NJ Football: The Star-Ledger Top 20, Nov. 14

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1-Don Bosco Prep (9-0)

Last week: 1

There's no stopping tailback Paul Canevari. He rushed for 142 yards and five TDs and caught a scoring pass in a 62-0 victory over Paramus Catholic in the first round of the playoffs. Next: Friday vs. No. 4 St. Peter's Prep in state playoffs.

2-Bergen Catholic (9-1)

Last week: 2

Quarterback Tanner McEvoy returned to the lineup with a vengeance as he threw for 293 yards and seven TDs, two each to Cameron Dickerson and Spencer Kulcsar, and ran for another in a 65-34 victory over Red Bank Catholic in the first round of the playoffs. Next: Saturday vs. No. 5 Seton Hall Prep at Livingston High in state playoffs.

3-Cherokee (9-0)

Last week: 3

Veteran quarterback Andrew Martin sparkled in the spotlight with three TD passes, two to Drake Rodgers, in a 35-14 victory over Absegami ni the first round of the state playoffs. Versatile Mike Zeuli caught one scoring pass and ran for two TDs. Next: Friday vs. Egg Harbor in state playoffs.

4-St. Peter's Prep (9-1)

Last week: 4

Savon Huggins keeps on motoring. The senior, who has 1,811 rushing yards and 35 TDs on 103 carries this season, carried 26 times for 265 yards and four scores and was complemented by QB Brandon Napoleon with 125 yards passing in a 44-13 victory over Notre Dame in the first round of the state playoffs. Next: Friday at No. 1 Don Bosco Prep in state playoffs.

5-Seton Hall Prep (10-0)

Last week: 5

Records keep falling for the Prep because Kevin Monangai won't. He racked up 291 yards and scored four TDs in a 47-13 victory over Paul VI in the first round of the state playoffs to become the school's all-time rushing leader with 4,437 yards and the school's first to scale 2,000 yards in a season. Next: Saturday vs. No. 2 Bergen Catholic at Livingston High in state playoffs.

6-Holy Spirit (9-0)

Last week: 6

Junior linebacker Ethan Gambale steered the Absecon team to its fifth shutout, 42-0 over Bishop Ahr, with eight tackles, a sack and a 30-yard interception return for one of the squad's two defensive TDs in the first round of the state playoffs. Fellow linebacker Rocky Figueroa had the other with a fumble return. Next: Friday vs. No. 15 Pope John in state playoffs.

7-Lacey (10-0)

Last week: 7

Jarred Molzon had two touchdown runs and booted a field goal as Lacey beat Timber Creek, 27-8, to avenge last year's defeat in the South Jersey, Group 3 playoffs. Next: Saturday vs. Winslow in state playoffs.

8-St. Joseph (Mont.) (7-2)

Last week: 8

The Montvale contingent is performing at its best. Quarterback Chris Andrews passed for 280 yards and three TDs and five different player scored touchdowns when St. Joseph stopped Camden Catholic, 42-20. Next: Saturday vs. No. 19 DePaul in state playoffs.

9-Piscataway (9-0)

Last week: 9

With four key starters missing because of injuries, Kyle LaPorte, Brandon Stout and Nadir Barwell, among others, stepped up as Piscataway took advantage of six turnovers in a 39-28 victory over East Orange in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 playoffs. Next: vs. No. 14 Phillipsburg in state playoffs.

10-Sayreville (9-1)

Last week: 10

Delon Stephenson, who went over 100 yards rushing and receiving, scored two rushing touchdowns, two receiving touchdowns and another on a punt return while QB Joe Geiger threw for more than 100 yards in a 53-21 victory over Rancocas Valley in the first round of the Central Jersey, Group 4 playoffs. Next: Friday vs. Manalapan in state playoffs.

11-Matawan (9-0)

Last week: 11

Jared Alison fired touchdown passes of 28 and 27 yards in the third quarter in a 34-6 triumph for defending champion Matawan over Monmouth Regional in the first round of the Central Jersey, Group 2 playoffs. Next: Saturday vs. Manasquan in state playoffs.

12-Hunterdon Central (9-1)

Last week: 12

Its offense sputtered due to four turnovers but the defense stepped up behind nose guard Joe Natale and an attentive group of linebackers to limit Westfield to 99 yards in a 21-7 victory in a North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 first-round game. Next: Friday vs. Bridgewater-Raritan in state playoffs.

13-Wayne Hills (9-1)

Last week: 13

Senior tailback Brian Dowling set a school record when he scored his 67th career TD two weeks ago and signed his name next to another career record as he ran his total to 5,070 all-purpose yards in a victory against Wayne Valley. He now has 69 career touchdowns. Next: Friday vs. High Point in state playoffs.

14-Phillipsburg (8-1)

Last week: 14

Quarterback Justin Scuorzo left with a slight concussion in the second quarter but it pounded the ball on the ground with fullback Gerald VanDeCruz (197 yards, 1 TD) and tailback Dana Lee (128 yards, 2 TDs) in a 42-27 victory over Franklin in a North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 first-round game. Next: Friday at No. 9 Piscataway in state playoffs.

15-Pope John (10-0)

Last week: 15

Ryan Krueger's TD catch from Sean Kenney and Cory Bell's 56-yard TD run provided the difference in a 21-13 squeaker over Delbarton in a Non-Public, Group 3 first-round game. Next: Friday at No. 6 Holy Spirit in state playoffs.

16-Old Tappan (9-0)

Last week: 17

No team has been able to slow junior quarterback Devin Fuller. He ran for 101 yards and three TDs and passed for 212 yards and two scores in a 42-21 victory over Mount Olive in the first round of the state playoffs. Next: Friday vs. Paramus in state playoffs.

17-St. Joseph (Hamm.) (7-1)

Last week: 19

Quarterback Anthony Giagunto guides the offense with an experienced hand and Gordon Hill heads a deep running corps that helps set up the passing game. Phillip Paulhill is one of several talented special teams performers. Next: Saturday at St. Anthony in state playoffs.

18-Randoph (9-1)

Last week: 20

Mike Mastrangelo, James Gangemi and Shawn White are among the ball carriers in a loaded backfield for the Morris County team, which has won nine straight. Next: Friday vs. North Bergen in state playoffs.

19-DePaul (8-2)

Last week: NR

Dan Kowal passed for four TDs, three to Aaron Massimo, in a 41-33 upset of then-No. 16 Immaculata. DePaul sports a dangerous receiver in Daniel Foesel and kicker Matthew Jachero is among its other weapons. Next: Saturday at No. 8 St. Joseph (Mont.) in state playoffs

20-North Brunswick (8-1)

Last week: NR

Karim Sawyer ran a kick back 77 yards for a touchdown, caught a 46-yard TD pass, set up another score with a 43-yard reception, threw a 53-yard TD pass and added an interception as North Brunswick won its first playoff game since 1979 with a 36-33 decision over Pennsauken. Next: Friday at Brick Memorial in state playoffs.

Out: 16-Immaculata, 18-West Orange.