

NJ Football: The Star-Ledger Top 20, Oct. 25

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1-Don Bosco Prep (6-0)

Last week: 1

It can score through the air with QB Gary Nova throwing to junior wide receiver Leonte Carroo or on the ground with bruising back Paul Canevari. Watch for senior LB Lars Larsen on defense. Next: Saturday at Paramus Catholic.

2-Bergen Catholic (6-1)

Last week: 2

The Oradell club spreads it out, which allows QB Tanner McEvoy and RB Spencer Kulcsar to run or McEvoy to throw to Kulcsar or WR Cameron Dickerson. Next: Saturday vs. Hackensack.

3-Cherokee (6-0)

Last week: 3

Zaire Williams ran twice for scores and QB Andy Martin once again provided heady leadership as Cherokee defeated sister school and then-No. 17 Shawnee, 29-15. Next: Friday at Clearview.

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

Last week: 4

The defense, which is sparked by LBs James Fox and James Lancellotti and tackle Dane Longa, has relinquished just eight points in its last three games. Next: Friday at Ferris.

5-Seton Hall Prep (7-0)

Last week: 5

Any first-half deficit--the Prep trailed Livingston by three on Saturday—is but a minor inconvenience with runners like Kevin Monangai and Charlie Kennedy around to carry the ball in the second half. Monangai finished with 310 yards and three TDs. Next: Saturday at East Orange Campus.

6-Holy Spirit (7-0)

Last week: 6

Donta Pollack had another strong outing with 106 rushing yards and three TDs in a 28-7 victory over Hammonton. But his carries may shrink a bit now with standout Nigel Jones back in the lineup after recovering from an ankle injury. Next: Friday at Ocean City.

7-Ramapo (7-0)

Last week: 8

Although it was without RB Jack Bandazian the last two games and WR Matt Bunting two weeks ago, Ramapo continued to win behind the passing of Tyler Ward and the defensive performances of Joe Stefanik, Pat Taranto and Justin Satler. Next: Friday vs. No. 10 Wayne Hills.

8-Sayreville (7-0)

Last week: 9

Offense (Delon Stephenson), defense (Tyler Strauss, Daryl Stephenson) and special teams (Syd Holt) were all on display as Sayreville turned in another masterpiece in the form of a 41-6 victory over East Brunswick. Next: Friday vs. Old Bridge.

9-St. Joseph (Mont.) (4-2)

Last week: 10

After consecutive losses to No. 7 Ramapo and No. 2 Bergen Catholic, the Montvale contingent had a much-needed week off and returns to action featuring the running of Presley Beauvais, the passing of Chris Andrews and the defense of Zach Vinci and Alain Leneus. Next: Saturday vs. Pascack Valley.

10-Wayne Hills (7-0)

Last week: 11

A high-powered offense featuring TB Brian Dowling (21 TDs) and sophomore QB Kevin Olsen and a stingy defense with LBs James Hogan and Dom Santoro make coach Chris Olsen's squad formidable on both sides of the ball. Next: Friday at No. 7 Ramapo.

11-Matawan (7-0)

Last week: 12

Keith Beaty ran for 81 yards and two touchdowns and caught a TD pass as Matawan beat Holmdel, 49-14, to clinch a share of the Shore Conference-Class A Central division title. Next: Nov. 6 vs. New Brunswick.

12-Lacey (7-0)

Last week: 13

Cameron Blackwell caught two TD passes from Craig Cicardo in a 42-6 victory over Central Regional as Lacey clinched the championship of the Shore Conference-Class B South division. Next: Saturday at Neptune.

13-Piscataway (6-0)

Last week: 14

Was idle. Next: Friday vs. East Brunswick.

14-Hunterdon Central (6-1)

Last week: NR

It defeated then-No. 7 Phillipsburg, 28-25, rallying from a 22-7 deficit on the arm of Christopher Ibrahim, the legs of tailback Brandon Brocklehurst and a late goal-line stand. Next: Friday vs. Franklin.

15-Phillipsburg (5-1)

Last week: 7

Despite outstanding efforts by quarterback Justin Scuorzo, wideout Matt Deery and fullback Gerald VanDeCruz, it surrendered a 22-7 lead, losing, 28-25, to No. 14 Hunterdon Central for a fourth straight year. Next: Friday at Hillsborough.

16-Immaculata (6-1)

Last week: 15

The defense, led by linebacker Kevin Albert and defensive end Tashawn Bower, held Plainfield to 132 yards and eight first downs in a 40-13 victory. Next: Friday at Elizabeth.

17-Pope John (7-0)

Last week: 16

Kyle McGrath carried 30 times for 200 yards and three touchdowns in a 41-6 victory over Jefferson. Pope John has the most power points in NJSIAA Non-Public, Group 3. Next: Saturday vs. Montville.

18-Paul VI (6-0)

Last week: 18

Johnell Anderson gave usual standout James Kenner a break and picked up 119 rushing yards and scored three times in an impressive 34-18 victory over Winslow. Next: Friday vs. Triton.

19-Williamstown (5-1)

Last week: 19

Harry Ulmer struck four times for TDs, but the defense and special teams also reached the end zone once each in a 49-21 triumph over Kingsway. Next: Friday vs. Shawnee.

20-Linden (5-1)

Last week: 20

Ruhann Peele is a threat to score whether lining up at receiver or in returns for Linden, winner of it last five. Next: Saturday at Westfield.

Out: 17-Shawnee.