

# Rebels look to win title in the trenches



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Teurlings Catholic's defensive line is filled with plenty of beef for the upcoming District 6-AA campaign, including Chuck Stout (50), Eric Schexnayder (77), Justin Dugas (11) and Brandon Briscoe (78).

## Fancy is out for Teurlings Catholic in '97

**Pete McEntegart**  
Staff Sports Writer

LAFAYETTE — Football coaches love to preach that controlling the line of scrimmage is the key to winning football games, regardless of the public's traditional focus on those few players who actually score most of the points.

The fate of this year's Teurlings Catholic squad should provide a good test for that axiom.

The Rebels are young and inexperienced at nearly all the offensive skill positions and in the defensive secondary, but a strong offensive line and veteran front seven on defense have head coach Sonny Charpentier believing that his team can continue an impressive run that has resulted in a two-year record of 22-3 in Class 2A.

"We hope that we can control the trenches," Charpentier said. "That's where games are won or lost."

On offense, senior left tackle and Division I prospect Eric Schexnayder (6-3,

330) leads an offensive line that also returns senior starters Brandon Briscoe (5-9, 270) at left guard and Kyle Richard (6-0, 195) at right guard.

Junior Zach Ezell (5-10, 210) will play center with senior Mike Judice (6-0, 245), who Charpentier said "has really blossomed as a football player the last few months," at the right tackle spot.

Sophomore Justin Guy (5-9, 150) will fill the big shoes of the departed Kyle Stutes at quarterback with his own, somewhat smaller, cleats.

"Guy has improved tremendously," Charpentier said. "He doesn't make the same mistake twice, and he makes good reads. That's what you want from a quarterback, no matter whether he's big or small."

Charpentier will have newcomers Travis Boudreaux, a 6-0, 195-pound senior at tight end, and junior Brian Gibson (6-1, 165) — one of several rotating split ends — as his primary aerial targets.

With such a strong offensive line, though, the Rebels will rely on the running game. Senior fullback Chad Verrot (6-

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defensive end  
Justin Dugas.

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## Teurlings

0, 175) returns as a starter and will be flanked by senior full-back Jessie Cormier (6-0, 225), a tandem that Charpentier believes is "as good a one-two punch as in any 2A school in the state."

Senior Kevin Balfour (5-9, 150) joins the Rebel backfield as a wingback.

The Rebels return all but two of their defensive front seven, along with Verret at strong safety, which is similar to another linebacker in the Rebels' 4-3 defensive scheme.

Senior Justin Dugas (6-0, 195) is a standout at one end spot, where he will be joined by senior Chuck Stout (5-10, 195) at the other end.

Schexnayder and Briscoe are the starting defensive tackles for the '97 season.

Senior Travis Boudreaux (6-0, 195) shifts from his defensive end spot of last season to linebacker.

Meanwhile junior Harold

"Boo" Arceneaux moves from weakside to middle linebacker to replace the departed John Comeaux, who ended up transferring to Carencro.

However, Comeaux, who injured his knee in last year's state playoffs, won't be able to play for the Golden Bears.

"We're expecting big things out of Boo," Charpentier said. "We'll need him to step it up for us."

The other four defensive starters are new to the lineup and include senior linebacker Joe Oliver (5-10, 175), junior Ken Hanes (5-9, 155) and sophomore Chris Rood (5-9, 160) at the corners and Gibson at free safety.

The Teurlings kicking and punting game are in the solid hands (and foot) of senior Brock Miguez (6-0, 165), who may give the Rebels an edge in close games.

But if Teurlings Catholic can win the battle of the front lines-like Charpentier thinks it can, there may not be much need for last-minute heroics.



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## TEURLINGS

- **NICKNAME** — Rebels.
- **COACH** — Sonny Charpentier  
(22-4, 3rd year).
- **1996 RECORD** — 10-2
- **RETURNING STARTERS** —  
Offense: (4) Eric Schexnayder,  
Brandon Briscoe, Kyle Richard,  
Chad Verrett; Defense: (6)  
Justin Dugas, Schexnayder,  
Briscoe, Verrett, Travis  
Boudreaux, Boo Arceneaux.

## SCHEDULE

### September

5	St. Louis	(H)
12	Breaux Bridge	(A)
19	Rayne	(H)
26	Welsh	(A)

### October

2	Marksville	(H)
10	Opelousas Cath.	(H)*
17	Patterson	(A)*
24	Livonia	(A)*
31	Vermilion	(H)*

### November

7	Port Barre	(A)*
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## TEURLINGS REBELS

1 Brock Miguez, 2 Chad Verret, 3 Kevin Balfour, 4 Justin Guy, 5 Jon Melancon, 7 Chris Rood, 8 Ken Hanes, 9 Chip Castle, 10 Brandon Charpentier, 11 Justin Dugas, 12 Brian Gibson, 16 Brandon Miguez, 17 Tony Sanfillipo, 20 Jake Harrington, 21 Dustan Quebedeaux, 22 Brad Robin, 23 Justin Stroderd, 30 Jake Benoit, 31 John Webb, 33 Steven Romero, 34 Joe Olivier, 35 James McDaniel, 42 Adam Fisher, 44 Travis Boudreaux, 45 Harold "Boo" Arceneaux, 47 Jesse Cormier, 49 Jason McCartney, 50 Chuck Stout, 55 Kyle Richard, 58 Seth Citron, 62 Josh Breaux, 63 Ben Brasseaux, 64 Zack Ezell, 65 Jules Jolivet, 67 Justin Herpin, 69 Mike Judice, 71 Jon Hurley, 73 Corey Sait, 74 Jason Hebert,

### 1997 SCHEDULE

#### TEURLINGS CATHOLIC

September

St. Ignace

Breux Middle

75 Steven Olivier, 77 Eric Schexnayder, 79 Travis Durling, 81 Daniel Patin, 83 Kory Hebert, 84 Brooks Stuart, 88 Beau Olivier



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# Dugas' speed paying huge dividends at defensive end

**Pete McEntegart**  
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LAFAYETTE — Two springs ago, Justin Dugas briefly got his Teurlings Catholic head coach, Sonny Charpentier, in hot water.

The Rebels were scrimmaging St. Louis of Lake Charles, and then-sophomore Justin Dugas had just moved his then-175 pound frame to defensive end. The two coaches had agreed that there were would be no blitzing in the scrimmage — and that was where the problem began.

"Justin came down the open end so fast that he was in the backfield almost before the quarterback," Charpentier said. "Their coach kept getting upset because he thought we were blitzing."

Once the St. Louis coach reviewed the tapes, though, he called Charpentier to apologize. Dugas, it turned out, was just that quick.

That quickness was apparent from the first day that Charpentier asked the former junior high and freshman quar-

**"We put him down there a few times, and we couldn't block him. He's just extremely quick off the ball."**

**Sonny Charpentier**  
Teurlings head coach



**Justin Dugas**

terback — Dugas still wears No. 11 — to take a try at the defensive line as a sophomore.

"We put him down there a few times, and we couldn't block him," Charpentier said. "He's just extremely quick off the ball."

"I was faster than the blockers," Dugas agreed. "I could shoot the gaps quicker and get past them. Speed had a lot to do with it."

Dugas was fortunate that he had 4.6 speed in the 40, because that first year he certainly didn't have the size generally required to play defensive tackle.

"He literally sacrificed his body that year," Charpentier said. "He took a beating. He was black-and-blue by the end of the season."

Last season, Charpentier moved Dugas to defensive end, which was even better suited to his talents.

"It gives me more time to see what's going on and react to the ball," Dugas said. "When I was inside, I was so small and the blockers were so big that I couldn't really see what was going on."

As a junior, Dugas led Teurlings in sacks, fumble recoveries, batted balls and tackles for losses, even running back an interception more than 70 yards for a touchdown for good measure.

Now, as a 190-pound senior, Dugas is no longer so undersized for his position, and still possesses the speed that has made him difficult to block from the beginning.

To Charpentier, though, Dugas' effectiveness is due to more than just his quickness.

"What makes Justin so good is that he gives 100 percent every play," Charpentier said. "He only knows one speed. We always tell the younger guys to watch him. It doesn't matter whether it's the first play or the fourth quarter, Justin gives his all every snap."

Recently, Dugas feared that he had run into one opponent that would have slowed him down for weeks — mononucleosis.

A blood test proved negative, however, so No. 11 will be ready to terrorize opposing quarterbacks



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SCOUTING THE AREA		
QUARTERBACKS		
Andy Chance, Cecilia	6-3	190
Damien James, Carencro	6-1	205
Billy McBride, Lafayette	5-10	165
RUNNING BACKS		
Brent LeJeune, Notre Dame	5-7	180
Josh Reed, Rayne	6-0	195
WIDE RECEIVERS		
Adam Kennedy, St. Thomas More	6-4	210
TIGHT ENDS		
Buck Miclotto, St. Thomas More	6-3	240
Joey Miller, St. Edmund	6-5	250
Curtis Randall, Central Catholic	6-4	210
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN		
Eric Duhon, Kaplan	6-3	295
Rick James, St. Martinville	6-2	300
Eric Shexnayder, Teurlings	6-5	340
Seth Zaunbrecher, Notre Dame	6-5	260
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN		
Draper Anderson, Jennings	6-2	255
Chris Ditch, Catholic (N.I.)	6-4	255
Jonathan Ford, Opelousas	6-4	270
Harry Frank, Eunice	6-8	250
Wilson Noel, Carencro	6-2	230
LINEBACKERS		
Kenneth Dangarfield, Patterson	6-4	220
Kenneth Johnson, Opelousas	6-1	205
Walter Sampson, Crowley	6-3	210
Justin Venable, Acadiana	6-3	235
DEFENSIVE BACKS		
Marcus Bourda, St. Martinville	6-0	175
Atiba Dauzart, Carencro	5-8	170
Jamar Lewis, New Iberia	5-11	180
James "Pappy" Morgan, Crowley	6-1	190
Lionel Thomas, Opelousas	6-0	180
Anthony Whitehead, Comeaux	6-1	180



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# Kiwanis highlights weekend of prep jamboree action

LAFAYETTE — The 46th Annual Kiwanis Jamboree kicks off at 6 p.m. today with the Catholic High of New Iberia Panthers taking on the Teurlings Rebels.

The Rebels have a record of 22-3 under head coach Sonny Charpentier, and will be looking to get off on the right foot in their quest for the District 6-2A championship.

The Panthers, meanwhile, continue their rebuilding process under head coach Keith Annulis, but will be looking for bigger things in 1997 after finishing 5-5 a year ago.

At 7 p.m., the Carencro Bears and Northside Vikings renew an old rivalry that dates back to the days when both teams competed in District 3-5A.

Northside is now competing in District 5-4A, where it figures to compete for a district championship.

Carencro, meanwhile, has been a permanent fixture in the playoffs, and the Bears figure to be the team to beat in the race for the District 3-5A championship.

Damien James, one of the nation's top recruits, will quarterback the Bears. Last year James averaged 10.8 yards each time he touched the ball.

The final game of the evening, which will begin at approximately 8 p.m., will feature district foes New Iberia and Lafayette High.

On Friday the Abbeville Wildcats will take on the St. Thomas More Cougars at 6 p.m. in the first game.

Abbeville head coach Brent Indest was the winner of the Kiwanis Club's crying towel, given to the coach who had the best sob story concerning his team.

Indest spoke of his club having to replace nine starters, including prolific passer Cooper Collins.

The second game of the evening features the Kaplan Pirates, last year's district 5-3A champion, and the Jeanerette Tigers.

The Pirates are coming off an 11-1 season, but lost last year's leading rusher Quinton Trahan to graduation.

Friday's last game will feature 3-5A foes Acadiana and Comeaux. The game will be the first game for the Rams under new head coach Willard Hanks.

## High School Jamboree Schedule

### Kiwanis Jamboree

(At Comeaux High)

Thursday, Aug. 28

6:00 p.m. — Catholic High (N.I.) vs. Teurlings Catholic  
7:00 p.m. — Carencro vs. Northside  
8:00 p.m. — New Iberia vs. Lafayette

### Friday, Aug. 29

6:00 p.m. — Abbeville vs. STM  
7:00 p.m. — Kaplan vs. Jeanerette  
8:00 p.m. — Comeaux vs. Acadiana

### St. Martin Parish

(At St. Martinville Sr. High)

Friday, Aug. 29

7:00 p.m. — Braux Bridge vs. Loreauville  
8:00 p.m. — St. Martinville vs. Cecilia

### St. Landry Parish Public Schools Jamboree

(At Eunice High)

Friday, Aug. 29

6 p.m. — Northwest vs. North Central  
7:15 p.m. — OHS vs. Beau Chene  
8:30 p.m. — Port Barre vs. Eunice

### John Bradley Memorial

Kiwanis Jamboree (Opelousas)

Friday, Aug. 29

7:00 p.m. — OCHS (J.V.) vs. St. Eds (J.V.)  
8:00 p.m. — OCHS vs. Westminster

### Crowley Jamboree

Thursday, Aug. 28

6 p.m. — Rayne vs. Iola  
7:30 p.m. — Notre Dame vs. St. Edmund's  
9 p.m. — Crowley vs. Church Point

### Erath Jamboree

Friday, Aug. 29

6:30 — North Vermilion vs. Delcambre  
8 p.m. — Vermilion Catholic vs. Erath

### Plaquemine Jamboree

Friday, Aug. 29

6:30 — Central Catholic vs. North Iberville  
5:30 — Hanson Memorial vs. East Iberville  
7:30 — St. John's (Plaquemine) vs. TBA  
8:30 — Plaquemine vs. TBA

### Iowa Jamboree

Thursday, Aug. 28

6 p.m. — Jennings (J.V.) vs. De Quincy  
7 p.m. — Iberville (J.V.) vs. South Cameron  
8 p.m. — Gueydan vs. Merryville  
9 p.m. — Iona vs. Benton

### Jennings Jamboree

Friday, Aug. 29

6 p.m. — Lake Arthur vs. Elton  
7:30 p.m. — Welsh vs. S. Beaufort  
9 p.m. — DeRidder vs. Jennings

### Morgan City Jamboree

Friday, Aug. 29

Morgan City Patterson Berwick Franklin



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# Teurlings Catholic rips up CHNI in Kiwanis Jamboree opener

LAFAYETTE — The Teurlings Catholic offense appeared to be in midseason form awfully early Thursday night in crushing Catholic High of New Iberia 42-14 in the 46th Annual Kiwanis Club Jamboree at Comeaux High.

Within the first five minutes of the first half, the Rebels had run five offensive plays and scored two touchdowns for a 14-0 lead at 10:46.

A 14-yard screen pass from Justin Guy to Justin Dugas scored the first TD. Then, after Chuck Stout's sack forced a fumble at the CHS 3, Jesse Cormier did the honors with a three-yard plunge.

Guy, only a sophomore, then connected with a wide-open Bryan Gibson on a 36-yard TD pass with 3:33 left in the first for a 21-0 lead.

Amazingly, though, the first-half excitement wasn't done. Zack Mitchell answered Teurlings' offense with a 57-yard TD run to cut it to 21-7.

Moments later, after Charlie Molbert's interception, Scott Elias hit Molbert on a 33-yard scoring completion to make it 21-14 at intermission.

The Rebels, though, showed they could score from long distances also when they put together a six-play, 93-yard scoring drive for a 28-14 lead.

Punctuating the drive was a 38-yard TD pass to Chad Verret, who later added a 21-yard TD run. Verret finished with 62 yards rushing and 47 receiving.

Guy finished the game six for 10 for 118 yards and three touch-

downs in addition to 34 yards rushing on three carries. Cormier led TCHS on the ground with 151 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries, including a 78-yard TD, to earn the game's MVP honors.

Teurlings had 15 first downs, 257 yards rushing and 118 yards passing to Catholic's five first downs, 84 rushing and 97 passing.

**Editor's Note:** Due to the lateness of the game and deadline restrictions, the New Iberia-Lafayette game could not be included in this edition. See Saturday's Advertiser for complete details.

**SEASON TICKETS  
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# NHS Vikings receive No. 4 preseason ranking

## Carencro third, Teurlings second in other classes

Kevin Foote  
Staff Sports Writer

LAFAYETTE — As a coach trying to build a program, you scratch and fight to make progress.

No one's had to do that any more than Northside High's Rick Vicknair. Now it's time to reap the benefits of the hard work with a little preseason recognition.

Every coach knows preseason polls don't mean anything, but it's sure nice when pollsters from throughout the state recognize progress.

And a 14-13 victory over Carencro in the jamboree didn't hurt either.

But now that Vicknair's Vikings enter the regular season as Class 4A's No. 1 ranked team, he's just hoping his troops can handle the pressure of living in such a lofty position.

"It's exciting, but we've got to take it one game at a time to see who's right and who's wrong," Vicknair said. "Don't get me wrong. I wanted to be ranked this year, but I would have preferred to sneak up on a few people."

"Being ranked this high has happened to us before, but that was way back in the early 1980s. I just hope the players handle it properly so we can live up to this ranking."

That's the good news for the Vikings. The bad news is that the Acadiana area is full of ranked teams, as is the rest of Northside's schedule.

For example, joining Northside from its own District 5 4A is St. Martinville at No. 3 and St. Thomas More at No. 6. Then there's Eunice at No. 7 from District 4 4A and Crowley at No. 10.

The Vikings open with Crowley Friday night in Lafayette, followed by games against other ranked teams like Cordia, Lafayette High, Kaplan, Wossinate, St. Martinville and St. Thomas More.

Also earning a high ranking is the Carencro Golden Bears with a No. 3 position in Class 5A behind defending state champion West Monroe and Shaw. Lafayette High, meanwhile, is on the

brink of being ranked at the No. 13 spot.

In Class 3A, the Kaplan Pirates are tied with Independence at No. 3, while the Cordia Bulldogs are No. 5 and the Notre Dame Pioneers are No. 9.

In Class 2A, the Teurlings Catholic Rebels are just one notch behind top-ranked Riverside at No. 2, while fellow District 6 AA power Port Barre is seventh. Also receiving attention was the Iota Bulldogs at No. 14.

In Class A, the Central Catholic of Morgan City Eagles are third, followed by Sacred Heart of Ville Platte 10th and Vermilion Catholic at No. 14.



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# Rebels look for jamboree encore



Teurlings Catholic's Jesse Cormier (47) had his way against Catholic High in the jamboree with 151 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries.

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## Guy's progress helps Teurlings get off to fast start offensively

Kevin Foote  
Staff Sports Writer

LAFAYETTE — Some coaches this week would love nothing better than to start from scratch after a disappointing jamboree performance.

Teurlings Catholic's Sonny Charpentier is no where near that group. His task is to get his Rebels to duplicate their impressive offensive showing in the 42-14 victory over Catholic High of New Iberia. And that task begins at 7 p.m. today when No. 2-ranked Teurlings hosts St. Louis of Lake Charles in the season opener at Clark Field.

"No, I wasn't surprised," Charpentier said. "Even though we lost some pretty good players off last year's team, I still feel like we've got a chance to be as good as we've ever been offensively."

While a huge offensive line and a capable pair of running backs are largely responsible for that opinion, the progress of sophomore quarterback Justin Guy might just be the biggest factor.

"He's really progressed in unbelievable ways," said Charpentier, who is 22-3 in his first two years as the Rebels' head coach. "He might be the smartest quarterback I've ever coached, especially considering the fact that he's just a sophomore. The great thing about him is that he rarely makes the same mistake twice."

"After the spring, I didn't think we were going to be able to pass the ball as much as usual, but he really worked hard over the summer. Now, our passing game is going to be a little different. We're going to have to do the things he can do."

Another major factor in the Rebels rolling up 15 first downs and 375 yards in last Thursday's jamboree was the hard-nosed running of Jesse Cormier, who had 151 yards and two touchdowns on just 14 carries.

"We knew Jesse had that kind of ability from when he was a sophomore," Charpentier said. "He runs hard and he's hard to bring down. What also helps our running game is that both are very good blockers. Chad (Verret) does a great job of blocking for Jesse."

While the offense was shining brightly, Charpentier wasn't nearly as pleased with the Rebels' defensive effort in the blowout jamboree victory.

"We've got a couple kids playing positions they've never played before, so they made some mistakes," Charpentier said. "The good thing is that all the mistakes were made at 100 miles per hour. That comfort zone just is not there yet for them. It'll take time, but it's going to come."

And Charpentier is confident St. Louis will provide just the test his Rebels need.

"St. Louis has a good, well-coached team," he said. "They're going to throw multiple sets at us offensively and they run a 4-3 defensively. This was probably our best week of practice ever, so I feel like we're ready."

### Port Barre at University

BATON ROUGE — Port Barre's Donnie Perron can't remember the last time his Red Devils were defeated as soundly they were in falling 27-0 to Eunice in the jamboree.

Now it's time to see how well his No. 7-ranked Red Devils can handle the disappointment. They should, of course, have no problem when they travel to meet the University High Cubs at 7 p.m. today in Baton Rouge.

After all, it was the Cubs that upset Port Barre in the first round of the state playoffs a year ago.

"It (jamboree loss) woke us up and shook us up pretty good," Perron said. "We definitely didn't want that to happen. A lot will be told Friday. We didn't play very well in the spring game and got embarrassed by Rayne. Then we did okay in the scrimmage, before we went backwards again in the jamboree."

Perron knows the Red Devils won't likely play a team as good as Eunice this season, but still wants his troops to eliminate mistakes.

"The main thing right now is to get a win under our belts," Perron said. "After they beat us in the first round last year, there are no excuses for not playing well."



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# Teurlings shuts down St. Louis

LAFAYETTE — While there might not have been quite as much of an explosion from the Teurlings Catholic offense Friday night after a 42-14 jamboree win, the consistency certainly was there.

Head coach Sonny Charpentier's No. 2-ranked Rebels scored in each of the four quarters to roll past the St. Louis Saints 24-6 Friday at Clark Field in the season opener for both teams.

The Rebels ran for 155 yards and passed for 97 in the victory, while limiting St. Louis to 66 yards rushing and 80 passing.

It was Travis Boudreaux doing the bulk of the damage for Teurlings on this night, rushing for 113 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries.

Boudreaux got the Rebels' scoring under way in the first with a two-yard TD run, before Chad Verret made it 14-0 at the half with a three-yard scoring run.

Boudreaux was at it again with a one-yard scoring plunge in the third for a 21-0 lead. Then, after St. Louis got on the board with a David Donald one-yard run, Brock Miguez got into the act for Teurlings with a short field goal to ice the victory.

Friday also proved as sophomore quarterback Justin Guy's first official night of running the Rebels' attack. Guy hit on eight of 15 passes for 97 yards.



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## Teurlings 24, St. Louis 6

St. Louis	0	0	6	0	—	6
Teurlings	7	7	7	3	—	24

### First Quarter

TCHS— Travis Boudreaux 2 run (Brock Miques kick)

### Second Quarter

TCHS— Chad Verrett 3 run (Miques kick)

### Third Quarter

TCHS— Boudreaux 1 run (Miques kick)

St. Louis— David Donald 1 run (pass failed)

### Fourth Quarter

TCHS— Miques 17 FG

	SLHS	TCHS
First downs	9	15
Rushes-yards	26-66	45-156
Passing	80	97
Comp-Att-Int	9-15-3	8-15-1
Punts	6-33	3-37
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-60	5-28

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING**— St. Louis: JT Darby 10-39, Bo Flavin 4-2, Sam Young 5-44. TCHS: Boudreaux 20-113, 2 TD, Chad Verrett 9-30, TD, Justin Guy 12-17.

**PASSING**— St. Louis: David Donald 9-15-3. TCHS: Guy 8-15-1.

**RECEIVING**— St. Louis: Justin Joseph 6-69, Rusty Anderson 3-11. TCHS: Verrett 5-63, Justin Dugas 2-6, Brian Gibson 1-28.

**NEXT**: TCHS (1-0) at Breaux Bridge.



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THE DAILY ADVERTISER'S HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# GAME OF THE WEEK



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Teurlings Catholic's defensive standouts **Brandon Briscoe** (78), **Chad Verret** (2), **Eric Schexnayder** (77) and **Kyle Richard** (55) prepare for Breaux Bridge with Rebels' assistant coach **Chad Farris**.



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Breaux Bridge defensive stars **Colby Rivet** (48), **Eric Dugas** (10), **Marque Angelle** (54), **Miles Boudreaux** (74), **Jeremy Castille** (13), **John Wiltz** (79), **Domanick Davis** (31) and **Jason Berard** (7) with assistant coach **Terry Martin**.



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# TCHS vs. BREAUX BRIDGE

## Rebels excited about challenge

**Kevin Foote**  
Staff Sports Writer

**BREAUX BRIDGE** — It was time.

At least that's the way Teurlings Catholic head coach Sonny Charpentier saw it anyway.

Now that the Rebels football program is back on the right track, avoiding the old rivalry with the Breaux Bridge Tigers just seemed foolish.

Unless, of course, securing automatic wins is the objective. Charpentier certainly knows that won't be the case when his No. 2-ranked Rebels travel a few miles down the Breaux Bridge Highway to meet the Tigers at 7 p.m. today.

"I didn't really want to play Breaux Bridge and Rayne back-to-back," Charpentier said. "That's just the way it worked out. I really think we should be playing Breaux Bridge, though. It's a good rivalry and it was time to play again."

Charpentier knows, however, that playing the likes of Breaux Bridge, Rayne and Marksville will make it tougher to stay unbeaten.

"I think the kids realize that it's going to be a tough game to win, but we welcome the challenge," he said. "It's kind of like starting over with this kind of pre-district schedule. I just know it's going to make us better."

One thing that would also do

the trick is the unexpected return of fullback safety Jesse Cormier tonight after pulling his ham string in last Friday's 24-6 win.

"It makes it tough on us because Justin (Dugas) has to play both ways now with Travis (Boudreaux) moving from tight end to fullback," Charpentier said.

Boudreaux surely played that role perfectly last Friday, filling in with 113 yards and two scores.

But even more than his back field, Charpentier's concerned with stopping the speed in Breaux Bridge's backfield.

"Breaux Bridge wasn't a 1-9 football team last year," Charpentier said. "(Domanick) Davis is a real good back. They've got a couple backs that if they get in the secondary, we won't be able to catch."

Charpentier's just hoping his defensive line can hold its own.

"I'd be disappointed if they can just run it down our throats," he said. "I feel good about our progress there, though. I thought (Eric) Schexnayder played his best defensive game ever Friday, and (Brandon) Briscoe did well also. They both did a good job of getting off their blocks."

"Hopefully, we can get that kind of effort again. The only problem is Breaux Bridge's offensive line is better than St. Louis' offensive line."

## Tigers searching for 2-0 start

**Kevin Foote**  
Staff Sports Writer

**BREAUX BRIDGE** — Nothing can make a coach appreciate winning like the kind of frustration the Breaux Bridge Tigers endured during last year's 1-9 campaign.

After all, head coach Mike Mowad's Tigers in the state semifinals the year before.

In Mowad's case anyway, it didn't take a 1-9 season to convince him to enjoy each victory.

But while last week's 47-12 triumph over North Iberville might have been fun, Mowad knows it won't compare to the excitement generated by his Tigers meeting No. 2-ranked Teurlings Catholic at 7 p.m. today in Breaux Bridge.

"It used to be a real good rivalry and I don't think it's going to take long to get heated up again," Mowad said. "The two schools are so close, I think it makes sense to start playing one another again."

"There's going to be a lot of intensity if we had kept playing over the years, this game would be just as big as playing St. Martinville or Cecilia."

And like playing St. Martinville next week, Mowad knows battling the Rebels tonight won't be a cakewalk.

"Teurlings throws the ball well and they have good athletes," he said. "The thing about them is that Sonny does such a great job with

them. They're well-disciplined and give 105 percent on every play. They just play such great technique."

Breaux Bridge counters with a balanced and explosive backfield. Domanick Davis led the way last week with 68 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries, but he had plenty of company.

Colby Rivet added 65 yards and a touchdown, Jarvis Williams 37 yards and a score and Douglas Johnson 22 more and a touchdown.

"I thought we did a better job of eliminating the penalties and turnovers," Mowad said. "Domanick's playing well, but we've got several backs running well right now. Domanick does a lot for us. He can play cornerback and he's on our kickoff and punt coverages."

"But Domanick can't win a game by himself. If we don't have 10 other guys playing well, we won't be successful."

Breaux Bridge is already showing depth in its defensive unit. With linebacker Tobais Helaire out, juggling the lineup didn't show last week when the Tigers limited North Iberville to just eight first downs and 136 total yards.

"We've had to juggle a few positions, but everybody played well last week," Mowad said. "And I think everybody's fired up about playing Teurlings."



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RUSHING				
Player	School	Att.	Yds.	TD
Brent LeJeune	Notre Dame	29	325	3
Jermaine Martin	Northside	24	298	5
Josh Reed	Rayne	19	222	3
Brad Duckless	Westminster	18	152	4
Dewayne Williams	Lafayette	13	145	1
Kaylan Gudry	Westminster	19	144	2
Greg Lormand	Rayne	8	134	1
James Knatt	Loreauville	22	130	1
Samarian Mitchell	SMSH	25	178	2
Willie Sheppard	Deltambre	17	126	1
Kevin Guillory	Iota	9	125	1
Brian Stule	VCHS	12	123	1
Josh Riddle	N. Vermilion	9	123	2
Steven Hava	Acadiana	20	122	2
Josh Ortega	Iota	21	113	1
Travis Boudreaux	Teurlings	20	113	2
Jeremy Fontenot	SHVP	11	113	1
Nicky Miller	St. Edmund	25	112	2
David Dupuis	Cecilia	11	109	0
Jermine Pickney	Port Barre	21	106	1
Troy St. Julien	New Iberia	17	104	0
Travis Fleming	Franklin	12	102	4
David Thomas	Mamou	17	101	2
Rohan French	CHNI	12	100	2
Chad Menard	Cecilia	15	98	2

PASSING						
Player	School	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Josh Fontenot	SHVP	14	27	1	272	3
Eric Fontenot	OCHS	10	32	0	153	2
Joey Destrocher	ND	9	11	0	149	2
Scott Elias	Catholic/NL	9	22	0	128	0
Clayton Landry	Erath	8	17	0	124	1
Cenny Mayard	VCHS	8	15	0	103	0
Justin Guy	Teurlings	8	15	1	97	0
Lucas Wimberley	CPHS	5	15	0	93	0
Nick Patin	Cameau	7	10	1	86	1
Jacob Deltambre	Delt.	4	9	1	80	2

RECEIVING				
Player	School	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Lucas Soileau	SHVP	12	116	3
Shane Palombo	Erath	4	102	1
Brandon Langlais	Erath	3	72	1
Graham Martin	OCHS	6	70	0
Ross Duos	SHVP	1	68	0
Charlie Molbert	CHNI	5	65	0
Seth Thibodeaux	CPHS	3	65	0
Chad Verret	Teurlings	5	63	1
Michael Brooks	N. Dame	2	63	1
Brad Launey	SHVP	1	54	0
Justin Devaraczyk	CHNI	2	45	0
Brandon Ledet	Carencro	2	43	0
David Manes	N. Verm.	2	42	0
Dary Sampy	Northside	2	39	0
Derek Newman	Acadiana	3	37	1
Adam Kennedy	STM	3	37	1



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# Breaux Bridge slips past Teurlings 21-7

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**BREAUX BRIDGE** — It wasn't a pretty game by any means.

And after watching the penalty and mistake-filled game, Teurlings Head Coach Sonny Charpentier and Breaux Bridge Head Coach Mike Mowad knew their clubs had a lot of work ahead of them.

Despite the 21-7 win, Mowad was less than pleased with his team.

"Obviously, it's always good to come out of a game with a win, but we have a long way to go before we become a good football team," he said. "We had way too many mistakes tonight and there's no way we can continue to play like that."

The Tigers (2-0) finished the game with 15 penalties for 115 yards. Teurlings didn't fare much better, committing nine for 60 yards.

"We didn't play well tonight, but I'm sure Breaux Bridge had something to do with that," said Mowad. "We had too many mental mistakes and we aren't good enough to over come them and beat Breaux Bridge. Obviously we need to get a lot better, but I think we will."

Teurlings (1-1) came into the contest as the state's No. 2-ranked team in class 2A.

They hardly looked like it on this night, particularly early on when Breaux Bridge scored all 21 points in the first quarter.

"The first quarter killed us, we had to throw our game plan out the window," said Charpentier. "It didn't look like we were mentally into the game early on and that's my fault. They scored the three early touchdowns and it was all uphill from there."

The Rebels did have some success running the ball, but the large deficit throughout the game made it tougher on their passing game.

"We wanted to run the football and felt it would be very important for us if we were to win," said Charpentier.

"At times we ran it good, but when you're three touchdowns behind, you are forced to throw more than you might want. And that's what happened to us. I know it made it a lot easier for Breaux Bridge to defend the pass."

The Tigers' first touchdown came on a 4-yard pass from quarterback Jason Berard to



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Teurlings Catholic quarterback Justin Guy (4) attempts to run away from Breaux Bridge linebacker Douglas Johnson (32) during the Tigers' 21-7 victory.

tight end Justin Guilbeau.

They then used a pair of big plays to make it 21-0 before the quarter ended. Douglas Johnson made it 13-0, scoring on a 40-yard run, followed by Dominick Davis' 40-yard punt return.

"I don't want to sound all negative because we did do some good things," said Mowad. "(Davis) came up with the big play for us, as did (Johnson). And Justin's been outstanding for us so far. He got us going with the early touchdown and were able to stretch it out enough."

Davis and Johnson finished with 65 and 32 yards respectively, while Colby River added 23

yards. Teurlings' Chad Verret had 60 yards rushing and 19 yards receiving.

Quarterback Justin Guy struggled, completing only 4 of 21 passes with an interception.

"We put Justin in a tough spot, down 21-0 early," said Charpentier. "And it's especially tough because he's just a sophomore. But I'm not really concerned at this point. I still feel like we're going to make plays with our passing game."

Teurlings avoided the shutout with a late fourth quarter touchdown. Travis Boudreaux took it in from the 1-yard line to make it 21-7.



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Teurlings Catholic quarterback Justin Guy (4) attempts to run away from Breau Bridge linebacker Douglas Johnson (32) during the Tigers' 21-7 victory.



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## Breaux Bridge 21, Teurlings 7

Teurlings	0	0	0	7	—	7
Breaux Bridge	21	0	0	0	—	21

### First Quarter

BBHS-Justin Guilbeau 4 pass from Jason Berard  
(Jeremy Castile kick)

BBHS-Douglas Johnson 40 run (kick failed)

BBHS-Dominick Davis 50 punt return (Guilbeau  
from Berard)



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Fourth Quarter		
TCHS-Travis Boudreaux 1 run (Brock Migues kick)		
	TCHS	BBHS
First downs	16	7
Rushes-yards	42-137	38-189
Passing	29	4
Total Offense	166	193
Comp-Att-Int	4-21-1	1-3-0
Punts	5-28.4	6-37.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-60	13-115
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
<b>RUSHING</b> —TCHS: Boudreaux 18-31, TD; Chad Verret 16-69; Justin Guy 8-(-23). BBHS: Davis 11-83; Johnson 11-82, TD; Colby Rivet 6-23; Jarvis Williams 5-11; Berard 3-(-10).		
<b>PASSING</b> —TCHS: Guy 4-21-1, 29 yds. BBHS: Berard 1-3-0, 0 yds.		
<b>RECEIVING</b> —TCHS: Verret 3-19; Brian Gibson 1-10. BBHS: Guilbeau 1-4, TD.		
<b>NEXT</b> — Teurlings (1-1) hosts Rayne Friday. Breaux Bridge (2-0) at St. Martinville Friday.		



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# TC hopes to cool Rayne's Reed

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LAFAYETTE Rayne head coach Keith Bergeron has some sobering news for the Wolves' opponents this fall. According to Bergeron, Rayne tailback Josh Reed is just now shaking off the rust from a pulled abdominal muscle that slowed him this summer.

"He really didn't start this year until the week we scrimmaged," Bergeron said. "So he's just starting to get into form now because he started so late."

If that's true, then the senior tailback's first two weeks have been an awfully impressive warm-up act. In piling the Wolves to convincing victories over Catholic High of New Iberia (45-13) and Jeanerette (37-0), Reed has rushed for 525 yards on 38 carries with eight touchdowns.

Teurlings Catholic (1-1) head coach Sonny Charpentier might find it hard to believe that Reed has been slowed by anything so far this season as his Rebels prepare for Rayne at 7

p.m. today at Clark Field.

All he knows is that the Reed he's seen looks plenty dangerous, and the Rebels will need to do a better job than CHNI or Jeanerette in applying the brakes if they are to rebound from last week's 21-7 loss.

"He does a great job of being in control all the time," Charpentier said. "He sets up his blocks well, and is able to accelerate when he needs to. He can change speeds, and he can make you miss. It just looks like he does a lot of things effortlessly."

Things didn't come quite so effortlessly for Teurlings last week at Breaux Bridge. A poor first quarter left the 2A Rebels in a hole from which they couldn't escape against the 3A Tigers.

But losing isn't something that Charpentier and the Rebels are used to after going 22-3 the past two seasons, and they don't plan on making it a habit.

"Everyone was disappointed to lose, but after the first quarter we played pretty good football," Charpentier said. "I think we left

Breaux Bridge Friday night a better team than when we got there."

The challenge for Charpentier's team is a stiff one tonight as well as the Rebels face the 3A Wolves and one of the top backs in the state, Bergeron, though 48 not about to take Teurlings lightly.

"The biggest thing about them is they do a good job of controlling the line of scrimmage, both offensively and defensively," Bergeron said. "They're a well-coached team, and they won't beat themselves."

The Rebels' chances to do better than just not beating themselves will be improved if fullback Jesse Cormier can return from a hamstring injury that has sidelined him for nearly three weeks. If Cormier can go, he will join tailback Chad Verret (25:00) and fill-in fullback Travis Boudreaux (33:11) in the backfield with sophomore quarterback Justin Gux.

But if Reed was, in fact, just getting started in the season's first two weeks, Teurlings could be in for a long night.



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# Wolves' defense steps up big in Rayne victory



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LAFAYETTE — For one half in Friday night's game between Rayne and Tcurlings Catholic, it looked like the only thing that could stop either offense was itself.

But in the second half, the Rayne defense stuffed TCHS for minus 26 yards of total offense and tallied a touchdown while Josh Reed scored the last of his three scores — part of his 204 yards on the evening — to lift the Wolves to a 32-19 win at Clark Field.

The win gives Rayne (3-0) its best start in more than a decade while Tcurlings — ranked No. 11 in class 2A — falls to 1-2 on the season.

The game got off to an explosive start from the opening kickoff as Reed took Brock Migues' kick at his own five yard line, darted up the field, made a cut and was gone for a 95 yard touchdown.

Reed then added the extra point, and the Wolves had a 7-0 lead just 12 seconds into the game.

Tcurlings responded behind a punish

ing running game, lead by fullback Jesse Cormier — who rushed for 42 of his 127 yards on the evening during a 11 play, 68 yard drive.

Quarterback Justin Guy finished off the drive by running for a 13-yard touchdown off the option keeper, and Migues' point after tied the game 7-7 with 8:41 left in the opening period.

After Tcurlings stopped a Rayne drive with a Justin Dugas fumble recovery on its own 33, Cormier and the Rebels were at it again.

This time, they drove 67 yards in seven plays capped by Cormier's 14-yard blast off left tackle to put the Rebels up 13-7 with 10:21 left in the first half.

But that's when the Rayne special teams struck again, as Manwet Arce-neaux took a short kickoff at the 12 and went 78 yards for Rayne's second touchdown off a kickoff return, putting the Wolves up 14-13 following Reed's point after with 10:10 left in the half.

Tcurlings then regained the lead at 19-14 on Chad Verret's 30-yard return of a Rayne fumble with 2:38 left in the half.

But Reed helped put the Wolves up for

good on the next possession by taking a lateral from Randy Judice three yards in the back field and weaving 16 yards to the TCHS 10 before scoring from two yards out two plays later, giving Rayne a 20-19 lead with 2:1 seconds left.

"The big thing was that touchdown before the half," TCHS coach Sonny Charpentier said. "We felt like we gave them a cheap one at the end of the half, and it really changed momentum."

If it didn't, the Rayne defense certainly did.

After Reed increased the lead to 26-19 with a nine yard scoring run with 7:21 left in the third quarter, the Wolves bottled up the Rebel running game, and then struck for a touchdown of its own by forcing a fumble that Greg Daigle fell on in the end zone to increase the lead to 32-19 with 9:40 left in the final period.

"Special teams really kept us in the game in the first half," Rayne coach Keith Bergeron said.

"We weren't making tackles in the first half. But in the second half, we did a better job of coming off the ball and controlling the line of scrimmage."



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## Rayne 32, Teurlings 19

Rayne	7	13	6	6	— 32
Teurlings	7	12	0	0	— 19

### First Quarter

RHS · Josh Reed 95 kickoff return  
(Reed kick)

TCHS · Justin Guy 13 run (Brock  
Migues kick)

### Second Quarter

TCHS · Jesse Cormier 14 run (run  
failed)

RHS · Manuel Arceneaux 78 kickoff  
return (Reed kick)

TCHS · Chad Verret 30 fumble return  
(run failed)

RHS · Reed 2 run (run failed)

### Third Quarter

RHS · Reed 9 run (kick failed)

### Fourth Quarter



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**RHS** - Greg Daigle fumble recovery  
(kick blocked)

**YARDSTICK**

	<b>RHS</b>	<b>TCHS</b>
First downs	16	14
Rushing	45-240	48-156
Passing	22	12
Total	262	168
Comp-Att-Int	1-2-0	1-4-0
Punts-Avg	3-30	3-34 3
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	6-3
Penalties-Yards	7-64	4-40

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING** — **RHS** Reed 28-204, 2 TD  
Scott Lormand 10-34, Rodney LaGrange  
2-20, Larry Moore 1-(-3), Randy Judice 4-(-  
15) **TCHS** Cormier 19-127, TD, Verret 10-  
44, Travis Boudreaux 4-9, Guy 15-(-24), 1  
TD

**PASSING** — **RHS** Judice 1-2-0, 22 yds  
**TCHS** Justin Guy 1-4-0, 12 yds

**RECEIVING** — Timmy Navarre 1-22  
**TCHS** Cormier 1-12

**NEXT UP** — Rayne (3-0) host Ville Plat-  
te Friday, Teurlings (1-2) at Welsh Friday



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**LAFAYETTE** — With the exception of the first half of the 3-10 season-opening win over West Jefferson, the 1997 season has been a virtual cakewalk for the No. 3-ranked Carenero Golden Bears.

Head coach Mac Barousse's 3-0 troops will now try to transfer that momentum into District 3-5A play when Carenero travels to meet the 0-3 Comeaux Spartans at 7 p.m. today.

One primary reason for Carenero's dominance thus far is its balanced rushing attack. Ironically, it's the fullback leading the way so far with Trevin Griffin going for 253 yards and four touchdowns on 32 carries thus far.

Not far behind him, however, are quarterback Damien James with 235 yards and four scores on 32 tries, while reserve tailback Travis Francis is on a roll with 202 yards and five touchdowns on just 17 carries.

And that doesn't even include starting tailback Theo Babineaux (12-67, 1 TD), who has been held out with a groin pull since the opener.

The Bears haven't exactly been poor defensively either, giving up just 109 total yards a game.

Comeaux, on the other hand, has been struggling all season, losing to St. Thomas More 28-6, Franklin 42-6 and West Jefferson 38-7.

#### **Teurlings-Welsh**

**WELSH** — Losing's been very much the exception at Teurlings Catholic in Sonny Charpentier's

two-plus years as the head football coach.

But suddenly, an upgraded schedule has the Rebels 1-2 heading into a 7 p.m. non-district affair with the 1-2 Greyhounds today at Welsh.

"Nobody likes losing no matter who you play," Charpentier said. "The kids' attitude has been good. They know we were very capable of winning last week. We just gave up two touchdowns on special teams."

So much of the Rebels' troubles surround the health of fullback Jesse Cormier, who rushed for 127 yards and a touchdown in last Friday's 32-19 loss to Rayne in his first game of the season.

He then followed a pulled hamstring with a thigh contusion and remains questionable.

With Cormier in and out, Travis Boudreaux (42-153, 2 TDs) and Chad Verret (35-143, 1 TD) lead the Rebels on the ground.

Welsh has had its share of bad breaks also in starting out 1-2. A week ago, the Greyhounds wasted a nine-point, fourth-quarter lead in a freak loss to Vinton. A game-winning field goal by Vinton deflected off a Welsh defender.

"They're going a little bit to the Wing-T for the first time," Charpentier said. "They still run 80 percent of the time. They've got good athletes, as always. Size-wise, we're bigger, but they have less kids going both ways."

#### **STM-Sam Houston**

**MOSS BLUFF** — Sure, he'd prefer to be 3-0 at this point, but after surviving last week's 38-33 shootout with Crowley, St. Thomas More head coach Jim Hightower isn't about to complain



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# Rebels squeak past Greyhounds, 14-12

WELSH — It wasn't as pretty as head coach Sonny Charpentier would have preferred.

But after all, style points isn't what the Teurlings Catholic Rebels were after when they traveled to meet the Welsh Greyhounds Friday night in a battle of 1-2 clubs.

It was a win that Charpentier wanted so desperately and that's exactly what he got with a 14-12 decision over Welsh.

"We moved the ball at will in the second half," Charpentier said. "It was just one of those games where we struggled (to score). Our main goal, though, was to get a win here and we did that."

"Hopefully, we gained some confidence in the second half because I thought the offensive

line did a great job of blocking and controlling the line of scrimmage."

A productive second half was necessary for Teurlings after trailing 6-0 at the half. Reggie Jackson's 3-yard touchdown run in the second quarter was responsible for the halftime score.

The Rebels' passing game gave Teurlings the slim 7-6 lead in the third period on an 18-yard touchdown pass from Justin Guy.

The Rebels then made it 14-6 in the fourth period on a 10-yard touchdown run by Chad Verret.

Welsh made things interesting with 3:03 left when Gabriel Carraway hit Terrance Perro on a 41-yard touchdown pass.

An unsportsmanlike conduct flag on the score, though, helped prevent the failed two-pointer.



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Teurlings	0	0	7	7	—	14
Weish	0	6	0	6	—	12

#### Second Quarter

WEL — Reggie Jackson 3 run (Run failed)

#### Third Quarter

TC — Travis Boudreaux 18 pass from Justin Guy  
(Brock Miques kick)

#### Fourth Quarter

TC — Chad Verret 10 run (Miques kick)

WEL — Terrance Perro 41 pass from Gabriel Carraway (Pass failed)

#### YARDSTICK

	TCHS	WHS
First downs	14	8
Rushing	201	94
Passing	70	76
Total	271	170
Comp-Att-Int	6-11-0	3-4-0
Punts-Avg	1-45	5-35
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-45	2-30

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING** — TCHS: Chad Verret 13-94, Travis Boudreaux 20-111, WHS: Reggie Jackson 17-61

**PASSING** — TCHS: Justin Guy 6-11-0, 70 yds, 1 TD, WHS: Carraway 3-4-0, 76 yds.

**RECEIVING** — TCHS: Boudreaux 2-32, 1 TD, Verret 3-36, Brandon Miques 1-7, WHS: Jackson 1-30, Perro 1-41, Kyle Chaisson 1-5.

**NEXT UP** — TCHS (2-2) hosts Marksville Thursday, WHS at Iowa Friday.



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# Rebels encounter another stiff test

## Marksville latest tough foe for TCH

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LAFAYETTE — If playing tough competition really prepares you for district play, the Teurlings Catholic Rebels might just be the most prepared team in District 5-AA.

At least that's what head coach Sonny Charpentier is hoping as his Rebels are at it again at 7 p.m. today at Clark Field when they host the 3-1 Marksville Tigers.

That comes after already playing two of the top-12-ranked teams in Class 5A in Breaux Bridge and Rayne.

"Marksville's pretty good," Charpentier said. "They're very athletic and it's not just one or two of them. They've got a bunch of great athletes. They've got two backs that you can't tell the difference between, and their quarterback's very dangerous on the option. He'll pitch it anytime, anywhere."

That's the bad news for the 2-3 Rebels.

The even worse news is that Marksville's defense might be more explosive than its offense, led by Chad Lavallais (6-3, 248) at linebacker, who has already made a verbal commitment to LSU. Lavallais also happens to be Marksville's leading receiver with six catches for 100 yards and two touchdowns.

Younger brother Peterick Lavallais (35-318, 3 TDs) is the team's leading rusher.

"They play a lot of man-to-man and try to get you in bad situations with a lot of blitzing," Charpentier said. "And they have good enough athletes to where they can be out of position and still recover in time to make plays. It's going to be a challenge for us, but we've got to be able to run the ball."

The biggest problem for the Rebels thus far is that their leading rusher isn't who it's supposed to be.

Chad Verret (48-237, 2 TDs) has certainly done his job and so has fullback Travis Boudreaux (63-264, 2 TDs).

But Jesse Cormier (19-127, 1 TD) was supposed to be Teurlings' top threat and he continues to battle a thigh bruise. He's still questionable for tonight's game.

"We're really looking forward to Jesse getting healed up, but district

is more important and we don't want to rush him," Charpentier said. "We feel like we've got an opportunity to beat a good football team, which could springboard us into district, but it's not worth making Jesse's injury worse."

Teurlings does take the confidence gained from last week's 14-12 win at Welsh into this contest, but this is a much different challenge.

"Their quarterback can go the distance and their tailback can go the distance," Charpentier said. "We're going to have to play good assignment football. We're going to be prepared. It's a matter of whether or not we can execute."

"Hopefully, we can stop them before they get started, because this is the best group of athletes as a whole that we've played against in the three years I've been here."



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Teurlings Catholic quarterback Justin Guy (4)

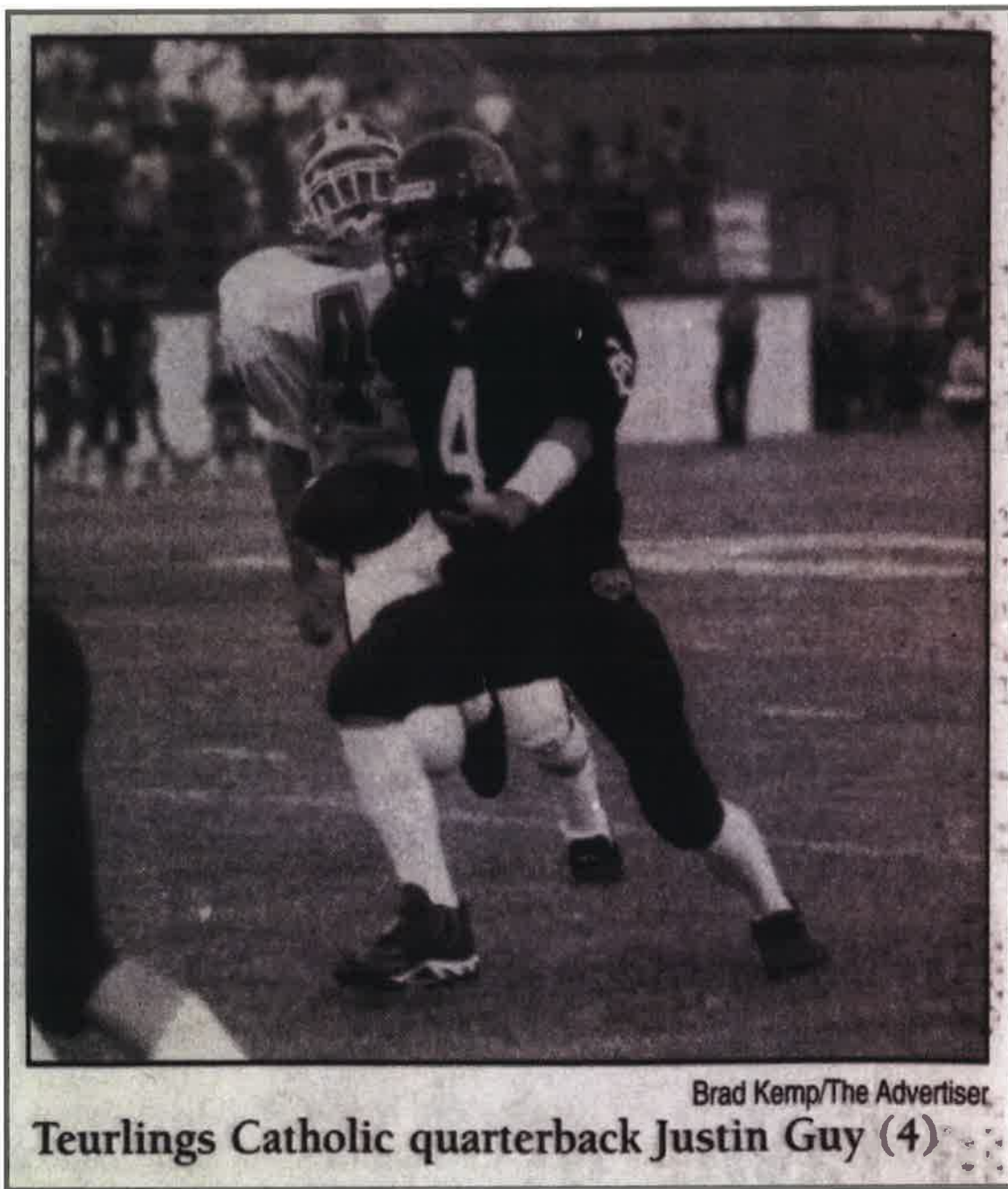


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**Teurlings Catholic quarterback Justin Guy (4)**



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# TC reverses course

## Behind 14-6, Rebs flatten Marksville

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LAFAYETTE — When Marksville quarterback Lamar Edwards skittered around right end for a 3-yard touchdown with 11:35 to play in the second quarter, it looked like Thursday night's game might be following an all-too-familiar script for Teurlings Catholic.

The Class 2A Rebels had already dropped two games to ranked 3A teams in Rayne and Breaux Bridge, and the 3A Tigers carried the No. 9 ranking into the game. When Edwards tacked on that rushing touchdown to his 63-yard interception return that had opened the night's scoring, the Tigers led 14-6.

But on the very next play, Teurlings senior tight end Justin Dugas took an inside handoff on a reverse and sprinted 65 yards untouched around right end for the touchdown. When fullback Travis Boudreaux bulled over for the two-point conversion, Teurlings had tied the game.

From that point on, the Rebels penned an entirely new script, scoring 29 unanswered points for an impressive 42-21 victory that improved their record to 3-2.

"We beat a very talented football team tonight," said Teurlings head coach Sonny Charpentier. "It was a big win, and one we needed a lot for our confidence. We've had some tough spots, but the kids never quit working hard. I think that was evident tonight."

Teurlings started slowly, throwing two first-quarter interceptions. But from then on the Rebels played turnover-free football, while Marksville fumbled six times, losing four.

Those four fumbles led directly to three Teurlings touchdowns, while the fourth stalled a potential Tigers scoring threat at the Rebels' 5-yard line.

Dugas (two carries, 92 yards, two touchdowns), halfback Zack Verret (11-53-2) and fullback Jesse Cormier (13-98-1) made sure the Tigers paid for their missteps.

Marksville fumbled on its first drive after Dugas' 65-yard score, with the Rebels recovering on the Tigers' 35. Cormier, who has missed much of the season with a pulled hamstring and a deep thigh bruise, then converted a key fourth-and-three play by busting outside for an 11-yard gain.

Two plays later, Verret went around left end on a pitch from sophomore quarterback Justin Guy for a 13-yard score for a 21-14 Teurlings lead.



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Teurlings Catholic's Jesse Cormier (47) runs for 11 yards on a fourth-down play.

Midway through the third quarter, Marksville tailback Donald Hayes couldn't handle a pitch from Edwards deep in Marksville territory. The Rebels recovered on the 5 and Verret took it the rest of the way on the very next play.

Dugas struck on the very same tight end screen the next time the Rebels had the ball, again sprinting around right end untouched for a touchdown, this one from 27 yards out.

"We felt like misdirection would hurt them," Charpentier said. "They fly to the ball so well and have such good team speed. We've had that tight end reverse in all year, but it worked real well tonight."

That score made it 35-14, Teurlings.

Cormier then showed how healthy he was with a 50-yard touchdown burst on a third-and-one play, in which the Tigers were stacked close to the line to stop a dive. But Cormier took the ball outside, and once he shook the attempted tackle of Marksville safety Blaise Desselles he won a footrace to the end zone.

Dugas added two sacks and another two tackles behind the line from his defensive end position, as he outproduced Marksville's more ballyhooed defensive lineman/linebacker/tight end Chad Lavalais, who has already verbally committed to LSU.

On this night, though, that was just one more story line that the Rebels decided to turn upside down.



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# **Teurlings Catholic 42, Marksville 21**

Marksville	6	8	0	7	—	21
Teurlings	6	15	14	7	—	42

## **First Quarter**

**M** — Lamar Edwards **69** interception return (pass failed)

**TC** — Travis Boudreaux **3** run (run failed)

## **Second Quarter**

**M** — Edwards **3** run (Peterick Lavalais run)

**TC** — Justin Dugas **65** run (Boudreaux run)

**TC** — Zack Verret **13** run (Brock Migues kick)

## **Third Quarter**

**TC** — Verret **5** run (Migues kick)

**TC** — Dugas **27** run (Migues kick)

## **Fourth Quarter**

**TC** — Jesse Cormier **50** run (Migues kick)

**M** — Donald Hayes **4** run (Edwards kick)

## **YARDSTICK**

	<b>MHS</b>	<b>TCHS</b>
First downs	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Rushing	<b>43-225</b>	<b>30-257</b>
Passing	<b>30</b>	<b>45</b>
Total	<b>255</b>	<b>305</b>
Comp-Att-Int	<b>3-8-1</b>	<b>2-10-2</b>
Punts-Avg.	<b>5-34.2</b>	<b>3-29.3</b>
Fumbles-Lost	<b>0-4</b>	<b>1-0</b>
Penalties-Yards	<b>4-35</b>	<b>1-6</b>

## **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING** — MHS: Lamar Edwards 18-39 1TD, Orlando Simon 12-98, Donald Hayes 12-63 1TD, Peterick Lavalais 3-17, Bryan Lacombe 2-8. TCHS: Jesse Cormier 13-92, 1TD, Justin Dugas 2-92 2TD, Chad Verret 11-53 2TD, Travis Boudreaux 9-30 1TD, Justin Guy 4-(minus 7).

**PASSING** — MHS: Edwards 3-8-1 for 30 yards. TCHS: Justin Guy 1-8-1 for 32, Verret 1-1-0 for 13, Brandon Migues 0-1-1 for 0.

**RECEIVING** — MHS: Lacombe 2-18, Jason Juneau 1-12. TCHS: Verret 1-32, Guy 1-12.

**NEXT UP** — MHS (3-2) at Northwest, TCHS (3-2) hosts Opel. Catholic.



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# Dauterive fears TC's versatility

Pete McEntegart  
Staff Sports Writer

LAFAYETTE — Opelousas Catholic head coach Larry Dauterive has been watching some scary movies lately, but not of the "Friday the 13th" or "Nightmare on Elm Street" genre.

No, what has Dauterive howling have been the game films of Teurlings Catholic (3-2), the No. 12-ranked 2A school in the state and OC's opponent for the 7 p.m. District 6-2A opener tomorrow night at Clark Field.

"They're horror films," Dauterive said of the offending Catholic. "Teurlings doesn't have any weaknesses. If you were going to clone a team, that's a team that you would clone. They're so strong on defense that you can't run inside, but if you go outside they have tremendous speed to run you down."

"Even with their defense, their offense tends to get most of the credit, and rightly so because it's so productive. It's going to be a mismatch. It's men playing against boys."

But Teurlings head coach Sonny Charpentier isn't buying into talk of a potential walkover. The Vikings may be 1-4, but Dauterive's patented passing offense has kept them close all but one game.

The Rebels hope to stop that attack before it really gets started — before quarterback Eric Fontenot (72-143 for 1,158 yards, 13 TDs) can release the ball.



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"You have one of two choices in defending the passing game: You can cover or bring heat," Charpentier said. "Our philosophy has always been to bring pressure on the quarterback and try not to give him time. Plus this week, we'll work on some new coverage schemes as well."

Charpentier figures that Dauterive — who has never been 1-4 at any point in his 20-plus years at a number of coaching stops across North America — probably has a few more tricks up his sleeve.

"We'll try and mix it up on defense, and Coach Dauterive will probably try to do something to counteract it," Charpentier said. "That's what makes it fun."

Tomorrow's game would be more fun for Dauterive if he had the services of wide receivers Graham Martin (25 catches, 456 yards, four TDs) and Jason Lane (12-167). Martin cracked a vertebra and Lane broke two ribs in OC's 34-7 loss last week to St. Louis.

"We're going in with less weapons, and we didn't have a whole lot of ammunition before," Dauterive said. "Teurlings is the same team that beat St. Louis pretty bad (24-6), and it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that this is a mismatch."

If the Vikings can't block the likes of TC defensive ends Justin Dugas and Chuck Stout, it might indeed be a long night.

"The whole key for us is pass blocking," Dauterive said. "We threw the ball nice until last week, but we've had a hard time keeping guys out."

If Charpentier and the Rebels have their way, though, the tape of Friday's game — which will be re-broadcast on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 8 a.m. on cable's channel five — will be another horror film for Dauterive and Vikings fans.



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# Versatile Verret ignites Rebels over OCHS Vikings

Bruce Brown  
Sports Editor

**LAFAYETTE** — Chad Verret won the versatility award Friday night at Clark Field.

The Tensas Catholic senior ran for a touchdown, caught a back-breaking touchdown pass and threw for a third score on a fake punt to lead the Rebels to a 42-28 victory over Opelousas Catholic in the District 6-AA opener for both teams.

With kick returns added in, Verret was responsible for 304 total yards and was one of the reasons the visiting

Vikings were simply outmanned.

Another lethal weapon was Jesse Cormier, who steamrolled for 122 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries and also had a 51-yard TD catch from Justin Guy. He had a 37-yard touchdown catch and run called back by penalty.

"We felt going in that we should be able to hit some big plays on them," TCHS coach Sonny Charpentier said. "We didn't execute very well early. We obviously weren't ready to play."

"(OCHS coach) Larry Dauterive did a great job in the newspaper article of building our kids up to make them think they're great."

"They had distractions this week with homecoming, and probably took us lightly," said Dauterive. "I couldn't be prouder of the kids, even though we lost, because we played a tough team and kept fighting. We improved against a quality opponent."

It was Verret whose 72-yard cutback evened the score at 7-7 after an early Rebel fumble set up the Vikings for Eric Fontenot's 22-yard touchdown pass to Jonathon LeBlanc. Then, after an OCHS field goal, Guy rolled around left end behind Cormier for a 12-yard TD and a 14-10 lead at the half.

The Vikings were close, but the Rebels

soon gained separation as Guy floated a 73-yard touchdown bomb to Verret on the first snap of the second half and then watched as Cormier turned a safety valve into a 51-yard score. Guy's 44-yard pass to Verret set up Cormier's two-yard plunge and suddenly it was 35-10, TCHS.

Fontenot and Scott Thibodeaux combined to bring OCHS within 35-18, but Verret's 45-yard punt-formation pass to Brad Robin clinched it.

The Vikings got a late score from Thibodeaux, set up by Fontenot's 71-yard bomb to LeBlanc, but it was too late.

"We gave them some cheap touchdowns," Dauterive said, "and it was a

two-touchdown game. We had five freshmen in the game on the fake punt, and have a lot of players going both ways. At the end, we were still fighting."

"We're going to have to play a lot better than this next week," said Charpentier, whose 12th-ranked Rebels visit Patterson next Friday. "Patterson has a great defense that really flies to the ball. They're physical, and Patterson always has talent."

The Rebels have quality athletes of their own, including Verret, who also punts and plays defense and can't seem to find an area of the game he can't handle.



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# Teurlings 42, OCHS 26

OCHS	7	3	0	16	—	26
Teurlings	7	7	21	7	—	42

## First Quarter

OCHS — Johnathon LeBlanc 22 pass from Eric Fontenot (Tommy Hebert kick)

TCHS — Chad Verret 72 run (Brock Miguea kick)

## Second Quarter

OCHS — Hebert 19 FG

TCHS — Justin Guy 12 run (Miguea kick)

## Third Quarter

TCHS — Verret 73 pass from Guy (Miguea kick)

TCHS — Jesse Cormier 51 pass from Guy (Miguea kick)

TCHS — Cormier 2 run (Miguea kick)

## Fourth Quarter

OCHS — Scott Thibodeaux 7 pass from Fontenot (Thibodeaux pass from Fontenot)

TCHS — Brad Robin 45 pass from Verret (Miguea kick)

OCHS — Thibodeaux 5 pass from Fontenot (Bill Richard pass from Fontenot)

## YARDSTICK

	OCHS	TCHS
First downs	9	13
Rushing	6-6	39-233
Passing	192	257
Total	201	490
Comp-Att-Int	22-41-1	9-17-0
Punts-Avg.	10-33.7	1-42
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	4-2
Penalties-Yards	10-82	12-139

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING** — OCHS: Travis Lewis 1-6-0, Brandon Anders 5-3-0. TCHS: Jesse Cormier 15-122-1, Justin Guy 10-63-1, Chad Verret 8-79-1, Travis Boudreaux 1-5-0, James McDaniel 1-4-0, Dustin Quebedeaux 1-0-0, Adam Fisher 2-(-3)-0, TEAM RUSH 1-(-37)-0.

**PASSING** — OCHS: Eric Fontenot 22-39-1 192 3 td, Brandon Anders 0-2-0. TCHS: Justin Guy 9-16-0 212 2 td, Chad Verret 1-1-0 45 1 td.

**RECEIVING** — OCHS: Darwon Hammond 6-27-0, Scott Thibodeaux 4-23-2, Johnathon LeBlanc 3-102-1, Brandon Anders 3-21-0, Rob Roy 2-28-0, Bill Richard 2-6-0, Travis Lewis 2-(-8)-0. TCHS: Chad Verret 6-158-1, Jesse Cormier 2-64-1, Brad Robin 1-45-1.

**NEXT UP** — OCHS (1-5, 0-1) hosts N. Vermilion, TCHS (4-2, 1-0) at Patterson.



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## Teurlings at Patterson

**PATTERSON** — On paper, this is a no contest. On film, though, Teurlings Catholic head coach Sonny Charpentier sees far too many great athletes wearing Patterson uniforms to be over-confident heading into the 7 p.m. District 6-AA showdown today at Patterson.

"Athletically, they remind me a lot of Marshall," Charpentier said. "They're much better defensively than offensively. They're pretty vanilla offensively. Mistakes killed them last week (in loss to Livonia). They had two punts blocked and some turnovers, but they may have the best overall athletes in the district."

The Rebels are 4-2 and 1-0, while Patterson is hanging on to dwindling playoff hopes at 3-3 and 0-1.

"I'm still scared of this game," Charpentier said. "You don't know how they're going to react being 0-1. You know they don't want to go 0-2."

The idea is to not give them a choice, and getting fullback/strong safety Jesse Cormier back is a good start.

"He's getting close to 100 percent," Charpentier said. "He's probably about 90 percent right now. Him being in there allows us to do things we haven't been able to do. He'll be playing some defense this week, which will allow us to give Chad (Verret) a little blow."

Another possible change for the Rebels is quarterback Justin Guy getting some time at cornerback.

"A lot of people don't know this, but Justin's probably the best cover guy on our football team," Charpentier said.



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### PASSING

Player, School	Cmp	Att	Int	Yds	TD
Eric Fontenot, OCHS	94	221	9	1348	16
Travis Fleming, FHS	34	107	6	749	9
Nick Patin, STM	51	91	5	740	9
Lenny Mayard, VCHS	46	80	0	723	11
Josh Fontenot, SHVP	84	102	5	614	14
Lucas Wimberley, CP	44	122	7	648	3
Contraal Charles, AHS	38	75	5	642	5
Trenton LeBlanc, NV	34	82	6	599	8
Nick Dugas, Crowley	39	83	2	597	6
Scott Elias, CHNI	39	104	4	584	3
Clayton Landry, Erath	37	97	3	582	4
Shane Beauden, CCMC	39	77	6	579	7
Donnie Bollich, Eunice	26	59	4	478	6
Joey Oestricher, NDHS	31	50	5	472	5
Chris Sanders, Hanson	37	83	1	470	5
Justin Guy, TCHS	28	75	3	452	3
Andy Chance, Cecilia	28	83	5	447	3
Jacob Poirier, SSMH	20	49	3	399	0
Shaun Broussard, Patt	17	34	2	383	4
Randy Judice, Rayne	14	30	0	364	5
Jacob Delcambre, Del	34	78	6	364	3
Ryan Duhon, Abbeville	16	35	3	255	4
Josh Andrus, St. Ed's	19	53	6	350	1

### RECEIVING

Player, School	Rec	Yds	TDs
Jonathan LeBlanc, OCHS	21	456	5
Graham Martin, OCHS	25	456	4
Derek Newman, Acadiana	21	379	4
Brad Launey, SHVP	24	359	3
Adam Kennedy, STM	24	348	5
Shane Palombo, Erath	16	342	2
Devon Meche, CPHS	18	310	2
Chad Verrett, TCHS	18	308	2
Lucas Solleau, SHVP	25	305	7
Quincy Morgan, Crowley	11	306	3
Kyrles Hebert, Eunice	16	305	5
Charlie Molbert, Catholic-NI	14	270	2
Seth Thibodeaux, Church Point	17	267	1
Terrance Wiggins, Franklin	12	260	3
Josh Reed, Rayne	7	256	4
Zan Beckett, VCHS	19	389	5
Dustin Gaspard, N. Verm.	11	287	5
Saiah Francis, CCMC	11	237	2

### SCORING

Player, School	TD	PAT	FG	TP
Josh Reed, Rayne	22	12	0	146
Jermaine Martin, North	20	0	0	120
Jerome Pickney, PBHS	16	0	0	96
Brent LeJeune, N. Dame	13	2	0	80
Willie Sheppard, CCMC	13	2	0	80
Jonathon Edmond, STM	12	0	0	72
Travis Francis, Carencro	12	0	0	72
Brad Duckless, WCA	11	4	0	70
Bihan French, CHNI	10	2	0	62
Derik Darby, Delcambre	8	9	0	57
Travis Fleming, Franklin	9	2	0	56
Damien James, Carencro	9	0	0	54
Bo Bernard, Erath	6	9	3	54
Steven Hava, Acadiana	8	2	0	50
Jeremy Fontenot, SHVP	7	5	0	49
Quinn Nolan, Abbeville	8	0	0	48
Samaritan Mitchell, SSMH	8	0	0	48
Nick Dugas, Crowley	7	6	0	48
Donnie Bollich, Eunice	5	12	1	47
Josh Ortega, Iota	5	13	1	46
Dwan Gibson, Jeanerette	7	0	0	42
Chad Verret, TCHS	7	0	0	42
Rusty Higdon, Port Barre	6	1	0	38
Nicky Miller, St. Edmund	6	0	0	36
Trevin Griffin, Carencro	6	0	0	36
Billy McBride, LHS	6	0	0	36
Jermaine Monette	6	0	0	36
Jeremy Castille	4	12	0	36



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# Teurlings captures key 6-AA triumph

**PATTERSON**— The No. 11-ranked Teurlings Rebels improved their district record to 2-0 by defeating the Patterson Lumberjacks, 16-12.

Teurlings trailed Patterson 12-9 in the fourth quarter, but Edgar Cormier scored on a two-yard touchdown run to give the Rebels the 16-12 win and improve their record to 5-2 overall.

Cormier was impressive for the Rebels, rushing for 179 yards and two touchdowns on 34 carries in the win.

Teurlings also received strong performances from quarterback Justin Guy and runningback Chad Verret. Guy completed 11-of-19 passes for 101 yards, while Verret had seven receptions for 58 yards.

District 7A ball carriers behind Central Catholic's Willie Sheppard.

Westminster's Brad Duckless, who was the third leading rusher in the district entering the game, was unavailable for duty. His presence was missed by the Crusaders, who managed only eight yards rushing in the game.

Iota .....	17
Welsh .....	13

**IOTA**— The No.2-ranked Iota Bulldogs held the Welsh Bulldogs to just 141 yards of total offense on Friday night, en route to a 17-13 Bulldog win.

Welsh led Iota 13-3 at half-time, but the Bulldogs scored two touchdowns in the second half to take the win and improve to 7-0.



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## Teurlings 16, Patterson 12

Teurlings	7	0	2	7	—	16
Patterson	0	0	6	6	—	12

### First Quarter

TCHS— Jessie Cormier 5 run (Brock Migue's kick)

### Third Quarter

TCHS— Safety

PHS— Alan Bridget 36 run (run failed)

### Fourth Quarter

PHS— Virgil Walton 71 block FG return (pass failed)

TCHS— Cormier 2 run (Migue's kick)

### YARDSTICK

	TCHS	PHS
First downs	17	11
Rushing	34-178	28-161
Passing	101	98
Total	279	259
Comp-Att-Int	11-20-1	9-18-0
Punts-Avg.	4-31	2-39.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-70	8-70

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING** — TCHS: Cormier 34-179, 2 TD; Chad Verret 7-18; Travis Boudreaux 2-7. PHS: Bridget 19-134; Derace James 4-22.

**PASSING** — TCHS: Justin Guy 11-19-0, 101 yds.

**RECEIVING** — TCHS: Verret 7-58; Cormier 4-59.

**NEXT UP** — Teurlings (5-2, 2-0) at Livonia Friday and Patterson (3-4, 0-2) at North Vermilion Friday.



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# Guy leads Teurlings to win in the clutch

**Kevin Foote**  
Staff Sports Writer

LAFAYETTE — He's just a sophomore, but he sure didn't play like one.

Down 12-9 with no time-outs left and five minutes left on the clock, sophomore quarterback Justin Guy and the Teurlings Catholic Rebels found themselves in jeopardy of a crucial District 6-AA road loss.

Instead, Guy and Company produced a clutch 74-yard touchdown drive to move to 5-2 and 2-0.

"We work on the two-minute offense a lot in practice, and that's why we do it," head coach Sonny Charpentier said. "We've done it before. We did it against St. Charles in the playoffs last year. It was big, because a loss would have been devastating. I felt like we deserved to win the game, but we almost didn't."

Almost.

The moment of truth came during the game-winning drive. Faced with a third-and-10, Guy averted severe pressure to throw the ball away.

Fourth-and-10 isn't a great scenario, but it sure beats fourth-and-20. And Guy quickly showed why by connecting with Chad Verret for a 13-yard gainer to keep the drive alive.

Jesse Cormier eventually culminated the drive with a 2-yard scoring plunge for the win, but the key was Guy's quick thinking

on third down in Charpentier's mind.

"The fourth down play was crucial obviously," Charpentier said. "If we don't hit that play, the game's over, but I think the big play was Justin throwing the ball away on third down. Not many sophomores have the presence of mind to throw it away in that situation."

While Charpentier was impressed with the move, he wasn't surprised.

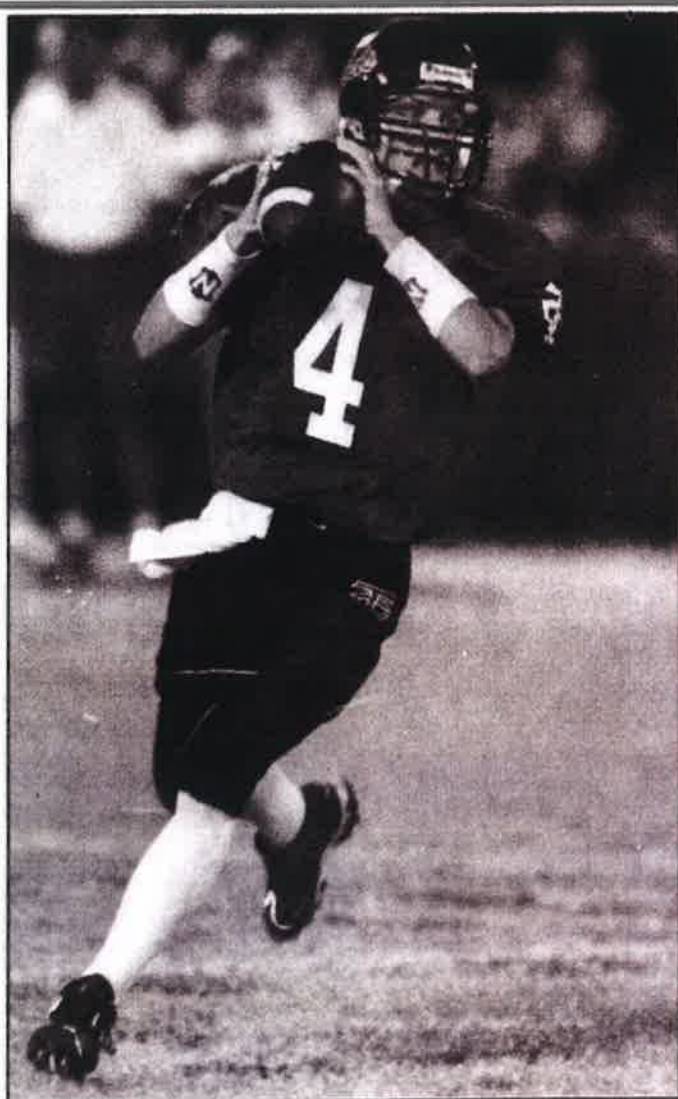
"I think some people thought I was crazy at the beginning of the season, but I really believe Justin's going to be a good one," Charpentier said. "He's good now. He did a great job of keeping his composure."

Guy hit 11 of 19 passes for 101 yards in the victory, while Cormier added 179 yards and two touchdowns on 34 carries.

The one down side to the Rebels' victory was more bad news in the special teams area. Patterson blocked a field goal and Virgil Walton returned it 71 yards to give the Lumberjacks a 12-9 lead.

"It wasn't a problem at all last year," Charpentier said. "It's something we've addressed in practice. We had a snap over our heads last night, but we haven't had any problems with snapping the ball in practice. It's definitely a concern. It could cost us down the road. It almost did last night."

Almost ... thanks to Guy.



Staff File Photo

Teurlings Catholic's Justin Guy (4) played a key role in the Rebels' 16-12 come-from-behind victory over the Patterson Lumberjacks Friday night.



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# Rebels try

**Kevin Foote**  
Staff Sports Writer

LIVONIA — The examples are team overlooking opponents are everywhere, and Teurlings Catholic head coach Sonny Charpentier is hoping his players and coaches have paid attention.

The problem is his Rebels (5-2, 2-0) face a road trip to meet the Livonia Wildcats (6-1, 1-1) at 7 p.m. today in a District 6-AA contest.

And he's warning them that Livonia isn't what it used to be.

"My biggest concern is that we think of Livonia like we have the last couple year because they're better," Charpentier said. "This is not just lip service. They beat Patterson a whole lot easier than we did last week.

"Defensively, they're very scrappy and they run to the ball well. Port Barre had a very difficult time getting outside on them."

Consequently, the Rebels will simply try to overpower the Wildcats, although it will likely be without left tackle Eric Schexnayder (illness). Replacing him will be 6-3, 342-pound junior Jason Herbert.

"Eric has strep throat, so he's doubtful," Charpentier said. "Our left tackle has to be over 340 pounds, so Jason qualifies. He's one of those success stories.

"When he first got here, I didn't know if he'd make it, but he hasn't missed a day and he's really improved. He's got a little burst."

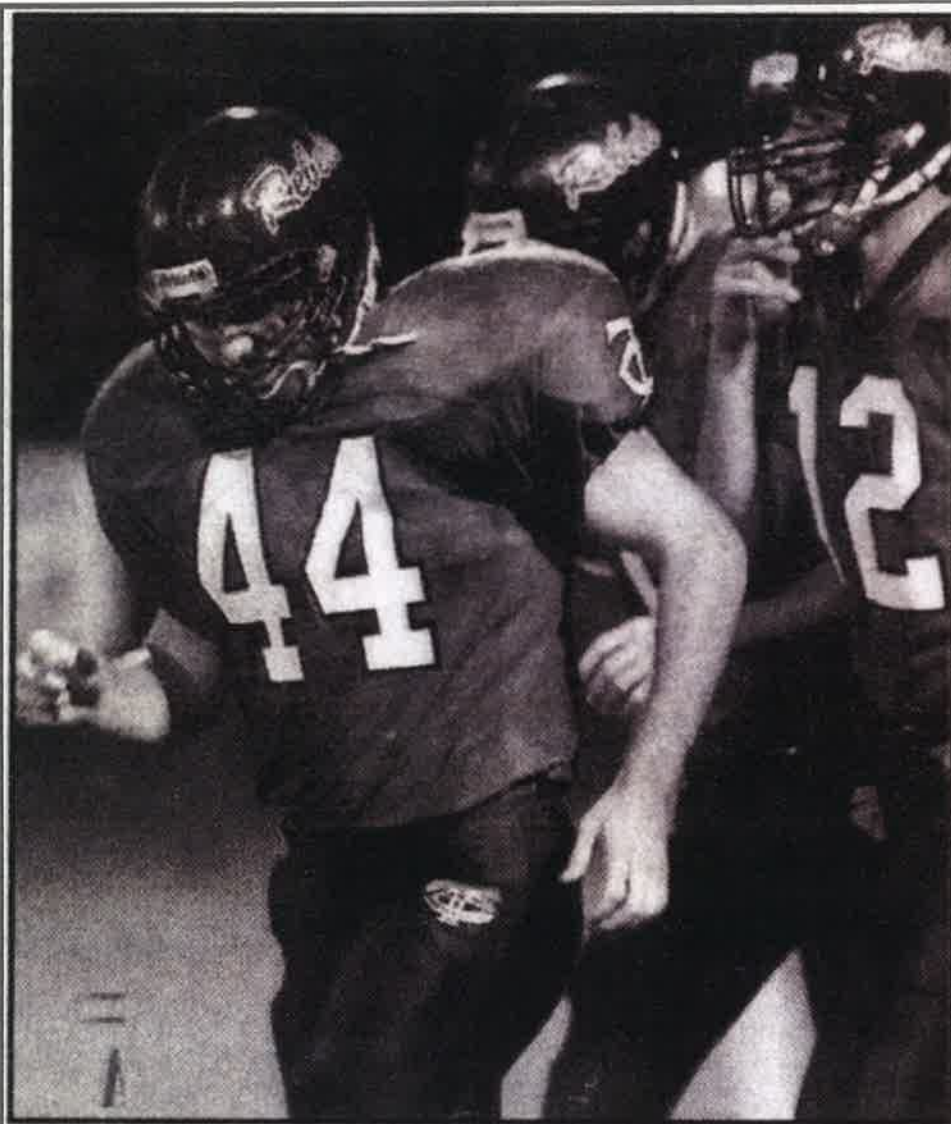
Running behind the Rebels' big line will be Jesse Cormier (81-520, 5 TDs) and Chad Verret (74-387, 5 TDs), although Verret is suffering with a sprained ankle.



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**Teurlings Catholic fullback Jesse  
Cormier will play a key role tonight.**



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# Vikings, Rebels capture key district victories

OPELOUSAS — It was a game that could have been a problem for the No. 6-ranked Northside Vikings.

A stingy Viking defense and explosive rushing attack, though, allowed head coach Rick Vicknair's troops to capture a business-like 28-0 road win over the Opelousas Tigers Friday night in District 5-4A play in Donald Gardner Stadium.

The victory lifts Northside to 6-2 and 3-0, setting up a showdown with St. Thomas More at Viking Stadium next Friday with the district title on the line.

Northside's defense held Opelousas to 17 yards rushing and just 39 total yards in the victory.

Offensively, Jermaine Martin didn't go over 200 yards this time, but was still impressive with 172 yards and a touchdown on just 28 carries to ignite Northside's 219-yard rushing attack.

Quarterback Blake Sampay handled all the scoring for the Vikings in the first half with touchdown runs of one and two yards, before Bobby Evans made it 21-0 with a 1-yard touchdown run in the third period.

Martin finished off the scoring with a 33-yard scoring jaunt. Martin also completed a 21-yard pass, while Sampay was 3-of-7 passing for 69 yards.

Teurlings ..... 31  
Livonia ..... 0

LIVONIA — All week long, Teurlings Catholic head coach Sonny Charpentier was worried that his Rebels might overlook the Livonia Wildcats, a past-years patsy that had rolled to a 6-1 start.

Apparently, the No. 11 Rebels were listening to their coach. Teurlings cruised to a

31-0 lead en route to a 31-8 victory that raised its record to 6-2 overall and a spotless 3-0 in District 6-2A.

Fullback Jesse Cormier and tailback Chad Verret each scored two touchdowns while Cormier paced a TC rushing attack that gained 284 yards with 138 yards on 16 carries.

Cormier opened the scoring with a 12-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. Verret made it 14-0 with a 6-yard score later in the first before catching a 30-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Justin Guy that made it 21-0 by.

Cormier added a 1-yard plunge in the third quarter before Teurlings kicker Brock Miguez booted a 27-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to boost the lead to 31-0. Livonia quarterback Carrol Devillier scored on a late 1-yard run to prevent the shutout.

Travis Boudreaux also reached the 100-yard mark on the ground for Teurlings with 100 yards on 18 carries.

LaGrange ..... 34  
New Iberia ..... 14

NEW IBERIA — The winner would keep its state playoff hopes alive. The loser would make such a goal even tougher to reach.

It was the LaGrange Gators (4-4, 2-3) making life a little easier on themselves with a 34-14 victory over the New Iberia Yellow Jackets (3-5, 2-3) Friday.

The Gators jumped out to a 24-0 halftime lead and never looked back.

Carey Keys led the way with 240 yards on 19 carries, while Russell Bond had 30 yards and two scores.



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## Teurlings 31, Livonia 8

Teurlings	14	7	7	3	—	31
Livonia	0	0	0	8	—	8

### First Quarter

TCHS— Jessie Cormier 12 run (Brock Migue's kick)

TCHS— Chad Verrett 6 run (Migue's kick)

### Second Quarter

TCHS— Verrett 30 pass from Justin Guy (Migue's kick)

### Third Quarter

TCHS— Cormier 1 run (Migue's kick)

### Fourth Quarter

TCHS— Migue's 27 FG

LIV— Carrol Devillier 1 run (Sedwick Jones pass from Devillier)

### YARDSTICK

	TCHS	LIV
First downs	15	12
Rushing	44-284	42-131
Passing	39	44
Total	323	175
Comp-Att-Int	2-5-0	4-14-0
Punts-Avg.	0-0	2-15
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	4-3
Penalties-Yards	6-70	5-46

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING** — TCHS: Cormier 16-138, 2 TD; Verrett 7-39, TD; Travis Boudreaux 18-100; Justin Dugas 1-6; Adam Fisher 1-4; LIV: Jeremy Coleman 17-87; Joseph Thomas 4-0; Adrian Sam 9-25; Milton Hickerson 3-0.

**PASSING** — TCHS: Guy 2-6-0, 39 yds, TD; LIV: Devillier 4-14-0, 44 yds, 0 TD.

**RECEIVING** — TCHS: Verrett 2-39, TD; LIV: Thomas 2-32; James Hatch 1-6; Jones 1-4.

**NEXT UP** — TCHS (6-2, 3-0) hosts N. Vermilion, LHS (6-2, 1-2) at Opelousas Catholic.



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TDs).

Breaux Bridge's Domanick Davis had another special game with seven carries for 173 yards and three touchdowns, in addition to two tackles and two interceptions defensively.

Other notable outings were turned in by: Abbeville's Quinn Nolan (31-188, 3 TDs; 1-3, 1 TD receiving), Northside's Jermaine Martin (26-172, 1 TD), Crowley's Murphy Reed (10-165, 2 TDs), Teurlings' Jesse Cormier (16-138, 2 TDs), Port Barre's Jerome Pickney (9-111, 3 TDs; 69-yard punt return).

■ Other top passers included St. Thomas More's Nick Patin (8-12-0, 132 yds, 4 TDs) and Vermilion Catholic's Lenny Mayard (11-19-0, 155 yds, 1 TD).

■ The list of top-notch runner-up nominations on the defensive side is quite impressive. Carencro's defense continues to dominate, tossing its fifth shutout in eight games with the 42-0 demolition of Acadi-

ana High Friday.

Leading the effort was Buddy Castille with 13 tackles, including two behind the line, an interception returned for 55 yards and a caused fumble. It was Castille's third interception for touchdown this season to the Bears an incredible total of 14 non-offensive touchdowns in eight games.

Other Carencro defenders shining in the win were linebackers Wilson Noel (13 tackles, 3 sacks) and Altony Davis (12 tackles, 2 behind the line).

Teurlings Catholic junior linebacker Boo Arceneaux also played a key role in the Rebels' 31-8 win over Livonia, recording nine solos, five assists, two stops for losses for a minus-10, one sack and a fumble recovery.

And then there's Crowley linebacker Pappy Morgan with 17 total tackles (11 solos), three sacks, a caused fumble and three pass break-ups.



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# Rebels focused for final 6-AA tuneup

**Kevin Foote**  
Staff Sports Writer

LAFAYETTE — When the game everybody's been waiting for isn't until week 10 of the season, much of the season becomes a challenge of leaping mental obstacles each week.

For the Teurlings Catholic Rebels (6-2, 3-0), there's one more hill to climb before next week's showdown at No. 1 Port Barre when the North Vermilion Patriots (2-6, 1-2) invade Clark Field at 7 p.m. today.

"I think the kids are still pretty focused," TCHS head coach Sonny Charpentier said. "I was really impressed with the way they approached the Livonia game last week. Livonia beating Patterson got their attention. I'm pleased with the mental part of it, and we're also playing better football."

The banged-up Jesse Cormier (97-658, 7 TDs) playing a little more consistently of late has resulted in a more explosive Rebel offense.

"We want to run the ball first of all," Charpentier said. "But we've been able to do some of the things we wanted to do earlier in the year, like isolate Chad Verret more. The other thing is that (sophomore quarterback) Justin (Guy) has eight games under his belt now."

Verret has proved versatile for Teurlings with 426 yards and six touchdowns rushing and 27 receptions for 405 yards and three scores. Guy has hit on 41 of 99 passes for 592 yards with four scores and three interceptions.

But to be truly focused, a proper emphasis much be placed on the opponent.

"North Vermilion's got a scrappy team," Charpentier said. "They beat Opelousas Catholic and OC came in here and made us look bad for a half. North Vermilion runs the ball well and their quarterback can throw it if you give him time."

The Patriots' running game features Brent



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## Versatile Teurlings back Chad Verret

Simmons (131-867, 6 TDs) and Josh Riddle (70-407, 6 TDs), while the passing game is ignited by quarterback Trent LeBlanc (35-88-7, 656 yds, 8 TDs).

## Comeaux at Lafayette

LAFAYETTE — When you're trying to get rid of a four-game losing streak, overlooking an opponent doesn't hardly seem like a real option.

Lafayette High head coach Bobby Green sure hopes it isn't for his Mighty Lions (4-4, 1-4) when they entertain the winless Comeaux Spartans at 7 p.m. today.

"That's been the emphasis since Saturday," Green said. "When you've lost four in a row, you have no room to overlook anybody. I'm sure Comeaux's looking at this game as a chance to win a game because we've lost four in a row."

The good news for the Lions is that they are getting healthier. Linebacker Ross Brupbacher is expected back tonight after suffering what was originally thought to be a season-ending knee injury.

"That's real big," Green said. "He's one of our defensive leaders. The rest of the players were real excited when we told them, and he doesn't even have to wear a brace."

But still, the Lions have to find a solution to their offensive woes. Lafayette's averaged just 6.7 points and 135 total yards during this four-game skid.

"Losing Dewayne (Williams) probably made a bigger difference than we originally thought," Green said.

"Carencro really isolated our weaknesses with Dewayne out and other teams have done a lot of the same things Carencro was able to do to us. Our offense is evolving again without him, but it's just taking some time to get our confidence back. The offensive line has been doing a good job."

Also slowing down the progress was (quarterback) Billy McBride's injury three weeks ago. He returned last Friday when the Lions almost upset Barbe 21-14, but five interceptions cost them.

"It's one thing to go into a slump, but to go into a slump with different personnel makes it even worse," Green said. "We actually did complete some passes in key situations last week, so there was some improvement in our passing game."



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## Versatile Teurlings back Chad Verret



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# Verret sparks Rebels to 6-AA tuneup win

LAFAYETTE — The Teurlings Rebels took care of business Friday night, dusting off visiting North Vermilion 36-7 to set up next week's showdown at Port Barre for the District 6-2A championship.

With their win, the Rebels improved to 7-2 overall and 4-0 in 6-AA. Top-ranked Port Barre rolled past Patterson 31-0 to move to 9-0 and 4-0.

Chad Verret was the pivotal player for the Rebels of coach Sonny Charpentier, scoring three touchdowns in the second quarter to break open a 7-7 game and put TCHS in command. The Patriots had just knotted the count on a 47-yard scoring pass from Trenton LeBlanc to Dustin Gaspard when Verret took control.

Verret scored first on a 19-yard run, then hauled in touchdown bombs of 75 and 38 yards from Justin Guy to put the game out of reach. He finished with 45 yards on seven carries and 134 yards on three receptions, in addition to his usual duties punting and returning kicks.

Jesse Cormier (16-53) led a 177-yard TCHS rushing attack, while North Vermilion ran for just 64 and had 133 total yards on the night. Guy, who scored the first Rebel TD of the night, was an economical 4-of-7 for 145 yards through the air.

Ken Hanes capped off the win in the final quarter by returning an interception 20 yards for a

score.

Port Barre .....31  
Patterson ..... 0

PATTERSON— The No. 1-ranked Port Barre Red Devils assured a district 6-2A championship showdown next week against Teurlings after defeating the Patterson Lumberjacks, 31-0.

With the win Port Barre improves to 9-0 and 4-0 in district. The Red Devils host Teurlings (7-2, 4-0) next week to decide the district championship.

Port Barre opened the scoring in the first quarter on an 11-yard pass from quarterback William Bing to Rusty Higdon.

Bing threw another touchdown in the second quarter with a 35-yard toss to running back Jerome Pickney to give the Red Devils the 13-0 lead.

John Reed crushed any Patterson hope of a comeback in the second half when he returned the opening second half kickoff for 95 yards and a touchdown.

Oakdale ..... 32  
Iota .....21

IOTA— The Oakdale Warriors passed for 229 yards and four touchdowns on Friday night to defeat the No. 7-ranked Iota Bulldogs 32-21.

The win moves Oakdale (5-4, 3-1) into second place in district 6-



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## Teurlings 36, N. Vermilion 7

North Vermilion	0	7	0	0	—	7
Teurlings	7	22	7	0	—	36

### First Quarter

TCHS — Justin Guy 1 run (Brock Migues)

### Second Quarter

NVHS — Dustin Gaspard 47 pass from Trenton LeBlanc (Josh Riddle kick)

TCHS — Chad Verret 19 run (Migues kick)

TCHS — Verret 75 pass from Guy (Guy run)

TCHS — Verret 38 pass from Guy (Migues kick)

### Third Quarter

TCHS — Ken Hanes 20 interception return (Migues kick)

### YARDSTICK

	NVHS	TCHS
First downs	9	14
Rushing	26-64	41-177
Passing	69	145
Total	133	322
Comp-Att-Int	10-12-1	4-7-0
Punts-Avg.	8-32.0	5-34.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-15	2-20

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING** — NVHS: Brent Simmons 11-0; Josh Riddle 7-36. TCHS: Jesse Cormier 16-53; Chad Verret 7-45, TD; Travis Boudreaux 3-19; Justin Guy 10-49, TD.

**PASSING** — NVHS: Trenton LeBlanc 10-12-1, 69. TCHS: Justin Guy 4-7-0, 145.

**RECEIVING** — NVHS: Dominick Russo 2-16; Dustin Gaspard 1-47, TD. TCHS: Chad Verret 3-134, 2 TD's; John Melancon 1-11.

**NEXT UP** — NVHS (2-7, 1-3) at Livonia Friday. TCHS (7-2, 4-0) at Port Barre Friday.



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**Teurlings Catholic's Jesse Cormier (47) rushed for 53 yards on 16 carries during the Rebels' 36-7 victory over North Vermilion to set up next week's title game at Port Barre.**

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# Keeping focused

## Rebels' Verret has priorities straight

Kevin Foote  
Staff Sports Writer

LAFAYETTE — The best way to put it is that Teurlings Catholic's Chad Verret is focused.

Sure, if he thought about it, he could probably tell you a lot about last year's disappointing loss to Port Barre.

Instead he prefers to look forward to reversing the outcome Friday night in Port Barre.

Sure, if he thought about everything he does during the course of a game, his legs probably wouldn't cooperate for four full quarters.

Instead Verret dwells on his responsibility to his teammates and coaches.

And it's that kind of focus that has allowed Verret to play such a key role in the Rebels' run at the District 6-AA title.

And it was that type of perspective that allowed Verret and his teammates to overcome a 1-2 start to reach this juncture with a 7-2 record.

"We knew we had worked too hard during the summer to be 1-2, so it just made us work harder," Verret said. "We kept looking forward. We knew Breaux Bridge had a good football team, but we knew we could have beaten them if we had executed at the right time."

The right time for Verret on Friday nights, though, just happens to be every play. He plays both running back and wide receiver on offense, strong safety on defense and is on every one of the Rebels' return and coverage teams.

"He does everything for us," head coach Sonny Charpentier said. "Sometimes the coaches and I marvel at him on Saturday mornings. He just never seems to get tired. He'll run a deep route and then another

**"He never comes off the field and the amazing thing is that he never takes plays off."**

Sonny Charpentier  
Teurlings Catholic head coach

deep route and then carry the ball on third down.

"He never comes off the field and the amazing thing is that he never takes plays off. As far as productivity, he's probably the most productive on our team. Because he does so much, he'd probably be the most missed player on our team."

The numbers certainly support Charpentier's claim. As a back, Verret has rushed for 471 yards and seven touchdowns on 88 carries. As a receiver, he's caught 30 passes for 539 yards and five touchdowns. He's even the team's back-up quarterback, completing both of his pass attempts for 58 yards and a touchdown.

And that doesn't even include the defensive side, where he's contributed 42 tackles, three interceptions, a caused fumble, four pass break-ups and two fumble recoveries (one for a touchdown).

"Right now, I'm in pretty good shape," Verret said. "Sometimes I need a break on kickoffs. I was out of shape towards the beginning of the year. It's just my legs that get tired."

Back to Verret's ability to focus, Charpentier is often reminded how fortunate he is that Verret's mind doesn't grow weary.

"He's a smart kid," Charpentier said. "He retains things well. Sometimes I'll even forget things and he reminds me."

Verret came to Teurlings after one year at Cecilia High. Upon transferring, he sat



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**Teurlings Catholic's Chad Verret returns a punt Friday as North Vermilion's Dominic Russo closes in for the tackle. Verret was pivotal in the Rebel's 36-7 win over the Pats, scoring three touchdowns in the second quarter.**

out his sophomore season and watched.

Only Verret wasn't just watching. That year it was hard to miss the all-around contributions of All-Stater Joey Moss in leading the Rebels to the state quarterfinals, and Verret didn't.

"It's been like a challenge for me to try to beat him," Verret said. "He had a great season and I set a goal for myself to reach him and to try to do more than Joey did."

Verret, though, isn't interested in a nine-week grade. All he's concentrating on is the final exam.

"I'm just taking it one game at a time," he said. "I'm more worried about team goals than personal goals. Our goal is to get to the state finals."

Verret also happens to be the center of

attention in the spring as the Rebels' centerfielder, hitting .424 as a junior.

And his 6-0, 170-pound frame actually has Verret considering a college career in baseball rather than football. For now, however, paramount in Verret's mind is Friday's showdown at No. 1-ranked Port Barre.

"We set a goal to win the district championship," Verret said. "That's what we've worked for. I don't really think about last year's game very much. I don't like to think about it because we lost. I just try to remember the happy times."

Verret's determination and focus over the past two years have certainly helped to produce quite a scrapbook.

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# GAME OF THE WEEK



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**Teurlings Catholic Rebels' senior standouts Joe Olivier (34), Jesse Cormier (47), Seth Citron (58), Travis Boudreaux (44) and Justin Dugas (11), along with assistant coach Vernon Hill, prepare for No. 1-ranked Port Barre.**



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**Port Barre Red Devil offensive stars John Reed (16), Bryan Sonnier (60), Mickey Vickers (14), Blake Fontenot (76), Joey Bing (9) and Eric LaCombe (79) await the Teurlings Catholic defense at 7 p.m today.**



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# TCHS vs. PORT BARRE

## Rebels' focus is on sure tackling

**Kevin Foote**  
Staff Sports Writer

PORT BARRE — It's a play that when rerun in his head is quickly transformed into a nightmare.

It took place late in Port Barre's 21-20 victory over No. 1-ranked Teurlings last season. On third down and somewhere in the neighborhood of 30 yards to go from the PBHS 5, Red Devil full-back Rusty Higdon broke tackle after tackle to pick up a key first down and ice the District 7-AA-clinching victory.

Teurlings head coach Sonny Charpentier is hoping to repeat any such incidents at 7 p.m. today when his No. 9-ranked Rebels (7-2, 4-0) travel to meet those same Red Devils. Only this time, it's Port Barre that's undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the state.

"We were looking at last year's film and we moved the ball on them," Charpentier said. "I'm just worried about tackling them. We can't let that (Higdon's run) happen again. We've got to tackle. They have big, physical backs, but if (Jerome) Pickney gets in the open field we don't have anybody who can catch him either."

As good as Charpentier feels

Port Barre's backfield is, however, he wouldn't trade it for his. The Rebels' backfield is more balanced and a bit more versatile, featuring Jesse Cormier (113-711, 7 TDs), Chad Verret (82-471, 7 TDs) and Travis Boudreaux (95-425, 3 TDs).

"I think it's a wash as far as comparing the two backfields," Charpentier said. "And although their backfield is very good, I wouldn't trade ours for it. People might think I'm crazy, and maybe I'm just too loyal to my players, but that's the way I feel."

As for the actual matchup, though, Charpentier views it as a virtual toss-up.

"I think overall, they're probably a little better offensively," he said. "Defensively, though, I'm not sure that they're better than we are. I feel like we've played a tougher schedule and I hope that'll pay off for us."

"Last year, there was a lot of hype. We were No. 1 and they were No. 2. They beat us and they deserved it. It was our first regular-season loss in two years and it was very disappointing."

A feeling Charpentier and his Rebels haven't forgotten.

## Consistency key to Devils' success

**Kevin Foote**  
Staff Sports Writer

PORT BARRE — While the No. 9-ranked Teurlings Catholic Rebels have slowly been building towards their current level of high performance, head coach Donnie Perron's No. 1-ranked Port Barre Red Devils have been there all season long.

The Devils sport the No. 2-rated offense in the Acadiana area at 345.8 total yards a game, as well as the No. 2-rated defense in the area, allowing just 132.8 yards per contest.

Perron's simply counting on that consistency to carry his Devils through their toughest test yet when they entertain Teurlings with the District 6-AA title on the line at 7 p.m. today.

"I think we'll be prepared," Perron said. "We've played different kinds of teams during the season. We've played passing teams like OC and physical running teams like Patterson and then teams that do a little of both like North Vermilion."

"Teurlings lost to two very good triple-A teams, so they have a very good ball club. It's nice to

be in this position again. We're looking forward to it. It should be a great game."

As usual, the Devils will be counting heavily on their running game of Jerome Pickney (171-1399, 21 TDs) and Rusty Higdon (125-786, 10 TDs). The big difference in this year's matchup, though, is the new quarterbacks — Joey Bing (27-57-1, 526 yds, 7 TDs) of Port Barre and Justin Guy (45-106-3, 737 yds, 6 TDs) of Teurlings.

"Both are younger kids that will get better," Perron said. "Joey (Bing) is coming along steadily and I've noticed that their kid (Guy) is throwing the ball with a lot more confidence than he was earlier in the season."

Perron's also hoping that the matchup leans his way because of overall improvements on both sides.

"Offensively, we're definitely better," he said. "The offensive line is blocking well, Joey gives us more mobility and our backs are more experienced. Defensively, we're using two inside backers this year and that's made us stronger."



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## STAT LEADERS

### RUSHING

Player School	Att.	Yds.	TD
Jermaine Martin, Northside	202	1942	24
Brent LeJeune, Notre Dame	203	1881	18
Bijan French, CHNI	174	1507	21
Josh Reed, Rayne	186	1459	19
Jerome Plakney, Port Barre	171	1389	21
Willie Sheppard, CCMC	167	1295	16
Damien James, Carencro	131	1100	10
Steven Hava, Acadiana	180	1005	12
James Knott, Loreauville	145	1005	8
Derik Darby, Delcambre	142	1002	10
Josh Ortega, Iota	198	991	8
Brad Duckless, Westminster	154	961	14
Zack Verrett, Abbeville	131	947	5
Ross Duos, SHVP	166	902	13
Nick Dugas, Crowley	90	893	9
Brent Simmons, N.Verm.	142	867	6
Troy St. Julien, New Iberia	118	857	5
Rusty Higdon, Port Barre	125	786	10
Simarlan Mitchell, SSMH	103	750	8
Travis Fleming, Franklin	120	738	14
Quinn Nolan, Abbeville	160	729	11
Jessie Cormier, TCHS	113	711	7
Brian Stula, VCHS	100	698	6
Jeremy Reed, Eunice	114	680	9
Dominick Davis, Breau Bridge	129	679	8
Jonathon Edmond, STM	120	673	11
David Dupuis, Cecilia	194	639	7

### PASSING

Player, School	Comp	Att	Int	Yds	TD
Eric Fontenot, OCHS	148	227	18	2047	21
Josh Fontenot, SHVP	88	153	6	1492	21
Lenny Mayard, VHCS	87	159	7	1286	14
Nick Dugas, Crowley	61	140	5	1176	8
Nick Patin, STM	73	131	6	1080	13
Lucas Wimberley, CP	77	203	10	969	4
Clayton Landry, Erath	55	144	10	948	4
Scott Elias, Catholic-NI	62	149	6	890	5
Travis Fleming, Franklin	64	140	6	889	11
Shane Beaudean, CCMC	52	94	6	854	14
Contreal Charles, Acad.	48	120	6	800	6
Joey Oastrieher, NDHS	51	81	5	754	6
Trenton LeBlanc, NVHS	45	100	8	725	9
Justin Guy, TCHS	45	106	3	737	6
Andy Chance, Cecilia	55	134	9	697	5
Jacob Delcambre, Delc.	56	114	6	684	7
Donnie Bollich, Eunice	37	82	4	602	7
Randy Judice, Rayne	33	65	0	592	8
Chris Sanders, Hanson	43	111	3	544	7
Joey Bing, PBHS	27	57	1	526	7
Jason Berard, BBHS	26	66	4	521	8
Thomas Nora, Loreauville	23	50	4	500	7
Jacob Poirrier, SSMH	25	72	6	450	0



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RECEIVING			
Player, School	Rec	Yds	TDs
Zan Beckett, VCHS	48	766	8
Jonathan LeBlanc, OCHS	37	672	7
Chad Verret, TCHS	30	539	5
Adam Kennedy, STM	34	529	7
Lucas Solleau, SHVP	27	506	10
Shane Palombo, Erath	28	499	2
Brad Launey, SHVP	32	496	5
Graham Martin, OCHS	22	456	4
Charlie Molbert, CHNI	25	427	3
Kyries Hebert, Eunice	23	392	5
Seth Thibodeaux, CPHS	25	386	1
Derek Newman, Acadiana	21	379	4
Quincy Morgan, Crowley	16	378	4
Devin Meche, CPHS	24	361	3
Dominic Russo, NVHS	14	350	3
Salah Francis, CCMC	16	345	5
Brandon Langlinais, Erath	17	337	2
Irvin George, Crowley	20	319	3
Jack Casanova, NDHS	22	299	0

SCORING			
Player, School	TD	PAT	FG TP
Josh Reed, Rayne	26	16	0 174
Jermaine Martin, North.	26	4	0 158
Jerome Pickney, PBHS	24	0	0 144
Bljhan French, CHNI	20	2	0 122
Brent LeJeune, N. Dame	20	2	0 122
Willie Sheppard, CCMC	19	2	0 116
Derk Darby, Delcambre	14	17	0 101
Travis Fleming, Franklin	15	6	0 96
Travis Francis, Carencro	15	0	0 90
Brad Duckless, WCA	14	4	0 88
Jonathon Edmond, STM	14	0	0 84
Nick Dugas, Crowley	12	7	0 79
Quinn Nolan, Abbeville	13	0	0 78
Chad Verret, TCHS	13	0	0 78
Rusty Higdon, Port Barre	12	4	0 76
James Knatt, Lor.	12	0	0 74
Steven Hava, Acadiana	12	2	0 74
Josh Ortego, Iota	8	20	2 74
Jeremy Fontenot, SHVP	10	7	3 72
Donnie Bollich, Eunice	7	23	1 70
Damien James, Carencro	10	0	0 60
Dominick Davis, BBHS	10	0	0 60
David Dupuis, Cecilia	9	22	5 8
Bo Bernard, Erath	6	10	4 58
Zan Beckett, VCHS	9	0	0 56
Dwan Gibson, Jeanerette	8	2	0 52
Chad Menard, Cecilia	8	0	0 50
Josh Riddle, N.Verm.	7	8	0 50
Simarian Mitchell, SMSH	8	0	0 48



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# Practically perfect

## Port Barre rips Rebels, finishes 10-0

Brad Hawkins  
Staff Sports Writer

PORT BARRE — For the second straight year, Port Barre used a simple strategy to beat Teurlings.

The Red Devils relied on their big and experienced offensive line and let their senior running backs hit the holes.

Which is what they did time and time again here Friday night, rolling up 295 yards rushing on their way to a 41-14 win over the Rebels.

Port Barre's 1-2 combination of Jerome Pickney and Rusty Higdon did the most damage. Pickney rushed for 142 yards and three touchdowns (also added a TD reception) and Higdon added 116 yards rushing.

The win gave the No. 1-ranked Red Devils the 7-2A district title for the second straight year. They finished the regular season at 5-0 in district play and 10-0 overall.

Teurlings, ranked No. 9, fell to 4-1 in district and 7-3 overall. They finished district play as the runnerup.

"It's a tribute to the kids," said Port Barre Head Coach Donnie Perron. "They worked very hard for this."

"We had a very close victory over them (Teurlings) at their place last year and I guess the kids wanted to prove it wasn't a fluke. Obviously, we played very well."

"I didn't really expect us to win by as much as we did," added Perron. "But, anytime you're involved in a big game, it's a big plus to kind of jump on them early, and that's what we were able to do."

Port Barre would score the game's first 27 points and that lead proved to be insurmountable.

The scoring began when quarterback Joey Bing lofted a pass to the end zone. It was virtually an "up for grabs" pass which Port Barre's Dylan Duplechain went



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Rusty Higdon of Port Barre looks for running room during the Red Devils' win over Teurlings Friday night, clinching a perfect 10-0 season.

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Donnie Perron  
Port Barre coach

up and caught for the score. The touchdown covered 46 yards.

Port Barre would add three more touchdowns in the second quarter, all scored by Pickney. The first came on a 9-yard touchdown run, the second on a 12-yard run and the third on a 34-yard

pass from Bing.

Teurlings did salvage a late first half touchdown to give the Rebels a bit of momentum at half-time. Their drive covered 66 yards and ended on Jesse Cormier's 3-yard touchdown run.

"We got our butts kicked. I don't know any other way to put it," said Teurlings Head Coach Sonny Charpentier.

"We just didn't do hardly anything offensively in the first half. We had too many three-and-outs and then we had a couple turnovers. From there, things just got out of hand."

The Rebels tried to get back in the game in the third quarter as Chad Verret scored on a 5-yard run to make it 27-14.

And their defense had Port Barre in a third-and-long situation on their next possession, but a 24-yard halfback pass from Pick-

ney to Mickey Vickers got them out of it. Pickney would add his final touchdown (3-yard run) on the drive and it was the clincher.

"That halfback pass was a big play," said Charpentier. "If we defend that, who knows? Maybe we make a game of it. But we weren't able to stop it and they took it in from there."

Port Barre got its final touchdown on a 13-yard run by Andrew Robin.

The Red Devils finished with 401 yards total offense compared to Teurlings' 197.

"We feel good about our team and losing in the first round of the playoffs last year (24-7 to University) I think made everyone determined to come back and have a good season," said Perron. "Hopefully we can play much better this time in the playoffs."



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## Port Barre 41, Teurlings 14

Teurlings	0	7	7	0	—	14
Port Barre	7	20	0	14	—	41

### First Quarter

PB — Dylan Duplechain 46 pass from Joey Bing (Mike Courville kick)

### Second Quarter

PB — Jerome Pickney 10 Run (Kick Failed)

PB — Pickney 12 Run (Pass Failed)

PB — Pickney 34 pass from Bing (Rusty Higdon run)

TC — Jesse Cormier 2 run (Brock Miques kick)

### Third Quarter

TC — Chad Verret 5 run (Miques kick)

### Fourth Quarter

PB — Pickney 3 run (Charles Fontenot pass from Bing)

PB — Andrew Robin 13 run (Run failed)

### YARDSTICK

	TCHS	PBHS
First downs	10	14
Rushing	132	295



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Passing	65	106
Total	197	401
Comp-Att-Int	8-17-2	5-7-0
Punts-Avg.	4-25.8	2-41.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-80	8-85

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING** — TCHS: Jesse Cormier 17-62, 1 TD; Justin Guy 9-57, Chad Verret 5-18, 1 TD. PBHS: OPick 22 1-42m 3 TDs, Rusty Higdon 14-116.

**PASSING** — TCHS: Guy 8-17-2, 65 yds. PBHS: Bing 4-6-0, 82 yds; Pickney 1-1-0, 24 yds.

**RECEIVING** — TCHS: Verret 4-19, Cormier 2-29, Travis Boudreaux 2-17. PBHS: Duplechain 1-46, 1 TD; Pickney 1-34, 1 TD, Mickey Vickers 1-24, John Reed 1-2.

**NEXT UP** — TCHS (7-3, 4-1) and PBHS (10-0, 5-0) in playoffs.



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# STM, Teurlings hope to avoid first-round postseason letdowns

Cougars, Rebels both await running attacks

Kevin Foote  
Staff Sports Writer

LAFAYETTE — Sometimes the situation's more of a concern than the opponent.

That's certainly the case for head coach Jim Hightower and his No. 5-ranked St. Thomas More Cougars as they host the Lee High Rebels in a Class 4A bi-district state playoff game at 7 p.m. today at Comeaux High.

"First-round playoff games are hard," Hightower said. "Hopefully, our kids will handle it right. There have been a few first-round games over the years where we've really struggled.

"I remember a game when Jamie (Howard) was here against Jackson. They gave us a fight until the very end and we only won 20-16."

The 5-4A champion Cougars (8-2) hope to continue their balanced passing attack, led by running back Jonathan Edmond (126-726, 13 TDs), quarterback Nick Patin (80-143-7, 1109 yds, 14 TDs) and Adam Kennedy (36-562, 8 TDs).

"We're going to play it by ear how much we're going to run Jonathan," Hightower said. "The other guys have really done a

good job. I'm real pleased with the job Chris Byerley's done and Jason Bourque ran real hard last week."

The winner will meet the winner of the Assumption-Walker game. STM would host next Friday either way.

"Lee is a running team," Hightower said. "They've got some big backs and a good size offensive line. Defensively, they run a 4-3 a lot like what Opelousas ran.

"Defensively, I feel like we're playing better. I think we're at the point where we can get out there and battle people."

STM's defense has now limited three of its final four opponents to under 200 total yards.

## Teurlings at Buckeye

BUCKEYE — It's not a real complicated scenario for the Teurlings Catholic Rebels.

There are two overriding obstacles heading into the 7 p.m. Class AA bi-district playoff showdown at Buckeye high today.

One is somehow overcoming last week's disappointing 41-14 loss at Port Barre for the 6-AA title, and two is slowing down Buckeye's rushing attack.

"The kids were disappointed and so were we," TCHS head coach Sonny Charpentier said. "We were ready to play. We just picked the wrong time to play a



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Teurlings Catholic sophomore quarterback Justin Guy (4) hopes to lead the Rebels to a bi-district victory at Buckeye tonight.

bad game, but Port Barre had a lot to do with that.

"It may sound strange, but it's all a matter of how much the kids want it right now. You never know what's going through their heads right now. Some kids are thinking about hunting."

Focused or unfocused, though, Buckeye's going to be running the football right at the Rebels' defense, which has allowed 147.4 rushing yards a game.



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St. Thomas More two-way standout Jonathan Edmond (6) and the Cougars prepare for invasion by Lee High tonight.

lish a running game of their own with Jesse Cormier (130-673, 8 TDs) and Chad Verret (93-489, 8 TDs; 34-558, 5 TDs rec.).

The winner will take on the Riverside-University winner. Teurlings would host either way.

"It's a very winnable game," Charpentier said. "We just have to go over there focused and ready to play."

Hopefully still with that burning desire to win.

"They're going to run the ball no matter what," Charpentier said. "They got down 28-7 to Opelousas Catholic and still didn't throw it. They're real basic, but they do a good job with it. The key for us is controlling the line of scrimmage.

"They run kind of a broken bone. The quarterback's really a tailback and he looks to keep it a lot on the option."

The Rebels (7-3) hope to estab-



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**Buckeye ..... 20**

BUCKEYE — Coach Sonny Charpentier's Rebels, the runnersup to Port Barre in District 6-AA, rebounded from a disappointing loss in their season finale to get the playoffs off on a high note.

TCHS next plays University, a 34-20 winner over Riverside, in a second round contest to be played in Lafayette.



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# Rebels' Cormier comes alive in Teurlings' 27-20 triumph

Potent rushing attack  
carries TCHS to win

**Kevin Foote**  
Staff Sports Writer

LAFAYETTE — Just in case any Teurlings Catholic Rebel fans were starting to get a little concerned about Jesse Cormier, the senior fullback calmed any fears during a 27-20 road win over Buckeye Friday night.

Not only did Cormier rush for 177 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries, but also caught three passes for 51 yards and two touchdowns.

"Jesse hasn't been running as well as he usually does in the last few weeks," head coach Sonny Charpentier said. "We saw a lot of the old Jesse last night. He ran hard and did a great job."

Buckeye actually had a 7-0 lead after one period on a Ron Cole 8-yard touchdown run. On the night, Buckeye rushed for 228 yards.

"Buckeye was real scrappy," Charpentier said. "They came in 7-3 and played with a lot of confi-

dence. We had a tougher time stopping their running game than we thought we would have. One thing that killed us was penalties on both sides of the ball."

Offensively, the Rebels rushed for 268 yards and passed for 85 in the big victory that earned Teurlings the right to host University High at 7 p.m. Friday at Clark Field. University beat Riverside 34-20 Friday.

Also productive for Teurlings was sophomore quarterback Justin Guy with 71 yards rushing on nine carries and completing five of 12 passes for 85 yards and two scores.

After Buckeye's early lead, the Rebels stormed back with 20 unanswered points.

Cormier started it with a 13-yard touchdown reception from Guy, before Guy hit Brian Gibson with a 37-yard scoring play to give the Rebels the lead for good.

Cormier then got back into the receiving act with a 27-yard touchdown reception.

After Cole kept Buckeye alive with a 9-yard touchdown catch, Cormier went to the ground game with a 60-yard run.

Davis Willis then wrapped up

the scoring with a 5-yard touchdown run, but it was too little too late for Buckeye.

Despite the win, Charpentier knows his Rebels' performance will have to improve next week in order to advance to the Class 2A state quarterfinals.

"We had success running the ball, but we didn't take advantage of some good field position," Charpentier said.

"We had a few drives stalled. We're getting way too many penalties (12 for 100 yards). We're going to have to play better defensively and be more consistent on offense if we're going to beat University."

If Teurlings does come up with a way to defeat University, the Rebels will get another break in the bracket in the state quarterfinals. No matter which team prevails in the state regional contest between DeQuincy and Ouachita Christian, Teurlings will host.



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## 1997 6-2A ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM

### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht	Wt	Cl
WR	Jonathan LeBlanc, Opelousas Catholic	5-7	155	Sr
WR	Chad Verret, Teurlings	6-1	180	Sr
TE	Kenneth Dangerfield, Patterson	6-2	200	Sr
OT	Bryan Sonnier, Port Barre	6-0	280	Sr
OT	Eric Schexnayder, Teurlings	6-4	350	Sr
OG	Brandon Briscoe, Teurlings	5-10	270	Sr
#OG	Mike Guillory, Livonia	6-1	190	Sr
*OG	Blake Fontenot, Port Barre	6-2	234	Sr
C	Mark Urban, Opelousas Catholic	6-1	202	Sr
QB	Eric Fontenot, Opelousas Catholic	5-11	165	Sr
RB	Jeremy Coleman, Livonia	5-10	185	Jr
RB	Rusty Higdon, Port Barre	5-10	210	Sr
RB	Jerome Pickney, Port Barre	6-0	200	Sr
PK	Brock Migue, Teurlings	6-1	180	Sr
KR	Jerome Pickney, Port Barre	6-0	200	Sr

### FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Paul Wheaton, Port Barre	6-2	228	Sr
DL	Brandon LaJeune, Port Barre	6-3	205	Jr
DL	Seth Laviolette, Patterson	6-4	250	Sr
DL	Justin Dugas, Teurlings	6-0	200	Sr
LB	Beau Fontenot, Port Barre	5-10	235	Jr
LB	Richard Gant, Patterson	6-2	190	Sr
LB	Joseph Thomas, Livonia	6-3	197	Jr
LB	Boo Arceneaux, Teurlings	5-10	190	Jr
DB	John Reed, Port Barre	5-9	165	Sr
DB	Dylan Duplachain, Port Barre	5-11	165	Sr
DB	Kevin Jones, Patterson	6-1	175	Jr
DB	Jeremy Coleman, Livonia	5-10	160	Sr
P	Lance LeBlanc, Port Barre	5-11	205	Sr

### OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Jerome Pickney, Port Barre

### DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Paul Wheaton, Port Barre

### COACH OF THE YEAR

Donnie Parron, Port Barre

**SECOND TEAM OFFENSE:** WR - Kevin Jones, Patterson; Mickey Vickars, Port Barre; Dustin Gaspard, North Vermilion; TE - Travis Boudreaux, Teurlings Catholic; OT - Landon Landry, Livonia; Eric Lacombe, Port Barre; OG - Blake Fontenot, Port Barre; Kyle Richard, Teurlings Catholic; C - Nick Frederick, North Vermilion; QB - Justin Guy, Teurlings; RB - Allen Bridget, Patterson; Jesse Cormier, Teurlings; Brent Simmons, North Vermilion; PK - Mike Courville, Port Barre; Tommy Hebert, Opelousas Catholic

**SECOND TEAM DEFENSE:** DL - Chuck Stout, Teurlings; Brad Polotzka, Port Barre; Adrian Sam, Livonia; Kenneth Dangerfield, Patterson; LB - Dennis James, Patterson; Michael Griffin, Patterson; Shawn Sonnier, Port Barre; Travis Boudreaux, Teurlings; DB - Chad Verret, Teurlings; Rocky Andrus, Port Barre; Tony Richardson, Patterson; Dominic Russo, North Vermilion.



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# Charpentier knows his Rebels can play better



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Teurlings Catholic head coach Sonny Charpentier and two-way star performer Eric Schexnayder (77) prepare for battle against University High at 7 p.m. today.

David Friedlander  
Staff Sports Writer

LAFAYETTE — While Teurlings Catholic football coach Sonny Charpentier doesn't have much to complain about his team's 8-3 record — which includes a 27-20 win over Buckeye in a Class 2A bi-district playoff game last week — he believes that it is capable of playing even better.

And he knows that his No. 9-ranked Rebels will have to play better when they meet up with University High in a regional playoff game at 7 p.m. today at Clark Field.

"We have to play better than we have the last three weeks to move on (in the playoffs), and the kids know that," Charpentier said.

"We've got our work cut out for us. University has got a good, well-coached ball club."

The District 8 champion Cubs (7-3) feature the running of 6-foot-11, 190-pound tailback Marcus Etienne (1,188 yards, 14 TDs), as well as a solid passing game, led by quarterback Will Stelly (808 yards passing, 8 TDs) and receiver

"We have to play better than we have the last three weeks to move on and the kids know that."

Sonny Charpentier  
Teurlings head coach

er Ahmad Harris (17 catches for 370 yards, 4 TDs).

Harris is also one of several players who pull double duty on defense.

And while Harris (8 interceptions, 29 tackles) and his teammates have been solid, Charpentier is hoping to be able to rotate several players to give them a little bit of rest a different times during the game, which he believes might leave his team fresher as the game progresses.

"University plays a lot of guys both ways," Charpentier said. "We'll try to take some guys (who play both ways) and rest them for a series here and there, and use a little more rotation, more so on defense than offense."

"Hopefully, that might make a

difference in the fourth quarter if the game is close."

That rest could make a difference, particularly if the Teurlings offense operates as well as it did in last week's victory.

Fullback Jesse Cormier (711 yards, 7 TDs on the season) rushed for 177 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries and caught three passes for 51 yards and two touchdowns.

Meanwhile, quarterback Justin Guy added 156 total yards and tailback Chad Verret (510 yards, 8 TDs) has been solid all season.

"Cormier's game last week has kind of got him back on track," Charpentier said. "This is the first time in a while that he's totally healthy. And while Verret has been there all year and Guy has been there all year, we need everybody to step up this week."

Stepping up means eliminating mistakes.

"We have to try and eliminate mistakes," he said. "We can't get turnovers and penalties can hurt us because they're drive stoppers and drive extenders on defense. As always, the team that makes the fewest mistakes wins."



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# U-High Cubs cash in on mistakes by Rebels

**Ben Berthelot**  
Staff Sports Writer

**LAFAYETTE** — Heading into Friday night's regional playoff game with the University High Cubs, Teurlings Rebel head coach Sonny Charpentier said that his Rebels would have to play better than they had been in order to beat the Cubs.

He was right.

Charpentier also said that the team that made the fewer mistakes would win the game.

Right again.

Costly mistakes and two costly turnovers by the Rebels proved to be the difference here Friday as Teurlings dropped a tough 17-7 decision to the Cubs.

"It's very frustrating," Charpentier said. "It was a strange game. I just didn't see the emotion that I thought we needed to win the game."

The Rebels dug themselves an early hole after Chad Verret fumbled University High's first punt

of the game and the Cubs' Chris Brooks kicked a 35-yard field goal to put the Cubs up 3-0 with 6:12 remaining in the first quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff, Teurlings' Jesse Cormier bobbled the ball before being tackled at his own five-yard line. The Rebels could get nothing going and the Cubs took over at their own 33.

That's when University running back Marcus Etienne, who finished with 177 yards on 25 carries, began to make an impact.

Etienne broke loose for a 31-yard gain on first down and then broke loose for 20 more yards to move the ball to the Rebel one yard line. Fullback Carter Hill then scored on a one-yard run to put the Cubs up 10-0 with 1:05 remaining in the first quarter.

Teurlings' lone touchdown of the game came on its second possession of the game when quarterback Justin Guy found Chad Verret open for a 13 yard touchdown pass with 7:53 remaining before half to close the gap to 10-

7.

But that was as close as the Rebels would get.

In the second half, the Rebels managed just 35 total yards of offense, while the Cubs added one more score on a 15 yard pass from quarterback Will Stelly to Michael Selders.

"The second half was bad. No doubt about it," Charpentier said. "They made the plays and we didn't. We got down and we knew we had to get a quick score, but we had a few drops and a total lack of offense. They just wore us down emotionally"

The emotion was definitely there for Cub head coach Willis Stelly, who plans to retire after the season.

"It's definitely fun this time of year," Stelly said. "I don't mind postponing my retirement at all."

With the win, University advances to play Ouachita Christian, a 47-12 winner over DeQuincy, in the state quarterfinals.



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Teurlings Catholic quarterback Justin Guy tries to outleg the University High defense during Friday night's regional battle at Clark Field. U-High won the game, 17-7.



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# Hanks, Davis, Martin lead All-Parish picks

Kevin Foote  
Staff Sports Writer

LAFAYETTE — One was expected to be a part of a big winner. Another had a pretty good idea he was going to be and few thought the other one even had a chance to succeed.

As it turned out, it was a pretty memorable season all the way around for Carencro linebacker Altony Davis, Northside tailback Jermaine Martin and Acadiana head coach Willard Hanks.

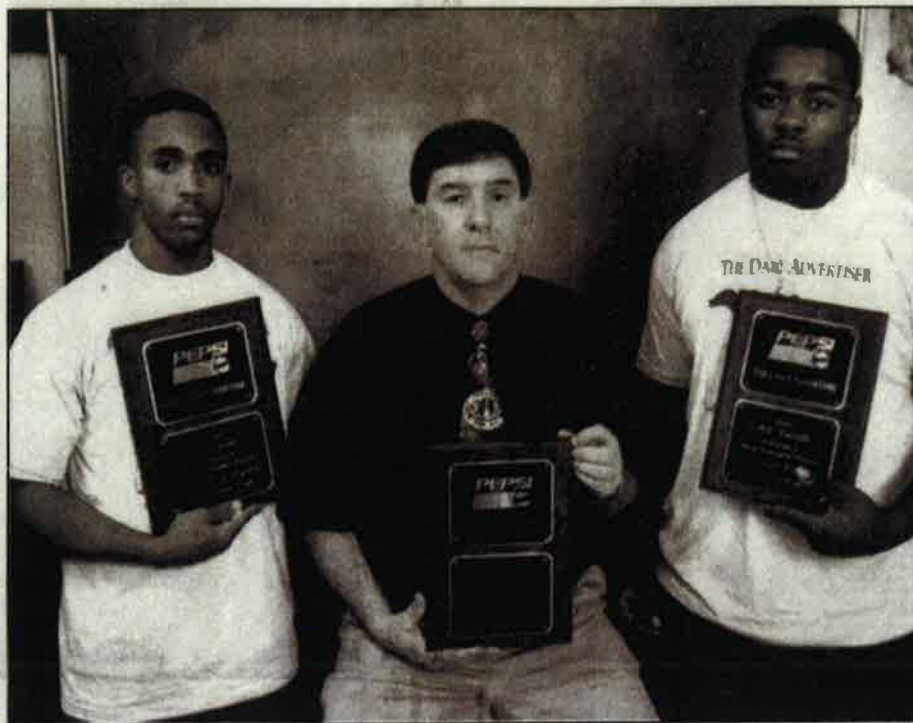
Davis played a key role in leading the Golden Bears to the Class 5A state semifinals behind quite likely the best defense in school history. Martin was the state's leading rusher for much of the season and Hanks followed Bill Dotson in style with an 8-3 state playoff campaign.

To cap off the season, the trio earned top honors on the 1997 Daily Advertiser/Pepsi-Cola All-Parish football team.

Davis is the Defensive Most Valuable Player after leading a Bears' defense that recorded five shutouts and allowed just 180 total yards a game prior to a state semifinal loss to Shaw. Davis had 69 solos (12 behind the line), 60 assists, four forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, two sacks and an interception.

Martin may not have been big, but the excitement he brought to the Vikings' games this season made him worthy of being the Offensive Most Valuable Player. Martin rushed for 2,124 yards and scored 29 touchdowns.

Little was expected from the Rams this year with the coaches picking them to finish seventh. Only Hanks had other ideas, leading Acadiana to an impressive 8-3 season with two of those losses being in one



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**All-Parish Coach of the Year Willard Hanks of Acadiana is flanked by Offensive Player of the Year Jermaine Martin of Northside, left, and Carencro's Altony Davis, the Defensive Player of the Year.**

point on failed two-point conversions.

Joining Martin in the backfield are Acadiana's Steven Hava and Teurlings Catholic's Chad Verret. Hava rushed for 1,167 yards and 13 touchdowns, while Verret was an effective two-way threat for the Rebels with over 500 yards rushing, over 600 yards receiving and 13 total touchdowns.

The quarterback on the team is one of the nation's most recognized college recruits in Carencro's Damien James, who rushed for 1,686 yards and 18 touchdowns and also completed 38 of 88 passes for 755 yards and seven touchdowns.

The receivers on the squad are St. Thomas More's Adam Kennedy (44-679, 10 TDs) and Acadiana's

Derek Newman (26-441, 5 TDs).

The team's offensive line consists of St. Thomas More's Jacob Crouch, Carencro's Nick Celestine, Teurlings Catholic's Eric Schexnayder and the Acadiana duo of Mike Smith and Ricky Sheppard and St. Thomas More tight end Buck Miciotto.

Davis is joined at linebacker by Lafayette High's Treverance Faulk, Acadiana's Justin Venable and teammate Wilson Noel. Faulk's numbers this year were simply incredible with 105 solos, 53 assists and three fumble recoveries. Venable battled injuries for 41 solos, 26 assists, two interceptions and 7½ sacks.

Noel had 42 solos, 72 assists, nine hurries, eight sacks, two forced fum-

bles and one fumble recovery.

The defensive line consists of St. Thomas More's Adam Abdalla, Northside's Carlos Walker, Teurlings Catholic's Justin Dugas and Acadiana's Marcus Malveaux. Abdalla led the Cougars with 109 total tackles, four sacks, three fumble recoveries, five knockdowns, four caused fumbles and three stops behind the line.

Dugas had 48 solos (12 behind the line), 35 assists, six pass break-ups, nine sacks, 12 hurries, three caused fumbles and two fumble recoveries. Malveaux collected 40 solos, 31 assists, 11 sacks and two caused fumbles.

The secondary includes the Carencro duo of Atiba Dauzart and

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# Parish

Kenneth Davis, Northside's Jeff Chavis and St. Thomas More's Blake Greer.

Dauzart is Carencro's all-time interception leader with 19 career picks, including six this year along with 32 solos, 38 assists, nine pass break-ups and a fumble recovery.

Davis, who doubles as the team's return specialist with six punt returns for touchdowns, also had an outstanding year at cornerback with 39 solos (8 behind the line), 38 assists, five interceptions (three returned for scores), 11 pass break-ups, two fumble recoveries and a sack.

Chavis had 70 solos, 56 assists, three caused fumbles, three interceptions, 10 sacks and a fumble recovery as the team's strong safety.

The kicker and punter on the team are St. Thomas More's John Corbello, who averaged 42.5 yards a punt and booted eight of 11 field goals, including a state-record 57-yarder.

## 1997 Daily Advertiser/Pepsi-Cola All-Parish Football Team

### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

WR Adam Kennedy, STM	6-3	210	Sr
WR Derek Newman, Acadiana	5-10	158	Sr
TE Buck Micciotto, STM	6-3	235	Sr
OL Jacob Crouch, STM	6-1	235	Jr
OL Nick Celestine, Carencro	6-1	220	Sr
OL Mike Smith, Acadiana	5-10	195	Sr
OL Eric Scheiknyder, Teurlings	6-4	350	Sr
OL Ricky Shepheard, Acadiana	5-11	212	Sr
QB Damien James, Carencro	6-0	200	Sr
RB Steven Hays, Acadiana	5-10	180	Sr
RB Chad Vernet, Teurlings	6-1	180	Sr
KR Kenneth Davis, Carencro	5-7	170	Sr
PK John Corbello, STM	5-10	185	Jr

### FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL Adam Abdalla, STM	6-0	210	Sr
DL Carlos Walker, Northside	6-0	220	Jr
DL Justin Dugas, Teurlings	6-0	200	Sr
DL Marcus Malveaux, Acadiana	6-1	225	Sr
LB Treverance Faulk, Lafayette	6-3	220	Jr
LB Altony Davis, Carencro	6-0	240	Sr
LB Wilson Noel, Carencro	6-3	230	Sr
LB Justin Venable, Acadiana	6-1	235	Sr
DB Jeff Chavis, Northside	5-11	180	Sr
DB Kenneth Davis, Carencro	5-8	180	Sr
DB Abba Dauzart, Carencro	5-8	180	Sr
DB Blake Greer, St. Thomas More	5-11	165	Jr
P John Corbello, St. Thomas More	5-10	185	Jr

### OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Jermaine Martin, Northside

### DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Altony Davis, Carencro

### COACH OF THE YEAR

Willard Hanks, Acadiana

### SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

WR - Mike Tolbert, Northside; TE - Brandon Ledet, Carencro; OL - Cody Rubin, Northside; Nick Doherty, Lafayette; Dominic Zahner, STM; Terry Vidrine, Northside; Brandon Briscoe, Teurlings; QB - Nick Patin, STM; RB - Chris Byerley, STM; Theo Babiniaux, Carencro; Trevin Griffin, Carencro; KR - Travis Francis, Carencro; PK - Justin Hebert, Carencro.

### SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL - Eric Macicek, STM; John Paul Jones, Carencro; Keenan Castillo, Acadiana; Anthony Paddio, Northside; LB - Byron Latchworth, Northside; Alan White, STM; Ross Brubacher, Lafayette; Buddy Castillo, Carencro; DB - Anthony Whitehead, Comeaux; Jermaine Monette, Acadiana; Jeff Little, Acadiana; Bobby Evans, Northside; P - Kevin Menard, Acadiana.

### HONORABLE MENTION

Boo Arseneaux, Teurlings; Brock Miguez, Teurlings; Jesse Cormier, Teurlings; Blake Couvillon, Carencro.



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**Daily Advertiser/Pepsi-Cola Small School**

**All-Acadiana Football Team**

**FIRST TEAM OFFENSE**

WR Chad Verret, Teurlings Catholic	6-1	180	Sr
WR Zan Beckett, Vermilion Catholic	6-2	175	Sr
TE John Thompson, Vermilion Catholic	6-4	225	Jr
OT Bryan Sonnier, Port Barre	6-0	280	Sr
OT Eric Schexnayder, Teurlings Catholic	6-4	350	Sr
OG Chris Duhon, Vermilion Catholic	5-9	175	So
OG Brandon Bnscoe, Teurlings Catholic	5-10	270	Sr
C Allan Navarro, Central Catholic-MC	6-2	190	Sr
QB Lenny Mayard, Vermilion Catholic	5-11	160	Sr
RB Jerome Pickney, Port Barre	6-0	200	Sr
RB James Knatt, Loreauville	5-10	170	Sr
RB Willie Shppard, Central Catholic-MC	5-11	200	Sr
KR Jerome Pickney, Port Barre	6-0	200	Sr
PK Brock Miques, Teurlings Catholic	6-1	180	Sr

**FIRST TEAM DEFENSE**

DL Paul Wheaton, Port Barre	6-2	226	Sr
DL Justin Dugas, Teurlings Catholic	6-0	200	Sr
DL Jason Daire, St. Edmund	6-5	285	Jr
DL Curtis Randall, Central Catholic-MC	6-4	220	Sr
LB John Thompson, Vermilion Catholic	6-4	225	Jr
LB Anthony Trpeaux, Loreauville	5-8	160	So
LB Boo Arceneaux, Teurlings Catholic	5-10	190	Jr
LB Beau Fontenot, Port Barre	5-10	195	Jr
DB Kaylam Guidry, Westminster	5-9	180	Sr
DB Salah Francis, Central Catholic-MC	5-10	170	Jr
DB Josh Andrus, St. Edmund	6-0	175	Sr
DB James Knatt, Loreauville	5-10	170	Sr
P Lance LeBlanc, Port Barre	5-11	265	Sr

**OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Jerome Pickney, Port Barre

**DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Paul Wheaton, Port Barre

**COACH OF THE YEAR**

Ossie Blaize, Vermilion Catholic

**SECOND TEAM OFFENSE**

WR — Lucas Soileau, Sacred Heart — VP: Jonathan LeBlanc, Opelousas Catholic; TE — Kenneth Dangerfield, Patterson; OT — Justin Romero, Vermilion Catholic; Blake Fontenot, Port Barre; OG — Beau Langlinas, Delcambre; Brent Hebert, Iota; C — Mark Urban, Opelousas Catholic; QB — Josh Fontenot, Sacred Heart — VP; RB — Josh Ortega, Iota; Ross Duos, Sacred Heart — VP; Derik Darby, Delcambre; KR — Salah Francis, Central Catholic — MC; PK — Gregg Eldridge, Hanson.

**SECOND TEAM DEFENSE**

DL — Kevin Vital, Loreauville; Kent Luquette, Vermilion Catholic; Matt Miller, Iota; Brandon Lejeune, Port Barre; LB — B.J. Gatte, Iota; Mike Miller, St. Edmund; Richard Gant, Port Barre; Kearn Dooley, Delcambre; DB — John Reed, Port Barre; Derik Darby, Delcambre; Dylan Dupleman, Port Barre; Lucas Soileau, Sacred Heart — VP; P — Grant Autrey, Central Catholic — MC.

**HONORABLE MENTION**

Eric Fontenot, Opelousas Catholic; Kevin Guillory, Iota; Beau Fontenot, Sacred Heart — VP; Jesse Cormier, Teurlings; Brad Launey, Sacred Heart — VP; Jeff Robicheaux, Hanson.



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Lenny Mayard of Vermilion Catholic (122-224-10, 1,791 yards, 20 TDs) is the quarterback of the squad, and he can still look for favorite targets wide receiver Zan Beckett (62-975-10) and tight end John Thompson (25-340-4). Teurlings Catholic's versatile Chad Verret (34-558-5 receiving, 93-489-8 rushing) serves as Mayard's other starting receiver.

When the All-Acadiana team looks to run, it can turn to a pair of district offensive MVPs in Port Barre's Jerome Pickney (262-1,945-32) and Central Catholic's Willie Sheppard (261-1,962-26). If that pair should ever should get winded, look for fellow first-teamer James Knatt of Loreauville (227-1,517-10 rushing, 7-258-4 receiving) to more than pick up the slack.

As usual, it will be the men in the trenches that will make all these offensive fireworks possible, and the All-Acadiana team will be no exception. Central Catholic's Allan Navarro gets the nod and center, where he will be flanked by offensive guards Brandon Briscoe of Teurlings and Chris Duhon of VC and tackles Eric Schexnayder of Teurlings and Bryan Sonnier of Port Barre.

The kicking game will be in solid hands, with Teurlings' Brock Migues handling the field goals and extra points and Pickney (two kickoff returns, one punt return for TDs) returning kicks.

## Coach of the Year Ossie Blaize of Vermilion Catholic is flanked by Offensive Player of the Year Jerome Pickney of Port Barre, left, and Paul Wheaton of Port Barre, the Outstanding Defensive Player, as top honorees on the Small School All-Acadiana Team.

Though the First Team Offense promises to be explosive, the First Team Defense likely wouldn't need much help to win games. The unit features two starters each from Port Barre and St. Ed's, two of the top-performing defenses in the area, as well as a pair each from Teurlings and Central Catholic.

The defense begins with the imposing front four of Port Barre's Paul Wheaton (129 total tackles, 12 CBLs, four sacks, District 6-2A def. MVP), Teurlings Catholic's Justin Dugas (48 solos, 35 assists, 12 CBLs, nine sacks), St. Edmund's Jason Daire (38 tackles on a defense that allowed just 146 yards a game) and Central Catholic's Curtis Randall (52 solos, 35 assists, 12 CBLs, nine sacks).

An opposing ball carrier somehow fortunate enough to elude those linemen doesn't figure to last long against this squad's linebackers.

VC's Thompson (64 solos, 24 assists, three fumble recoveries, six sacks) is one of two two-way first-team picks, and joins Beau Fontenot of Port Barre, Boo Arce-neaux of Teurlings and Loreauville's Anthony Tripeaux.

Enemy quarterbacks will have

just as tough a time cracking this defense through the air against a secondary headed by District 7-A defensive MVP Salah Francis (35 solos, 46 assists, 11 INTs, 13 PBU's) of Central Catholic.

Alongside Francis will be Kay-lam Guidry of surprising Westminster (39 solos, 36 assists, 12 caused fumbles, six INTs, 26 PBU's, four fumble recoveries, three sacks), two-way pick Knatt of Loreauville and Josh Andrus of St. Edmunds.

Not that this team really needs one, but Port Barre's Lance LeBlanc is the pick at punter. LeBlanc kicked 33 times for a 38.4-yard average, including three punts for a 53-yard average — including one downed at the 1 — in a playoff game against St. Charles.

VC's Ossie Blaize is the head coach who will get to put all this talent into motion. One year removed from a 2-8 campaign, Blaize led the Screaming Eagles to an 8-2 season and two playoff wins before a heartbreaking loss to Logansport on a final-play Hail Mary pass in the state quarterfinals.

Blaize likely wouldn't need to worry about such miracle come-backs against this team.

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#### All-Acadiana Football Team

##### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

QB Chad Verret, Teurlings Catholic	6-1	180	So
WR Zan Beckett, Vermilion Catholic	6-0	175	So
TE John Thompson, Vermilion Catholic	6-4	225	Jr
OT Bryan Sonnier, Port Barre	6-0	280	Jr
OT Eric Schexnayder, Teurlings Catholic	6-4	350	So
OG Chris Duhon, Vermilion Catholic	5-9	175	So
OG Brandon Briscoe, Teurlings Catholic	5-10	275	So
C Allan Navarro, Central Catholic-MC	6-6	190	So
CB Lenny Mayard, Vermilion Catholic	5-11	160	So
CB James Pickney, Port Barre	6-0	200	So
HB James Knatt, Loreauville	5-10	170	So
HB Willie Sheppard, Central Catholic-MC	5-11	200	So
KV Jerome Pickney, Port Barre	6-0	200	So
PK Brock Migues, Teurlings Catholic	6-1	150	So

##### FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DE Paul Wheaton, Port Barre	6-2	220	So
DE Justin Dugas, Teurlings Catholic	6-0	200	So
DE Jason Daire, St. Edmund	6-5	285	Jr
DE Curtis Randall, Central Catholic-MC	6-4	220	So
LB John Thompson, Vermilion Catholic	6-4	225	Jr
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DB Josh Andrus, St. Edmund	6-0	175	So
DB James Knatt, Loreauville	5-10	175	So
P Lance LeBlanc, Port Barre	5-11	250	So

##### OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Jerome Pickney, Port Barre

##### DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Paul Wheaton, Port Barre

##### COACH OF THE YEAR

Ossie Blaize, Vermilion Catholic

##### SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

WR — Lucas Soules, Sacred Heart — VP Jonathan LeBlanc, Opelousas Catholic; TE — Kenneth Dierkerfeld, Patterson; OT — Justin Romero, Vermilion Catholic; Brock Fontenot, Port Barre; OG — Beau Langston, Decatur; Brent Hebert, Iota; C — Mark Urban, Opelousas Catholic; CB — John Fontenot, Sacred Heart — VP RB — Josh Ormon, Iota; Posa Dugas, Sacred Heart — VP Dave Dairs, Decatur; KV — Josh Francis, Central Catholic — MC PK — Gregg Edwards, Hahn

##### SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DE — Keith Ellis, Loreauville; Kent Laguerre, Vermilion Catholic; Matt Mize, Iota; Brandon LeBlanc, Port Barre; LB — B. Gallow, Iota; Mike Mize, St. Edmund; Running Back — Port Barre; Kevin Doney, Decatur; DE — John Reed, Port Barre; Derek Dairs, Decatur; Dylan Duperion, Port Barre; Lucas Soules, Sacred Heart — VP PK — Brent Aubrey, Central Catholic — MC

##### HONORABLE MENTION

Eric Fontenot, Opelousas Catholic; Kevin Gallow, Iota; Beau Fontenot, Sacred Heart — VP; Josh Gallow, Teurlings; Brock Gallow, Sacred Heart — VP; Jeff Robinson, Hahn



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# Players, coach named to Advertiser All-Parish team

## Acadiana's Hanks earns All-Parish head coach honors

**Kevin Foote**  
Staff Sports Writer

LAFAYETTE — One was expected to be a part of a big winner. Another had a pretty good idea he was going to be and few thought the other one even had a chance to succeed.

As it turned out, it was a pretty memorable season all the way around for Carencro linebacker Altony Davis, Northside tailback Jermaine Martin and Acadiana head coach Willard Hanks.

Davis played a key role in leading the Golden Bears to the Class 5A state semifinals behind quite likely the best defense in school history. Martin was the state's leading rusher for much of the season and Hanks followed Bill Dotson in style with an 8-3 state playoff campaign.

To cap off the season, the trio earned top honors on the 1997 Daily Advertiser/Pepsi-Cola All-Parish football team.

Davis is the Defensive Most Valuable Player after leading a Bears' defense that recorded five shutouts and allowed just 180 total yards a game prior to a state semifinal loss to Shaw. Davis had 69 solos (12 behind the line), 60 assists, four forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, two sacks and an interception.

Martin may not have been big, but the excitement he brought to the Vikings' games this season made him worthy of being the Offensive Most Valuable Player. Martin rushed for 2,124 yards and scored 25 touchdowns.

Little was expected from the Rams this year with the coaches picking them to finish seventh. Only Hanks had other ideas, leading Acadiana to an impressive 8-3 season with two of those losses being in one point on failed two-point conversions.

Joining Martin in the backfield are Acadiana's Steven Hava and Teurlings Catholic's Chad Verret.

Hava rushed for 1,167 yards and 13 touchdowns, while Verret was an effective two-way threat for the Rebels with over 500 yards rushing, over 600 yards receiving and 13 total touchdowns.

The quarterback on the team is one of the nation's most recognized college recruits in Carencro's Damien James, who rushed for

1,686 yards and 18 touchdowns and also completed 38 of 48 passes for 755 yards and seven touchdowns.

The receivers on the squad are St. Thomas More's Adam Kennedy (44-679, 10 TDs) and Acadiana's Derek Newman (26-441, 5 TDs).

The team's offensive line consists of St. Thomas More's Jacob Crouch, Carencro's Nick Celestine, Teurlings Catholic's Eric Schexnayder and the Acadiana duo of Mike Smith and Ricky Shephard and St. Thomas More

right end Buck Micetto.

Davis is joined at linebacker by Lafayette High's Treverance Faulk, Acadiana's Justin Venable and teammate Wilson Noel. Faulk's numbers this year were simply incredible with 105 solos, 33 assists and three fumble recoveries. Venable battled injuries for 41 solos, 26 assists, two interceptions and 7 1/2 sacks.

Noel had 42 solos, 72 assists, nine hurries, eight sacks, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

The defensive line consists of St. Thomas More's Adam Abdalla, Northside's Carlos Walker, Teurlings Catholic's Justin Dugas and Acadiana's Marcus Malveaux. Abdalla led the Cougars with 103 total tackles, four sacks, three fumble recoveries, five knockdowns, four caused fumbles and three stops behind the line.

Dugas had 48 solos (12 behind the line), 35 assists, six pass break-ups, nine sacks, 12 hurries, three caused fumbles and two fumble recoveries. Malveaux collected 40 solos, 31 assists, 11 sacks and two

caused fumbles.

The secondary includes the Carencro duo of Aliba Dauzart and Kenneth Davis, Northside's Jeff Chavis and St. Thomas More's Blake Greer.

Dauzart is Carencro's all-time interception leader with 19 career picks, including six this year along with 32 solos, 38 assists, nine pass break-ups and a fumble recovery. Davis, who doubles as the team's return specialist with six punt returns for touchdowns, also had an outstanding year at cornerback with 39 solos (8 behind the line), 38 assists, five interceptions (three returned for scores), 11 pass break-ups, two fumble recoveries and a sack.

Chavis had 70 solos, 56 assists, three caused fumbles, three interceptions, 10 sacks and a fumble recovery as the team's strong safety.

The kicker and punter on the team are St. Thomas More's John Corbello, who averaged 42.5 yards a punt and booted eight of 11 field goals, including a state-record 57-yarder.

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