove to the Crusaders' 26, but Footman was picked off by Nahjeir Aikens.

GAME OF THE WEEK: LAMPETER-STRASBURG 47, SOLANCO 15

Cranking up the volume

Offense, defense started strong in Milk Jug win

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As the 2020 Lancaster-Lebanon League football season finally kicked off Sept. 18, the Lampeter-Strasburg Pioneers opened business by making sure the Milk Jug Trophy remained in their custody for another year.

The Pioneers opened defense of their District Three Class 4A championship by dropping rival Solanco 47-15 in a nonleague game in Quarryville. L-S built a commanding 40-0 lead to trigger the mercy rule in the third quarter, before Solanco finished fast with a pair of fourth-quarter scores. But the Pioneers feasted on five turnovers, and scoring touchdowns off of all five takeaways, to take an 8-3 lead in the trophy series between the neighboring school districts.

"Honestly, it's just fun to be back out here again," L-S coach John Manion said after the contest. "Our defense played well all night; I'm very proud of their effort, and I think a lot of their turnovers were from us putting pressure on them, and putting heat on their quarterback."

L-S had three interceptions and recovered a pair of fumbles, overcoming 11 penalties for 105 yards for the win — and the Milk Jug.

"It's nice to have it," Manion said. "We like to keep those trophies in-house."

The game was played before a sparse audience; with stadium limitations at 250 people because of COVID-19 protocols, L-S's side was completely empty, while Solanco's side included the cheer-leading squad and just a handful of parents.

On the field, L-S QB Sean McTaggart picked up right where he left off in his all-star sophomore season. After missing the 2019 season with a knee injury, McTaggart made a triumphant return behind center against Solanco. The senior clicked on 7 of 12 passes for 117 yards with a pair of TD strikes, and he had a hand in all four of the Pioneers' first-half scores, when L-S built a commanding 26-0 lead at the break.

McTaggart's 2-yard plunge opened the scoring; he zipped a 21-yard TD pass to Ian Herr to make it 12-0; he threw a 26-yard TD strike to Austin Stoltzfus for a 19-0 lead; and McTaggart's 4-yard keeper gave L-S a 26-point cushion at the half.

Conner Nolt, who stepped in at QB for



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Lampeter-Strasburg players celebrate with the Milk Jug Trophy after beating Solanco on the opening night of the 2020 high school football season at Solanco High School in Quarryville on Sept. 18.

McTaggart last fall and helped the Pioneers win the district title, found a new home at outside linebacker in 2020. He came up with a pair of interceptions in the opener, the latter returned 74 yards for a TD to give L-S a 40-0 lead.

Earlier in the third quarter, Alex Knapp zoomed 29 yards for a TD run on a perfectly executed sweep play. Owen Fikkert punched in a 4-yard TD run to cap the Pioneers' scoring.

Solanco QB Mason St. Clair had a 7-yard scoring keeper and Zach Turpen, who rushed for a game-high 91 yards, had a 12-yard TD run in the waning seconds for the Golden Mules, who simply couldn't overcome those five turnovers.

"Honestly, I wasn't so sure that we'd even have a season," Solanco coach Tony Cox said.

"So I'm glad we got to come out here and play L-S in the first game, for the Milk Jug, because none of us knows what might happen next week. L-S looked really good; they're big, and McTaggart is back and he looked good. We had our opportunities and we did some

WEEK 1 SCORES

GAMES OF SEPT. 18

NONLEAGUE

- Warwick 43, Penn Manor 13
- Manheim Central 41, Cedar Crest 6
- Lampeter-Strasburg 47, Solanco 15
- Elizabethtown 42, McCaskey 6
- Columbia 19, Lancaster Catholic 14
- Elco 28, Ephrata 27
- Donegal 42, Annville-Cleona 14
- Cocalico 49, Garden Spot 21
- La Salle College 35, Manheim Township 27
- Lebanon 39, Northern Lebanon 7
- Hempfield 34, Exeter 34 (OT)
- Gov. Mifflin 48, Wilson 7
- Pottsville Nativity 27, Pequea Valley 23
- Octorara 40, Schuylkill Valley 10

good things, but we didn't make a couple of plays."



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GAME OF THE WEEK: COCALICO 35, MANHEIM CENTRAL 19

Changing times in Section 2

Eagles' 6-game skid against Barons came to a close in Week 2

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The streak came to a close.

On Sept. 25, for the first time since 2016, Manheim Central dropped a Lancaster-Lebanon League Section Two football game. And it was the Barons' biggest rival that did the honors.

Anthony Bourassa rushed for 254 yards and a pair of first-quarter touchdowns that night, and Cocalico, which was coming off a District Three Class 5A championship in 2019, topped Central 35-19 in Denver in the league opener for both teams.

The defeat snapped the Barons' 23-game section unbeaten streak.

Cocalico also closed the book on a six-game losing skid against Central, which KO'd the Eagles in the district playoffs in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Bourassa, who missed most of the 2019 season with a broken ankle, continued a torrid start for the Eagles. One week after rushing for 120 yards on just five carries with two touchdowns against Garden Spot, the 5-foot-7, 170-pound junior ran wild against Central.

Bourassa had 180 yards in the first quarter and 200 yards and a pair of scores by halftime; his 75-yard bolt on the Eagles' first play from scrimmage gave Cocalico a quick 7-0 lead. Just five minutes later, Bourassa found the end zone again, this time from 30 yards out and the Eagles led 14-0 just seven minutes into the game.

Cocalico rushed for 470 yards in all; QB Carson Nash tacked on 118 yards on 18 keepers, and his 31-yard TD dash with 1:11 to play iced the game.

Central punched back early with back-to-back first-half field goals by Logan Shull.

His 37-yarder made it 14-3 late in the first quarter, and a 27-yarder made it 14-6. The latter kick was set up by Larry Marley's 55-yard run, after which the Barons stalled out on third-and-goal from the 2. After a penalty, Shull drilled the second field goal.

Marley rushed for 66 yards for Central.

Cocalico stretched its lead to 21-6 right before the half on Nash's 6-yard



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Manheim Central's Wes Borden chases down Cocalico QB Carson Nash during first-half action at Cocalico High School on Sept. 25.

TD keeper. Nash hit Luke Angstadt for a 42-yard pass to set up the score, after Casey Bernhard picked off Central QB Judd Novak to thwart a Barons' drive.

Central made things interesting early in the second half; on Cocalico's first play from scrimmage in the third quarter, Barons' DB Mason Weaver scooped up a fumble and zoomed 18 yards for a TD and it was 21-13.

But the Eagles answered immediately, with Brycen Flinton taking a pitch from Nash and skirting 34 yards for a TD.

The Barons, at that point winners of five straight Section Two championships, landed another punch when Novak lobbed a 34-yard TD pass to Owen Sensenig with 6:20 to play, and it was 28-19.

WEEK 2 SCORES

GAMES OF SEPT. 25

L-L SECTION ONE

- Cedar Crest 27, McCaskey 11
- Hempfield 40, Penn Manor 7
- Wilson 31, Manheim Township 28

L-L SECTION TWO

- Cocalico 35, Manheim Central 19
- Solanco 29, Elizabethtown 22

L-L SECTION THREE

- Donegal 13, Lancaster Catholic 7

- Ephrata 21, Garden Spot 10
- Lampeter-Strasburg 42, Lebanon 20

L-L SECTION FOUR

- Elco 40, Annville-Cleona 10
- Columbia 44, Pequea Valley 23
- Octorara 39, Northern Lebanon 6

GAME OF SEPT. 26

L-L SECTION TWO

- Warwick 41, Conestoga Valley 0

But Nash's 31-yard keeper sealed it, as Cocalico piled up 23 first downs and

held Central to just 64 rushing yards, 203 total yards and eight first downs.

GAME OF THE WEEK: WARWICK 45, MANHEIM CENTRAL 14

Warriors show off strengths

Versatile Warwick rolled up 433 yards of offense on way to win

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Throughout its program history, only extraordinary high school football teams have been able to do this to Manheim Central.

Warwick emphatically put itself in that category Oct. 2 after an offensive tour de force in Lititz — a 45-14 defeat of the Barons in a Lancaster-Lebanon League Section Two game.

The Warriors racked up 433 yards of offense and rolled to their third win in as many starts before a small crowd of football parents at Grosh Field.

“I thought we had really good balance,” Warwick coach Bob Locker said. “And, I thought (QB Joey McCracken) looked significantly better this week.

“We kind of had a situation of, ‘What do you want to take away from us?’”

McCracken tore an ACL ligament playing basketball in February. After a long summer of rehab, he played a half of the previous week’s win over Conestoga Valley. Against Central he went the whole way, until garbage time, and completed 13 of 19 passes for 211 yards and a touchdown.

McCracken coming all the way back served to make the Warriors’ arsenal of weapons as complete as anybody’s. Running back Colton Miller posted another huge showing (20 carries, 121 yards, four touchdowns) to push himself to 10 TDs in just three games.

His backup, Christian Royer, had 58 yards in 10 tries and a TD against the Barons. Cincinnati-bound wideout Caleb Schmitz had seven catches for 71 yards, and the Warriors also got big plays from



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Warwick’s Broc Diem drops Manheim Central’s Larry Marley for a loss during first-half action of an L-L Section Two game on Oct. 2. The Warriors earned a 45-14 win.

wideouts Tanner Haines and Broc Diem, tight end Thatcher Miller, etc., etc.

Throw this bunch behind a massive and physical offensive line led by Wis-

consin recruit Nolan Rucci, and ... it’s safe to call Warwick formidable.

“We ran the ball, and we threw it,” Locker said. “We kind of mixed and

WEEK 3 SCORES

GAMES OF OCT. 2

L-L SECTION ONE

- Manheim Township 49, Cedar Crest 14
- Hempfield 45, McCaskey 7
- Wilson 35, Penn Manor 8

L-L SECTION TWO

- Solanco 24, Cocalico 22
- Warwick 45, Manheim Central 14
- Conestoga Valley 10, Elizabethtown 7

L-L SECTION THREE

- Lebanon 31, Ephrata 20
- Garden Spot 28, Donegal 7
- Lampeter-Strasburg 48, Lancaster Catholic 0

L-L SECTION FOUR

- Octorara 27, Columbia 20
- Elco 53, Pequea Valley 14
- Annvile-Cleona 28, Northern Lebanon 14

matched.”

Manheim Central (1-2) got touchdown passes from junior QB Judd Novak to Owen Sensenig very early (35 yards) and very late (27 yards). The Barons initially led the game, too, 7-0.

But Warwick answered that with a drive that was very Miller-centric, seven plays, 57 yards, six carries by Miller, including a 6-yarder for the score.

Warwick got the ball right back, mixed it up a bit on a seven-play, 51-yard march, and took the lead for good on Miller’s 15-yard run.

That’s how it went.

The downside for the Warriors: 10 penalties for 100 yards, and one starter was ejected for throwing a punch.

“We can’t do stuff like that if we want to be all we can be,” Locker said afterward. “This can never happen again.

“There was a lot of jawing tonight, and it’s a shame I had to lose a kid, but, the fact of the matter is he broke the rule, threw a punch, and you can’t do that, no matter what.”

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GAME OF THE WEEK: ELCO 22, OCTORARA 19

Bohannon gave Raiders a leg up

Senior showcased versatility with 3 rushing TDs, 3 interceptions in win over Braves

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ATGLEN — Have a night, Braden Bohannon.

Elco's senior standout had been making big plays for the Raiders since his breakout freshman season. But on Oct. 9, he made big play after big play, as he helped his squad take over sole possession of first place in the Lancaster-Lebanon League Section Four race.

Piloting Elco's Veer offense, Bohannon rushed for 263 yards on 33 carries with three touchdown keepers — including the go-ahead score early in the fourth quarter — and from his safety spot on defense, Bohannon intercepted three passes, including the game-icing pick with 48 seconds to play as the Raiders held off host Octorara 22-19.

"This one is huge," Bohannon said. "This was a back-and-forth game, and both teams were fighting their hearts out. We definitely tip our caps to them."

With the win that night Elco moved to a 3-0 record in the section — and a 4-0 mark overall — to post its best start since a 5-0 getaway in 2009.

"This one says an awful lot about the team culture they've built — and it continues," Elco coach Bob Miller said of his squad. "That's what carries you through a victory like this."

Both teams started slowly; it was scoreless after the first quarter, when Elco and Octorara exchanged two punts apiece. And then — boom — fireworks, with four touchdowns over the final 6:21 of the first half.

Bohannon's 3-yard TD keeper got the scoring party started, and Octorara tied it up at 6-6 when Weston Stoltzfus flipped a 15-yard TD pass to Haydyn Wrigley. That was the first of three scores in the final 1:40 of the half.

Bohannon answered the Braves' first score with a 67-yard TD sprint with 55 ticks to go in the half. But Octorara grabbed a 13-12 lead at the break when Stoltzfus lobbed a screen pass to Ryan Kernan, who then turned on the jets and raced 83 yards for a TD with 27 seconds to go before intermission.

WEEK 4 SCORES

GAMES OF OCT. 9

L-L SECTION ONE

- Hempfield 29, Cedar Crest 15
- Manheim Township 14, Penn Manor 6
- Wilson 41, McCaskey 7

L-L SECTION TWO

- Cocalico 33, Conestoga Valley 7
- Warwick 50, Elizabethtown 9
- Solanco 42, Manheim Central 35

L-L SECTION THREE

- Lampeter-Strasburg 42, Donegal 0
- Ephrata 24, Lancaster Catholic 7
- Lebanon 35, Garden Spot 23

L-L SECTION FOUR

- Elco 22, Octorara 19
- Columbia 47, Northern Lebanon 13

"This one is huge. This was a back-and-forth game, and both teams were fighting their hearts out."

— Braden Bohannon,
Elco senior quarterback

Elco took a 15-13 lead late in the third quarter when Reese Shuey boomed a 43-yard field goal. But Octorara got the lead right back, when Stoltzfus — who threw for 183 yards — hit Bryan Pennypacker for a 17-yard TD with 1:45 to go in the third quarter.

Bohannon's 3-yard TD keeper with 9:59 to go gave Elco the lead for good, and Bohannon's acrobatic interception with time running out — and with Octorara making one, last-gasp drive — sealed it.

"Huge," Bohannon said. "I judged it just right, because I barely held on to it. It felt great to come down with it, be-



CHRRIS KNIGHT | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elco quarterback Braden Bohannon looks for an open receiver during the first half of an L-L Section Four game against Octorara on Oct. 9 in Atglen. Bohannon ran for three touchdowns on offense and helped himself defensively by picking off three passes in the contest. The Raiders walked away with a 22-19 victory.

cause I knew we just had to take a couple of knees, and we'd win the game."

And take over sole possession of first place in the race.

"That last play, holy cow," Octorara coach Jed King said. "If we throw it one more yard there, it's probably a touchdown. That kid (Bohannon) played crazy on defense. And on offense, he kept the ball and kept pounding. I'm so proud of my kids, but turnovers were the tale of the tape. We couldn't finish there one last time at the end, but our kids fought hard the whole game."

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GAME OF THE WEEK: MANHEIM TOWNSHIP 49, HEMPFIELD 7

Keeping the streak alive

Clancy, Clark led MT to its 7th straight win over the Black Knights

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Manheim Township left no doubt.

The Blue Streaks scored on their first seven possessions, and Township used a boatload of big plays on the way to a 49-7 Lancaster-Lebanon League Section One victory over rival Hempfield on Oct. 16 in Landisville.

Cade Clancy rushed for 132 yards and four touchdowns, QB Evan Clark passed for 261 yards with a TD strike and a pair of TD keepers, and the Streaks beat the Black Knights for the seventh year in a row to retain the Joseph F. Kurjiaka Trophy.

“Consistency has been the big preaching point from our coaches,” Clancy said. “We have to be consistent and finish, and do the little things right on every play. And you have to take advantage because you never know, with this situation, what game might be your last.”

Hempfield had a three-game winning streak snapped in the loss.

Meanwhile, Township won its third straight as it piled up 421 yards of total offense while limiting Hempfield to 72 rushing yards and just eight first downs.

The game turned quickly in the first quarter, when Township executed back-to-back trick plays. Up 7-0 on Clark’s 8-yard TD run, the Streaks pulled off an onside kick, with Matt O’Gorman kicking and then recovering his own pooch boot.

On the next play, Township executed a flea-flicker, with Clark uncorking a 40-yard pass to Anthony Ivey. One play later, Clancy darted 14 yards for a TD and a 14-0 lead, and the rout was on.



CHRIS KNIGHT | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Manheim Township quarterback Evan Clark looks to get around a pair of Hempfield defenders during the first half of a Lancaster-Lebanon League Section One football game Oct. 16. Clark threw for 261 yards and one touchdown — and ran for two more — as the Blue Streaks picked up a 49-7 victory over the Black Knights.

“That was a huge momentum-builder, and it took the life out of them,” Clancy said of the onside kick. “Especially coming off our own touchdown, and then to make another big play like that right away. I think that got their heads spinning around. Then we punched another one in, so that was huge.”

“We had the momentum after we scored,” Township coach Mark Evans said, “and when you can get it right back (on an onside kick) like that, you want to go big. And it worked.”

Clark’s 1-yard dive made it 21-0, and Township grabbed a safe and sound 28-0 lead on the last play of the first quarter, when Clancy zoomed 41 yards for a TD.

Hempfield, which played without leading rusher Tanner Hess and leading receiver Jadin Jimenez, finally got on the board when Cam Harbaugh lobbed a 43-yard TD pass to David Almodovar.

But Township tacked on two more scores before the half: Clark went up top for a 53-yard TD strike to Ivey (3-153 receiving) midway through the second quarter, and Clancy capped the Streaks’ first-half onslaught with a 7-yard TD burst for a cozy 35-7 lead at the half.

“They jumped on us early and we never recovered,” said Hempfield coach George Eager, who was coaching against his alma mater. “They dominated the whole game. Right off the bat they get an onside kick, and then the flea-flicker. You look up and you’re down 28-0. In Section One, you’re not coming back against a powerhouse team like Township.”

Clancy went 17 yards for his fourth and final TD with 4:18 to go in the third.

WEEK 5 SCORES

GAMES OF OCT. 16

L-L SECTION ONE

- Manheim Township 49, Hempfield 7
- Wilson 41, Cedar Crest 6

L-L SECTION TWO

- Warwick 48, Solanco 14
- Conestoga Valley 41, Manheim Central 35
- Cocalico 52, Elizabethtown 0

L-L SECTION THREE

- Lampeter-Strasburg 40, Garden Spot 7

L-L SECTION FOUR

- Octorara 49, Pequea Valley 27
- Columbia 44, Annville-Cleona 7
- Elco 36, Northern Lebanon 7

NONLEAGUE

- Juniata 28, Lancaster Catholic 20 (OT)

GAMES OF OCT. 17

NONLEAGUE

- Harrisburg 49, McCaskey 0
- Ephrata 23, Sun Valley 6

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GAME OF THE WEEK: WARWICK 49, COCALICO 14

A section title just for Warwick

Warriors sprint to 1st outright crown since '79

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The Lancaster-Lebanon League Section Two football championship gold trophy made its way to Lititz in 2020.

Warwick earned its first outright section title since 1979 on Oct. 23 after clocking Cocalico 49-14 behind a boiling-hot offense that clicked from the very first play.

Joey McCracken passed for 322 yards and four touchdowns, Colton Miller had a pair of rushing scores, and receivers Caleb Schmitz and Thatcher Miller burned the Eagles' secondary time and time again in the victory, as the Warriors wrapped up their section slate with an unblemished 5-0 mark.

"We have the banners in the gym with the section titles up there," Warwick coach Bob Locker said. "I told them that I wanted 2020 on it, with nobody else. This has to mean something. We have some high expectations for ourselves right now, so the section title is definitely cool. They'll enjoy it ... and then we'll move on and get to districts and see where we can go from there."

"This means everything," McCracken said. "Our sophomore year we had the three-way tie for the section, and that was our first one in a while so that was great. But to have this one up there all by ourselves for 2020, it means a lot. Definitely."

McCracken hit Schmitz for a 36-yard pass on the first play of the game, and Warwick never let up.

Schmitz finished with six catches for 134 yards, and his 1-yard TD catch put the Warriors up 14-0. Colton Miller's 2-yard run capped Warwick's opening drive, and the Warriors were off and running.

Colton Miller rushed for 69 yards, and he's up to 20 TD runs overall, tops in the L-L League.

Thatcher Miller hauled in the first of his three TD receptions to put the Warriors ahead 21-0 early in the second quarter. Christian Royer gave Warwick a 28-0 cushion with a 3-yard run late in the first half.

The Warriors had a nifty 2-minute drill TD right before intermission; McCracken had completions of 20 yards and 42 yards to Schmitz, and Colton Miller capped the drive with a 5-yard rumble, giving Warwick a safe and sound 35-7 lead at the half.

WEEK 6 SCORES

GAMES OF OCT. 23

L-L SECTION ONE

- Wilson 27, Hempfield 12
- Cedar Crest 30, Penn Manor 21
- Manheim Township 56, McCaskey 14

L-L SECTION TWO

- Warwick 49, Cocalico 14
- Conestoga Valley 31, Solanco 7
- Manheim Central 51, Elizabethtown 14

L-L SECTION THREE

- Lampeter-Strasburg 54, Ephrata 16
- Garden Spot 31, Lancaster Catholic 8

L-L SECTION FOUR

- Octorara 41, Annville-Cleona 13
- Elco 42, Columbia 13
- Pequea Valley 14, Northern Lebanon 0

GAME OF OCT. 24

L-L SECTION THREE

- Donegal 21, Lebanon 15

"We have the banners in the gym with the section titles up there. I told them that I wanted 2020 on it, with nobody else. This has to mean something."

— Bob Locker,
Warwick football coach

Carson Nash's 5-yard keeper finally put Cocalico on the board with 2:04 to go in the first half.

Warwick iced the game with a pair of third-quarter scores: McCracken hit Thatcher Miller with a screen, and Miller did the rest, rumbling 77 yards for a TD. Later, McCracken hit Thatcher Miller on a seam route for a 34-yard score, as the Warriors triggered the mercy rule.

Thatcher Miller finished with four receptions for 151 yards with the three TD grabs.

Craig Neal zoomed 27 yards for a TD early in the fourth quarter to cap the



CHRIS KNIGHT | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Warwick's Thatcher Miller runs for a touchdown after a catch against Cocalico during the second half of an L-L Section Two football game on Oct. 23. The Warriors won 49-14 to clinch the program's first outright section title since 1979.

scoring for Cocalico, which was held to 128 rushing yards, well below the Eagles' per-game average.

Warwick clinched its first section title since the Warriors shared a tri-crown in

Section One with Manheim Township and Wilson in 2018.

Warwick won three outright Section Two crowns in a row from 1977-79, going 20-0 in league games in that stretch.

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It was trick-or-treat night in downtown Mount Joy on Oct. 30.

But over at the Donegal Athletic Stadium, it was hardly a treat for the host Indians, as Ephrata struck fast and never looked back in a 33-7 Lancaster-Lebanon League Section Three win.

Miracle Wratto, who looked like a young Russell Wilson, had three touchdowns passing, and, when he got in trouble, used his legs.

"My line did really well blocking and they protected me at all costs," Wratto said. "And we were hungry for this win."

But not only was the Mounts' offense good, so was its defense.

So good, in fact, that in the first half that unit held Donegal to just five first downs. And, fittingly, it also halted a Donegal drive late in the game on a fourth-and-goal from the 7 with a sack and fumble recovery by Weston Nolt.

Richard Greer had a nice 15-yard end-around to start the scoring in the first quarter, while Brock Boyer scored on a jet sweep from 6 yards out to give Ephrata a lead it wouldn't relinquish.

Donegal was able to put points on the board right before the end of the third quarter. After a huge, 54-yard burst up the middle by Garrett Blake, Mason Ober took it in from 6 yards out.

Overall, the Mounts had many solid plays in the game, but perhaps the biggest came on Donegal's first series, when Andre Weidman jumped, intercepted, made some nice moves, and returned it to the 19-yard line. Three plays later, Greer scored from 15 yards out.

GAME OF THE WEEK: MANHEIM TOWNSHIP 41, COCALICO 7

Celebratory night for Ivey

In wake of committing to Penn State, junior wideout stacked up 4 TDs, 224 yards in win

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On Oct. 27, Manheim Township junior wide receiver Anthony Ivey made a verbal commitment to Penn State.

On Oct. 30, he celebrated that pledge to the Nittany Lions in grand style.

Ivey hauled in four touchdown catches and piled up 224 receiving yards on six receptions, helping the Blue Streaks soar past Cocalico 41-7 in Neffsville.

Township QB Evan Clark clicked on 15 of 19 passes for 356 yards with four TD throws to Ivey, plus a 25-yard scoring strike to Dan Engel for a 5-TD night for the Streaks, who bagged their fifth straight win.

Cocalico, which got an 8-yard TD bolt from Anthony Bourassa on the Eagles' first possession of the game for a quick 7-0 lead, dipped to 4-3.

Township, which gouged out 495 total yards and 20 first downs, won its third game in a row against Cocalico in the league-mandated crossover series, and the Streaks moved to 19-3 all-time against the Eagles.

Clark and Ivey put on a show for Township, connecting three times for long TD scores in the first half alone: First, a 64-yard bombs-away connection to knot the game at 7-7, before a 31-yard strike, giving the Streaks the lead for good, 14-7 with 10:32 to go in the second quarter.

The 31-yard TD strike came after Clark picked off a pass on defense from his safety spot for Township, which also recovered a fumble.

After Clark hit Engel for a 25-yard



CHRIS KNIGHT | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Manheim Township's Anthony Ivey runs in for a touchdown after a catch against Cocalico during the first half of the Blue Streaks' 41-7 victory Oct. 30.

score and a 21-7 lead, Ivey pulled in his third TD grab of the half, a 17-yarder, and Township had a 28-7 lead at the break.

On Township's first drive of the third quarter, after Cade Clancy's 67-yard TD run was called back after a holding flag, Clark found Ivey for a 75-yard catch-and-run TD and the Streaks had a safe and sound 34-7 cushion.

Matt Torres capped the scoring with a 13-yard TD run for the Streaks, who bent but never really broke defensively. Steven Flinton had a 58-yard run to get Cocalico's offense cranking in the first quarter. Three plays later, Bourassa darted in and the Eagles had a 7-0 edge.

Torres had the fumble recovery for Township, and that turnover set up

Clark's 17-yard TD flip to Ivey.

Cocalico rushed for 253 yards in all — Flinton had 136 yards on 15 carries to lead the way — but the Eagles were stuffed at Township's 1-yard line at the final horn and were denied a late score.

WEEK 7 SCORES

GAMES OF OCT. 30

L-L SECTION THREE

- Ephrata 33, Donegal 7
- Lancaster Catholic 15, Lebanon 12 (OT)

L-L SECTION FOUR

- Annville-Cleona 29, Pequea Val. 28 (OT)

NONLEAGUE

- Warwick 34, Hempfield 20
- Manheim Township 41, Cocalico 7
- Elizabethtown 43, Cedar Crest 14
- Penn Manor 21, Solanco 20
- West Chester Henderson 24, Octorara 6
- Lampeter-Strasburg 63, No. Lebanon 6
- Conestoga Valley 35, McCaskey 0

GAME OF OCT. 31

NONLEAGUE

- Wilson 40, Manheim Central 21

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GAME OF THE WEEK: WARWICK 14, NEW OXFORD 12

Warriors found way into district final

Warwick rallied from a rare deficit to earn a date with Gov. Mifflin in a game that, ultimately, was not to be

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It was not vintage Warwick.

In fact, it took the high-powered Warriors a little longer than usual to get up to cruising altitude the night of Nov. 7. But once Warwick finally found its groove, the Warriors mustered enough offense and made some key defensive plays to win and advance.

Warwick spotted New Oxford a 12-0 first-quarter lead. It was the Warriors' biggest deficit of 2020. Then Colton Miller had a pair of touchdowns runs, Adam Martin had two key interceptions on defense, and the second-seeded, undefeated Warriors clipped the Colonials 14-12 in a hard-fought District Three Class 5A semifinal game in Lititz.

Warwick's next stop, set for the following weekend, was to be the program's first trip to a district championship game.

Waiting in Shillington was top-seeded and undefeated Governor Mifflin, which had beaten Mechanicsburg 68-14 in the other 5A semifinal.

However, what followed in the next few days was not what at all what the Warriors imagined.

On Nov. 9, the team had to pull out of the title game because of multiple COVID-19 cases in the school district. Governor Mifflin took the victory via forfeit and advanced to the state playoffs.

"With our school moving to virtual for the entire week due to COVID cases, we felt it was the most appropriate course of action," Warwick athletic director Ryan Landis said in a release Nov. 9. "With the number of active cases at our high school growing to 14, we felt the decision to go virtual and stop all in-season and out-of-season extra-curricular activities was our safest course of action for our students and beyond our community."

Despite the unexpected conclusion, the Warriors' 2020 season left them much to be proud of.

Like the district semifinal comeback Nov. 7.

One year after falling to Cocalico in the district semifinals, Warwick got over the hump. It just took the Warriors a little while to get up to speed, as third-seeded New Oxford made them earn every inch, especially in the first half.



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Warwick quarterback Joey McCracken rolls out of the pocket against New Oxford in a District Three Class 5A football semifinal on Nov. 7.

The Colonials couldn't have asked for a better start. They came out swinging with a four-play drive, and Connor Beans flipping a 36-yard TD pass to Connor Herring. Just four minutes later, New Oxford was back on the board, when Beans and Herring hooked up again, this time on a 6-yard toss and the Colonials had a 12-0 lead with 6:17 left in the first quarter.

Twice in the first half Warwick turned New Oxford over on downs, but the Warriors lost a fumble at midfield to lose some momentum. Warwick, the outright L-L League Section Two champ, finally found its groove late in the first quarter; Cooper Eckert picked off a pass, giving the Warriors a short field. Miller capped that drive with a 1-yard dive and it was 12-7.

Later in the first half, Joey McCracken hit Caleb Schmitz for a 35-yard completion — Schmitz nearly bobbed and weaved his way into the end zone before being tripped up — setting up Miller's second 1-yard plunge of the half and Warwick had a 14-12 lead with 32 ticks left in the second quarter.

Miller rushed for 112 yards and Mc-

WEEK 8 SCORES

GAMES OF NOV. 6

DISTRICT THREE CLASS 4A SEMIFINALS

- Lamp.-Strasburg 56, Conrad Weiser 35
- Elco 42, Northern 7

NONLEAGUE

- Exeter 37, Elizabethtown 9
- Hempfield 51, Cocalico 28
- Berks Catholic 35, Donegal 14
- Conestoga Valley 30, Penn Manor 14
- Lancaster Catholic 24, Annville-Cleona 7
- Octorara 27, McCaskey 10

- Pine Grove 43, Pequea Valley 6
- James Buchanan 39, Northern Lebanon 13
- Manheim Township at Pennsbury, ccd.

GAMES OF NOV. 7

DISTRICT THREE CLASS 5A SEMIFINALS

- Warwick 14, New Oxford 12

NONLEAGUE

- Manheim Central 24, Hershey 21

GAME OF NOV. 9

NONLEAGUE

- Southern Huntingdon 38, Columbia 16

Cracken passed for 141 yards for Warwick.

Martin helped the Warriors ice it. New Oxford had first and goal at the Warriors' 3, and on a halfback option pass, Martin went up high in the end zone, pulling down his second interception of the game

and thwarting the Colonials' drive with six minutes to play.

On New Oxford's ensuing drive, Nolan Rucci sacked Beans for a 6-yard loss, and Tanner Welk had a key pass breakup to stymie the Colonials yet again.

DELAYED FINALE

PENN MANOR 42,
MCCASKEY 0

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A grateful Penn Manor made the most of its last chance to play Nov. 13.

With 17 seniors suiting up for the last time, the Comets capped a pandemic-influenced season with a 42-0 win over visiting McCaskey.

The game was a Lancaster-Lebanon League Section One outing. It originally had been scheduled earlier in the season, but had to be rescheduled thanks to COVID-19.

"It has been a crazy season," Penn Manor coach John Brubaker said. "We're just thankful and fortunate to have another game. I'm happy for our seasons, especially, to come out and play here at home one last time."

Luke Braas threw for 261 yards and a touchdown and Isaiah Stoltzfus scored a pair of touchdowns for the Comets, who rolled up 401 total yards of offense and easily posted a season high for points.

Peyton Suydam, an offensive lineman, even got in on the scoring action with a 5-yard TD run.

The Penn Manor defense forced three turnovers, including a fumble that was returned 45 yards for a touchdown by Isaac Hostetter. Of McCaskey's 45 offensive plays, 16 resulted in negative yardage.

The Tornado finished with 145 total yards and were shut out for the third time this season. They will take a 26-game losing streak into 2021.

Penn Manor, on the other hand, closed the season by winning two of its final three games.

GAME OF THE WEEK: LAMPETER-STRASBURG 20, ELCO 3

Taking it to the next level

With state semifinal berth at stake, Pioneers dominated 2nd half

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Make room in the case, Lampeter-Strasburg.

For the second year in a row, and for the third time in program history, the Pioneers brought home a District Three Class 4A football championship trophy.

One year after sailing past Berks Catholic for the program's second district crown, L-S had to scratch and claw for No. 3 on Nov. 13. Held scoreless at halftime for the only time in the 2020 season, the Pioneers responded with a dominating second-half performance for a 20-3 victory over Elco in Lampeter.

The Pioneers didn't dent the scoreboard until midway through the third quarter, and they didn't crack the end zone until early in the fourth. But L-S's 20 unanswered second-half points, plus an inspired defensive effort against the Raiders' vaunted Veer rushing attack, meant another gold trophy for the case.

"It's been a year where we've needed to be resilient," L-S coach John Manion said. "From the summer all the way up until now, we've had to overcome a lot of things as a group. These guys have continued to overcome those things, so I'm really proud of them."

Friday, top-seeded L-S overcame a determined Elco outfit that led 3-0 at the break, turned the Pioneers over on downs four times in the first half, and kept L-S's potent spread offense out of the end zone until the fourth quarter.

Elco, which fell to L-S in the first round of the district playoffs in 2018 and again last fall, had earned its halftime edge compliments of Reece Shuey's 25-yard field goal with 5:24 to go in the second quarter. That capped a 23-play drive that started at the Raiders' own 7.

"We didn't execute in the first half," Manion said. "But we were completely calm at halftime. What wasn't working we could change. Our defense did a heck of a job. I'm really proud of our defense for holding their offense to 3 points. That's impressive."

Charged up to open the second half, L-S forced a quick three-and-out and put together a scoring drive of its own, capped by Andrew Reidenbaugh's 27-yard field goal with 7:07 to go in the third



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Lampeter-Strasburg's Alex Knapp (8) runs the ball against Elco on Nov. 13.

quarter for a 3-3 game.

Later, Sean McTaggart hit Ian Herr for 37-yard and 44-yard completions, setting up Reidenbaugh's 25-yard field goal, which gave L-S the lead for good, 6-3, with 1:33 to go in the third quarter.

"There was no panic and there were no nerves at halftime," L-S's Nick Del Grande said. "We knew we could pull it out; it was just a matter of getting focused as a group and calming down. We talked about doing our jobs. And we got it done."

Early in the fourth quarter, L-S thwarted Elco's drive at midfield when Alex Knapp scooped up a fumble and returned it deep inside Raiders' territory. Two plays later, McTaggart—who went 8 for 16 for 267 yards up top—flipped a 17-yard TD toss to Beau Heyser, and the Pioneers, the outright Section Three champs, had a 13-3 lead with 9:06 to go in the game.

L-S iced it two minutes later, when Del Grande pounced on his second fumble recovery of the game, setting up McTaggart's 72-yard TD strike to Austin Stoltzfus, who gathered in a pass in the flat, turned on the jets, and capped the scoring with 7:46 to go.

Elco, the outright Section Four champ and No. 2 seed, finished its season 7-1

WEEK 9 SCORES

GAMES OF NOV. 13

DISTRICT THREE CLASS 5A FINAL

● Gov. Mifflin def. Warwick, forfeit

DISTRICT THREE CLASS 4A FINAL

● Lampeter-Strasburg 20, Elco 3

L-L LEAGUE SECTION ONE

● Penn Manor 42, McCaskey 0

NONLEAGUE

● Conestoga Valley 21, Daniel Boone 9

● Pine Grove 25, Columbia 0

overall. The Raiders recovered two fumbles, but were held to 155 rushing yards, well under their season average.

"This was a culmination of the talent of the players, the hard work of the players, and the heart and commitment to the goals these players put forth," said Elco coach Bob Miller, who had the Raiders back in a district final for the first time since 2001.

"We showed so much heart that entire game," he said. "It's been a great experience this senior class has put together over the last three years."

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Recap: Looking back on the L-L through the oddest of seasons

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Unfortunately, the Streaks' season ended on a sour note; Township had to cancel three nonleague games in November because of coronavirus concerns in the school district.

Hempfield, under rookie skipper George Eager, also challenged; the Black Knights made a nifty 3-1 start, with first place on the line at Wilson. But the Bulldogs won that showdown on their way to the title. Safe to say Hempfield has everyone's attention moving forward.

Cedar Crest and Penn Manor had hot-and-cold campaigns — and both missed time on the field because of coronavirus concerns — while McCaskey hit the offseason riding a maddening 26-game losing streak. Happier days ahead for the Red Tornado.

Section Two

Some great news and some disappointing news for Warwick, which won its first outright section championship since 1979 and advanced to the District Three Class 5A title game for the first time in program history.

But a coronavirus outbreak in the school led to virtual learning, and the Warriors had to forfeit the district title game to Governor Mifflin, ending the prep careers of all-stars like Nolan Rucci, Caleb Schmitz, Colton Miller, Thatcher Miller and Joey McCracken, et al.

Speaking of Colton Miller, he scored an L-L-best 23 touchdowns. Meanwhile, Schmitz, a Cincinnati commit, led the league in receiving (43 catches for 777 yards) and McCracken came back from a devastating knee injury and joined the 5,000-yard passing club, finishing first in school history and 13th overall on the league's all-time passing chart.

Rucci, a five-star blue-chipper and brute offensive tackle, exits Warwick's program as one of the most heralded and sought-after recruits to ever come out of the league; he'll land at Wisconsin next year. And longtime Warwick coach Bob Locker picked up his 100th career victory this fall as the Warriors dominated the headlines.

Meanwhile, Cocalico didn't defend its district championship, but the Eagles, under first-year coach Bryan Strohl, kept everyone honest with their powerful rushing attack — just like Solanco, which picked up victories over Cocalico and Manheim Central along the way.

The Barons had an un-Central-like 3-5 finish, but flashed a lot of young

talent, including junior QB Judd Novak (1,580 passing yards, 21 TDs) and junior WR Owen Sensenig (league-best 11 TD grabs). Safe to say it won't take the Barons very long to be back running with the big dogs.

One of the hottest teams in the league down the stretch? That would be Conestoga Valley, which finished the season riding a five-game winning streak. The Buckskins went 6-2 overall, opening a lot of eyes along the way. And better days ahead for Elizabethtown, the only section team not to snag a league win here this fall.

Section Three

L-S absolutely dominated, cruising to the outright section championship and to the District Three Class 4A crown behind a high-octane offense and a punishing defense.

The Pioneers went 9-1 and reached the state semifinals for the second year in a row, and QB Sean McTaggart — who had an unforgettable seven-touchdown performance in the district semifinals against Conrad Weiser — had a league-best 27 TD passes, making a triumphant return from a serious knee injury that cost him his junior campaign.

Plenty of gaudy stats and storylines in Lampeter, with a special nod to veteran coach John Manion, who beat a case of COVID-19 to guide his team back to the PIAA final four.

Meanwhile, Ephrata posted its second straight winning season, and Lebanon — behind 5,000-yard passer Isaiah Rodriguez and jack-of-all-trades Alex Rufe — was again a player in the chase, as those two programs made great strides moving forward. Remember, the Mountaineers and the Cedars will be playing back up starting in 2022.

Donegal and Lancaster Catholic had some hot-and-cold spurts along the way. And Garden Spot made some noise, snapping a 25-game losing streak while winning a couple of games and restoring order in New Holland.

Section Four

Hail, Elco. The Raiders secured their first outright section championship with a 6-0 regular-season ride and then a playoff victory. Elco came up short in the District Three Class 4A finale vs. L-S, but it was an unforgettable run for the Raiders, who must now prepare for life after Braden Bohannon.

All he did this fall was lead the league in rushing (990 yards, 17 TDs) and intercept six passes on defense. Bohannon finished his career with 3,766 rushing yards and 2,203 passing yards, and he became just the second QB in league history to lead the L-L in rushing.

Octorara had a breakout season with six wins — and the Braves took Elco to the wire in their meeting — as QB Weston Stoltzfus and RB Mike Trainor made their names known around the circuit. Columbia also ran with the lead pack early in the season, behind a high-flying passing attack keyed by QB Robert Footman.

Stoltzfus, Trainor and Footman are all due back next fall, along with Elco's Jake Williams and Luke Williams, so there will be plenty of firepower in Section Four yet again.

Meanwhile, Annville-Cleona, fresh off a trip to the district semifinals in 2019, took some steps forward with 20-plus new starters, and Pequea Valley snapped a 23-game losing streak and kept everyone honest. Northern Lebanon also took some small steps, but the Vikings were one of two winless teams around the league this fall.

FINAL 2020 L-L LEAGUE STANDINGS					
SECTION ONE					
League		Overall			
W	L	W	L		
Wilson	5	0	6	1	
Manheim Township	4	1	5	2	
Hempfield	3	2	4	4	
Cedar Crest	2	3	2	5	
Penn Manor	1	4	2	6	
McCaskey	0	5	0	9	
SECTION TWO					
League		Overall			
W	L	W	L		
Warwick	5	0	8	1	
Conestoga Valley	3	2	6	2	
Cocalico	3	2	4	4	
Solanco	3	2	3	4	
Manheim Central	1	4	3	5	
Elizabethtown	0	5	2	6	
SECTION THREE					
League		Overall			
W	L	W	L		
Lampeter-Strasburg	5	0	9	1	
Ephrata	3	2	4	3	
Lebanon	2	3	3	3	
Donegal	2	3	3	4	
Garden Spot	2	3	2	4	
Lancaster Catholic	1	4	2	6	
SECTION FOUR					
League		Overall			
W	L	W	L		
Elco	5	0	7	1	
Octorara	4	1	6	2	
Columbia	3	2	4	4	
Annville-Cleona	2	3	3	5	
Pequea Valley	1	4	1	6	
Northern Lebanon	0	5	0	8	



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GAME OF THE WEEK: JERSEY SHORE 39, LAMPETER-STRASBURG 35

NO SHORTAGE OF THRILLS

Bulldogs ended Pioneers' season in electrifying state semifinal tilt

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One game shy of the ultimate destination, Lampeter-Strasburg's amazing football season came to a close Nov. 20.

It was an instant classic, a scoreboard-popping, wonderfully wild and wacky PIAA Class 4A state semifinal game in Lampeter. But it was opponent Jersey Shore that got the last touchdown in a game full of electrifying scores.

L-S held the lead going into the fourth quarter, but the Bulldogs scored the go-ahead TD with 9:14 to play, then came up with two key takeaways in the second half to hold on for a 39-35 win over the Pioneers.

L-S, the Lancaster-Lebanon League Section Three and District Three champ, saw its season come to a screeching halt at 9-1 overall. The Pioneers were denied a trip to the state championship game for the second year in a row, and for the third time in program history.

For its part, Jersey Shore, the three-time reigning District Four champ, claimed a berth in the Class 4A title game Nov. 28 in Hershey against WPIAL winner and defending state champ Thomas Jefferson — the team that beat L-S in the 2019 semifinals.

Jefferson went on to repeat as state champs on Nov. 28, posting a 21-14 win over Jersey Shore, which finished the season at 10-1.

In the semifinal against L-S, Coach Tom Gravish and his Bulldogs got second-half interceptions from Dalton Dugan and Cayden Hess to stymie the Pioneers, who put up more than 500 yards but came up four agonizing points shy of playing for state gold.

"I told them I'm proud of them," L-S coach John Manion said as he exited a teary-eyed postgame huddle.

"I've loved this group since they were all in youth camp," he said. "They've worked so hard; they've done everything we've asked, and they care about each other so much. I thought we deserved another week. But so do they. (Jersey Shore) played some great football."

L-S QB Sean McTaggart completed 24 of 47 passes for 476 yards with four touchdown tosses, and his 2-yard TD keeper gave the Pioneers a 35-33 lead with 1:55 to go in the third quarter. But

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Lampeter-Strasburg's Beau Heyser hauls in a catch in front of Jersey Shore's Brady Jordan during the first half of a PIAA Class 4A football semifinal on Nov. 20.

Jersey Shore took the lead for good when Hess zoomed in from 5 yards out with 9:14 to go.

The game was played at a breakneck pace, with both teams employing no-huddle, up-tempo offensive attacks that combined for

996 total yards and 41 first downs.

L-S was up 28-21 at the half behind McTaggart, who passed for 354 yards, with all four of his TD strikes coming before the break. Three of those TD passes went to Beau Heyser, who had a 200-

WEEK 10'S GAME PIAA CLASS 4A FOOTBALL SEMIFINAL

Jersey Shore 39, Lampeter-Strasburg 35

Jersey Shore	7	14	12	6—39
Lampeter-Strasburg	7	21	7	0—35

Scoring

JS—C. Allison 24 run (C. Allison kick)
L-S—B. Heyser 42 pass from S. McTaggart (A. Reidenbaugh kick)
JS—O. Anderson 55 pass from B. Wheary (C. Allison kick)
L-S—B. Heyser 3 pass from S. McTaggart (A. Reidenbaugh kick)
L-S—B. Wagner 35 pass from S. McTaggart (A. Reidenbaugh kick)
JS—C. Hess 5 pass from B. Wheary (C. Allison kick)
L-S—B. Heyser 84 pass from S. McTaggart (A. Reidenbaugh kick)
JS—C. Allison 7 run (kick failed)
JS—D. Dugan 27 interception return (pass failed)
L-S—S. McTaggart 2 run (A. Reidenbaugh kick)
JS—C. Hess 5 pass from B. Wheary (run failed)

Statistics

	JS	L-S
First downs	18	23
Rushes-Yds	34-178	28-37
Passing yards	305	476
Passes	20-38-0	24-47-2
Punts-Avg	4-31.75	4-30.25
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	2-20	5-35

yard receiving night for the Pioneers.

In the first half alone, McTaggart hit Heyser for a 42-yard TD, and his 3-yard flip to Heyser knotted the game at 14-14. Later, McTaggart zipped a 35-yard TD strike to Berkeley Wagner, and his 84-yard bomb-throw TD toss to Heyser gave the Pioneers a 7-point lead at intermission.

L-S played a good chunk of the game without two-way all-star flank threat Austin Stoltzfus, who hobbled off with an injury early in the first quarter.

Jersey Shore punched back, getting the first two touchdowns of the second half to gain momentum. Cam Allison had a 7-yard run before Dugan jumped a route and picked off a pass, returning it 27 yards for a TD with 3:31 to go in the third to give the Bulldogs a 33-28 lead.

Undaunted, McTaggart hit Alex Knapp for a 60-yard pass, setting up McTaggart's 2-yard plunge for a 35-33 lead late in the third quarter. But Jersey Shore, which piled up 483 yards, got a key 41-yard run from Allison, setting up Hess' go-ahead 5-yard run with 9:14 to go.

The Bulldogs also completed a pair of halfback option passes, as both teams put up crooked numbers galore. The ones that mattered most in the end: 39-35.

"Crazy game," Manion said. "It felt like we were in control on defense early on, and they they figured some things out. And then we figured some things out. It was a great game. I told my kids that I love them, and how proud I am."

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Leaders

Continued from 2

- Nate Fisher, Pequea Valley — 49 of 112 for 634 yards, 7 TD, 8 INT; 53 rating
- Mason St. Clair, Solanco — 12 of 37 for 301 yards, 3 TD, 5 INT; 50 rating
- Alex Rufe, Lebanon — 19 of 40 for 288 yards, 1 TD, 3 INT; 49 rating
- Mason McClair, Lancaster Catholic — 17 of 34 for 209 yards, 1 TD, 4 INT; 40 rating
- Grady Stichler, Northern Lebanon — 33 of 73 for 345 yards, 3 TD, 6 INT; 39 rating
- Patrick Gilhool, Elizabethtown — 31 of 65 for 370 yards, 1 TD, 5 INT; 39 rating
- Matthew Remash, McCaskey — 20 of 76 for 355 yards, 3 TD, 7 INT; 21 rating
- Nate Shirk, Northern Lebanon — 34 of 76 for 276 yards, 1 TD, 7 INT; 21 rating
- Trent Weaver, Donegal — 36 of 80 for 313 yards, 0 TD, 7 INT; 19 rating

RECEPTIONS

- Caleb Schmitz, Warwick — 43 catches for 777 yards, 18.1 avg., 6 TD
- Hunter Hoffman, Penn Manor — 31 catches for 298 yards, 9.6 avg., 2 TD
- Isaac Hostetter, Penn Manor — 31 catches for 540 yards, 17.4 avg., 4 TD
- Owen Sensenig, Manheim Central — 31 catches for 676 yards, 21.8 avg., 11 TD
- Nate Brightbill, Cedar Crest — 30 catches for 308 yards, 10.3 avg., 1 TD
- Jadin Jimenez, Hempfield — 28 catches for 326 yards, 11.6 avg., 1 TD
- Keegin Zink, Columbia — 28 catches for 551 yards, 19.7 avg., 4 TD
- Beau Heyser, Lampeter-Strasburg — 26 catches for 531 yards, 20.4 avg., 8 TD
- Thatcher Miller, Warwick — 26 catches for 415 yards, 16.0 avg., 4 TD
- Caleb Rising, Octorara — 25 catches for 375 yards, 15.0 avg., 4 TD
- Alex Rufe, Lebanon — 24 catches for 569 yards, 23.7 avg., 6 TD
- David Almodovar, Hempfield — 23 catches for 485 yards, 21.1 avg., 4 TD
- Ian Herr, Lampeter-Strasburg — 23 catches for 506 yards, 22.0 avg., 5 TD
- Anthony Ivey, Manheim Township — 23 catches for 546 yards, 23.7 avg., 8 TD
- Zach Fisher, Conestoga Valley — 22 catches for 473 yards, 21.5 avg., 5 TD
- Ethan Heisey, Cedar Crest — 22 catches for 466 yards, 21.2 avg., 4 TD
- Michael Poole, Columbia — 22 catches for 413 yards, 18.8 avg., 3 TD
- Nahjeir Aikens, Lancaster Catholic — 21 catches for 336 yards, 16.0 avg., 2 TD
- Darnell Tucker, Columbia — 21 catches for 279 yards, 13.3 avg., 6 TD
- Wes Borden, Manheim Central — 20 catches for 365 yards, 18.3 avg., 6 TD
- Cade Clancy, Manheim Township — 19 catches for 233 yards, 12.3 avg., 4 TD

- Owen Pappas, Manheim Central — 19 catches for 283 yards, 15.0 avg., 1 TD
- Isaac Burks, McCaskey — 18 catches for 366 yards, 20.3 avg., 3 TD
- Eddie McDevitt, Manheim Township — 18 catches for 210 yards, 11.7 avg., 2 TD
- Taj London, Ephrata — 17 catches for 257 yards, 15.1 avg., 2 TD
- Joel Martin, Garden Spot — 17 catches for 148 yards, 8.7 avg., 0 TD
- Brandonn Frey, Elizabethtown — 16 catches for 202 yards, 12.6 avg., 2 TD
- Brady Harbach, Manheim Central — 16 catches for 179 yards, 11.2 avg., 1 TD
- Michael Johnson, Lebanon — 16 catches for 258 yards, 16.1 avg., 2 TD
- Tyler Wolfe, Northern Lebanon — 16 catches for 152 yards, 9.5 avg., 1 TD
- Patrick Gilhool, Elizabethtown — 15 catches for 235 yards, 15.7 avg., 2 TD
- Alex Knapp, Lampeter-Strasburg — 15 catches for 196 yards, 13.1 avg., 3 TD
- Mason McClair, Lancaster Catholic — 15 catches for 228 yards, 15.2 avg., 1 TD
- Bryan Pennypacker, Octorara — 15 catches for 282 yards, 18.8 avg., 2 TD
- Isaiah Stoltzfus, Penn Manor — 15 catches for 116 yards, 7.7 avg., 0 TD

TOUCHDOWNS

- Colton Miller, Warwick — 23 TD runs
- Braden Bohannon, Elco — 17 TD runs
- Cade Clancy, Manheim Township — 9 TD runs, 4 TD catches; 13 total TD
- Mike Trainor, Octorara — 12 TD runs, 1 TD catch; 13 total TD
- Tanner Hess, Hempfield — 11 TD runs, 1 INT TD; 12 total TD
- Alex Knapp, Lampeter-Strasburg — 6 TD runs, 3 TD catches; 12 total TD
- Carson Nash, Cocalico — 11 TD runs
- Owen Sensenig, Manheim Central — 11 TD catches
- Mason St. Clair, Solanco — 11 TD runs
- Beau Heyser, Lampeter-Strasburg — 8 TD catches, 1 INT return, 1 blocked punt return; 10 total TD
- Austin Stoltzfus, Lampeter-Strasburg — 7 TD catches, 2 TD runs; 9 total TD
- Anthony Bourassa, Cocalico — 8 TD runs
- Rogan Harter, Annville-Cleona — 7 TD runs, 1 kick return TD; 8 total TD
- Anthony Ivey, Manheim Twp. — 8 TD catches
- Sean McTaggart, Lamp.-Stras. — 8 TD runs
- Jake Williams, Elco — 6 TD runs, 1 INT return, 1 blocked punt return; 8 total TD
- Kaleb Brown, Wilson — 7 TD runs
- Matt Brown, Lebanon — 6 TD runs, 1 fumble return; 7 total TD
- Drew Harris, Lampeter-Strasburg — 5 TD runs, 2 TD catches; 7 total TD
- Chase Maguire, Annville-Cleona — 6 TD runs, 1 INT return; 7 total TD
- Jesse Martin, Garden Spot — 6 TD runs, 1 INT return; 7 total TD

- Steven Rivas, Columbia — 7 TD runs
- Alex Rufe, Lebanon — 6 TD catches, 1 TD run - 7 total TD
- Weston Stoltzfus, Octorara — 7 TD runs
- Garrett Blake, Donegal — 6 TD runs
- Wes Borden, Manheim Central — 6 TD catches
- Mason Ober, Donegal — 6 TD runs
- Caleb Schmitz, Warwick — 6 TD catches
- Darnell Tucker, Columbia — 6 TD catches

FIELD GOALS

- 50 yards — Spencer Biscoe, Hempfield vs. Wilson, Week 6
- 48 yards — Mac Plummer, Annville-Cleona vs. Elco, Week 2
- 46 yards — Walker Martin, Garden Spot vs. Ephrata, Week 2
- 44 yards — Tanner Haines, Warwick vs. Conestoga Valley, Week 2
- 43 yards — Rheece Shuey, Elco vs. Octorara, Week 4
- 42 yards — Sam Hershey, McCaskey vs. Cedar Crest, Week 2
- 41 yards — Daniel Mueller, Lancaster Catholic vs. Lebanon, Week 7
- 39 yards — Spencer Biscoe, Hempfield vs. Cedar Crest, Week 4
- 39 yards — Nate Heck, Conestoga Valley vs. Manheim Central, Week 5
- 39 yards — Jack Wagner, Wilson vs. Cedar Crest, Week 5
- 39 yards — Nate Heck, Conestoga Valley vs. Solanco, Week 6
- 39 yards — Jack Wagner, Wilson vs. Hempfield, Week 6
- 38 yards — Trent McDowell, Solanco vs. Cocalico, Week 3
- 37 yards — Spencer Biscoe, Hempfield vs. Penn Manor, Week 2
- 37 yards — Logan Shull, Manheim Central vs. Cocalico, Week 2
- 35 yards — Spencer Biscoe, Hempfield vs. Penn Manor, Week 2
- 35 yards — Tanner Haines, Warwick vs. Conestoga Valley, Week 2
- 35 yards — Logan Shull, Manheim Central vs. Elizabethtown, Week 6
- 35 yards — Spencer Biscoe, Hempfield vs. Cocalico, Week 8
- 34 yards — Logan Shull, Manheim Central vs. Cedar Crest, Week 1
- 33 yards — Spencer Biscoe, Hempfield vs. Exeter, Week 1
- 33 yards — Nate Heck, Conestoga Valley vs. Elizabethtown, Week 3
- 33 yards — Daniel Mueller, Lancaster Catholic vs. Juniata, Week 5
- 32 yards — Spencer Biscoe, Hempfield vs. McCaskey, Week 3
- 32 yards — Walker Martin, Garden Spot vs. Lebanon, Week 4
- 31 yards — Caiden Herr, Elizabethtown vs. Cedar Crest, Week 7
- 31 yards — Logan Shull, Manheim Central

- vs. Hershey, Week 8
- 30 yards — Alex Mellinger, Cocalico vs. Elizabethtown, Week 5
- 30 yards — Andrew Reidenbaugh, Lampeter-Strasburg vs. Ephrata, Week 6
- 30 yards — Connor Aitken, Cedar Crest vs. Penn Manor, Week 6
- 29 yards — Jack Wagner, Wilson vs. Manheim Township, Week 2
- 29 yards — Daniel Mueller, Lancaster Catholic vs. Juniata, Week 5
- 29 yards — Walker Martin, Garden Spot vs. Lancaster Catholic, Week 6
- 28 yards — Ryan Honberger, Ephrata vs. Lancaster Catholic, Week 4
- 28 yards — Sam Hershey, McCaskey vs. Octorara, Week 8
- 27 yards — Logan Shull, Manheim Central vs. Cedar Crest, Week 1
- 27 yards — Logan Shull, Manheim Central vs. Cocalico, Week 2
- 27 yards — Tanner Haines, Warwick vs. Manheim Central, Week 3
- 27 yards — Spencer Biscoe, Hempfield vs. Cedar Crest, Week 4
- 27 yards — Nate Heck, Conestoga Valley vs. Manheim Central, Week 5
- 27 yards — Andrew Reidenbaugh, Lampeter-Strasburg vs. Elco, Week 9
- 25 yards — Spencer Biscoe, Hempfield vs. Exeter, Week 1
- 25 yards — Ryan Honberger, Ephrata vs. Sun Valley, Week 5
- 25 yards — Rheece Shuey, Elco vs. Lampeter-Strasburg, D3-4A championship
- 25 yards — Andrew Reidenbaugh, Lampeter-Strasburg vs. Elco, D3-4A championship
- 23 yards — Spencer Biscoe, Hempfield vs. Cedar Crest, Week 4
- 23 yards — Daniel Mueller, Lancaster Catholic vs. Lebanon, Week 7
- 23 yards — Daniel Mueller, Lancaster Catholic vs. Annville-Cleona, Week 8
- 22 yards — Daniel Mueller, Lancaster Catholic vs. Lebanon, Week 7
- 20 yards — Nevin Stoltzfus, Pequea Valley vs. Columbia, Week 2
- 20 yards — Jack Wagner, Wilson vs. Cedar Crest, Week 5
- 19 yards — Spencer Biscoe, Hempfield vs. Wilson, Week 6

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