

NJ Football: The Star-Ledger Top 20, Oct. 4

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1-Don Bosco Prep (4-0)

Last week: 1

Gary Nova threw for 152 yards and a score and Paul Canevari ran for 145 yards and two touchdowns in a 38-18 victory over No. 2 Bergen Catholic. Next: Friday vs. Paterson Kennedy.

2-Bergen Catholic (3-1)

Last week: 2

Quarterback Tanner McEvoy was a one-man wrecking crew, completing 22 of 38 passes for 258 yards and two TDs and rushing 24 times for 134 yards in a loss to No. 1 Don Bosco Prep. Next: Saturday vs. Fair Lawn.

3-St. Joseph (Mont.) (4-0)

Last week: 3

A one-point victory over Paramus does not bode well for the Montvale squad, which goes back to Top 20 competition this week. Presley Beauvais rushed for 156 yards, including TD rushes of 88 and 19 yards in a 28-27 victory. Next: Saturday No. 13 vs. Ramapo.

4-St. Peter's Prep (3-1)

Last week: 4

Quarterback Brandon Napoleon and TB Savon Huggins form a dangerous one-two punch for coach Rich Hansen. Watch linebacker James Fox. Next: Saturday vs. Union City.

5-Cherokee (3-0)

Last week: 5

Its offense was humming as it got three TDs from Mike Zeuli and one each from three other players in a 41-0 rout of Washington Township. Next: Friday at No. 19 Williamstown.

6-Seton Hall Prep (4-0)

Last week: 6

Quarterback Sean Maguire and split end Steve Silvestri force opponents to prepare for more than just the run in this high-powered offense. They hooked up three times for 120 yards in a 56-21 victory over Bloomfield. Next: Saturday at West Orange.

7-Holy Spirit (4-0)

Last week: 7

It has outscored opponents, 165-13, behind the efficient passing of Joe Callahan and the bruising defensive play of Anthony Sarao and Ethan Gambale. Next: Oct. 15 at Mainland.

8-Phillipsburg (4-0)

Last week: 8

Justin Scurzo threw three touchdown passes to Matt Deery and Dana Lee rushed for 280 yards and a touchdown in a 30-7 victory over Ridge. Next: Friday vs. Montgomery.

9-Immaculata (4-0)

Last week: 9

The offense is averaging 34.5 points per game with contributions from running backs Ish Mack and Kevin Albert and sophomore quarterback Antonio Natale. Next: Friday vs. Bridgewater-Raritan.

10-Sayreville (4-0)

Last week: 10

Sayreville is loaded with offensive weapons. Sophomore WR Isaiah Cureton got into the act with two receiving touchdowns and an 80-yard kickoff return in a 42-21 victory over Edison. Next: Friday at J.P. Stevens.

11-Wayne Hills (4-0)

Last week: 11

Sophomore QB Kevin Olsen had a breakout game against Teaneck when he passed for 209 yards and three touchdowns. Linebacker Russ Piekarsky is a leader on defense. Next: Friday at Paramus.

12-Matawan (4-0)

Last week: 12

Quarterback Jared Allison showed his versatility in a 48-21 victory over Rumson, rushing for 94 yards, throwing for 101 and catching a 48-yard TD pass. Next: Friday at Long Branch.

13-Ramapo (4-0)

Last week: 13

Scott Kuenzle and Jack Bandazian are terrific ball carriers and QB Tyler Ward keeps the defense honest with his passing. Next: Saturday at No. 3 St. Joseph (Mont.).

14-Lacey (4-0)

Last week: 14

Defensive lineman Dylan Joslin had three sacks in Lacey's 41-8 victory over Manchester Township, which was limited to 33 rushing yards. Next: Friday at Barnegat.

15-Piscataway (4-0)

Last week: 15

Quarterback Nadir Barnwell, RBs Tevin Shaw and Brandon Stout and WRs Kyle LaPorte and Tajae Sharpe all played big in a 55-6 victory over Monroe. Next: Friday at Old Bridge.

16-Pope John (3-0)

Last week: 16

Tailbacks Matt Pepe and Kyle McGrath combined for five touchdowns behind a punishing offensive line in a 42-14 victory over Vernon. Next: Saturday vs. Mount Olive.

17-Shawnee (3-1)

Last week: 18

Quarterback Vince Corbi has been a confident field director lately behind the work of linemen Tom Smith, Rob Beachy and Bob Bradley. Next: Friday vs. Cherry Hill East.

18-Paul VI (4-0)

Last week: 19

Quarterback Khaaliq Burroughs and running back James Kenner accounted for two touchdowns apiece in a 36-7 victory over Bishop Eustace. Next: Oct. 15 at Eastern.

19-Williamstown (3-0)

Last week: NR

Harry Ulmer, Karl Johnson and Khalil Faison combined for more than 400 rushing yards in a 30-14 triumph over Moorestown. Next: Friday vs. No. 5 Cherokee.

20-Winslow (3-1)

Last week: 17

It suffered a surprising loss to Clearview, 19-13, but expects to bounce back behind versatile QB Bill Belton. Next: Saturday vs. Pennsauken.

Out: 20-Howell.