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Football Top 20: St. Joseph leapfrogs Elizabeth to No. 1

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1-ST. JOSEPH (MONT.) (8-2)

Last week: 5

Mark Fossati was all over the field, kicking two field goals, scoring a TD and playing a major role in a defense that led the Montvale squad to a 20-10 victory over No. 3 Don Bosco, its first since 2004 over the Ramsey squad.

Next: Saturday vs. No. 11 Red Bank Catholic in Non-Public Group 3 semifinals

2-ELIZABETH (9-0)

Last week: 2

With two more victories, Elizabeth, led by quarterback Phillip Walker, will finish off its first undefeated season since 1989 and capture its first state sectional championship since 2006.

Next: Friday vs. Franklin in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 5 semifinals

3-DON BOSCO PREP (8-2)

Last week: 1

The Ramsey team's 61-game winning streak over New Jersey competition, which dated to 2005, was snapped with a 20-10 loss to No. 1 St. Joseph.

Next: Friday vs. No. 5 Bergen Catholic in Non-Public Group 4 semifinals

4-BERGEN CATHOLIC (7-3)

Last week: 6

John Germano fired three TD passes, two to J.J. Kulcsar and one to John Feaster, who also had an interception, while Kyle Quiero picked off two passes in a 35-21 victory over No. 6 Paramus Catholic.

Next: Friday at No. 3 Don Bosco Prep in Non-Public Group 4 semifinals

5-ST. PETER'S PREP (8-1)

Last week: 7

After a bye week, St. Peter's Prep appears in the state semifinals for the 12th straight year.

Next: Saturday at No. 6 Paramus Catholic in Non-Public Group 4 semifinals

6-PARAMUS CATHOLIC (8-2)

Last week: 4

Jabrill Peppers racked up over 300 yards of offense and scored all three TDs in a 35-21 loss to Bergen Catholic.

Next: Saturday vs. No. 5 St. Peter's Prep in Non-Public Group 4 semifinals

7-MONTCLAIR (10-0)

Last week: 8

Michael Million and Scott Walker led a run game that went for over 200 yards and Austin Stevens, Darius Slade, Elijah Robinson and Russell Walton led the defense in a 14-7 triumph over Bloomfield.

Next: Saturday vs. Ridgewood in North Jersey, Section 1, Group 5 semifinals

8-SAYREVILLE (10-0)

Last week: 9

Was idle.

Next: Friday vs. Colonia in Central Jersey, Group 4 semifinals

9-WILLIAMSTOWN (10-0)

Last week: 10

John Chamberlin rushed for five TDs and combined with Kali Boyce and Marques Little to run for over 300 yards in a 42-0 victory over Washington Township.

Next: Friday vs. Atlantic City in South Jersey, Group 5 semifinals

10-DELBARTON (9-1)

Last week: 11

Was idle.

Next: Saturday vs. Camden Catholic in Non-Public, Group 3 semifinals

11-RED BANK CATHOLIC (10-0)

Last week: 12

Running back Larry Redaelli rushed for 119 yards and two TDs in a 28-12 victory, as the defense came away with three interceptions.

Next: Saturday at No. 1 St. Joseph (Mont.) in Non-Public, Group 3 semifinals

12-PASCACK VALLEY (10-0)

Last week: 13

Was idle.

Next: Friday vs. Wayne Hills in North Jersey, Section 1, Group 4 semifinals

13-MANALAPAN (10-0)

Last week: 14

Saeed Blacknall caught five passes for 151 yards and three touchdowns when Manalapan rolled to a 51-0 victory over Howell.

Next: Friday vs. Hunterdon Central in Central Jersey, Group 5 semifinals

14-MADISON (10-0)

Last week: 15

Madison beat Thanksgiving day rival Millburn, 77-21, and will try to move one step closer to repeating as sectional champion.

Next: Saturday vs. Bernards in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 semifinals

15-TIMBER CREEK (8-2)

Last week: 16

Dan Williams threw two TDs and ran for another and the defense allowed less than 10 points for the fourth straight game in a 34-7 triumph over Triton.

Next: Friday vs. Shawnee in South Jersey, Group 4 semifinals

16-PISCATAWAY (7-2)

Last week: 17

In a battle of North Jersey, Section 2, Group 5 semifinalists in opposite brackets, Piscataway held Franklin to 123 total yards in posting a 21-12 victory on Thanksgiving with Cameron Nash and Marcus Roundtree leading the way.

Next: Saturday vs. Bridgewater-Raritan in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 5 semifinals

17-LACEY (10-0)

Last week: 18

Was idle.

Next: Friday vs. Kingsway in South Jersey, Group 4 semifinals

18-ST. JOSEPH (HAMM.) (8-1)

Last week: 3

St. Joseph had its 26-game winning streak, which dated to 2010, snapped with a 14-6 loss to Hammonton.

Next: Saturday vs. Hudson Catholic in Non-Public, Group 1 semifinals

19-IMMACULATA (9-1)

Last week: 19

The Somerville school has won eight straight since a Week 2 loss to Ridge and aims for its first state championship since it won Non-Public, Group 3 in 2005. Longtime coach Pierce Frauenheim is retiring after 47 years at the helm.

Next: Friday vs. Montclair Kimberley in Non-Public, Group 2 semifinals

20-ROXBURY (9-1)

Last week: 20

Was idle.

Next: Friday vs. Paramus in North Jersey, Section 1, Group 4 semifinals

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