

YOUTH FOOTBALL



Kingston Township's Robby Boedecker takes a handoff from quarterback David Gawlas during a B division playoff game against Swoyersville.

KT Raiders advance C and D teams to championship

The Kingston Township Raiders won two of three games during the opening round of the Wyoming Valley West Youth Football Conference. The Raiders C and D teams will compete in the conference championship games today at Lackawanna County Stadium.

The D division (5-7-year-olds) championship game between Kingston Township and Forty Fort will begin at 11 a.m. The Raiders take a 10-0-1 record into the contest, while the Flyers are 9-1-1. The teams met twice during the regular season. The teams played to a tie the first time, while Kingston Township won the next meeting.

In what is arguably the best matchup of the playoffs, the Raiders square off against the Dallas Junior Mounts in the C division championship at 12:15 p.m. Both teams take a 10-1 record into the game.

The teams played each other twice during the regular season, with each team registering a win.

Here's a brief recap of last weekend's semifinal playoff games.

B DIVISION

The Raiders suffered a heartbreaking loss as Swoyersville scored the game's lone touchdown with less than three minutes remaining to post an 8-0 win. The game proved how much the Raiders improved this season. Three weeks ago, Swoyersville defeated Kingston Township, 32-8. The Raider offense was able to move the ball well against the Sailors, but was unable to reach the endzone. Kingston Township drove inside the Swoyersville 5-yard line, but could not score.

C DIVISION

The Raiders C will make a repeat appearance in the conference championship game thanks to a 22-6 victory against the Swoyersville Sailors. Matt Doggett scored three touchdowns as Kingston Township improved its record to 10-1.

The Raiders took the opening possession 62 yards for the game's first score. Matt Doggett scored on a 9-yard run following Ed Mszczynski, Joe Stier and Kyle Kotulski into the end zone. Doggett added the two-point

conversion run that staked the Raiders to an early 8-0 lead. Swoyersville made the score 8-6, but Josh Weaver made a nice defensive play on the two-point conversion.

J.T. Carey and Mszczynski came up with a big defensive play late in the first half, combining on a sack to force a Sailor fumble.

Doggett recovered the fumble on the Sailor 7-yard line with less than a minute remaining. Doggett scored the touchdown and added the two-point conversion to make it 16-6 at halftime.

With the Raiders kicking off to begin the second half, Oliveri executed a beautiful onside kick that was recovered by Shaffer. The Raiders followed that up with a 33-yard drive in six plays. Corey Patrick kept the drive alive with a 15-yard run and Doggett scored this third touchdown.

Robert Wargo turned in the defensive performance of the year by recording three sacks, making three tackles for losses and forcing two fumbles. Carey and Kotulski each recovered a fumble while Chris Knecht and

Ryan Boedecker each recorded a sack.

D DIVISION

Tanner Gattuso and Peter Capitano each scored two touchdowns as the Raiders cruised to a 33-6 playoff win against the Swoyersville Sailors.

Bret Storrs began the scoring on the opening play with a 60-yard touchdown run. Gattuso added the two-point conversion.

Storrs recovered a Sailor fumble which set up a 48-yard touchdown run by Gattuso, who also ran for the two-point conversion to make it 16-0.

Capitano and Gattuso combined to run for 51 yards before Gattuso finished off the drive with a 30-yard rushing touchdown. Ricky Morgan, David Edwards, Nick Mathers and Kyle Piskorick ran for key yardage to set up touchdown runs of 30 and 26 yards by Capitano. Gattuso added another two-point conversion to close out the scoring.

Ryan Martin, Collin Pertl, Michael Golden and Logan Baseski led the Raider defensive effort.

Dallas sends three to championships

Three teams from the Dallas Junior Mounts youth football program will compete in the Wyoming Valley West Youth Football Conference championships today at Lackawanna County Stadium. All three teams advanced with wins in semifinal action last weekend.

In the B division (10-11-year-old) championship game at 1:30 p.m., Dallas will take on the Swoyersville Sailors. The Junior Mounts (11-0) take an undefeated record into the title game, while Swoyersville is 10-1. The teams played earlier this season with Dallas coming away with a 20-12 win.

In the A division (12-13-year-old) championship contest at 3 p.m., the Junior Mounts (8-3) will face unbeaten Duryea (11-0). The Wildcats defeated Dallas, 26-20, during the regular season.

And in what is arguably the best matchup of the playoffs, Dallas faces Back Mountain rival Kingston Township in the C division championship at 12:15 p.m. Both teams take a 10-1 record into the game. The teams played each other twice during the regular season, with each team registering a win.

Here's a brief recap of last weekend's semifinal playoff games. Coaches from the Dallas A team did not submit the game results.

B DIVISION

Brett Wanek scored four touchdowns as the Dallas Junior Mounts advanced to the championship game with a 36-14 win against the Duryea Wildcats. Ryan Hanson started the game with a 72-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to get the Junior Mounts rolling.

The offensive line once again did a superb job controlling the line of scrimmage and paving the way for more than 350 rushing yards rushing. Wanek added a 2-point conversion run to his four touchdowns. Ryan Hanson also scored on a 2-point conversion run while Billy Dixon completed a pass to Alex Barrillo for another 2-pointer.

The Dallas defense held the Wildcats in check for most of the game. Eric Anderson and Nate Vario put a lot of pressure up the middle while Jordan Mullen recorded a sack and recovered a fumble. Garrett Artsma had an interception for Dallas and Vario blocked a punt to set up a touchdown.

C DIVISION

Mark Michno and Ryan Zapoticky each scored two touchdowns as Dallas posted a 24-12 win against the Kingston Huskies. After a scoreless first quarter, Johnny Hutchins recovered a fumble to set up a 57-yard touchdown run by Zapoticky. The score gave Dallas a 6-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, Michno scored touchdowns on runs of 37 and 35 yards, while Zapoticky added another score with a 52-yard run. Kyle Gregory scored two touchdowns for the Huskies.

The Dallas defense had several standouts. Mitchell Benson had one of his best games of the year with several sacks and Tyler Alba broke up two key Kingston passes. Defensive linemen Jude Moran, Cody Long, Ryan Monk and Josh Brobst also played an outstanding defensive game.

DYB opens boys regular season

Hayden Jenkins scored 11 points and Nick Lombard added 10 as Karchner Refrigeration Service won the opening game of Dallas Youth Basketball's seventh/eighth grade boys season with a 43-32 victory against Digital Print Services. Scot Riccetti added seven points for the winners and Tony Bevevino chipped in five.

Tyler Patton and Chris Dailey led Digital Print with 13 points each.

Austin Carr scored 11 points as McCarthy Tire edged Quad Three Group, 26-25. Dustin Siperko led Quad with eight points, while Nick Zabriski added six.

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