

# NJ Football: The Star-Ledger Top 20, Oct. 18

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## **1-Don Bosco Prep (5-0)**

Last week: 1

The Ramsey squad had a week off, giving QB Gary Nova time to rest his arm and tailback Paul Canevari the opportunity to nurse any bumps and bruises he might have, which does not bode well for Passaic Tech. Next: Friday vs. Passaic Tech.

## **2-Bergen Catholic (5-1)**

Last week: 2

Quarterback Tanner McEvoy never ceases to impress. The senior rushed for 137 yards and a TD and passed for 132 and a score in a 27-13 victory over No. 10 St. Joseph. Back Spencer Kulcsar had two rushing TDs and caught a pass for another score. Next: Saturday at Paterson Eastside.

## **3-Cherokee (5-0)**

Last week: 3

Cherokee enjoyed its strongest showing of balance yet when five players scored in a 35-6 victory over Cherry Hill West. That could be a good sign for its upcoming Top 20 showdown. Next: Friday vs. No. 17 Shawnee.

## **4-St. Peter's Prep (5-1)**

Last week: 4

Senior TB Savon Huggins averaged 18.3 yards per carry when he picked up 201 yards and five touchdowns on 11 runs to help his squad defeated Bayonne, 56-0. Next: Friday at Memorial (W.N.Y.).

## **5-Seton Hall Prep (6-0)**

Last week: 5

Kevin Monangai set a school career TD mark of 55 with three against Irvington. Not to be overlooked was a solid defensive effort led by Connor Wujciak, Mac Stewart and Kevin Sampson. Next: Saturday vs. Livingston.

## **6-Holy Spirit (5-0)**

Last week: 6

Donta Pollack rushed for five touchdowns and Anthony Sarao and Rocky Figueroa led another dominating defensive performance in a 42-0 rout of Mainland. Next: Friday vs. Hammonton.

## **7-Phillipsburg (5-0)**

Last week: 7

After a week off, quarterback Justin Scuorzo and Co. should be ready to go head-to-head with an upset-minded rival. Next: Friday at Hunterdon Central.

**8-Ramapo (6-0)**

Last week: 8

The offense took a hit last week when RB Jack Bandazian left the Wayne Valley game with an injured knee, and it took a 19-yard field goal in overtime by Tim Sternfeld to win it, 10-7. Next: Saturday at Passaic Valley.

**9-Sayreville (6-0)**

Last week: 11

Sayreville led by just a touchdown at the half against Woodbridge, but defensive end Syd Holt and mates took care of business from there in a 49-14 victory. Clicking on all cylinders, Sayreville is averaging 39.0 points per game and yielding 8.1. Next: Friday at East Brunswick.

**10-St. Joseph (Mont.) (4-2)**

Last week: 10

Tailback Presley Beauvais rushed for two scores last week but St. Joseph fell to No. 2 Bergen Catholic, 27-13. Beauvais, along with QB Chris Andrews and DT Zach Vinci, can plan to get the team back on track after two consecutive setbacks during this week off. Next: Oct. 30 vs. Pascack Valley.

**11-Wayne Hills (6-0)**

Last week: 12

The Passaic County contingent continued to roll on the performances of TB Brian Dowling (17 TDs), QB Kevin Olsen and the tough defense of ends Joe Lane and Matt Greenfield. Next: Friday vs. Bergen Tech.

**12-Matawan (6-0)**

Last week: 13

Keith Beaty scored four touchdowns in the first half and quarterback Jared Allison threw three TD pass and had a 40-yard run for a TD in a 49-14 victory over Barnegat. Next: Friday at Holmdel.

**13-Lacey (6-0)**

Last week: 14

The defense limited Toms River East to 133 yards of offense in a 27-0 victory and DB Jarrod Molzon blocked a field goal attempt, picked up the ball and raced 34 yards for a score. Next: Friday at Central Regional.

**14-Piscataway (6-0)**

Last week: 15

Piscataway upped its scoring average to 41.3 points per game as Tevin Shaw, Tajae Sharpe, Brandon Stout, Mubeen Quraishi and Paul Marshall scored in a 48-0 victory over J.P. Stevens. Piscataway has outscored its last three opponents, 152-20. Next: Oct. 29 vs. East Brunswick.

**15-Immaculata (5-1)**

Last week: 9

The Somerville school slipped out of first place in the Watchung Division of the Mid-State 39 conference with a 19-14 loss to No. 20 Linden. Immaculata is 2-1 and Linden and Westfield are 3-0. Next: Saturday at Plainfield.

**16-Pope John (5-0)**

Last week: 16

It survived a scare against crosstown rival Sparta, winning, 19-9, as Malvin Santa and Kyle McGrath scored on runs in the final 2:45. Next: Friday at Jefferson.

**17-Shawnee (4-1)**

Last week: 17

It had the weekend off, so was able to accord Dillon Lucas, Dan Kelleher, Nick Delicata and the rest off Shawnee's defense extra time to prepare for No. 3 Cherokee. Next: Friday at No. 3 Cherokee.

**18-Paul VI (5-0)**

Last week: 18

It needed fourth-quarter TD runs from Khaaliq Burroghs and Johnell Anderson to escape with a 20-14 decision over winless Eastern. A bye week did this team no service. Next: Friday vs. Winslow.

**19-Williamstown (4-1)**

Last week: 20

Chris Inge scored twice on runs to pace a balanced attack in a 41-7 victory over Cherry Hill East. Four teammates scored once each. Next: Friday vs. Kingsway.

**20-Linden (4-1)**

Last week: NR

Backs Will Ingram and Kevin Rodriguez have scored eight touchdowns apiece for Linden, which upset No. 15 Immaculata, 19-14, for its fourth victory in a row to return to the Top 20 after a season-opening loss to Hunterdon Central. Next: Friday vs. Ridge.

*Out: 19-Brick Memorial.*