

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

MERCER COUNTY STATISTICS

(Through Games of Oct. 31)
RUSHING LEADERS

Player, School	Runs	Yards	TDs	Avg.
Jaymar Anderson, WW-P North	164	1343	16	8.2
Brian Schoenauer, WW-P South	161	1235	9	7.7
Ross Scheueman, Allentown	153	1091	16	7.1
Abdul Namoya, Hightstown	130	954	8	7.3
Darryl Griffin, Ewing	124	896	13	7.2
Jamie Williams, Hamilton	117	857	6	7.3
Tim Sutton, Hopewell Valley	117	548	7	4.7
Joe Jensen, WW-P North	80	523	6	6.5
Matt Pagano, Hopewell Valley	84	485	2	5.7
Ryan Zuczek, Robbinsville	94	457	2	4.8
Talal Brown, Lawrence	111	443	6	4.0
Bernard Drew, Ewing	51	431	2	8.5
Jabree Jackson, Trenton	81	410	6	5.1
Robert Pressley-Harris, Nottingham	99	393	3	3.9
Tyrone Parker, WW-P North	48	374	2	7.8
Jordan Hankins, Robbinsville	89	373	3	4.2

PASSING LEADERS

Player, School	Passing	Yards	TD	Pct.
Esayah Obado, Nottingham	71-133-4	1724	21	51.8
Kevin Monahan, Hightstown	122-175-3	1286	12	68.5
Darante Abner, Trenton	56-143-13	965	6	35.8
Darryl Griffin, Ewing	49-107-6	920	12	43.3
Adam Riase, Steinert	60-138-5	716	9	41.9
Alex Mitko, Princeton	51-122-10	678	3	38.6
Anthony Perna, Notre Dame	25-49-4	657	10	53.0
Sam McDermott, Notre Dame	43-74-2	623	11	56.5
Nick Palladino, Allentown	35-68-3	605	7	49.3
Brett Dawidowski, Robbinsville	39-66-1	539	4	58.2
Chris Evans, WW-P South	28-52-2	382	3	51.8
Marvins Leontus, Hamilton	10-34-1	209	2	28.5
Brian Rivers, WW-P South	12-31-1	177	2	38.7
Angelo Matriciano, Steinert	8-21-0	170	2	38.0
Ryan Mann, Hopewell Valley	14-41-4	109	1	31.1

RECEIVING LEADERS

Player, School	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg.
Robert Wiggs, Nottingham	46	806	10	17.5
Justin Adams, Notre Dame	30	644	11	21.6
Brett Wojtkowski, Hightstown	26	355	4	13.6
The Murrill, Ewing	21	451	9	21.4
Blair Allford, Hightstown	21	242	2	11.5
Doug Warrick, Steinert	21	247	1	11.5
Eric Shooter, Princeton	19	466	4	24.5
Jordan Dunn, Steinert	19	277	3	14.6
Eric Boyden, Notre Dame	18	235	3	13.0
Chris Burton, Nottingham	17	545	4	32.0
Ryan Zuczek, Robbinsville	16	290	10	18.1
Antonio Green, Trenton	15	333	3	22.2
Jabril Moore, Trenton	15	291	1	19.4
Orlando Rodriguez, Notre Dame	14	164	2	11.7
Billy Reed, Notre Dame	12	279	6	23.1
Ron Valentine, Ewing	9	93	3	10.3
Adam Devigili, Nottingham	9	90	3	10.0

SCORING LEADERS

Player, School	TD	PATS	FG	PTS.
Ross Scheueman, Allentown	20	0	0	120
Jaymar Anderson, WW-P North	15	0	0	90
Darryl Griffin, Ewing	13	2	0	80
Jamie Williams, Hamilton	13	0	0	78
Robert Wiggs, Nottingham	12	0	0	74
Justin Adams, Notre Dame	12	0	0	72
Chris Burton, Nottingham	10	0	0	60
Brian Schoenauer, WW-P South	9	0	0	54
Chris Banks, WW-P North	2	23	5	50
Mike Young, Notre Dame	0	39	3	48
Tim Sutton, Hopewell Valley	8	0	0	48
Abdul Namoya, Hightstown	8	0	0	48
The Murrill, Ewing	7	2	0	46
Matt Pagano, Hopewell Valley	7	0	0	42
Jabree Jackson, Trenton	7	0	0	42
Anthony Perna, Notre Dame	5	0	0	30
Eric Shooter, Princeton	5	0	0	30
Tyler Zandomenigo, Steinert	5	0	0	30
Tyrone Parker, WW-P North	4	0	0	24
Markus Collin, Allentown	0	17	6	23

FIGHTING ON

Spartans, WW-PS looking for mor

By **GEORGE O'GORMAN**
Staff Writer

Every coach hopes his football team is still fighting for a spot in the playoffs when the first Saturday of November arrives.

Steinert's Dan Caruso and West Windsor-Plainsboro South's Todd Smith are two coaches in just that position. Last night they were at the Mercer Lake Boathouse where two of their players were being honored as 12th Man TD Club Players of the Week after helping their teams stay in the playoff hunt with big wins on Saturday.

With Defensive Lineman of the Week honoree Doug Warrick coming up with a touchdown-saving play Steinert was able to pull the shocker of the season by ending Notre Dame's 20-game regular-season win streak, 15-13, to keep his playoff hopes alive.

Offensive Back honoree Chris Evans led his WW-P South squad to a tension-packed 35-27 win over Allentown as he hit on 11 of 12 passes for 186 yards — both career-best numbers — to get his Pirates team to 4-4 and into sixth place in the chase for one of the four Central Jersey IV playoff berths.

Since Steinert (3-4) visits WW-P South (4-4) Saturday at 2 p.m. in the marquee matchup involving Mercer County's West Jersey Football League teams Caruso and Smith were focused on the playoffs and what the outcome of this week's game could have on their club's post-season plans.

The Spartans picked up 31 power points with their win over ND to climb to 11th in the C.J. III bracket and 11 points out of the race for the eighth and final playoff berth. Since three teams Steinert is trying to overtake also are playing their eighth game and two others have played their eighth the Spartans can sneak in if they upset WW-P South and get the 21 additional power points that would go with it.

"It will be interesting to see what happens," says Caruso, who knows his squad was to-

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tally focused when it hosted ND because of the Irish win streak and the playoff points at stake.

"One of our assistant coaches has come up with eight different scenarios that could happen to get us in," said Caruso.

But the first scenario is to beat WW-P South, which in this wacky Mercer County season dealt Nottingham its first loss but has lost at Hamilton to keep the Hornets in playoff contention.

"We went in to the Notre Dame game knowing we needed to win to get in the playoffs, and now it's the same situation with West Windsor South, which is also a very good team," Warrick said.

Just to be in position to notch his fifth win of the season with a team that started the season with six untested sophomores in key starting positions is testimony to how much Smith's WW-P South squad has progressed.

"They're still making mistakes, but less of them," said Smith. "It would be great to get five wins in what was a rebuilding year. But we want to do even more."

The Pirates had dropped two in a row and three of four prior to beating Allentown, a game it could have easily lost were it not for some big stops on defense by its young line at the end. One of the biggest was keeping Allentown's Ross Scheueman out of the end zone when he ran for a 2-point conversion that would have put his team up a point with a minute to play.

Evans played a major role winning in just his fourth since returning from a pre-season elbow injury that had him on the sideline until the upset at Nottingham.

"I was feeling good Saturday. It all seemed to come easy around performance."

"Our defensive line did great job, making Allentown offense almost useless, and offensive line did great blocking to make the play-action work," explained Evans.

"A lot of teams that are building go 1-9 or 2-8 a chalk it up to the rebuilding Smith pointed out. "We looking at getting our fifth win in our ninth game as a team that's rebuilding, and that would mean a lot to us." Keeping WW-P South for that fifth win and picking another bushel of power points to get in to the playoff would mean even more for Caruso and Spartans.

All of which is why a rivalry that produced some memorable games when it was played early in the season could come the latest in a growing list of classic Mercer County games this fall.

WJFL STANDINGS

(Through Games of Oct. 30)

Valley Division	W	L	T	Overall
x Nottingham	4	0	0	1-0
x Hamilton	2	1	0	2-2
x Hightstown	2	2	0	3-3
x Steinert	1	2	0	3-3
x Lawrence	0	4	0	4-7

Capital Division	W	L	T	Overall
x Notre Dame	1	1	0	1-1
x Paradise Valley	1	1	0	2-2
x WW-P North	1	1	0	2-2
x WW-P South	1	1	0	2-2
x Trenton	0	4	0	4-9

Liberty Division	W	L	T	Overall
x Ewing	1	0	0	1-0
x Fenwick	1	0	0	1-0
x Robbinsville	1	0	0	1-0
x Denville	0	3	0	3-6

Colonial Division	W	L	T	Overall
x Allentown	1	1	0	1-2
x Burlington	1	1	0	2-4
x Hopewell Valley	1	1	0	2-4
x Pennington	1	1	0	2-4
x Princeton	1	1	0	2-4
x Princeton	0	2	0	2-6
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x-districted division title

Friday's games
Burlington Twp. at Kean Campus, 7 p.m.
Allentown at Robbinsville, 7 p.m.
Ewing at Burlington City, 7 p.m.

Saturday games
Lawrence at Trenton, 2 p.m.
Paradise Valley at Hamilton, 2 p.m.
Hopewell Valley at WW-P North, 2 p.m.
Nottingham at Princeton, 2 p.m.
Steinert at WW-P South, 2 p.m.
Hightstown at Pennington, 2 p.m.