

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# STM, Teurlings elect to play up

Cougars, Rebels would compete in Division I bracket in state playoffs

By **Eric Narcisse**

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When it has come to playing stiff competition, Teurlings Catholic and St. Thomas More haven't tried to avoid it on their schedules over the years.

So it should come as no surprise that despite having the

opportunity to avoid possibly having to face John Curtis and/or Evangel in the postseason, Teurlings and St. Thomas More elected to join them in Division I.

Teurlings Catholic Principal Michael Boyer and St. Thomas More head football coach Jim Hightower con-



**Jim  
Hightower**



**Sonny  
Charpentier**

firmed that both the Rebels and the Cougars have elected to play up along with John Curtis and Evangel after all four participated in the Division II

playoff bracket a year ago.

"With less playoff games than we are used to playing regardless of the division, we felt it would be advantageous for us to play larger schools, get a larger gate and recoup some of the lost income from playing fewer playoff games," Boyer said. "The negative to doing so is that we are facing some schools that are larger than us, but the direction of the LHSAA

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is so unknown at the moment that we may end up in Division I in the future anyway.”

Rebels head coach Sonny Charpentier, who has made it a point throughout his career to challenge his team with a stiff non-district schedule, downplayed the notion that Teurlings and St. Thomas More sent a message to everyone else electing to avoid John Curtis and Evangel.

“I wouldn’t say that we sent a message or that we are trying to send a message,” Charpentier said. “We’ve never been afraid of competition. We know that we are not going to win them all, but we aren’t going to back down from anyone.”

In addition to John Curtis and Evangel, the Rebels and Cougars are entering a division that also includes St. Augustine, Catholic High of Baton Rouge and the defending state champion Rummel.

“It is what it is,” Hightower said. “We’ll strap it up and play whoever we


have to play. I’ve never found an easy part in any bracket. Competition is competition and we have never dodged stiff competition.”

Although competing in Division II last year was quite challenging as the bracket included John Curtis, Evangel, University, Notre Dame and Parkview Baptist, Boyer doesn’t expect things to be any easier moving up to Division I.

“For us, we felt that moving up to Division I was beneficial regardless of who else moved up,” Boyer said. “I can tell you it isn’t that we feel it is going to be any easier than competing in Division II. I can say that it is still going to be a very tough bracket because we still are going to be facing John Curtis, Evangel and now Rummel and Catholic High. It won’t be any easier.”

It isn’t known if the Rebels and Cougars intend to compete in Division I beyond this year and Boyer didn’t state otherwise.

“We felt this was the appropriate move for us to make for a year and then revisit it again next year,” Boyer said.

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# Prep Football: Through the Years

*Then ...*



**Members of the Teurlings Catholic Rebels during those glory years of the early 1980s. ADVERTISER FILE PHOTO**

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# Now ...



**Teurlings Catholic's offensive leaders include Baylor Thompson (34), Jacob Landry (10), Noah Harris (27), Cole Kelley (12), Brilan Degeyter (70), Zachary Ashy (54) and Nate Arceneaux (7). PAUL KIEU/THE ADVERTISER**

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# Teurlings Catholic

For a while there, the Teurlings Catholic football program was a tough one to figure out.

Its history was filled with some great highs and tremendous lows.

The year before I began working at the Daily Advertiser, the Rebels enjoyed a season for the ages in winning their first 11 games without giving up a single point on defense, before falling 26-8 at powerhouse John Curtis in the state quarterfinals.

That next season was pretty good as well with another district title and a 9-3 overall record.

Two losing seasons followed, before an explosive 1986 offense that scored more than 60 points in two games with another over 50 to post a successful 8-3 season.

Instead of being a trend in the right direction, though, four lean years ensued. Teurlings only won four of its next 40 games.

Believe it or not, I do remember covering one of those four wins — a 27-6 shellacking of North Vermilion behind the big rushing night of Ed Stevens.

But just as it appeared that the Rebels might be headed for a long drought, it turned around again with a 6-5 winning season and return to the postseason. Then in Jake Delhomme's senior season in 1992, the Rebels were back on top with a 10-4 record and making it all the way to the state semifinals.

Unfortunately for Rebels' fans, the roller coaster ride still wasn't over. Teurlings would go 4-16 over the next two seasons. Then, with one decision by an coach, the roller coaster ride ended with the hiring of Sonny Charpentier as head football coach.

Charpentier played high school quarterback, but was more known for being a college basketball player at Nicholls State and Top 28 basketball coach



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at Teurlings.

In his first season, the Rebels were 12-1 and then 10-2. Sure, there have been a few little speed bumps along the way — like 5-6 in 1998 and 6-5 in 2005 — but for the most part, Teurlings has been one of the most consistent winning programs in the area over the last two decades.

It's amazing that Charpentier's reign is about to hit his 20th season already.

Along the way, he brought stability and made football fun to play and watch at Teurlings. The Charpentier era will also be remembered for exiting Clark Field for the Rebels' own campus stadium that must have seemed like a dream to many longtime fans.

But what I remember most about the Charpentier era is the great games I've witnessed. A few really stick out in my mind.

If I was going to list the top 10 games I've ever covered, several of them would likely be Teurlings games. One was a 21-14 regional round playoff win over Lutchet at Carencro High in 1999.

It was a perfect example of what old Dick Vitale meant by an all-airport team. Lutchet looked like a college team compared

to Teurlings when the Bulldogs got off the bus, but somehow the Rebels prevailed that night on their way to a state semifinal appearance.

Then in 2002, there was a memorable state regional showdown in Abbeville between Charpentier and Brent Indest's Wildcats, and the Rebels escaped with a 31-30 win thanks to a stop on the goal line to secure it.

(I also covered the quarterfinal game the next week against Patterson. I still haven't figured out what happened at the end of that game and don't believe what I saw, so I'll spare everyone the details.)

Then there was that crazy 49-48 triple overtime win over Franklinton in the first round in 2006.

No, through it all, the Rebels haven't reached Louisiana high school football's promised land, but much like the case with STM, that's done nothing to diminish Charpentier's reputation in my mind.

When you look at how few college players have been recruited out of this program and how many great wins Charpentier and his staff have produced, little more needs to be said.

Going from the Class 1A semifinals in 1992 to the Class 3A semifinals in 1999 is an incredible feat. Now the Rebels are competing for district titles in the rugged District 5-4A.

And through the years, the Rebels continued to play elite teams like Notre Dame and Breau Bridge when it would have been much easier to schedule down and collect even more wins. That earns respect.

These days, the Rebels begin the post-Zach LaFleur era and look to quarterback Cole Kelley and Sage LeBlanc for big plays, while being forced to replace such defensive leaders as three-year starter Michael Courville.

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# CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

**H**undreds of Teurlings Catholic High School students got doused Tuesday afternoon, all for a good cause.

Challenged by Notre Dame High School, the Teurlings student body took part in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. The summer phenomenon has raised millions of dollars for research for ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Students also made financial donations to the John Paul II Medical Research Institute and Team Gleason. Both organizations are involved in raising awareness about ALS and collecting funds for research.

Several other schools have taken part in the Ice Bucket Challenge in recent weeks. Teurlings is now hoping for more. They challenged all other Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lafayette to participate in the challenge and donate to ALS research.



Students at Teurlings Catholic High School participate in the ALS ice bucket challenge Tuesday after being challenged by Notre Dame High School. Teurlings used the services of a Lafayette Fire Department ladder truck rather than buckets filled with ice water.

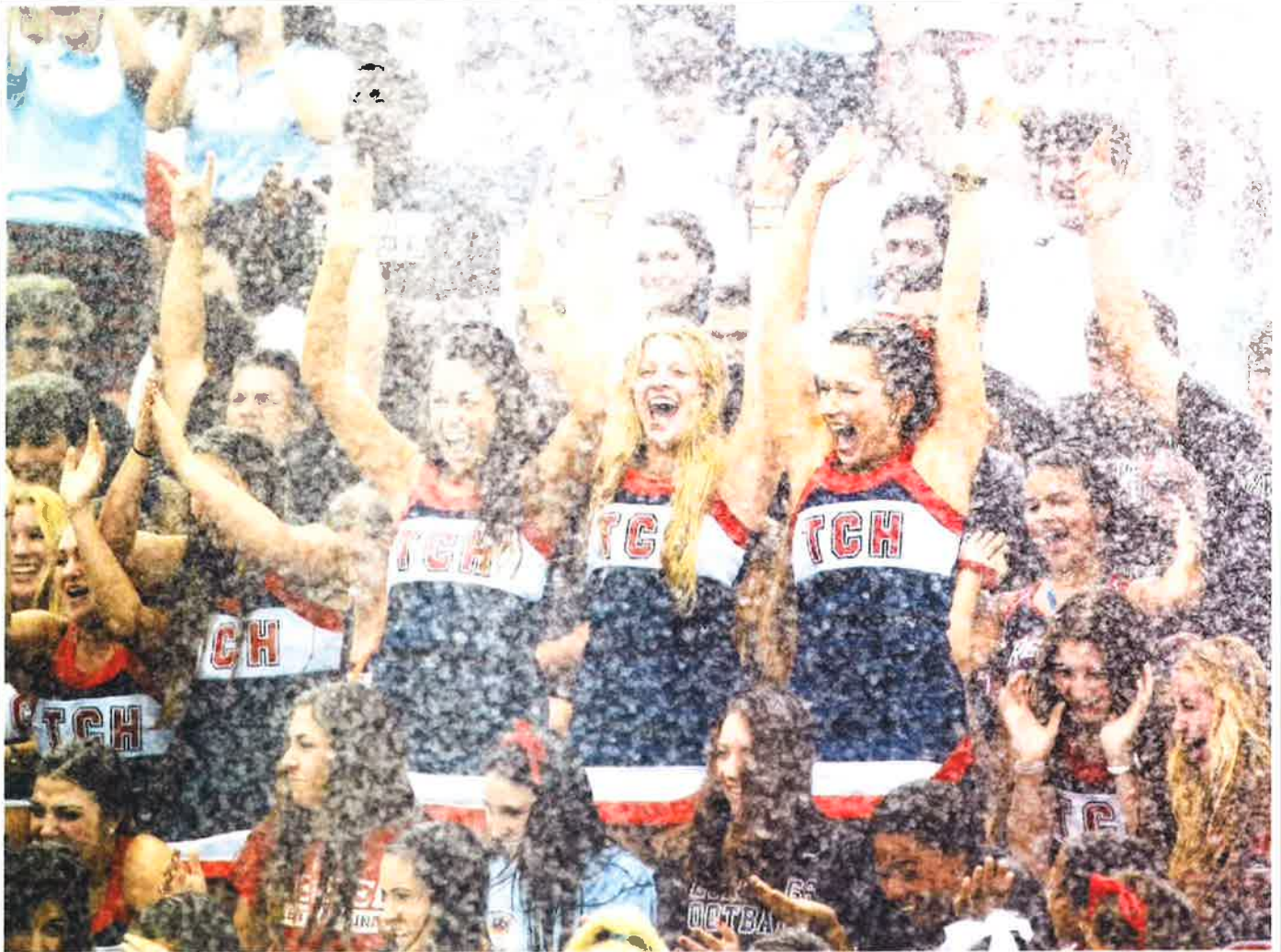
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Teurlings Catholic High School cheerleaders enjoy a fire hose shower as they and other students at Teurlings Catholic High School participate in the ALS ice bucket challenge Tuesday after being challenged by Notre Dame High School. The school nominated the other area schools in the Catholic Diocese of Lafayette to also participate. ALS, or Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

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Teurlings Catholic's Sage LeBlanc (22) tries to fight off the tackle attempt of Catholic High's Peyton Pharr (10) during jamboree action at Teurlings Catholic.

## KIWANIS JAMBOREE

# Catholic-NI slips past Teurlings Catholic

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Even though it's the preseason, both Catholic High of New Iberia and Teurlings Catholic treated their matchup at the Kiwanis Club Jamboree like a real game. It had the feel and the drama as both teams went after each other.

But thanks to a strong running performance by Seth Pierre and two touchdowns by Jason Pellerin and Andre Bellefontaine, Catholic High got a 21-14 win over the Rebels that

gave the Panthers a big boost of confidence heading into next week's season opener.

"We just stressed to the kids that we needed to play with a lot of toughness tonight," head coach Brent Indest said. "Last year, we started real slow, and we have a lot of changes, offensively and defensively starting this year. Our goal is to pick up where we left off last year, not start somewhere in the middle. I don't know if we're there yet, but we're close."

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# Catholic

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Catholic's rushing attack pounded through Teurlings. Pierre ran for 84 yards on 12 carries, while Bellefontaine ran for 38 yards on seven carries, including a 4-yard touchdown run late in the second half that put the Panthers up 21-7.

The Rebels did strike back quickly as they took only four plays to cut the lead back to seven. After a 27-yard screen pass to running back Noah Harris, quarterback Cole Kelley found tight end Ike Hildago for a 19-yard touchdown catch to make it 21-14 with 2:04 left. But CHNI's running game was able to run out the clock and get the win.

"Even though they made us look silly at times - (Teurlings head coach Sonny Charpentier's) offense does that, they're excellent and great at what they do - but I was fired up at the way we hung in there."

Pellerin was solid in his first game as a senior. The Ole Miss commit was 4-of-6 passing for 50 yards, including a 28-yard strike to Bellefontaine late in the first half. He sneaked in for a 1-yard touchdown.

"(Jason) made one bad throw early where we had one guy wide open, but he came back on the same play and scored," Indest said. "Jason's Jason, and we need him to continue that. It was great to see him on a key third down step up in the pocket and scramble."

For Teurlings, the bright spot was the play of junior quarterback Cole Kelley. He went 13-of-17 for 185 yards and two touchdown passes. His first came in the second half as receiver Sage LeBlanc corralled a deflected pass in the back of the end zone for an 18-yard touchdown.

The Rebels open the season at home next Friday against University Lab, while Catholic faces Vermilion Catholic at home.



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## PRESEASON RANKINGS

### Coaches Poll

1. St. Thomas More 43
- T2. Teurlings 35
- T2. Breaux Bridge 35
4. Westgate 27
5. Northside 22
6. St. Martinville 19
7. Cecilia 15

### Advertiser Poll

1. St. Thomas More 33
2. Breaux Bridge 30
3. Teurlings 27
4. Northside 20
5. Cecilia 15
6. Westgate 10
7. St. Martinville 5

# Balanced race expected

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If you ask the coaches from teams in District 5-4A what is the toughest district in the state, you will get a resounding response "ours."

Year in and year out, the district has proven to be quite tough and every week requires showing up primed and ready for a battle because nothing comes easy in the rugged District 5-4A.

Last year, the district ended in a three-way tie between Teurlings Catholic, Breaux Bridge and St. Thomas More

all of whom finished 5-1 in district play.

With teams beyond the big three all expected to be greatly improved, District 5-4A has a chance to be even tougher than it has ever been before.

"I think our district is going to be even tougher this year than it has been over the past couple of years," Breaux Bridge head coach Paul Broussard said.

"St. Thomas More and Teurlings are going to be typical St. Thomas More and Teurlings. You know they are going to be good and in the thick of things. But the rest of

the district is going to be a lot better as well. It is going to be a very interesting race this year."

Although perennial powers St. Thomas More, Teurlings and Breaux Bridge are expected to be the frontrunners for the district title once again, they all have question marks which could possibly open the door for a darkhorse.

The Vikings are expected to be vastly improved, while the Cecilia Bulldogs behind a massive offensive line and the explosive Raymond Calais Jr. in the backfield appear ready to make some noise.

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AT A GLANCE



**Head Coach:**  
Sonny  
Charpentier.  
**Career**  
**Record:** 170-53

2014 Schedule

September

5 UNIVERSITY  
12 New Iberia  
19 NOTRE DAME  
26 CECILIA

October

3 Breaux Bridge  
10 OPEN  
17 St. Thomas More  
23 St. Martinville  
31 WESTGATE

November

7 NORTHSIDE

2013 In Review

Lost University 41-15; beat NEW IBERIA 34-20; lost Notre Dame 35-21; beat CECILIA 42-20; beat BREAUUX BRIDGE 21-14; lost ST. THOMAS MORE 21-7; beat ST. MARTINVILLE 35-28; beat Westgate 14-0; beat Northside 44-14. Playoffs: lost University 55-30.

Shoes To Fill


QB Brye Latiolais; FB Zach Lafleur; DT Jesse Provost; LB Michael Courville; CB Willie Smith.

X-Factor

The Rebels rely heavily on their running game and with the explosive Sage Leblanc in the backfield, Teurlings is going to need Noah Harris and/or Baylor Thompson to successfully replace three-year starter Zach Lafleur.

Did You Know?

Teurlings is one of two Acadiana area teams that have elected to play up to Division I.

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# Rebels figure to contend again

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The 2013 football season was one filled with trials and tribulations for the Teurlings Catholic Rebels and it began well before the opening kick-off.

In the preseason, the Rebels watched as several key players were hampered with injuries that cost them a significant portion of the regular season.

Nevertheless, despite an injury-marred season, the Rebels still managed to go 7-4, 5-1 in District 5-4A which was good enough to forge a three-way tie for first place and advance to the Class 4A regional round.

Although they lost several key pieces on the offensive side of the ball, teams should beware of the Rebels as they return several standouts defensively that will make them a tough matchup week in and week out.

"Depth is something that we are always looking for and we feel that we have some quality depth at certain positions," TC coach Sonny Charpentier said.

"We have a lot of very good football players and the key for us is going to be getting them to settle into their roles."

Defensively, the Rebels return eight of 11 starters from



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Teurlings defensive leaders include Gavin Royer (23), Brandon Batiste (9), Alec Robertson (32), Dylan Batiste (1) and Asa Miller (25).

year," Charpentier said. "We feel that we can be pretty good defensively and it is no doubt we are going to be relying on that unit to carry us until our offense comes around."

Offensively, the Rebels will be forced to replace quarterback Brye Latiolais, three-year starter at fullback Zach Lafleur and several offensive linemen.

The 6-7, 225-pound Cole Kelley steps into the quarterback role, while Noah Harris and Baylor Thompson will be asked to replace Lafleur.

Senior running back Sage Leblanc will move from the slot to tailback as the Rebels attempt to get the ball in his hands more often.

"Sage is an exciting high school football player," Charpentier said. "He is fun to watch. He's one of those players that you can't tackle in a phone booth."

Charpentier has the largest number of players he's ever had at Teurlings.

"Potential is a terrible thing," Charpentier said. "All potential means is that you haven't done anything yet."

## PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

### OFFENSE

TE Jacob Landry (5-10, 205, Sr)  
WR Ike Hidalgo (6-4, 180, Sr)  
WR Nate Arceneaux (6-1, 170, Sr)  
OT Brilan Degeyter (6-2, 275, Sr)  
OG Ashton Whaley (6-1, 280, Jr)  
C Zack Ashy (5-10, 200, Sr)  
OG Grant Ray (5-11, 245, Sr)  
OT Jacob Matthews (6-4, 265, Jr)  
QB Cole Kelley (6-7, 235, Jr)  
TB Sage Leblanc (5-9, 150, Sr)  
FB Noah Harris (5-9, 180, Jr)

### DEFENSE

DE Hunter Venable (6-1, 200, Sr)

DE Asa Miller (6-2, 240, Sr)  
DT Ashton Boudreaux (6-0, 245, Sr)  
DT Caden Malbrough (5-10, 260, Jr)  
LB Dylan Batiste (5-9, 180, Sr)  
LB Alec Robertson (6-0, 200, Jr)  
LB Kaede Collette (6-1, 200, Jr)  
CB Michael Boudreaux (5-9, 160, Sr)  
CB Luke Gossen (5-11, 170, Jr)  
FS Gavin Royer (6-0, 205, Sr)  
SS Brandon Batiste (5-9, 170, Sr)

2013 including star defensive end Asa Miller, linebackers Alec Robertson and Dylan Batiste and safeties Gavin Royer and Brandon Batiste.

"Not only do we have a number of starters returning, but we also have a number of players who didn't start but played a lot that are back this

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## FIVE PLAYERS TO WATCH



**COLE KELLEY**  
QB 6-7 235 Jr

Kelley who is large in size, possesses a strong arm and good accuracy as well as a great grasp of the Rebels offense.



**GAVIN ROYER**  
FS 6-0 205 Sr

As the quarterback of the defense, Royer possesses the ability to come up and tackle in run support as well as defend against the pass.



**ASA MILLER**  
DE 6-2 240 Sr

Miller is a hard working tackling machine on defense, who is athletic enough to possibly even see some time at tight end.



**SAGE LEBLANC**  
TB 5-9 150 Sr

Leblanc is arguably the Rebels' most explosive and dynamic player. LeBlanc is stellar in the passing and return games and is coming off of another stellar.



**DYLAN BATISTE**  
LB 5-9 180 Sr

Batiste is a force in the Rebels' front seven and he is expected to once again be a leader of their defense.

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# DYLAN BATISTE



## LB Teurlings 5-9 180 Sr.

» Batiste is one of the leaders on a defense expected to carry the Rebels in the early going. Batiste is strong and has proven to be a reliable tackler.

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## CHECKLIST FOR SUCCESS

### Returning Credentials

The Rebels are coming off an injury riddled season in which they went 7-4 overall including 5-1 in District 5-4A that resulted in them finishing in a three-way tie for the district title. The Rebels advanced to the Division II regional round where they were defeated by University.

### The Strengths

The Rebels have become known over the years for their dominant defenses and with the return of eight starters from last year, it appears Teurlings is well on their way to fielding another tough unit.

Highlighted by the return of defensive linemen Asa Miller, Hunter Venable, Ashton Boudreaux and Caden Malbrough, as well as linebackers Alec Robertson and Dylan Batiste and safeties Gavin Royer and Brandon Batiste, the Rebels are confident this unit can carry them to great heights this year.

### The Question Marks

As good as their defense is expected to be, the inexperience starting at corner-

back for the Rebels is a cause for concern. Although they are excited about the potential of new starters Michael Boudreaux and Luke Gossen, they aren't battle tested and there is still a dire need to develop depth behind them. In addition to the secondary, the Rebels will be forced to replace star kicker and punter Jacob Cunningham. Filling his shoes will be Braydon Blanchard.

### Aces in the Hole

Sage Leblanc is a special talent and is arguably the most explosive offensive weapon the Rebels possess. After spending last season in the slot, the Rebels are moving the talented Leblanc into the backfield in an effort to give him more opportunities with the ball in his hands.

On the perimeter, the Rebels still are excited about the possibilities in the passing game because of the return of star receivers Ike Hidalgo and Nathan Arceneaux. With the big arm of first-year starter Cole Kelley, the Rebels are excited about the offense's potential.

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# Miller the total package

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Like most coaches, Teurlings Catholic's Sonny Charpentier is ecstatic when he sees a player who is extremely athletic and filled with the type of talent that makes it possible for him to impact the game regardless of his position.

But what excites Charpentier even more is when that player also has the work ethic and desire to match.

So it comes as no surprise that Charpentier raves about senior defensive end Asa Miller.

"We have a lot of kids here and over the years that worked hard to achieve what they wanted to achieve and Asa epitomizes that," Charpentier said. "Not only is he hard working, but he is extremely focused. He is one of our better football players."

The 6-2, 240-pound Miller has impressed coaches.

"Last year, Asa was outstanding for us as a defensive end and now we're


experimenting with him at linebacker," Charpentier said. "He's a good athlete that runs extremely well and in a perfect world he would be a great tight end. He was one of only four or five kids who had perfect attendance during the summer."

Being a team player is important to Miller, who admits that he works hard to lead by example.

"I'm willing to do whatever the team needs me to do," Miller said. "I don't have a preference on offense or defense or defensive end or linebacker. I just want to do whatever I can to help our team."

Charpentier believes Miller has the ability to play college football.

"There's no doubt I believe he can play on the next level," Charpentier said. "In the right defensive scheme I believe he can play the inside Mike linebacker position because he isn't afraid to come up and hit you. I can also see him as an H-back who catches the ball out of the backfield. He's definitely a sleeper."

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# Rebels ready for familiar foe

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Last year, Teurlings Catholic's football season started and ended with losses to University High.

The losses were by an average of 25.5 points and the Rebels weren't in either contest.

Although they competed better in the second meeting, Rebels head coach Sonny Charpentier felt the slow start proved to be most detrimental to Teurlings' chances of pulling off the upset.

"We were not in either of the ball games against them last year and I think a lot of it was mental," Charpentier said. "University is a good football team that is comprised of great athletes. There are times when you have great athletes, but they aren't a great team. They are both and when we played them in the playoffs we got behind 14-0 and it was like 'oh, here we go again.'"

When the Rebels play host to University at 7 p.m. Friday in the season opener, Charpentier said it will be vital for his team to avoid a slow start and a "here we go again" mentality if things don't go

## U-HIGH AT TEURLINGS

**Kickoff:** 7 p.m., today, Rebels Stadium  
**Rankings:** UNIV No. 2 in 2A.

**Last year:** UNIV won 41-15, 55-30 (playoffs).

**Players to Watch:** UNIV QB Manny Miles; WR Nick Brossette; PR Jalon Baker. TCHS QB Cole Kelley; RB Sage Leblanc; FS Gavin Royer; LB Dylan Batiste.

well.

"University has a lot of players from last year's team back this year," Charpentier said. "I don't believe we are going to be shocked or surprised by anything they do, but it is important for us to get some momentum early. Gaining confidence in the early going of the contest is a big part for us. We have to maintain the mentality that we're going to win the next play and then try to win the next play after that. We have to win some battles."

If the Rebels are going to be successful, it will require a team effort in all three phases of the game, but especially on offense and defense.

## University

Sept. 5 Teurlings; 12 SOUTH HERN LAB; 19 LaGrange; 26 Brusly; Oct. 3 GLEN OAKS; 9 PARKVIEW; 17 Port Allen; 24 DENHAM SPRINGS; 31 West Feliciana; Nov. 7 BAKER.

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"Offensively, we have to move the football early, control the clock and move the chains," Charpentier said. "We have to keep their defense on the field and their offense on the sideline watching as much as possible."

Offensively, the Rebels are led by quarterback Cole Kelley, running back Sage Leblanc and receivers Nate Arce-neaux and Ike Hidalgo, while defensively which is expected to be the strength of the team are led by defensive end Asa Miller.

Although many aren't giving the Rebels much of a chance against University, Charpentier and his staff doesn't see it that way.

"There is always pressure to succeed for us," Charpentier said. "But that's the way we want it. Our expectations are always to win. We don't ever go into a game just hoping to play well. We want to win."



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UNIVERSITY HIGH 36, TEURLINGS CATHOLIC 35

# Rebels' upset attempt falls short

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This time it wasn't over early.

In fact, Teurlings Catholic's Rebels came within a heartbeat of pulling off the prep football season's first major upset before falling 36-35 to University High's second-ranked Cubs on Friday at Teurlings Stadium.

U-High battled back from a pair of two-touchdown deficits and mounted a game-winning drive in the final six minutes before Nick Brossette finished a busy night with a two-point conversion with 28 seconds left that provided the one-point margin.

The Rebels (0-1) had been handled by the powerful University squad, one that reached the Division II select finals last year before losing in the title game to John Curtis, to both start and end Teurlings' season.

The Cubs had taken a 41-15 win in last year's opening game in Baton Rouge, and eliminated the Rebels 55-30 in the regional round of the select playoffs.

"We didn't like what happened in those two games last year," Rebel coach Sonny Charpentier said. "Tonight we had a competition. We built this program not to expect moral victories, but I'm still very proud of our



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Teurlings Catholic's Noah Harris (27) and Baylor Thompson (34) celebrate Harris' two-point conversion score during the Rebels' heartbreaking loss to University High.

kids."

The Cubs, ranked second in Class 3A in the pre-season prep poll, drove 68 yards in the final four minutes after stopping the Rebels on a key fourth-and-three at the U-High 33.

From there, backup quarterback Jalon Baker engineered a drive, throwing for a key fourth-down conversion with a 12-yard completion and then turning it over to the Brossette and Dylan Moses in the running game.

Moses eventually capped the drive from three yards out, powering up the middle with 28 sec-

onds left to make it a 35-34 game. The Cubs were without the services of starting quarterback Manny Miles - who is also U-High's placekicker - so there was no decision about going for a winning two-point conversion, and little on who was going to get the ball considering that Brossette had 150 rush yards in the game.

"Our guys just absolutely stepped up," said University coach Chad Mahaffey said. "We had so many things that we prepared for, but so many things we couldn't prepare for. It was an unbelievable team effort ... one

of the best I've ever been involved in."

The classic battle still wasn't decided, though. In that final 28 seconds after Hunter Sonnier's kickoff return to midfield, Rebel quarterback Cole Kelley hit running back Noah Harris for 14 yards and Ike Hidalgo for 13 more to take the ball to the Cub 22 with only one second left.

The first-year Teurlings placekicker was then called on for his first varsity field goal try, but missed the 39-yarder at the final horn.

The Rebels had taken that 35-28 lead after the Cubs (1-0) had battled back to tie the game for the first time on Baker's 28-yard scoring scramble on the next-to-last play of the third quarter. Kelley hit Nate Arceneaux on a crossing route for a 21-yard score.

U-High got two first downs on the ensuing drive, but Hunter Venable's fourth-down sack of Baker with 6:54 left ended the march. The Rebels, though, gave the ball back just over two minutes later when they came up short on a fourth down, setting up the visitors for a winning drive.

"They (University) did what they had to do," Charpentier said. "Our execution wasn't what it had to be. It's a first game and we've got a lot of football still to play."



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## UNIVERSITY 36, TEURLINGS CATHOLIC 35

UNI	0	14	14	8	—	36
TEUR	14	14	0	7	—	35

### First Quarter

TEUR - Sage LeBlanc 23 pass to Nate Arceneaux (Noah Harris run)  
TEUR - Baylor Thompson 6 run (kick failed)

### Second Quarter

UNIV - Manny Miles 1 run (Miles kick)  
TEUR - Cole Kelley 27 pass to LeBlanc (kick failed)  
UNIV - Miles 7 pass 10 Malik Antoine (Miles kick)  
TEUR - Kelley 33 pass to Grant LaGrange (Thompson run)

### Third Quarter

UNIV - Miles 8 run (kick failed)  
UNIV - Jalon Baker 28 run (Nick Brossette run)

### Fourth Quarter

TEUR - Kelley 21 pass to Arceneaux (Brayden Blanchard kick)  
UNIV - Dylan Moses 3 run (Brossette run)

	UNIV	TEUR
First downs	26	26
Rushes-yards	45-252	31-107
Passing	152	271
Comp-Att-Int	17-30-0	24-36-2
Total Yards	404	378
Punts-Avg.	2-22.5	1-34
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	11-97	5-30

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING**—UNIV: Nick Brossette 28-150; Dylan Moses 7-28, 1 TD; Jalon Baker 5-35, 1 TD; Manny Miles 4-30, 2 TD; Malik Antoine 1-9. **TEUR**: Baylor Thompson 18-63, 1 TD; Noah Harris 10-33; Jansen Lormand 2-9; Hayden Cantrelle 1-2.  
**PASSING**—UNIV: Miles 14-25-0-112; Baker 3-5-0-40. **TEUR**: Kelley 23-35-2-248; Sage LeBlanc 1-1-0-23.  
**RECEIVING**—UNIV: Tre Jackson 6-67; Antoine 3-27, 1 TD; Christian Mims 3-24; Mark Gravois 3-22; Will Keller 2-12. **TEUR**: Nate Arceneaux 5-82, 2 TD; LeBlanc 5-59, 1 TD; Grant LaGrange 3-49, 1 TD; Harris 4-22; Ike Hidalgo 3-28; Brody Dupuis 2-17; Thompson 1-9; Jacob Landry 1-5.



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**Teurlings Catholic's Noah Harris (27) and Baylor Thompson (34) celebrate Harris' two-point conversion score during the Rebels' heartbreaking loss to University High.**

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# Advertiser Top 10 Poll

## 1. ACADIANA RAMS (1-0)

**Skinny:** The reigning Class 5A state champions picked up right where they left off from last year, routing Northside 55-6 in the season-opener Friday.

**Next:** plays Shades Valley, Ala. (Shreveport) on Saturday.

## 2. CATHOLIC-NI PANTHERS (1-0)

**Skinny:** The Panthers are determined to finish the job this year and they got off to a tremendous start in the season opener with an impressive 42-14 rout of defending state champion Vermilion Catholic.

**Next:** plays host to Erath on Friday.

## 3. STM COUGARS (1-0)

**Skinny:** It appeared the Cougars were firing on all cylinders in the jamboree and that continued in Friday's 43-26 season opening victory over Sulphur.

**Next:** plays Glade Water, Tx. (Shreveport) on Saturday.

## 4. BREAUX BRIDGE TIGERS (1-0)

**Skinny:** The Tigers' defense showed their preseason performance wasn't a fluke as it dominated the New Iberia Yellow Jackets en route to a 22-3 victory.

**Next:** plays at Notre Dame on Thursday.

## 5. NOTRE DAME PIOS (1-0)

**Skinny:** So much for a rebuilding year for the Pios as they went on the road and defeated an extremely talented LaGrange Gators team 24-14 in Friday's season opener.

**Next:** Hosts to BreauX Bridge on Thursday.

## 6. CHURCH POINT BEARS (1-0)

**Skinny:** The Bears are expected to be better and more explosive with running back Deion Monroe and on Friday they were just that as they defeated the Beau Chene Gators 35-7 in Friday's season opener.

**Next:** At Kaplan on Friday.

## 7. TEURLINGS REBELS (0-1)

**Skinny:** The only team in the top 10 despite losing in Week 1, but the Rebels proved they are a team to keep an eye on as they fell to the talented University Lab Cubs 36-35

in a season opening thriller.

**Next:** At New Iberia on Friday.

## 8. CARENCRO BEARS (1-0)

**Skinny:** The Bears are expected to be a lot more balanced on offense this year and they were just that on Friday.

**Next:** Host to Northside on Friday.

## 9. RAYNE WOLVES (1-0)

**Skinny:** The Rayne Wolves unleashed a thunderous running game against St. Edmund en route to routing the Blue Jays 30-6 in Friday's season opener.

**Next:** Host to North Vermilion on Friday.

## 10. LAFAYETTE HIGH LIONS (1-0)

**Skinny:** The Mighty Lions were seeking to avenge last year's heart-breaking loss in double-OT against Kaplan and they did just that as they blanked the Pirates 16-0 in Friday's season opener.

**Next:** At Opelousas on Thursday.

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Rushing																			
Name	School	Carries	Yards	TDs	Keshawn Young	Lafayette	12	63	0	Trevon Fontenont	Rayne	7	110	1					
John Michael Besse	Rayne	24	244	1	Aaron Miller	OC	10	63	2	Treven Kately	LCA	3	105	2					
Raymond Calais	Cecilia	18	226	2	Edward Batiste	Breaux Bridge	10	62	0	Emile Trahan	VC	9	99	1					
Ty Von Griffin	Crowley	28	184	5	Ruben Hypolite	Breaux Bridge	11	62	0	Alex Hunt	St. Edmund	7	88	0					
Chris Lee	Northwest	20	169	3						Tyler Derouen	VC	6	86	0					
Collins Roberts	Opelousas	18	151	2	Passing					Nate Arceneaux	Teurlings	5	82	2					
Caleb Vidrine	OC	12	151	4	Name	School	Comp	Att	Int	Yards	TDs	Darren Countee	SMSH	2	77	1			
Ethan Rose	Northside	12	144	1	Cole Kelley	Teurlings	23	35	2	248	3	Frederick Williams	Church Point	2	67	1			
Ja'Ceiry Linzer	AES	16	137	3	Hunter Frith	Vermion Catholic	19	39	3	219	1	Brant Hazelwood	Loreauville	7	66	0			
Dylan Hargrave	LCA	12	131	2	William Bellamy	STM	10	16	1	196	1	Sage Leblanc	Teurlings	5	59	1			
Tyreik Campbell	Carencro	18	126	1	Regan Miller	LCA	7	10	1	170	3	Cullen Brown	St. Edmund	4	58	0			
Shea Lee	Loreauville	9	119	1	Drew Brown	St. Ed's	15	33	0	169	0	Bryson Broussard	Loreauville	2	55	1			
Jordan Windham	North Vermilion	8	117	1	Jaylen Reed	Rayne	10	16	0	150	3	Brandon Duhon	Acadiana	1	52	1			
Bubba Latiolais	Delcambre	26	116	2	Brad Stoma	Notre Dame	4	12	0	126	0	Boedy Borill	Notre Dame	1	51	0			
Ke'Andre Jones	Opelousas	14	115	0	Landon Roberts	Cecilia	7	17	2	107	1	Ty Von Griffin	Crowley	3	50	0			
Malik Eugene	Acadiana	8	110	3	Troy Matte	Church Point	6	11	0	104	2	Hunter Register	Comeaux	2	49	0			
Trevin Kelly	Lafayette	16	107	1	Gerald Broussard	Westgate	11	20	0	102	0	Grant LaGrange	Teurlings	3	49	1			
Deion Monroe	Church Point	16	102	2	Jason Pellerin	Catholic-NI	4	9	0	91	1	Ronald Malbrough	Cecilia	4	47	0			
Jason Pellerin	Catholic-NI	13	98	3	Pate Broussard	Crowley	6	7	0	90	0	Trevor Begue	STM	2	47	0			
Seth Pierre	Catholic-NI	15	98	2	Peyton Touchet	Acadiana	2	4	0	87	2	Brennan Ducote	AES	2	45	0			
Eric Duhon	Acadiana	8	94	0	Jake Arceneaux	AES	5	11	0	84	0	Donald Stokes	Carencro	2	43	1			
Zachary Trahan	Delcambre	14	94	0	Jared Henry Loreauville	Loreauville	11	23	2	72	1	Brison Savoy	New Iberia	4	42	0			
Tanarious Achan	Comeaux	14	91	0	Tanarious Achan	Comeaux	3	10	1	69	0	Phillip Tate	Westgate	2	40	0			
Christian Veronie	Church Point	13	89	1	Ty Desormeaux	North Vermilion	5	16	1	67	1	Dylon Doucet	SMSH	4	40	0			
Savion Broussard	Beau Chene	11	84	1	Carencro	Carencro	3	9	0	53	1	Gabe Gardner	Notre Dame	1	39	0			
Deontray Wilridge	Rayne	14	84	0	Jade Herpin	Kaplan	6	12	1	51	0	Jalen Bates	Kaplan	3	38	0			
Byron Mouton	Rayne	7	83	1	Tim Lunson	Iota	5	10	1	50	0	Keithan Mouton	Acadiana	1	35	1			
Lance Bertrand	Notre Dame	17	82	0	Christian Grandeur	Northwest	3	3	0	47	0	Rusty Robin	Cecilia	1	33	0			
Jhamad Allen	Westgate	11	80	0	Timothy DeClouet	New Iberia	4	11	1	43	0	Landon Lefeune	Iota	2	32	0			
Marquis Demonger	Breaux Bridge	12	78	1	Tristan Miller	Iota	3	3	0	43	0	Raemon Guidry	Westgate	3	32	0			
Deuce Wallace	STM	6	76	1	Receiving					Matt Guillory	Northwest	1	31	1					
Scotty Thibodeaux	Comeaux	13	69	1	Name	School	Catches	Yards	TDs	John Marceaux	Crowley	2	31	1					
Baylor Thompson	Teurlings	18	63	1	Tiger Bech	STM	6	124	1										

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# TEURLINGS AT NEW IBERIA

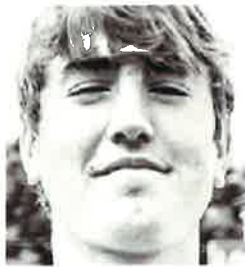
**Kickoff:** 7 p.m. tonight at Lloyd G. Porter Memorial Stadium in New Iberia.

**Records:** TCHS 0-1, NISH 0-1.

**Radio:** 107.1 FM.

**Last year:** TCHS won 34-20.

**Players to Watch:** TEUR – QB Cole Kelley (23-35-2, 248 yds, 3 TDs), WR Nate



**Cole Kelley**

Arceneaux

(5-82, 2 TDs), RB Sage LeBlanc (5-59, 1 TD receiving); NISH – RB Xavier Berard (19-41), QB Timothy DeClouet (4-11-1, 66 yds), WR Brison Savoy (4-42).

**Matchup:** The Rebels came close to pulling off an upset last week, but head coach Sonny Charpentier wants a cleaner effort from his team as they face the Yellow Jackets. "We did a good job of keeping the tempo, but we left some points off the board," he said. "We played as hard as we could physically, but we made a lot of mental mistakes. I just hope that we can improve."

**Lagniappe:** "New Iberia is well-coached," Charpentier continued. "They had a tough time moving the ball against Breaux Bridge, so I'm sure they're going to come in with a chip on their shoulders."

## Teurlings Catholic

Sept. 5 Lost UNIVERSITY 36-35; 12 New Iberia; 19 NOTRE DAME; 26 CECILIA; Oct. 3 Breaux Bridge; 10 OPEN; 17 St. Thomas More; 23 St. Martinville; 31 WESTGATE; Nov. 7 NORTHSIDE.

## New Iberia

Sept. 5 Lost BREAUX BRIDGE 22-3; 12 TEURLINGS; 19 Westgate; 26 Sulphur; Oct. 3 LAFAYETTE HIGH; 10 Sam Houston; 17 Barbe; 23 CARENCRO; 31 COMEAUX; Nov. 6 Acadiana.



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# Kelley, Rebels sink New Iberia

**By Grant Alexander**

Special to the Advertiser

**NEW IBERIA** — As 6-foot-7 Cole Kelley lumbered toward the team bus Friday night, a stranger approached him.

Kelley pushed his sweaty blond hair back and reached down to grab the gentleman's outstretched hand.

"You've got a lot of talent young man," the man said. "You remind me of a young Peyton Manning."

If Kelley continues to compile performances like the one he had against New Iberia in Teurlings' 36-7 victory, there may be a lot more strangers saying the same thing.

The junior quarterback threw for 272 yards and four touchdowns, without attempting a single pass in the second half.

"They were bringing seven guys into the box against us a lot so we had one-on-one matchups (with receivers)," Kelley said. "My receivers did a great job of getting open."

Kelley only missed on six of his 22 attempts.

"He's a special player," NISH coach Rick Hutson said. "When you play against an offense like

that, the problem is you can make two good plays on defense and they can erase it all with one big play."

Those big plays included passes of 40, 55, and 28 yards. Kelley completed six passes of 20 yards or more and had one 34-yard touchdown dropped.

"We practice the deep ball a lot," Kelley said. "It's just something I've naturally been able to do well."

"He has such a high release point that the ball is coming from a different angle," Hutson said. "You aren't going to bat any balls down and sometimes he can throw right over two defenders."

The Jackets held tough in the first quarter, keeping the Rebel scoreless until the 2:27 mark. But Kelley found LeBlanc on a 55-yard bomb. LeBlanc outraced his defender and Kelley lofted a ball that landed softly in LeBlanc's bread basket to put TCH up 8-0, after a two-point conversion.

Kelley notched his second touchdown toss of the night, finding Beau Blanchard in the back of the end zone on 13-yard pitch-and-catch. That throw capped a six-play drive, giving TCH a 15-0 edge.

The Jackets fumbled their en-

suing possession, and Kelley made them pay again. Two plays later he found Jacob Landry on a 7-yard strike, giving the Rebels a 22-0 lead.

His final touchdown of the night came on a 19-yard strike to Grant LaGrange. LaGrange darted for the back right corner of the end zone. Kelley rifled the ball off his back foot and LaGrange dragged both feet in the back-right corner of the end zone. That play capped an 11-play, 82 yard drive that ate up more than four minutes (29-0).

The Rebels' final score of the game came on a 1-yard run by Noah Harris, to cap a nine-play 32-yard drive.

NISH's Xavier Berard lead the offensive attack for the Jackets, racking up 129 yards on 21 carries.

Timothy Declouet put the Jackets on the board late in the fourth quarter when he dodged a would-be tackler and dropped a ball in to wide out Brison Savoy for a 2-yard touchdown. Savoy hauled in six catches for 120 yards.

The Rebels (1-1) will host Notre Dame next week. New Iberia (0-2) will play Westgate at Lloyd G. Porter Stadium. Westgate will be considered the home team.



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## TEURLINGS 36, NEW IBERIA 7

Teurlings	8	21	0	7	—	36
New Iberia	0	0	0	7	—	7

### First Quarter

TEUR - Nate Arceneaux 55 pass from Cole Kelley (Justin Murray pass from Kelley)

### Second Quarter

TEUR - Beau Blanchard 20 pass from Kelley (Blanchard kick)

TEUR - Jacob Landry 7 pass form Kelley (Blanchard kick)

TEUR - Grant LaGrange 20 pass from Kelley (Blanchard kick)

### Fourth Quarter

TEUR - Noah Harris 4 run (Blanchard kick)

NI - Timothy Declouet 5 pass to Brison Savoy (Cy Kipp kick)

	TEUR	NISH
First downs	22	12
Rushing yards	117	128
Passing	274	161
Comp-Att-Int	16-22-1	10-20-0
Total Yards	391	289
Punts-Avg.	0-0	2-23.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-3
Penalties-Yards	8-55	6-65

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING**—TEUR: Sage LeBlanc 7-43; Hoah Harris 11-31; Hayden Cantrelle 2-12; Jensen Lormand 3-11; Patrick Fontenot 1-10; Nate Arceneaux 2-9; Jacob Landry 1-7; Luke Gossen 1-1; Baylor Thompson 2-0; Cole Kelly 1-(-3); Brody Durpis 1-(-4). NI: Xavier Berard 21-114; Aaron Bean 8-30; Brison Savoy 1-4; Timothy Declouet 2-(-5); Austin Stoltz 2-(-15).

**PASSING**—TEUR: Cole Kelley 16-22-1-274. NI: Timothy Declouet 10-19-0-161; Cris Gibson 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING**—TEUR: Sage Leblanc 5-71; Nate Arceneaux 2-64; Grant LaGrange 2-61; Justin Murray 2-28; Baylor Thompson 2-10; Beau Blanchard 1-20; Brody Dupuis 1-13; Jacob Landry 1-7. NI: Brison Savoy 8-145; Taras Hughes 1-11; Tyler Khammany 1-5.



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# Fan Vote: Player, Game of the Week

## PLAYER OF THE WEEK

» **Gabriel Duffy, Carencro** – Recorded three interceptions in the Bears' 28-19 win over Northside.

» **Trevor Begue, STM** – Scored four touchdowns (three rushing, 1 receiving) while rushing for 155 yards and catching for another 42 yards in the Cougars' win over Gladewater.

» **Tyreik Campbell, Carencro** – Campbell rushed for 150 yards and four touchdowns on 19 carries in the Bears' 28-19 win over Northside.

» **Cole Kelley, Teurlings Catholic** – Kelley completed 16-of-22 passes for 274 yards and four touchdowns in the Rebels' win over New Iberia.

» **Hunter Register, Comeaux** – Register returned both a punt and an interception to help lead



Gabriel Duffy



Trevor Begue



Tyreik Campbell



Cole Kelley



Hunter Register

Comeaux to victory.

## GAME OF THE WEEK

» Carencro at St. Thomas More

» Notre Dame at Teurlings

» Patterson at Cathoile-NI

» Ascension Episcopal at Opelousas Catholic

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# Advertiser Prep Poll

## 1. Acadiana (1-1)

**Skinny:** The reigning Class 5A state champions lost to Shades Valley, Ala. in Shreveport, but until someone in Louisiana beats the Rams, they'll get the benefit of the doubt for now.

**Next:** plays at Rummel on Friday.

## 2. Catholic-N.I. (2-0)

**Skinny:** The Panthers are off to a tremendous start to the season and it continued on Friday as they routed the Erath Bobcats 63-7 behind a dominance performance from quarterback Jason Pellerin.

**Next:** plays host to Patterson on Friday.

## 3. St. Thomas More (2-0)

**Skinny:** Not even a football team from another state could slow down the Cougars, who appear in midseason form behind running back Trevor Begue, as they defeated Gladwater, Texas 42-21 in Shreveport Friday.

**Next:** plays Glade Water, Tx. (Shreveport) on Saturday.

## 4. Notre Dame (2-0)

**Skinny:** Yeah it is a safe bet that

talk of Notre Dame being in a rebuilding year has ceased since they have now defeated LaGrange on the road and routed the Breaux Bridge Tigers 51-21 for coach Lewis Cook's 300th career victory.

**Next:** plays at Teurlings on Friday.

## 5. Church Point (2-0)

**Skinny:** The Bears remained unbeaten as they went on the road and defeated a talented albeit injured Kaplan team 30-0 on Friday.

**Next:** plays host to Cecilia on Friday.

## 6. Teurlings (1-1)

**Skinny:** Keep an eye on the Rebels, who very easily could be unbeaten had it not been for dropping the season opener to University. But the Rebels bounced back in impressive fashion by routing New Iberia.

**Next:** plays host to Notre Dame on Friday.

## 7. Carencro (2-0)

**Skinny:** The Bears continue to live up to the preseason hype that tabbed them as a darkhorse in District 3-5A on Friday, as they made it

back-to-back wins to open the season by defeating Northside 28-19.

**Next:** plays host at St. Thomas More on Friday.

## 8. Breaux Bridge (1-1)

**Skinny:** The Tigers' ran into a buzzsaw on Thursday, as they were on the receiving end of a 51-21 pounding from Notre Dame.

**Next:** plays host to Comeaux on Friday.

## 9. Rayne (2-0)

**Skinny:** The early season success for the Rayne Wolves continued on Friday as they defeated North Vermilion in non-district action.

**Next:** plays host to Abbeville on Friday.

## 10. Lafayette High (2-0)

**Skinny:** The Mighty Lions felt if they could stay healthy this year that they would have a chance to make some noise this season. Well, so far so good as the Lions routed Opelousas 30-7 to remain unbeaten this year.

**Next:** plays host to Alexandria on Friday.

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# ONEONONE Teurlings Catholic's Zack Ashy

Prep editor Eric Narcisse talks with Teurlings Catholic's senior center Zack Ashy about life after high school, which fictional character is most like him and which award he would like to receive one day among other things.

**What is your other plan for college/school in the future if you don't make it as a big sports star?**

"I would love to go to UL for college. I'm not sure what I want to major in, but I do know that I want to go to school at UL."

**When you aren't practicing of playing games, how do you spend your time?**

"I spend a lot of time studying,



Zack Ashy

attending church and hanging with my friends."

**If you could have a super power, what would would it be?**

"I would want my super power to

be fast. I would want super speed."

**Which fictional character is most like you?**

"I would have to say Batman. I really like helping people out, but I don't like people to know that I am helping people out. Like him, I want to help people but not get

the credit for it."

**Name a celebrity you wish you could make irrelevant?**

"Oh, definitely Miley Cyrus. I don't care what she does. She can do whatever she wants to do, I just don't want to hear about it."

**Who has been the most influential person in your life?**

"My dad (Tony). He has always been there for me. He has shown me right from wrong and what a good man is."

**If you could win an award, what would it be?**

"I would want to win the Nobel Peace Prize. I would love to one day do something that would help me win something of that caliber."

**What is the best thing about your school?**

"I love the fact that everyone no matter what happens comes together as a family. We walk together and we believe that we can overcome anything."

**If you could be talented at something else, what would it be?**

"Oh, I would like to be more musically talented than I am."

**If you could meet three people past or present, who would they be?**

"I'd choose Will Smith, Morgan Freeman and Plato."

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# Pios, Rebels set for battle

By Eric Narcisse

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After the dominating performance turned in by his team in a 51-21 victory over Breaux Bridge last week that earned him his 300th career victory, no one would blame Notre Dame head coach Lewis Cook if he chose to tell his Pios he miscalculated and that was actually win No. 299.

The idea would be to receive an encore performance this week from his Pioneers as they travel to face rival Teurlings Catholic.

"I would be more concerned about a possible let down if we weren't playing Teurlings," said Cook, whose Pios will travel to face the Rebels at 7 p.m. today.

"It always helps when your next game is against a good opponent and a team that is a rival for you. We have played so many times over the years that our kids know that we better be ready to play."

Teurlings is 1-1 after dropping their season opener to University in heartbreaking fashion.

"We're playing OK right now, but not great,"

## NOTRE DAME AT TEURLINGS

**Kickoff:** 7 p.m., today, Rebels Stadium.

**Rankings:** NDHS No. 4 in 3A.

**Records:** NDHS 2-0; TCHS 1-1.

**Last year:** NDHS won 35-21.

**Players to Watch:** ND – QB Brad Stoma (10-21-0, 253 yards, 1 TD; 16-71, 3 TDs rushing); RB Lance Bertrand (30-220, 1 TD); TC – QB Cole Kelley (39-57-3, 522 yards, 6 TDs); WR Sage Leblanc (10-130, 1 TD); WR Nate Arceneaux (7-146, 3 TDs).

Rebels head coach Sonny Charpentier said. "In the first game of the season we had three turnovers and we didn't stop the run in the second half. We know that we can play a lot better. It's still early in the same and we have a lot of room for improvement."

The contest will feature two of the top quarterbacks in the Acadiana area in the Pios' Brad Stoma and the Rebels' Cole Kelley, both of whom are off to terrific starts statistically. Stoma has com-

## Notre Dame

Sept. 5 Beat LaGrange 24-14; 11 beat BBHS 51-21; 19 Teurlings; 26 ST. LOUIS; Oct. 2 CATHOLIC; 10 WEST ST. MARY; 17 Erath; 24 ABBEVILLE; 31 North Vermilion; Nov. 7 KAPLAN.

## Teurlings

Sept. 5 Lost UNIVERSITY 36-35; 12 beat New Iberia 36-0; 19 NOTRE DAME; 26 CECILIA; Oct. 3 Breaux Bridge; 10 OPEN; 17 St. Thomas More; 23 St. Martinville; 31 WESTGATE; Nov. 7 NORTHSIDE.

pleted 10-of-21 passes for 253 yards and one touchdown, while rushing for 71 yards and three touchdowns on 16 carries. Stelly has completed 39-of-57 passes for 522 yards, three interceptions and six touchdowns.

"Teurlings always throws the football well and this year the Kelley kid doing a great job," Cook said. "Their offense is always one of the more polished offenses we face, they spread the ball around and Kelley is moving himself into another class."

Cook wants the Pios to control the clock.

"If we don't give up big plays it is hard for teams to consistently grind it out against us with their offense," Cook said. "If we can force teams to drive the length of the field and we win the time of possession battle I believe we'll have a good chance at winning."



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Prep area statistical leaders

Rushing													
Name, School	Carries	Yards	TDs	Player, School	Catches	Yards	TDs	Player, School	Catches	Yards	TDs		
Raymond Calais, CEC	34	421	4	Drew Brown, St. Ed's	27	52	0	Treven Kately, LCA	5	121	2		
John Michael Besse, Rayne	36	390	2	William Bellamy, STM	24	39	2	Rhashid Bonnette, LOR	5	121	2		
Ja'Ceiry Linzer, AES	40	330	6	Landon Roberts, CEC	15	31	2	Trevon Fontenont, Rayne	9	119	1		
Ethan Rose, NHS	28	311	3	Ty Desormeaux, NV	18	42	3	Brennan Ducote, AES	7	118	1		
Ty'Von Griffin, CROW	49	297	5	Jason Pellerin, CHNI	12	20	0	Grant LaGrange, TCHS	5	110	2		
Tyreik Campbell, CAR	38	268	5	Brad Stoma, NDHS	10	21	0	Ronald Malbrough, CEC	5	108	1		
Malik Eugene, ACAD	24	262	5	Jarod Henry, LOR	20	40	3	Drake Brunet, St. Ed's	6	99	1		
Caleb Vidrine, OC	32	251	5	Regan Miller, LCA	13	20	1	Darren Countee, SSMH	4	90	1		
Dylan Hargrave, LCA	32	239	5	Jaylen Reed, Rayne	15	27	0	Connor Cart, OC	4	90	0		
Lance Bertrand, NDHS	30	220	1	Ben Leblanc, Erath	22	60	4	Brant Hazelwood, LOR	10	88	0		
Collins Roberts, OHS	30	208	2	Timothy DeClouet, NISH	14	30	1	Andre Bellefontaine, CHNI	3	87	1		
Ke'Andre Jones, OHS	26	185	1	Pate Broussard, CROW	14	34	2	Gabe Gardner, NDHS	2	81	0		
Jordan Papillion, SSMH	40	185	1	Peyton Touchet, ACAD	5	12	1	Byron Mouton, Rayne	2	80	2		
Savion Broussard, BCHS	34	179	1	Jake Arceneaux, AES	17	25	1	Ethan Smith, NDHS	3	77	1		
Shea Lee, LOR	16	178	3	Drake Guidry, BBHS	13	25	0	Luke Young, Erath	7	76	0		
Deion Monroe, CPHS	31	177	4	Ethan Rose, NHS	11	38	5	Bryson Broussard, LOR	3	74	1		
Trevor Begue, STM	29	176	4	Tyler Gaspard, CAR	6	15	0	Koi Westbrook, CAR	3	74	0		
Adam Ardoin, Iota	26	170	1	Troy Matte, CPHS	8	16	1	Bryce Badon, LCA	5	72	1		
Chris Lee, NWHS	20	169	3	Gerald Broussard, WGHS	11	20	0	Jeremy Touchet, CHNI	5	70	0		
Keshawn Young, LHS	26	169	2	Receiving				Alan Rowell, NVHS	4	69	0		
Christian Veronie, CPHS	24	163	1	Player, School	Catches	Yards	TDs	Frederick Williams, CPHS	2	67	1		
Bubba Latiolais, DEL	42	160	2	Tiger Bech, STM	14	189	3	Cullen Brown, St. Ed's	5	67	1		
Seth Pierre, CHNI	24	160	4	Brisson Savoy, NISH	12	187	1	Brandon Duhan, ACAD	2	67	1		
Deontray Wilridge, Rayne	24	159	1	Tyler Derouen, VC	11	186	1	Malik Eugene, ACAD	1	64	0		
Xavier Berard, NISH	40	155	0	Ross Granger, Erath	8	168	0	Connor Dupuy, NVHS	4	63	0		
Passing				Emile Trahan, VC	11	168	1	John Marceaux, CROW	4	61	2		
Name, School	Comp	Att	Int	Yards	TDs	Player, School	Catches	Yards	TDs	Player, School	Catches	Yards	TDs
Cole Kelley, TCHS	39	57	3	522	6	Nate Arceneaux, TCHS	7	146	3	Boedy Boiill, NDHS	2	59	0
Hunter Frith, VC	28	64	4	420	2	Sage Leblanc, TCHS	10	130	1	Bry'Keithan Mouton, ACAD	2	59	1
						Trevor Begue, STM	5	125	1	Joey Mouton, WCA	3	58	0
										Zach Ronquillo, AES	8	54	0
										Ty'Von Griffin, CROW	3	50	0

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Teurlings Catholic quarterback Cole Kelley (12) slips through a tackle from Notre Dame linebacker Matthew Hanks (33) on a scramble during the Rebels' 17-14 win over the Pios on Friday.



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# Rebels solve Pios

## Teurlings holds off late rally for 17-14 win

By Chad Washington

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In what has been called a friendly rivalry game, Teurlings Catholic knew Notre Dame was going to give the Rebels a tough game, even though for three quarters, it looked like it was going to be a blowout.

Teurlings took advantage of two turnovers to take a 17-0 lead in the second half and despite giving up two late touchdowns, held on to beat Notre Dame 17-14 at Rebel Stadium on Friday night.

Cole Kelley used his 6-foot-7 frame to his advantage as he was 23-of-40 for 345 yards and two touchdowns, along with the Rebels taking advantage of two first-half fumbles that led to 10 first-half points.

"(Notre Dame) is going to ground and pound it, and you have to stop them," Teurlings head coach Sonny Charpentier said. "I thought overall we had them playing from behind. Once we went up three scores, that was a big advantage to us."

Notre Dame (2-1) took the opening drive and moved the ball deep in Rebel territory to inside

the Rebel 10. But a fumbled snap allowed Teurlings to recover the ball at the 1 to end the threat.

Teurlings (2-1) took advantage of the fumble by going on a long drive that bled into the second quarter, aided by a 33-yard pass from Kelley to wideout Nathan Arceneaux. The 14-play, 77-yard drive ended with a 40-yard field goal by Brayden Blanchard.

Later in the second quarter, Stoma fumbled while scrambling and Teurlings linebacker Asa Miller recovered. The very next play, Kelley found Arceneaux who made a juggling catch in the end zone for a 35-yard TD strike to put the Rebels 10-0.

"Nate is a hell of a receiver, plain and simple," Kelley said about Arceneaux, who had 86 yards on three catches. "He's always open and even when he struggles to get open, we still make connections. We're on the same page and we click like that."

Teurlings had a chance to tack on a late field goal, but Blanchard's 30-yard field goal hit the right goalpost right before half-time.

The Rebels went back to work in the second half as Kelley hit

running back Sage LeBlanc for a 33-yard pass and a 28-yard pass to put them at the Pioneer 18. The drive stalled, but back-to-back offside penalties on the Pios on fourth down put the ball at the 8, when Kelley hit tight end Ike Hidalgo for a 17-0 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Rebel offense began to stall while the Notre Dame offense finally woke up. After holding Teurlings to a turnover on downs after they got to the Pio 15, Notre Dame went on a 11-play, 71-yard drive that was capped by a 12-yard TD run by Stoma to make it 17-7 with 6:45 left.

Then after forcing a Rebel three-and-out, Notre Dame struck with a big play as Stoma found receiver Boedy Borill for a 33-yard play that put the Pios at the Teurlings 5. Lance Bertrand ran it in on the next play that cut the lead to three with under four minutes left.

Notre Dame had one last chance to either tie or win the game, but a sack by Miller and two incomplete passes by Stoma ended the Pios' chance for a comeback.



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## TEURLINGS 17, NOTRE DAME 14

Notre Dame	0	0	0	14 -	14
Teurlings	0	10	7	0 -	17

### Second Quarter

TEUR - Brayden Blanchard 40 FG

TEUR - Nathan Arceneaux 35 pass from Cole Kelley (Blanchard kick)

### Third Quarter

TEUR - Ike Hildago 8 pass from Kelley (Blanchard kick)

### Fourth Quarter

ND - Brad Stoma 12 run (Reiners kick)

ND - Lance Bertrand 6 run (Reiners kick)

	ND	TEUR
First downs	18	15
Rushing-yds	44-191	16-(-16)
Passing	140	345
Comp-Att-Int	11-20-1	23-40-0
Total yards	331	329
Punts-avg	4-40.2	5-34
Fumbles-lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-yds	9-63	5-33

### INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING - ND: Lance Bertrand 22-99; Brad Stoma 12-56; Damon Comeaux 5-32; Ivy Robicheaux 3-12; Joe Faulk 1-3; Hunter Miller 1-(-11). TEUR: Baylor Thompson 3-13; Sage Le-



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Blanc 1-9; Noah Harris 4-(-2); Cole Kelly 8-(-36).

PASSING - ND: Brad Stoma 11-20-1-140.

TEUR: Cole Kelley 23-40-0-345.

RECEIVING - ND: Ethan Smith 4-23; Joe Faulk 3-24; Boedy Borill 2-73; Gabe Gardiner 1-10; Damon Comeaux 1-10. TEUR: Sage LeBlanc 10-96; Ike Hildago 6-118; Nathan Arceneaux 3-86; Brody Dupuis 1-21; Landon Taylor 1-15; Noah Harris 1-11; Dylan Batiste 1-(-2).



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# Fans Vote: Advertiser Player, Game of the Week

## PLAYER OF THE WEEK

» **Raymond Calais, Cecilia** - Calais rushed for 254 yards and three touchdowns on 22 carries in the Bulldogs' loss to Church Point.

» **Tiger Bech, St. Thomas More** - Caught seven passes for 192 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Cougars to a 56-21 win over Carencro.

» **Cole Kelley, Teurlings** - Completed 23-of-40 passes for 345 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions to lead the Rebels to a 17-14 win over Notre Dame.

» **Aaron Whipp, Opelousas Catholic** - Made a field goal, two



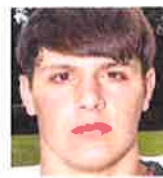
Raymond  
Calais



Tiger Bech



Cole Kelley



Aaron  
Whipp



Frederick  
Williams

extra points, returned a fumble and a interception for touchdowns to lead the Vikings to a win over Ascension Episcopal.

» **Frederick Williams, Church Point** - Rushed for 100 yards and caught for 100 yards, while scoring one touchdown to lead the Bears to a 40-36 win over Cecilia.

## GAME OF THE WEEK

- » Lafayette High at Acadiana
- » Barbe at Carencro
- » Loreauville at Church Point
- » Vermilion Catholic at Lafayette Christian

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# Advertiser Area Top 10 Poll

## 1. CATHOLIC PANTHERS (3-0)

**Skinny:** The winning simply continues for Catholic High of New Iberia as they improved their record to 3-0 with an impressive 28-25 win over a very talented Patterson High football team Friday.

**Next:** At E.D. White on Friday.

## 2. ST. THOMAS MORE COUGARS (3-0)

**Skinny:** The Cougars have one of the more high-powered offenses in the state and it was on full display Friday as they routed the previously unbeaten Carencro Bears 56-21.

**Next:** plays host to Evangel on Friday.

## 3. ACADIANA RAMS (1-2)

**Skinny:** The Rams struggled again another elite team.

**Next:** plays host to Lafayette High on Friday.

## 4. TEURLINGS REBELS (2-1)

**Skinny:** The Rebels have rebounded well from the Week 1 heartbreaking loss to University as they have now reeled off back-to-back victories including a 17-14 win over rival Notre Dame, who entered the game a perfect 2-0.

**Next:** plays host to Cecilia on Friday.

## 5. CHURCH POINT BEARS (3-0)

**Skinny:** They knew it was going to be another game that game down to the final seconds again and it was. But behind another stellar performance by running backs Deion Monroe and Fred Williams, the Bears remained unbeaten by defeating Cecilia 40-36.

**Next:** plays host to Loreauville on Friday.

## 6. NOTRE DAME PIOS (2-1)

**Skinny:** Falling behind 17-0 proved to be too great a deficit for the Pios to overcome, as their late surge to knockoff their rivals fell short and they were defeated 17-14 by Teurlings Catholic.

**Next:** plays host to St. Louis on Friday.

## 7. RAYNE WOLVES (3-0)

**Skinny:** The Wolves remained unbeaten as they avoided overlooking the Abbeville Wildcats en route to claiming a 35-9 victory.

**Next:** plays at Washington-Marion on Friday.

## 8. CARENCRO BEARS (2-1)

**Skinny:** The Bears kept it interesting until the final five minutes of the second quarter, but two late touchdowns by St. Thomas More in the first half helped break the game open as the Cougars defeated Carencro 56-21.

**Next:** plays host to Barbe on Friday.

## 9. BREAUX BRIDGE TIGERS (2-1)

**Skinny:** There didn't appear to be much of a lingering effect from the Tigers' 51-21 loss to Notre Dame as they rebounded to win their home opener 28-14 over a talented Comeaux Spartans team.

**Next:** At Westgate on Friday.

## 10. LAFAYETTE LIONS (3-0)

**Skinny:** What a difference a year makes as the Mighty Lions, who are healthy, are off to an undefeated start after beating Kaplan, Opelousas and Alexandria. Things won't get easier for the Lions as they get set to open up District 3-5A play against the defending Class 5A state champs.

**Next:** At Acadiana on Friday.

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Teurlings Catholic quarterback Cole Kelley (12) is off to a prolific offensive start to the high school football season.

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## Area prep football leaders

Rushing														
Name, School	Carries	Yards	TDs		Player, School	Catches	Yards	TDs		Player, School	Catches	Yards	TDs	
Raymond Calais, CEC	55	670	6		Drew Brown, St. Ed's	48	89	1	742	4	Tyler Derouen, VC	19	297	2
John Michael Besse, Rayne	47	445	2		Hunter Frith, VC	51	94	6	697	5	Alex Hunt, St. Ed's	18	277	2
Tyreik Campbell, CAR	61	416	6		William Bellamy, STM	41	61	2	663	7	Brisson Savoy, NISH	16	244	1
Ja'Ceiry Linzer, AES	62	412	7		Landon Roberts, CEC	30	53	2	534	6	Emile Trahan, VC	15	234	2
Chris Lee, NWHS	38	405	5		Pate Broussard, CROW	25	58	2	416	3	Nate Arceneaux, TCHS	10	232	4
Caleb Vidrine, OC	41	371	8		Brad Stoma, NDHS	21	41	1	393	1	Sage Leblanc, TCHS	20	226	1
Trevor Begue, STM	39	331	6		Ty Desormeaux, NV	30	60	4	389	2	Damien Bernard, CEC	10	206	4
Lance Bertrand, ND	52	319	2		Regan Miller, LCA	25	37	1	350	5	Trevon Fontenot, Rayne	12	205	3
Jarod Henry, LOR	35	316	4		Jaylen Reed, Rayne	20	37	0	342	8	Donald Stokes, CAR	5	191	3
Ethan Rose, NHS	28	311	3		Tyler Gaspard, CAR	12	29	0	319	3	Ross Granger, Erath	9	190	1
Ty'Von Griffin, CROW	49	297	5		Jason Pellerin, CHNI	17	29	0	309	3	Frederick Williams, CPHS	5	173	2
Malik Eugene, ACAD	35	280	5		Timothy DeClouet, NISH	22	39	1	304	1	Bryce Badon, LCA	10	150	3
Keshawn Young, LHS	43	264	3		Ben Leblanc, Erath	28	87	4	298	3	Brandon Duhon, ACAD	6	149	1
Jason Pellerin, CHNI	31	261	6		Jarod Henry, LOR	25	52	4	284	3	Connor Cart, OC	7	147	1
Seth Pierre, CHNI	46	254	6		Peyton Touchet, ACAD	10	22	1	283	2	Ike Hidalgo, TCHS	9	146	1
Shea Lee, LOR	29	238	4		Jake Arceneaux, AES	22	43	2	261	1	Trevor Begue, STM	9	140	1
Jordan Papillion, SSMH	57	236	2		Troy Martz, CPHS	13	26	1	250	3	Rhashid Bonnette, LOR	7	140	2
Christian Veronie, CPHS	38	232	2		Tim Lunson, Iota	19	36	4	237	1	Boedy Borill, NDHS	4	132	0
Deontray Wildrige, Rayne	40	231	3		Jordan Papillion, SSMH	22	47	1	233	2	Brennan Ducote, AES	8	130	1
					Drake Guidry, BBHS	16	31	1	209	3	Darren Countee, SSMH	8	130	1
											Andre Bellefontaine, CHNI	6	129	1
Passing					Receiving									
Name, School	Comp	Att	Int	Yards	TDs									
Cole Kelley, TCHS	62	97	3	867	8									

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# Calais living up to lofty expectations at Cecilia

By Eric Narcisse  
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**CECILIA** — It's funny how expectations work. After enjoying a tremendous run while playing middle school football at Cecilia Junior High, the expectations for Raymond Calais on the high school level were through the roof.

In fact, the expectations for Calais were so high that there's probably nothing he can do statistically that would come as a surprise to those who have watched him play since his days at Cecilia Junior High.

Never mind the fact that he was about to play against guys older, bigger and stronger than he was or the fact that he was set to compete in one of the toughest districts in the state in 4-5A, Calais was expected to shine early and often with the Bulldogs.

"Raymond came to us with a lot of expectations," Bulldogs head coach Terry Martin said. "I mean people were saying all of this great stuff about him. Everyone kept telling us about how good he was and how fast he was."

And they were right. Calais has been as good if not better than advertised thus far in his high school career and through three games this season he is off to a tremendous start as he's rushed for 627 yards and six touchdowns on 67 carries. His rushing yards is the most in the area and third best in the state.

"I am really surprised by how great of a start to the season I'm having," said Calais, who will lead the Bulldogs into a tough environment as they travel to face Teurlings at 7 p.m. today in the District 5-4A opener. "To rush for 200 yards in every game this year has been amazing. I'm so surprised. I'm actually at a



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Cecilia High speedster Raymond Calais continues to post outstanding numbers on the ground for the Bulldogs.

## CECILIA AT TEURLINGS

**Game:** 7 p.m., Friday, Rebel Field.

**Radio:** KOGM 107.1 FM

**Records:** CEC 1-2; TEUR 2-1.

**Last year:** TEUR won 42-20.

**Players to Watch:** CEC — QB

Landon Roberts (30-53-2,

534 yards, 6 TDs); RB Ray-

mond Calais (55-670, 6 TDs);

WR Damien Bernard (10-206,

4 TDs); WR Ronald Mal-

brough (5-108, 1 TD); TEUR —

QB Cole Kelley (62-97-3, 867

yards, 8 TDs); WR Nate

Arceneaux (10-232, 4 TDs);

WR Sage Leblanc (20-226, 1

TD); WR Ike Hidalgo (9-146, 1

TD).

loss for words. But to be honest, I know that I'm blessed."

Calais admits that he feels the pressure every day to live up to the expectations placed upon him by other people.

"It was a lot of pressure for me to live up to the expectations coming to high school and honestly there is still a lot of pressure," said Calais, who is a member of National Honor Society and Beta Club at Cecilia. "I felt it then and I still feel it today."

The 5-9, 170-pound junior has a great combination of speed, vision and elusiveness that has made him one of the most explosive running backs in the state.

"Raymond is doing this year what a lot of people thought he would

be doing from the time he got here," Martin said. "He blew up last year and he has picked up right where he left off. He's such a strong kid, he works hard and the difference between him this year and last year is that he is getting a lot of yards after first contact. I think that has surprised people because that has resulted in some incredible runs."

Despite his impressive intangibles, Calais refuses to take all of the credit as he cites his teammates for playing a vital role in his success thus far.

"I know that I'm fast and I have good vision and that I work really hard," Calais said. "But what I've done so far is a credit to my teammates. My offensive line and my receivers have all done a great job of blocking for me."

With his ability to outrun would-be defenders, Calais despises when spectators state if it wasn't for his speed that he wouldn't be a good football player.

"It really does bother me when people say that," Calais said. "I know that I'm fast, but I work my tail off every day. If it's not that, then someone is saying that I'm too small to play football. So I think about those things every day and I use it as motivation to continue to get better and better."



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# Kelley, Rebels shine again

By Steve Peloquin

Special to the Advertiser

Junior quarterback Cole Kelley threw for 324 yards and four touchdowns on Friday night, helping lead the Teurlings Catholic Rebels to a 55-25 win over the Cecilia Bulldogs in the District 5-4A opener for both teams at Teurlings Stadium.

The win marks the third straight for Teurlings, which also recorded its sixth consecutive win against Cecilia, while improving their record to 17-7-2 against the Bulldogs in the all-time series.

"We knew they (Cecilia) were an explosive team, but we felt we could do some things, offensively," said Teurlings head coach Sonny Charpentier. "I thought our guys were ready to play, and they played well."

"The thing about them (Teurlings) is that they're so good on offense," said Cecilia head coach Terry Martin. "Towards the third quarter and fourth quarter, they just kind of physically ran the ball, and just overpowered us a little bit."

Teurlings scored on the first possession of the game at the 8:03 mark of the initial period when Sage LeBlanc capped off an 8-play, 66-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run, giving them a quick 7-0 lead.

The touchdown toss came just one play after a roughing the kicker call on a punt that allowed the Bulldogs to maintain possession of the football, and after an unsuccessful PAT, the Rebels held a 7-6 edge.

The Rebels made it three



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Teurlings Catholic linebacker Brandon Batiste returns an interception with a host of Rebels escorting him up the field during Friday's win.

touchdowns on as many possessions by the two teams, combined, when quarterback Kelley hit Nathan Arceneaux with a long 60-yard touchdown pass for a 14-6 lead.

Teurlings got into the end zone on its third-consecutive possession at the 10:10 mark of the second period when Kelley hooked up with LeBlanc on a 12-yard touchdown pass to make it 21-6.

A 35-yard TD pass to Arceneaux after a Brandon Batiste interception made it 28-6.

"The best defense, sometimes, is to put points on the board, and

keep the ball away from people," said Charpentier. "Scoring as much as we did early was certainly big for us."

"What I'm kind of disappointed in is that we knew how well he (Kelley) threw the ball," said Martin. "To get beat so many times is disappointing."

For Cecilia in the first half, Calais carried the football 17 times for 118 yards.

"He's a player that you hold your breathe every time he touches the ball," said Charpentier. "He was the MVP of the district last year, so you know how good he is."



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## TEURLINGS 55, CECILIA 25

Cecilia	6	6	6	7	—	25
Teurlings	14	14	20	7	—	55

### First Quarter

TEUR - Sage Leblanc 3 run (Brayden Blancard kick)

CEC - Damien Bernard 32 pass from Landon Roberts (kick blocked)

TEUR - Nate Arceneaux 62 pass from Cole Kelly (Blanchard kick)

### Second Quarter

TEUR - Leblanc 12 pass from Kelly (Blanchard kick)

TEUR - Arceneaux 35 pass from Kelly (Blanchard kick)

CEC - Raymond Calais 26 run (kick failed)

### Third Quarter

TEUR - Brody Dupuis 36 pass from Kelley (kick blocked)

TEUR - Baylor Thompson 14 run (Blanchard kick)

TEUR - Noah Harris 11 run (Blanchard kick)

CEC - Calais 65 run (kick failed)

### Fourth Quarter

CEC - Bernard 52 pass from Roberts (Jordan Landry kick)

TEUR - Jansen Lormand 9 run (Blanchard kick)

	CEC	TEUR
First downs	17	27
Rushing yards	29-199	34-245
Passing	170	324
Comp-Att-Int	14-23-2	18-20-0
Total Yards	369	569
Punts-Avg.	4-30.5	0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	7-62	8-70

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—CEC: Matt Broussard 6-21; Raymond Calais 23-188. TEUR: Noah Harris 11-78; Baylor Thompson 9-74; Sage Leblanc 1-22; Hayden Cantrelle 4-18; Jansen Lormand 6-58.

PASSING—CEC: Landon Roberts 14-23-2-170. Cole Kelley 18-20-0-324.

RECEIVING—CEC: Rusty Robin 4-36; Damien Bernard 3-108; Raymond Calais 4-18. TEUR: Nate Arceneaux 3-110; Brody Dupuis 1-36; Sage Leblanc 7-96; Ike Hidalgo 2-34; Hunter Sonnier 2-31; Noah Harris 2-17.



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# Player and Game of the Week nominations

## Player of the Week

» **Ja'Ceiry Linzer, Ascension Episcopal** - Rushed for a career-high 345 yards and four touchdowns on 35 carries to lead the Blue Gators to a 35-18 win over Hanson.

» **Brison Savoy, New Iberia** - Caught 13 passes for 236 yards and one touchdown in New Iberia's 32-28 loss to Sulphur.

» **Christian Veronie, Church Point** - Rushed for 170 yards and three touchdowns on 12 carries to lead the Bears to a 49-33 win over Loreauville.

» **Cole Kelley, Teurlings** - Completed 18-of-20 passes for 324



Ja'Ceiry  
Linzer



Brison Savoy



Christian  
Veronie



Cole Kelley



David Labbe

yards and four touchdowns to lead the Rebels to a 55-25 win over Cecilia.

» **David Labbe, Opelousas Catholic** - Completed 7-of-15 passes for 120 yards and three touchdowns, while rushing for 65 yards and two scores in OC's 46-32 win over St. Ed's.

## Game of the Week

» Catholic High-NI at Notre Dame

» Teurlings Catholic at Breau Bridge

» LaGrange at Rayne

» Central Catholic-M.C. at Vermilion Catholic

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## Advertiser Area Top 10

### 1. ST. THOMAS MORE (4-0)

**Skinny:** The Cougars continued to roll and once again made it look easy as they routed perennial power 56-19 Evangel in non-district action Friday.

**Next:** plays at Cecilia on Friday.

### 2. CATHOLIC-NI (4-0)

**Skinny:** In a battle of unbeaten teams, the Panthers continued to prove they are a team to be reckoned with as they routed E.D. White 48-14 on Friday.

**Next:** plays at Notre Dame on Thursday.

### 3. TEURLINGS CATHOLIC (3-1)

**Skinny:** The Rebels continued their winning ways behind their budding star at quarterback in Cole Kelley as they rolled past Cecilia 55-25 on Friday.

**Next:** plays at Breaux Bridge on Friday.

### 4. ACADIANA (2-2)

**Skinny:** It required a trick play late in the game, but the Rams

avoided losing its third straight football game by defeating rival Lafayette High 15-12.

**Next:** plays at Barbe on Friday.

### 5. CHURCH POINT (4-0)

**Skinny:** The Bears continue to show they are going to be a force in Class 3A on Friday, as they defeated one of the better teams in 2A Loreauville 49-33.

**Next:** plays at North Vermilion on Friday.

### 6. NOTRE DAME (3-1)

**Skinny:** Notre Dame rebounded from a Week 3 loss against Teurlings with an impressive 34-3 victory over St. Louis on Friday.

**Next:** plays host to Catholic-NI on Thursday.

### 7. RAYNE (4-0)

**Skinny:** It was a lot closer than they had hoped it would, but the Wolves remained unbeaten after defeating Washington-Marion 28-21 on Friday.

**Next:** Hosts LaGrange on Friday.

### 8. CARENCRO (3-1)

**Skinny:** The Bears always seem to play the Barbe Bucs close but in the end they always seem to fall short. That wasn't the case on Friday as the Bears claimed a 28-14 victory over the Bucs in the District 3-5A opener.

**Next:** At Comeaux on Friday.

### 9. BREAUX BRIDGE (3-1)

**Skinny:** It is safe to say the Tigers have found their swagger and remain a strong contender in District 5-4A after opening up district play with a 26-7 victory over Westgate?

**Next:** Hosts Teurlings on Friday.

### 10. LAFAYETTE HIGH (3-1)

**Skinny:** Despite being 3-0 going into Week 4, people seemed skeptical about how good the Mighty Lions were. Despite losing to the defending Class 5A state champions 15-12, the Lions showed they are a team to be concerned with in 3-5A.

**Next:** At New Iberia on Friday.

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# STATE PREP FOOTBALL POLLS

## CLASS 5A

1, Rummel 4-0 (12) 144 1  
2, Destrehan 4-0 127 2  
3, Byrd 4-0 119 3  
4, Ponchatoula 4-0 110 4  
5, Catholic-BR 3-1 79 5  
6, Jesuit 3-1 78 6  
7, West Monroe 3-1 77 7  
8, Parkway 3-1 50 9  
9, Acadiana 2-2 41 8  
10, Brother Martin 4-0 38 NR  
**Others receiving points:** Thibodaux 36, Zachary 9, St. Paul's 7, Dutchtown 6, Hahnville 5, Barbe 4, St. Augustine 2, Woodlawn-BR 2, East St. John 1, Sam Houston 1.

## CLASS 4A

1, St. Thomas More 4-0 (6) 137 3  
2, Neville 3-1 (5) 124 2

3, Landry-Walker 3-1 108 4  
4, Warren Easton 3-1 (1) 104 1  
5, Plaquemine 4-0 103 5  
6, Rayne 4-0 78 7  
7, Franklinton 3-1 60 8  
8, Lutchet 3-1 51 6  
9, Breaux Bridge 2-1 49 10  
10, Teurlings Cath. 3-1 47 NR  
**Others receiving points:** Edna Karr 37, South Terrebonne 9, West Ouachita 9, DeRidder 6, Bastrop 1, Benton 1.

## CLASS 3A

1, John Curtis 4-0 (12) 144 1  
2, University 4-0 132 2  
3, Union Parish 3-1 105 4  
4, St. Charles 3-1 100 5  
5, Notre Dame 3-1 95 6  
6, Jennings 3-1 81 3  
7, Parkview Bapt. 3-1 73 7

8, Church Point 4-0 65 8  
9, Livonia 3-0 57 9  
10, Amite 3-1 29 NR  
**Others receiving points:** De La Salle 25, South Beauregard 13, Evangel 6, Jena 3, Kaplan 3, Buckeye 2, Iowa 2, West Feliciana 1.

## CLASS 2A

1, Many 4-0 (9) 135 1  
2, Riverside 4-0 (1) 118 3  
3, Catholic-NI 4-0 (1) 114 2  
4, Calvary Bapt. 3-1 111 4  
5, Kinder 4-0 (1) 104 5  
6, Newman 4-0 79 6  
7, Episcopal-BR 3-0 60 8  
8, Northlake Chr. 4-0 48 9  
9, S.T. Aquinas 3-1 45 10  
10, Vinton 3-1 30 NR  
**Others receiving points:** Pickering 27, Loreauville 17, Pine 14, Welsh 7, Opelousas

Catholic 5, St. James 3, Winnfield 3, Springfield 2, Northeast 1.

## CLASS 1A

1, Haynesville 4-0 (8) 140 1  
2, Mangham 4-0 (4) 137 2  
3, Kentwood 4-0 115 3  
4, Ouachita Chr. 3-1 102 4  
5, Basile 4-0 99 5  
6, Vermilion Cath. 3-1 72 7  
7, Country Day 3-1 61 8  
8, West St. John 2-2 59 6  
9, White Castle 3-1 47 9  
10, E. Beauregard 4-0 36 10  
**Others receiving points:** Madison Prep 31, Ascension Catholic 20, St. Mary's 13, Southern Lab 3, Block 2, St. Edmund 1.

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# Area Prep Football Leaders

## RUSHING

Name, School	Carries	Yards	TDs
Raymond Calais, CEC	78	858	8
Ja'Ceiry Linzer, AES	97	757	11
Brontre Griffin, Highland	90	717	7
Tyreik Campbell, CAR	81	494	7
John Michael Besse, Rayne	53	480	4
Trevor Begue, STM	44	435	7
Caleb Vidrine, OC	54	434	9
Lance Bertrand, ND	64	418	4
Jarod Henry, LOR	55	409	5
Chris Lee, NWHS	38	405	5
Christian Veronie, CPHS	50	402	5
Andre Bellefontaine, CHNI	49	375	5
Ethan Rose, NHS	41	374	4
Deion Monroe, CPHS	73	365	9
Jason Pellerin, CHNI	47	356	10
Ty'Von Griffin, CROW	57	347	6
Keshawn Young, LHS	59	338	3
Malik Eugene, ACAD	43	316	5
Ty Ceasar, EUN	47	316	8
Dylan Hargrave, LCA	57	301	5

## PASSING

Name, School	Comp	Att	Int	Yards	TDs
Cole Kelley, TCHS	80	1173	1201	12	
Drew Brown, St. Ed's	73	1362	1061	9	
Hunter Frith, VC	64	1146	922	8	
William Bellamy, STM	51	77	3	785	9
Landon Roberts, CEC	44	76	4	704	8
Pate Broussard, CROW	43	84	3	678	5
Timothy DeClouet, NISH	45	68	1	645	2

Brad Stoma, NDHS	30	55	2	541	2
Jarod Henry, LOR	34	70	5	511	5
Ty Desormeaux, NV	42	79	4	504	2
Jaylen Reed, Rayne	26	49	1	475	8
Tyler Gaspard, CAR	15	37	0	421	4
Troy Matte, CPHS	19	37	2	398	5
Regan Miller, LCA	33	55	1	396	5
Peyton Touchet, ACAD	14	34	1	389	2
Jason Pellerin, CHNI	21	36	0	357	3
Jake Arceneaux, AES	29	59	3	348	1
Ben Leblanc, Erath	32	95	4	333	4
Ethan Rose, NHS	22	56	6	288	4
Drake Guidry, BBHS	22	41	1	259	4
Jordan Papillion, SMSH	22	47	1	233	2

## RECEIVING

Player, School	Catches	Yards	TDs
Tyler Derouen, VC	24	546	5
Brison Savoy, NISH	29	480	2
Tiger Bech, STM	23	424	6
Alex Hunt, St. Ed's	23	358	3
Nate Arceneaux, TCHS	13	342	6
Sage Leblanc, TCHS	27	322	1
Damien Bernard, CEC	13	314	6
Trevon Fontenot, Rayne	14	289	3
Emile Trahan, VC	18	282	2
Donald Stokes, CAR	7	281	4
Rhashid Bonnette, LOR	11	236	3
Drake Brunet, St. Ed's	18	218	3
John Marceaux, Crowley	9	209	3
Boedy Borill, NDHS	7	207	1
Cullen Brown, St. Ed's	12	202	2
Ross Granger, Erath	10	201	2

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GAME OF THE WEEK



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Breaux Bridge defenders Brandon Toussaint (9) and Brandon Alexander (72) prepare for the powerful Teurlings Catholic offense.

# Classic CLASH

Teurlings offense squares  
off vs. BBHS defense

By Eric Narcisse

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**BREAUX BRIDGE**—When the Teurlings Catholic Rebels and the Breaux Bridge Tigers play against one another, it is one of those games where you can throw the records out.

Although, it's an old but often used cliché, in this case it is true.

"This is a game that is always fun and one that we are always looking forward to playing," Rebels head coach Sonny

Charpentier said. "Actually, that's one of the good things about our district is that we are in close proximity to a lot of the teams so a lot of the kids know each other. We also have some students from St. Martin Parish so when you factor in all of those ingredients it makes for a great matchup. It's a good rivalry and win or lose it is usually always a good game."

The Rebels, who are ranked No. 10 in the state will travel to

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Teurlings Catholic's Sage LeBlanc (22) is part of the Rebels' deep and talented offensive arsenal.

**Kickoff:** 7 p.m., Friday, Tigers Stadium

**Records:** TEUR 3-1, 1-0; BBHS 3-1, 1-0.

**State Rankings:** TEUR No. 10 in 4A; BBHS No. 9 in 4A.

**Area Rankings:** TEUR NO. 3; BBHS No. 9.

**Radio:** 96.5 FM/107.1 FM.

**Last year:** TEUR won 21-14.



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# Clash

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face the state's No. 9 ranked Tigers at 7 p.m. today in a pivotal District 5-4A clash of titans.

"It is a very big game," Tigers head coach Paul Broussard said. "It's a big game for us not only because we are playing against Teurlings and they are a rival, but because it is a district game and those are always important. We have started district 1-0 and it would be nice to improve to 2-0 and remain atop the district standings."

The game is also an opportunity for the Tigers' defense to send what they hope to be a final message that they are as good as advertised and that their Week 2 performance against Notre Dame was an aberration.

"I think it (defensive swagger) has returned," Broussard said. "I'm still a little gun shy from the Notre Dame game because I never expected that to happen. But we have played well defensively since that game. I feel like we have showed who we are the last two

## PLAYERS TO WATCH

TCHS – QB Cole Kelley (80-117-3, 1,201 yards, 12 TDs); RB Baylor Thompson (32-150, 2 TDs); WR Nate Arceneaux (13-342, 6 TDs); WR Sage Leblanc (27-322, 1 TD); WR Ike Hidalgo (11-180, 1 TD); BBHS – QB Drake Guidry (22-41-1, 259 yards, 4 TDs); RB Marquis Demonter (38-159, 2 TDs); RB Edward Batiste Jr. (46-267, 1 TD); RB Ruben Hypolite (29-205 rushing; 3-110, 2 TDs receiving); FS/WR Joe Williams.

weeks defensively and that we aren't the unit that played in Week 2."

The Tigers' defense, which is led by safety Joseph Williams, linebacker Orel Ledet and defensive lineman Brandon Alexander, definitely has the Rebels' attention.

"Breux Bridge is extremely athletic and they have the size where they need to have it," Charpentier said. "The Williams kid is an outstanding football player. He is the anchor of that secondary. You could put a game film on from 1999 and put one on from today and it will look the same. They are a

## SCHEDULES

### Teurlings

Sept. 5 Lost UNIVERSITY 36-35; 12 beat New Iberia 36-0; 19 beat NOTRE DAME 17-14; 26 beat CECILIA 55-25; Oct. 3 Breux Bridge; 10 OPEN; 17 St. Thomas More; 23 St. Martinville; 31 WESTGATE; Nov. 7 NORTHSIDE.

### Breux Bridge

Sept. 5 Beat New Iberia 22-3; 11 lost Notre Dame 51-21; 19 beat COMEAUX 28-14; 26 beat Westgate 26-7; Oct. 3 TEURLINGS; 10 Northside; 17 ST. MARTINVILLE; 24 CECILIA; Nov. 7 St. Thomas More.

good football team."

But defending the Rebels' high-powered offense led by quarterback Cole Kelley, receivers Nate Arceneaux, Sage Leblanc and Ike Hidalgo among others won't be easy. Kelley leads the area in passing with 1,201 yards. He has completed 80-of-117 passes with 12 touchdowns, while only throwing three interceptions.

"It all starts with their quarterback, who is exceptional," Broussard said. "He throws the football really well and honestly he is one of the best high school quarterbacks

I've ever seen. On top of that his receivers do a great job of getting open and catching the football. We're going to have our hands full."

Although Kelley and his receiving corps receive a lot of the recognition for what the Rebels have done offensively, it has been the job of their offensive line led by center Zach Ashy, tackles Britan Degeyter and Jacob Mathews and guards Grant Ray and Ashton Whaley.

Also, the Rebels often use tight end Jacob Landry to help protect Kelley as well.

"Our offensive line has been doing a great job," Charpentier said. "It all starts with those guys up front. Those guys get overlooked, but Cole has only been sacked two or three times all season and we aren't doing a lot of play-action or rolling out. Those guys are doing a great job."

Knowing that defending Kelley and the Rebels will be quite the chore, Broussard is hoping his rushing attack led by the three-headed monsters Marquis Demonter, Edward Batiste Jr. and Ruben Hypolite, will help

the Tigers keep Teurlings' potent offense on the sideline.

"We have to control the ball offensively so that we can minimize their possessions," Broussard said. "We can't afford to give up big plays so we have to make them earn their points by driving the length of the field."

"We try to do those things every week, but it is especially important this week because Teurlings is a quick attack team."

Turning over the football has been the only thing that plagued the Rebels early on, but they appear to have rectified that the last couple of weeks.

"When we don't turn over the football, we are hard to defend," Charpentier said. "I'm not saying it isn't possible to stop us, but our goal offensively is to keep the ball and give our defense as much rest as possible."

"I think this game is going to come down to who wins the turnover battle and who converts on third down. The people who win those two parts of the game are usually the people who win the game."



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PREP GAME OF THE WEEK

# Teurlings victorious

Rebels ride  
defense, Kelley  
to 31-15 win

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**BREAUX BRIDGE** — It wasn't pretty, but Teurlings Catholic will take it.

Behind a strong showing from their defense and a solid performance from quarterback Cole Kelley, the state's No. 10-ranked Rebels rolled to a 31-15 victory over the Breaux Bridge Tigers in District 5-4A action Friday.

"We got the victory," Rebels head coach Sonny Charpentier said. "It wasn't pretty, but we got the victory and that's all that counts. Anytime you come on the road and you can come home with a win it is a good thing."

The Rebels entered the game sporting one of the top offenses in the state, but it was their defensive unit that sent a message as they forced four turnovers (3 interceptions, 1 fumble), scored a defensive touchdown and held the Tigers' offense to 223 yards of total offense.

"There's no doubt about it, our defense did a great job,"



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Teurlings Catholic's Noah Harris (27) is tackled during a run by Breaux Bridge defender Joseph Williams (2) during the Rebels' win Friday.

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## Teurlings

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Charpentier said. "Our defense doesn't get any respect, but the way you get respect is by playing the way we played (Friday). We went out and played well. They did a great job of running to the football and did a great job of tackling in space."

With the game tied 7-7, the Rebels' defense came up with arguably the biggest play of the game as Brandon Batiste intercepted a Drake Guidry pass and returned it 75 yards for a touchdown to give Teurlings a 14-7 lead that they would never relinquish.

"The three turnovers including the pick-six in the first half really did us in," said Tigers head coach Paul Broussard, whose team will play at Northside on Friday. "When you are playing against a team as good as Teurlings and a team with an offense as explosive as Teurlings, you cannot turn the football over three times. You have to control the football against them and we did, but the turnovers killed us."

Offensively, Kelley completed 16-of-30 passes for 187 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions, while rushing for another score.

The Rebels' leading rusher was Noah Harris and Sage Leblanc, who combined for 93 yards on 23 carries, while Ike Hidalgo caught five passes for 55 yards and Sage Leblanc caught four passes for 42 yards and two touchdowns.

"We gave up a lot of points defensively, but considering the amount of turnovers and the bad position we put our defense in, I thought we played well," Broussard said. "I couldn't ask for anything more from our defense."

The Tigers, who fell to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in district, rushed for 99 yards and passed for 124. Offensively, they were led by Edward Batiste, who rushed for 47 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries, while Guidry completed 5-of-10 passes for 89 yards before giving way to freshman Julian Leon. Leon completed 2-of-4 passes for 35 yards, but did lead the Tigers on a scoring drive in the fourth quarter.

Breaux Bridge drew first blood in the game as they opened up the game with a nine-play 80 yard drive that was capped by a one-yard touchdown run by Orel Ledet for a 7-0 lead with 7:57 left in the first quarter.

The lead didn't last long as the Rebels responded with a seven-play 65 yard drive that was capped with a six-yard touchdown run by Kelley to tie the game 7-7 with 6:06 left in the opening quarter.

Batiste's second quarter interception extended the Rebels' lead to 14-7 before they went ahead by 10 (17-7) on a 27-yard field goal by Brayden Blanchard.

In the third quarter, Kelley connected with Leblanc on a five yard touchdown that put the Rebels ahead 24-7. The duo would hook up again seconds into the fourth quarter, this time from nine yards out to extend the Rebels' lead to 31-7.

Behind Leon, the Tigers put together arguably their best drive of the game, marching 72 yards in nine plays, capped by a three yard touchdown run by Demonte. Batiste then connected with Javin Derouselle for the two-point conversion to cut the deficit to 31-15 with 7:31 left in the game.

"Our defense kept us in the game," said Charpentier, whose Rebels will have next week off. "It was a good team effort."



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## TEURLINGS 31, BREAU BRIDGE 15

Breaux Bridge 7 0 0 8 — 15  
Teurlings 7 10 7 7 — 31

### First Quarter

BB - Orel Ledet 2 run (Bailey Thibodeaux kick)  
TEUR - Cole Kelly 6 run (Brayden Blanchard kick)

### Second Quarter

TEUR - Brandon Batiste 75 int (Blanchard kick)  
TEUR - Blanchard 27 FG

### Third Quarter

TEUR - Sage LeBlanc 5 pass from Kelley (Blanchard kick)

### Fourth Quarter

TEUR - LeBlanc 9 pass from Kelly (Blanchard kick)  
BB - Edward Batiste 3 run (Javin Derouselle pass from Edward Batiste)

	BB	TEUR
First downs	11	18
Rushing yards	30-99	37-130
Passing	124	187
Comp-Att-Int	7-14-3	10-16-2
Total Yards	223	317
Punts-Avg.	1-37	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-66	10-100

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

**RUSHING**—BB: Marquis Demonger 5-22; Edward Batiste 16-47; Ruben Hypolite 3-18; Orel Ledet 1-2; Javin Derouselle 2-7; Joseph Williams 1-7. TEUR: Jansen Lormand 6-31, Sage LeBlanc 10-45, Noah Harris 13-48, Cole Kelley 6-5.

**PASSING**—BB: Drake Guidry 5-10-2-89; Julian Leon 2-4-1-35. TEUR: Cole Kelley 16-30-2-187.

**RECEIVING**—BB: Javeyan Williams 2-21; Daniel Lee 3-39; Ruben Hypolite 1-44; Edward Batiste 1-20. TEUR: Ike Hildago 5-55; Sage LeBlanc 4-42; Nate Arceneaux 3-40; Jacob Landry 1-25; Grant LaGrange 1-20.



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**Breaux Bridge running back Edward Batiste (6) runs with the ball as Teurlings Catholic's Alec Robertson (32) attempts to bring him down Friday.**



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Teurlings Catholic's Noah Harris (27) is tackled during a run by Breaux Bridge defender Joseph Williams (2) during the Rebels' win Friday.

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# Advertiser Top 10 Poll

## 1. ST. THOMAS MORE (5-0)

**Skinny:** The Cougars continued to roll as they opened up district play with a rout of the Cecilia Bulldogs.

**Next:** At Westgate on Friday.

## 2. CATHOLIC-NI (5-0)

**Skinny:** The Panthers continued their dominance as they routed perennial power Notre Dame on Thursday.

**Next:** Hosts Jeanerette on Friday.

## 3. TEURLINGS CATHOLIC (4-1)

**Skinny:** The Rebels continued their winning ways as they defeated rival Breaux Bridge 31-15 on Friday.

**Next:** open.

## 4. CHURCH POINT (5-0)

**Skinny:** The Bears are one of the top teams in the Acadiana area and

they continued to prove that on Friday with a rout of North Vermilion.

**Next:** Hosts to Pine Prairie on Friday.

## 5. CARENCRO (4-1)

**Skinny:** The Bears received a scare, but they were able to prevail by defeating the Comeaux Spartans 24-21 in District 3-5A action.

**Next:** Hosts Sulphur on Friday.

## 6. NOTRE DAME (3-2)

**Skinny:** Notre Dame were without several starters and they could have used them as they were routed by Catholic-N.I. on Thursday.

**Next:** Hosts West St. Mary on Friday.

## 7. RAYNE (4-1)

**Skinny:** The Rayne Wolves saw their four game win streak to begin the season come to an end on Friday as they were defeated the tal-

ented LaGrange Gators.

**Next:** At Morgan City on Friday.

## 8. OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC (5-0)

**Skinny:** Opelousas Catholic finished the non-district portion of its schedule unbeaten after beating Catholic-P.C. on Friday.

**Next:** Hosts Loreauville on Thursday.

## 9. LAFAYETTE HIGH (4-1)

**Skinny:** The Lions continued to prove they are a threat in District 3-5A as they defeated the New Iberia Yellow Jackets on Friday.

**Next:** Hosts Barbe on Friday.

## 10. BREAUX BRIDGE (3-2)

**Skinny:** Their defense turned in a solid performance, but their offense couldn't get much going as they were defeated 31-15 by Teurlings.

**Next:** At Northside on Friday.

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## CLASS 4A

1, St Thomas More (5-0) beat Cecilia 41-13

2, Neville (4-1) beat Airline 34-10

3, Landry-Walker (4-1) beat McKinley 21-20

4, Warren Easton (4-1) beat South Terrebonne 53-21

5, Plaquemine (5-0) beat Southern Lab 27-20 OT

6, Rayne (4-1) lost to LaGrange 36-20


7, Franklinton (4-1) beat Amite 39-13

8, Lutchter (3-2) lost to East Ascension 48-21

9, Breaux Bridge (3-2) lost to Teurlings 31-15

10, Teurlings Catholic (4-1) beat Breaux Bridge 31-15

**Others receiving points:** Edna Karr plays Helen Cox Saturday; South Terrebonne lost to Warren Easton 53-21; West Ouachita won 45-8; DeRidder beat Southwood 26-21; Bastrop beat Rayville 62-57; Benton beat Woodlawn-Shreveport 7-0.

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Timothy DeClouet, NISH	65	100	3	908	3
Pate Broussard, CROW	56	104	3	858	9
Jaylen Reed, Rayne	39	79	3	663	9
Regan Miller, LCA	48	80	2	606	6
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Ty Desormeaux, NV	45	89	6	539	2
Tyler Gaspard, CAR	21	53	1	536	5
Jake Arceneaux, AES	44	77	3	527	6
Troy Matte, CPHS	22	43	3	479	7
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Emile Trahan, VC	18	282	2
Terrell Thomas, CROW	19	281	3
Bryce Badon, LCA	20	265	3
Rhashid Bonnette, LOR	15	261	4
Frederick Williams, CPHS	6	241	3

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# Advertiser Prep Football Poll

## 1. ST. THOMAS MORE (6-0)

**Skinny:** The Cougars continue to pound opponents as they routed Westgate 63-13 in District 5-4A action Friday.

**Next:** plays host to Teurlings on Friday.

## 2. CATHOLIC-NI (6-0)

**Skinny:** The Panthers remain on track with another route as they rolled past Jeanerette in district action Friday.

**Next:** plays at Westminster on Friday.

## 3. TEURLINGS CATHOLIC (4-1)

**Skinny:** The Rebels were off this past week as they prepare for their epic showdown against rival St. Thomas More.

**Next:** plays at St. Thomas More on Friday.

## 4. CHURCH POINT (6-0)

**Skinny:** The Bears continued their hot start and remained unbeaten by defeating Pine Prairie on

Friday.

**Next:** plays at Northwest on Friday.

## 5. RAYNE (5-1)

**Skinny:** There apparently was no lingering hangover from the Rayne Wolves' loss to LaGrange as they bounced back with a win over Morgan City on Friday.

**Next:** plays at Eunice on Thursday.

## 6. NOTRE DAME (4-2)

**Skinny:** Notre Dame bounced back in impressive fashion as they rolled to their fourth win of the season against West St. Mary.

**Next:** plays at Erath on Friday.

## 7. OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC (6-0)

**Skinny:** The Vikings shall be doubted no more after dominating the Loreauville Tigers on Thursday to secure its first signature win of the season.

**Next:** plays at Jeanerette on Friday.

## 8. CARENCRO (4-2)

**Skinny:** The Bears struggled against the state's leading rusher and it proved costly as they were defeated by Sulphur in District 3-5A action on Friday.

**Next:** plays at Sam Houston on Friday.

## 9. LAFAYETTE HIGH (4-2)


**Skinny:** The Lions lost another game that they appeared to be well on their way to winning as blew a big halftime lead against Barbe en route to losing.

**Next:** plays at Comeaux on Thursday.

## 10. BREAUX BRIDGE (4-2)

**Skinny:** The Tigers turned in their best performance of the year to route the Northside Vikings 40-0 in District 5-4A action.

**Next:** plays host to St. Martinville on Friday.

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## CLASS 4A

1, St. Thomas More (6-0) beat Westgate 63-13

2, Neville (5-1) beat Franklin Parish 51-7

3, Landry-Walker (5-1) beat Karr 27-7

4, Warren Easton (5-1) beat Belle Chasse 38-17

5, Plaquemine (5-1) lost to Zachary 64-28

6, Franklinton (5-1) beat Pearl River 62-0

7, Teurlings (4-1) did not play

8, Edna Karr (2-3) lost to Landry-Walker 27-7

9, Rayne (5-1) beat Morgan City 39-14

10, West Ouachita (5-1) lost to Wossman 27-0

### **Others receiving points:**

Breaux Bridge beat Northside 40-0; Lutchter lost to St. Michael 18-8; South Terrebonne beat Vandebilt Catholic 44-13; Bastrop lost to Union Parish 33-20; Franklin Parish lost to Neville 51-7; Benton beat Fair Park 24-18 OT; DeRidder lost to Leesville 21-6; Peabody beat Grant 46-0; Wossman beat West Ouachita 27-0.

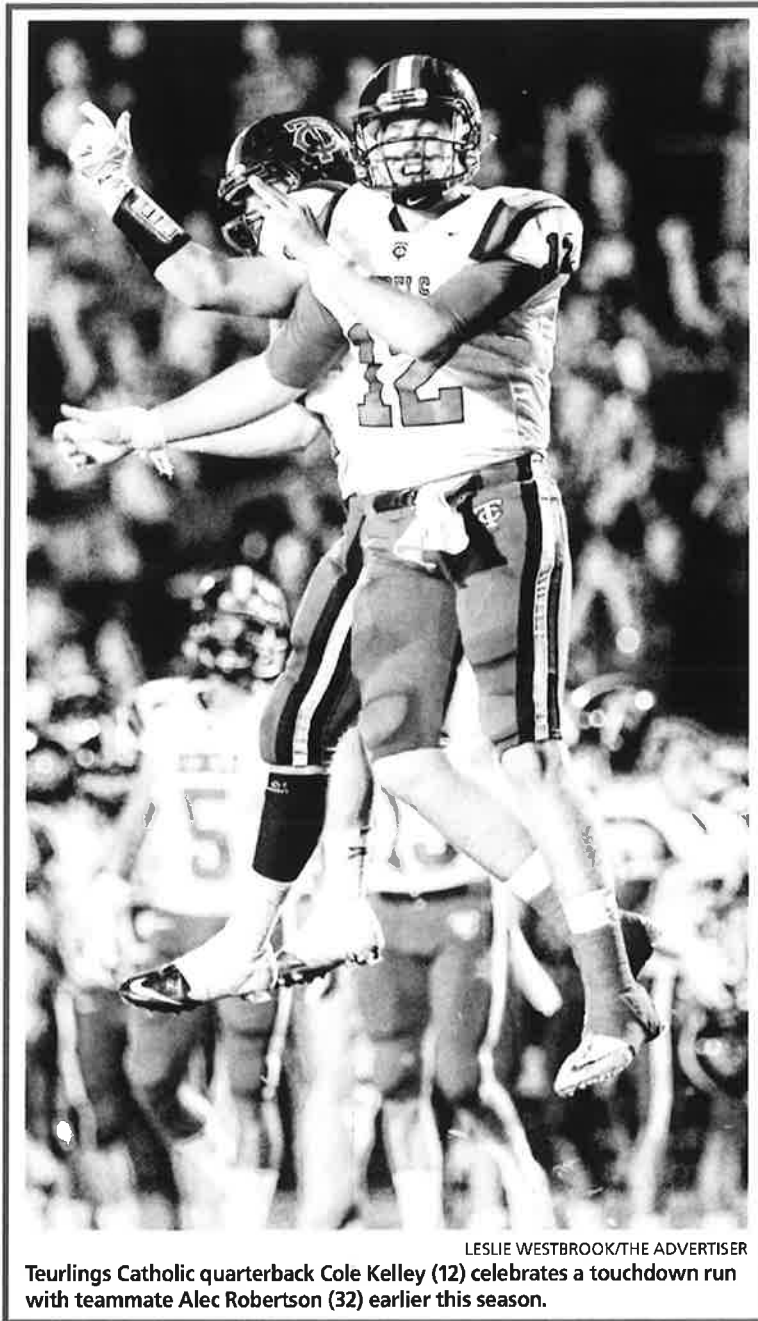
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Teurlings Catholic quarterback Cole Kelley (12) celebrates a touchdown run with teammate Alec Robertson (32) earlier this season.

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## Rebels' QB Kelley breaks family STM ties

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Cole Kelley grew up watching his two older brothers Lance and Seth star on the football field as members of the St. Thomas More Cougars.

Their success and legacy ultimately resulted in Cole Kelley dreaming of one day doing the same.

"My whole life I grew up wanting to go to St. Thomas More," Cole Kelley said. "Just from watching my brothers do so well there, I just knew that I wanted to be like them and play for STM."

But after transferring from Fatima to St. Leo-Seton in middle school, that dream changed. Cole Kelley met new people, made new friends and in the end, it led to a decision that came as a surprise to everyone in his household.

"I told my family that I wanted to go to high school at Teurlings," Cole Kelley said. "When I switched middle schools I made some good friends and I became really close to a lot of people. I literally woke up one day and said that I wanted to go to Teurlings. My whole family was really shocked although my mom was pretty happy because she graduated from Teurlings."

Including his brothers, although Seth, who is closer in age at 20 to the 17-year-old Cole, took it a lot harder than his 25-year-old brother Lance did.

"At first, I was definitely disappointed that Cole wanted to go to Teurlings," said Seth Kelley, who graduated from STM in 2012 and is attending South Louisiana Community College. "I was disappointed because Lance and I had both gone to STM and I really wanted the tradition to keep going."

"I felt there was more pressure on him to go to STM than there should have been," said Lance Kelley, who graduated from STM in 2007 and currently resides in San Antonio, Texas. "He had friends from middle school who were going to Teurlings, so I understood it. It

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wasn't all that big of a deal to me. It would have been cool to see him where my jersey number at STM, but in the end, I was pretty indifferent about it."

But when Cole Kelley and the state's No. 5-ranked Rebels travel to face the state's No. 1-ranked Cougars at 7 p.m. on Friday in a pivotal District 5-4A matchup, there is no question who Lance and Seth are going to be pulling for.


"No doubt, I want Teurlings to win," Seth Kelley said. "I will always want my brother to win. I pull for STM as long as they are playing against my little

brother, so yes I'm definitely going for Teurlings."

"Of course I'm going for Teurlings," Lance Kelley said. "That's a no-brainer."

With Lance and Seth both expected to be in attendance for the game, Cole Kelley gets to show his other reason for choosing Teurlings over STM and that's the opportunity to shed the label of being "Lance and Seth's little brother."

"I really wanted the chance to start my own thing," Cole Kelley said. "I wanted to make a name for myself and not spend the next four years being looked

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at as their little brother. When I was younger it made me feel good when people said 'it's Lance and Seth's little brother.' But as I got older and became more involved in sports, I wanted to be known as Cole."

With the way he has performed this season - his first as a starter - Cole Kelley has accomplished his goal of making a name for himself. The 6-7 junior quarterback, who has completed 96-of-147 passes for 1,388 yards, five interceptions and 14 touchdowns, has gone from a relative unknown outside of the Rebels' locker room to a rising collegiate prospect.


"We knew about him," Rebels head coach Sonny Charpentier said. "We knew from the first day he stepped on campus that he had a chance to be really good. He hadn't arrived yet and he had a lot of football ahead of him, but we knew he had potential."

Although his height and strong arm may be what stands out to spectators, it is what is between Cole Kelley's ears that's most impressive to Charpentier.

"Cole is a student of the game," Charpentier said. "He's a smart football player and that is a part of the game that you can never underestimate. He understands the game, what we are trying to do and what we are trying to accomplish. He is big and he has a strong arm, but what separates him from most is that he trust his receivers and he trust his eyes. This is a kid who has been blessed and what's between his ears is his greatest attribute."

Cole Kelley credits his teammates for his success and sudden rise up the prospect charts, citing his offensive line providing him with ample time to make reads, running backs running hard and catching and his receivers making him look good with great catches.

"I've played alright," Cole Kelley said. "But I definitely can play better. Honestly, I haven't done that much. I've made too many mistakes and I've turned the ball over too much. The success I have had this year is all because of my teammates. My receivers have been making a lot of great catches. I don't feel that I've played up to my potential."

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# Prep Football Leaders

Name, School	Carries	Yards	TDs
Raymond Calais, CEC	120	1236	14
Ja'Ceiry Linzer, AES	142	1041	18
Brontre Griffin, Highland	113	1011	11
Andre Bellefontaine, CHNI	69	666	10
Ty'Von Griffin, CROW	111	649	8
John Michael Besse, Rayne	73	644	8
Christian Veronie, CPHS	77	633	9
Jarod Henry, LOR	82	592	7
Jason Pellerin, CHNI	70	572	12
Tyreik Campbell, CAR	87	556	7
Julius Johnson, Kaplan	112	549	5
Caleb Vidrine, OC	62	525	10
Seth Pierre, CHNI	78	522	9
Deontray Wilridge, Rayne	83	512	5
Trevor Begue, STM	48	491	8
Lance Bertrand, NDHS	70	459	4
Deion Monroe, CPHS	94	455	10
Elijah Mitchell, Erath	71	450	4
Malik Eugene, ACAD	57	441	6
Keshawn Young, LHS	66	419	4

PASSING				
Name, School	Comp	Att	Int	Yards TDs
Drew Brown, St. Ed's	103	194	2	1617 17
Cole Kelley, TCHS	96	147	5	1388 14
Timothy DeClouet, NISH	92	144	4	1219 7
William Bellamy, STM	68	102	5	1204 16
Hunter Frith, VC	79	139	6	1157 12
Landon Roberts, CEC	68	112	6	1057 10
Pate Broussard, CROW	64	122	5	970 9
Tyler Gaspard, CAR	38	84	1	817 9
Regan Miller, LCA	63	102	4	685 6
Jake Arceneaux, AES	53	97	5	686 7
Jaylen Reed, Rayne	39	79	3	663 9
Brad Stoma, NDHS	39	67	2	648 6
Jarod Henry, LOR	48	97	5	623 6
Jason Pellerin, CHNI	31	55	1	603 7
Ty Desormeaux, NV	51	106	6	601 3
Ben Leblanc, Erath	43	109	4	543 8
Troy Matte, CPHS	27	51	3	539 7
David Labbe, OC	32	61	1	500 7
Drake Guidry, BBHS	35	62	3	494 5

Peyton Touchet, ACAD	18	41	2	406	2
Alex Richard, EUN	15	38	1	367	2

## RECEIVING

Player, School	Catches	Yards	TDs
Brisen Savoy, NISH	46	727	5
Tyler Derouen, VC	28	658	7
Tiger Bech, STM	29	626	8
Alex Hunt, St. Ed's	32	502	5
Donald Stokes, CAR	13	417	5
Cullen Brown, St. Ed's	18	400	5
Nate Arceneaux, TCHS	16	382	6
Sage Leblanc, TCHS	31	364	3
Trevon Fontenot, Rayne	19	353	4
Emile Trahan, VC	22	339	4
Ross Granger, Erath	15	334	4
Brennan Ducote, AES	20	322	3
Damien Bernard, CEC	13	314	6
Trevor Begue, STM	15	304	3
Drake Brunet, St. Ed's	23	286	4
Terrell Thomas, CROW	20	285	3

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# OLD RIVALRY

STM-Teurlings game different from the old days



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The football rivalry between Teurlings Catholic and St. Thomas More continues to ignite fans after years of competition.



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The Cougars and Rebels will face off in this week's Game of the Week. **Page 1D**

**A**t first glance, they may seem like two virtually identical schools with very similar histories.

Both are Catholic schools. Both are based in Lafayette Parish.

Both are competing in District 5-4A.

Both are ranked highly in the state high school football polls — St. Thomas More on top at No. 1 and Teurlings Catholic not far behind at No. 5.

In The Daily Advertiser's area poll, STM's Cougars are No. 1 and the Rebels are No. 3.

Many of the parents are close friends and most of the players grew up playing with and against each other in different sports throughout their formative years.

But for all that common ground, St. See **RIVALRY, Page 7A**

## STM VS. TEURLINGS

1982	— Teurlings 25-0
1983	— Teurlings 14-12
1984	— St. Thomas More 21-7
1985	— Teurlings 20-15
1986	— Teurlings 21-7
1987	— St. Thomas More 42-9
1988	— St. Thomas More 41-13
2011	— St. Thomas More 27-23
2012	— St. Thomas More 31-21
2013	— St. Thomas More 21-7



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## Rivalry

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Thomas More and Teurlings Catholic are actually quite different in a lot of other ways.

For some, it's north Lafayette versus south Lafayette. In the minds of others, it's Blue Collar versus White Collar.

In the perceptions of others, it's high society versus good ol' country living.

### Adults need to keep it clean

When the Rebels travel across town to meet St. Thomas More at Cougar Stadium for Friday night's critical 5-4A showdown, however, it's just going to be two top-notch teams playing a high-profile week 7 football game.

At least that's what Teurlings principal Mike Boyer is hoping.

"A lot of people have a lot of different ideas, but it's just two Catholic schools," said Boyer, who began his time in Lafayette as an assistant coach at St. Thomas More under Jim Hightower.

"It's no different than when Teurlings and Cathedral (Carmel) used to play each other. The kids just play hard. The kids are fine. It's the adults that need to make sure it's a clean rivalry."

Jay Hebert has seen and lived all the scenarios. He's been a player and a father at Teurlings. He played against Cathedral and he played in the first St. Thomas More versus Teurlings game in 1982 when non-football-playing Fatima combined with Cathedral to form St. Thomas More.

"A lot of people focus on the fact that there's a lot more wealth at St. Thomas More," Hebert said. "But if you look at all the things that Teurlings has been doing, it takes money to do all of that."

"I don't really think it's about all of that stuff. As long as the two enrollments stay close enough, they should play each other. It's just kids playing a game. If it becomes a big rivalry, then so be it."

That may be the case for some in today's STM-Teurlings rivalry, but back in Hebert's day, that Teurlings-Cathedral rivalry was more than a bit intense.

"When Cathedral and Teurlings played, it was ugly," said former Rebels' star Gary Gerami, who had three older brothers play at Teurlings as well. "I had some friends (at Cathedral), but for 95 percent of Cathedral and Teurlings, there was no love back then."

"They would vandalize the schools, burn out our bonfires and things like that. These days, it's a rivalry, but I don't see that ugliness. It's not like the UL versus LSU thing between the fans around here. It's more of an emotional thing than a vendetta."

George Favaloro still remembers being right in the middle of some crazy high school hijinks during his days at Cathedral.



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It was the 1980 season. Teurlings had defeated Notre Dame 24-7 in week six and was 9-0 under flamboyant head coach Tad Tatman going into the week-10 showdown at Cathedral-Carmel, coached by old-school Linden Bercegeay.

Favaloro readily admits that he and two of his buddies just happened to be driving down the Breaux Bridge Highway early that week when they decided to jump out of the car and steal the "Home of the Rebels" sign in front of the school.

Later in the week, Cathedral's bonfire then mysteriously got burned up.

"No one ever took claim of that," Favaloro said. "We admitted that we took the sign. After those two things, that's when the game was on. They were mad and we were mad."

#### 'You have to have those kinds of rivalries'

The Rebels' quest at perfection that season ended that Friday night with the Tigers beating Teurlings 20-6.

Favaloro is no longer keeping up with such high school tomfoolery, but he loves the fact that St. Thomas More families with Cathedral roots will be playing families with Teurlings roots on Friday in such a high-profile showdown.

"I love it," Favaloro said. "You have to have those kind of rivalries. It's been the buzz around town all week long."

Not only did Cathedral win that 1980 game, but it won reach of the seven all-time meetings between the two schools from 1975-1981.

That's why it was so special for the Rebels in 1982 when Teurlings was striving for a higher form of perfection.

Again, it was week 10 and again, Teurlings was 9-0.

This time, though, it was St. Thomas More — filled with ex-Cathedral players and coaches because Fatima had quit playing football about a decade before — and the Rebels had not only won every game to that point, but shut out all nine opponents.

One more shutout would break a 50-year-old record that still stands today.

This time, Teurlings sealed the deal with a 25-0 win over the Cougars, thanks in part to a pair of missed field goals, one of which was blocked by Gerami.

To this day, Gerami maintains that Cathedral's players "were a lot more mischievous than we were."

Although former Cathedral players still hold those wins over their old Teurlings friends, Favaloro said "I always said that Teurlings never got its proper recognition for that (undefeated, unscored upon 1982 regular season)."

These days, STM and Teurlings players are openly friends off the field. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, such friendships were kept secret.

"A few of us were friends," Favaloro said,



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"but we didn't let people know that."

Making it even juicier, Favaloro married a Teurlings graduate named Mary and is "still taking heat for that."

Taylor Davis knows all about how tangled that web can get. He played on that first St. Thomas More team in 1982. He has a son, John, currently playing golf for the Cougars and a daughter, Alyce, playing tennis there.

He also happens to have an older brother, Hampton, who is now the chancellor at Teurlings Catholic.

"That still doesn't sit well with some of the Cathedral people," Davis laughed. "It's kind of like General Lee going to war with General Grant."

#### 'Life goes on'

Although the old stories are fun, Davis said he's grown to have many close Teurlings friends over the years.

"Lafayette's still a small town," he said.

"You know those people. You do business with them. I have a lot of great friends who went to Teurlings."

As Hebert put it, "Life goes on," after those emotional high school rivalry days.

Jacob Byler lived it back then, but his memories aren't of the bitterness. He was an assistant coach at Cathedral and then became STM's first head coach.

"I think it (STM-Teurlings rivalry) is a respect rivalry," Byler said. "Even back in the Cathedral-Teurlings days, it was a very heated rivalry. The kids always played extra hard in those games, but I don't remember a lot of serious problems."

"I only remember one incident in a game where a punch was thrown, but that was a heat-of-the-moment kind of thing, just something that happened. It wasn't a violent hatred with a lot of animosity. A lot of those kids were buddies."

Byler said the recent renewal of the rivalry is good to see.

"I think it's great," Byler said. "It's gradually becoming a (big) rivalry again. They're two of the best programs in the area, so they deserve to play each other."

Prior to Sonny Charpentier taking over as the Rebels' head coach in 1995, Teurlings had dropped to a Class 1A school while STM was taking off as an emerging 3A and then 4A powerhouse.

The two returned to the same district again in 2011 in what Boyer describes as much different climate than back in the Cathedral days.

The Teurlings principal explained that both schools now have students "from North Lafayette and South Lafayette and surrounding areas," meaning he doesn't buy that current rivalry is still a North versus South Lafayette issue.

"The two schools are competitive in all the sports. It's good clean competition on the fields, court and diamonds," Boyer said. "I think it's good."



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PREP GAME OF THE WEEK

# TITANIC SHOWDOWN



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Teurlings Catholic running back Noah Harris is one of many weapons for the Rebels.

Parish 4A  
powerhouses  
Rebels, Cougars  
square off

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**I**t would be hard for someone to find a football team in the state – regardless of class – playing better football than the St. Thomas More Cougars are right now.

Led by a high-powered offense propelled by junior quarterback William Bellamy, receiver Tiger Bech and running back Trevor Begue, the Cougars have made things look quite easy through their first six games of the year.

The state's No. 1-ranked Cougars (6-0, 2-0) have scored at least 40 points in every game this year, including three contests in which they have scored 50 or more. Last week, the Cougars reached the 60-point mark in a 63-13 victory over Westgate.

"Bellamy has been awfully good this year," Cougars head coach Jim Hightower said. "But it hasn't been one guy that's been responsible for what we've been able to do offensively. They've done some good things as a group. I feel like those guys have done a good job of complimenting each other on the football field and that's been the difference."

The Cougars' explosive offense will look to continue their

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## TEURLINGS AT ST. THOMAS MORE

**Kickoff:** 7 p.m., Friday, Cougar Stadium.

**Records:** TCHS 4-1, 2-0. STM 6-0, 2-0.

**Rankings:** TCHS No. 5 in 4A. STM No. 1 in 4A.

**TV:** None. **Radio:** 103.7 FM/107.1 FM.

**Last year:** STM won 21-7.

**Tickets:** Available during schools hours at STM for \$7 and \$5.

**Players to watch:** TCHS – QB Cole Kelley (96-147-5, 1388 yards, 14 TDs); WR Nathan Arceneaux (16-382, 6 TDs); WR Sage Leblanc (31-364, 3 TDs). STM – QB William Bellamy (68-102-5, 1204 yards, 16 TDs); RB Trevor Begue (48-491, 8 TDs rushing; 15-304, 3 TDs receiving); WR Tiger Bech (29-626, 8 TDs).



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## Showdown

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torrid start at 7 p.m. Friday when it plays host to crosstown rival Teurlings Catholic in the area's most highly anticipated game of the year. The Rebels, who are ranked No. 5 in the state in 4A, are 4-1 overall and 2-0 in district.

"I think it is become a rivalry first of all because we are both Catholic schools and we're on the opposite sides of town," Charpentier said. "There's a lot of familiarity between the players because they either played together or against each other in middle

school or the parents work together. It's been a good rivalry. A natural rivalry. There's no hate or anything like that."

"I wouldn't even call it a rivalry," Hightower said. "I think it needs to be longer than three years for it to be considered a rivalry. I think it is a game between two really good teams with explosive offenses. I think it is going to be a great high school game."

Offensively, the Rebels are led by their junior quarterback Cole Kelley, running back Noah Harris and receivers Nathan Arceneaux and Sage Leblanc.

"Teurlings is an excellent football team," High-

### Teurlings

Sept. 5 Lost UNIVERSITY 36-35; 12 beat New Iberia 36-0; 19 beat NOTRE DAME 17-14; 26 beat CECILIA 55-25; Oct. 3 beat Breaux Bridge 31-15; 10 OPEN; 17 St. Thomas More; 23 St. Martinville; 31 WESTGATE; Nov. 7 NORTH-SIDE.

tower said. "They are well-coached and they have a lot of talent on offense. Cole Kelley is their triggerman and he does a great job for them. Sage Leblanc is another explosive weapon for them and upfront they are very physical."

Charpentier knows what's at stake and believes facing a team as

### St. Thomas More

Sept. 5 Beat SULPHUR; 12 beat Glade Water, Tx; 19 beat CARENCRO 51-21; 26 beat EVANGEL 56-19; Oct. 3 beat Cecilia 41-12; 10 beat Westgate 63-13; 17 TEURLINGS; 24 Northside; 31 ST. MARTINVILLE; Nov. 7 BREAUX BRIDGE.

good as the Cougars are is going to serve as a great "measuring stick" for his team.

"St. Thomas More has a great football team," Charpentier said. "We know they are going to play really hard and so will we. It is going to be a challenge for us because when you look at them I call it the 'E-factor.' They

are explosive, efficient and they execute well. They can score from anywhere on the field using the long ball or on a swing pass. They have great weapons and their quarterback does a great job."

But in a game set to feature two of the top offenses in the state, the game could very well be decided by which defense is able to come up with more stops or force turnovers.

"I think the defenses very well could have the say in this game," Hightower said. "Which defense can get the most stops? Teurlings' defense is solid. They pursue the ball well and they give you a lot of different looks."

"I think STM's defense often times takes a backseat to their offense," Charpentier said. "Their defense gets overlooked because of how good their offense is, but their defense is good. Their defense has steadily improved as the season has gone along. They definitely deserve that No. 1 ranking."

In the end, regardless of what happens, Charpentier believes the game won't make or break their season.

"Win or lose, we're going to shake hands and go back to work," Charpentier said. "No matter what happens in the game, the sun will still come up Saturday morning again."



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# ROUSING RIVALRY



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Students and fans of St. Thomas More, left, and Teurlings Catholic, right cheer as their teams tussle in a football game Friday at STM in Lafayette. Teurlings won 56-46 over its rival.

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# COMEBACK *for the ages*



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Teurlings Catholic's Sage LeBlanc (22) runs with the ball as St. Thomas More's Quentin Olivier (9) and John Corry (50) chase during the Rebels' comeback win Friday.

Down 43-17  
in third,  
Teurlings  
rallies for  
memorable  
56-46 win

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They could have waved the white flag. They could have thrown in the towel.

As they trailed 43-17 with 5:50 remaining in the third quarter to the No. 1-ranked team in the state, the Teurlings Catholic Rebels could have quit.

Instead, the Rebels continued to fight and weather

the storm and before they knew it, the ball began bouncing their way. And somehow, by the game's end, the Rebels had unleashed a comeback for the ages in outscoring the St. Thomas More Cougars 39-3 en route to claiming a 56-46 win.

"We talk about it all of the time that when things are going bad, you have to keep playing," said Rebels head coach Sonny Charpen-

tier, whose team improved to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in district. "You have to keep fighting and the bottom line is we kept playing. We looked like we were dead in the water, but we kept playing. We had some breaks to go our way and to do what we did (Friday) you need that to happen."

There were a number of breaks the Rebels received

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## Ages

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in the second half and the first came when Teurlings quarterback Cole Kelley threw what looked like it was going to be an interception, but the football bounced off of an STM defender's shoulder pads and right into the hands of Sage Leblanc for an 80-yard touchdown to cut the deficit to 43-23. Hayden Cantrelle then ran it in for the two-point conversion to cut the Cougars' lead to 43-25.

After a defensive stop by the Rebels forced the Cougars to punt, Teurlings put together an impressive 8-play, 88 yard drive that was capped by a 38 yard touchdown pass from Kelley to Grant LaGrange. Kelley then ran it in for the two-point conversion and just like that it is 43-33 with 2:17 remaining in the third quarter.

The Rebels' defense came up big again by forcing the Cougars into another three-and-out, but on the punt attempt the snap was low and the punter Bailey Raborn was dropped at the STM two yard line. On the first play, Noah Harris punched it into the end zone and the Rebels found themselves down 43-40 going into the fourth quarter.

"It was just one of

those nights," Charpentier said. "I've been on both sides of games like this. You get a big lead and you think it is over and the other team comes back. When you are down like we were down in this game, a lot of things have to go right if you are going to come back."

The good fortune continued in the fourth quarter, as the Rebels' defense forced and recovered a fumble that gave the offense the ball back at the STM 26. On the first play after the turnover, Kelley connected with LaGrange for a 26-yard touchdown to give the Rebels a 47-43 lead with just under 12 minutes remaining in the game. The lead was the Rebels' first since jumping out to a 14-0 advantage to begin the game.

After Brandon Bastiste blocked a Cougars punt on STM's ensuing possession that gave the Rebels the football at the STM 26, Teurlings' offense appeared to be on the verge of settling for a 37 yard field goal attempt by kicker Brayden Blanchard.

But the snap was high and Leblanc, who was holding, caught it and ran around before throwing it up for grabs into the end zone. It appeared the Cougars defender was going to intercept it, but Gavin Royer took the ball away on the way down for a 20-yard touchdown.

The two-point attempt failed and the Rebels now lead 53-43 with 9:23 left in the game.

"Gavin can't catch a cold," Charpentier said. "That's why he plays defense. He just wanted it more."

"Coach is right, I can't catch," Royer said. "So, I did my best to just take it away."

The Cougars (6-1, 2-1) cut the deficit to 53-46 with 7:49 left in the game on a 22-yard field goal by Raborn and looked well on their way to being in position to tying the game when linebacker John Corry intercepted a Kelley pass on third and six from the STM 44 and returned it to the Rebels' 35.

But the play was negated as STM was called for pass interference which allowed Teurlings to retain possession. The Rebels went on to add 3-points on a 32 yard field goal by Blanchard to extend their lead to 56-46 with 3:54 left.

"Take your hats off to Teurlings," Cougars head coach Jim Hightower said. "They played a great ball game. Our kids played a great game as well. I'm really proud of the effort. The ball bounced Teurlings' way and that happens. They had some plays that could have gone either way, but the ball bounced their way. That's all you can say."



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# Kelley ignites comeback

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Some quarterbacks crumble or just throw in the towel when they see their team go down by 20 or more points midway in the third quarter. But there are rare quarterbacks who keep playing hard and making plays who can spark a big-time comeback.

And at least right now, Cole Kelley is that rare of a quarterback.

Kelley led Teurlings Catholic on a miraculous comeback late in the second half as the Rebels erased a 26-point deficit in the third quarter to beat top-ranked St. Thomas More 56-46 by throwing four touchdowns, with three of them in the second half.

"In the third quarter, we just came out playing our game," Kelley said.

"We never put our heads down and came out strong and played even harder when we saw that they were winning. And when we came back on the field, we just made plays."

Kelley threw for a touchdown on the opening drive of the game as Teurlings took a 14-0 lead in the first quarter. But STM came back with 28 unanswered points to take a 28-17 lead at half-time. Things seemed to go further downhill for the Rebels as Kelley threw an interception that was turned into a Cougar touchdown that made the score 43-17 with under six minutes left in the third quarter.

"Nothing was going right for us, man," Kelley said. "We started out the game hot, and we just came out and they made some adjustments and they stopped us. They were scoring and we couldn't stop them and they were stopping us."

But one play changed the momentum of the game and sparked an unbelievable comeback. On their own 20-yard line, Kelley flung a pass towards running back Sage LeBlanc. The STM defender was in great position to make the interception, but the ball slipped out of his hands and into LeBlanc's grasp, who ran 80 yards for the touchdown.



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Teurlings Catholic quarterback Cole Kelley (12) attempt to get a pass off as he is tackled by St. Thomas More defenders Robbie McEldery (54) and Jake Gaspard (65) during the Rebels' comeback win Friday.

"We ran all verticals, and the outside linebacker had jammed Sage," Kelley said. "I was wishing he would have gotten in between the outside linebacker and the safety, so I tried throwing it, but that guy was holding him. Thank God the cornerback dropped the ball. He dropped it and Sage got it and ran with it. And that just turned it around."

"Our defense played a hell of a game."

The Teurlings defense then took over as the Rebels stopped the Cougar offense to give Kelley and the offense more cracks to cut into the lead. Kelley hit receiver Grant LaGrange for a 38-yard touchdown that cut the lead to 10 - along with Kelley scoring on the two-point conversion - and after a botched punt attempt by STM, running back Noah Harris scored from 2 yards out to cut the deficit to three with 48 seconds left in the quarter.

After the defense forced a fumble on the

first play of the fourth quarter, Kelley hit LaGrange for a 26-yard touchdown that put Teurlings back up since early in the second quarter. This time, the Rebels didn't let go of the lead.

"Our seniors on our team are leaders, and I give them the win right there," Kelley said. "Our o-line and our running backs and our receivers, got to give them a shut-out. They had a hell of a game."

The win was satisfying for Kelley not just because it was a road win over the No. 1 team in the state. It was a road win over the No. 1 team in the state that happens to be a bitter rival.

"To beat the No. 1 team in the state is a special thing, but because it's Teurlings vs STM," he said. "We haven't won against them in a while and that's more special. Just the fact that we got that out the way and to stop that losing streak, hopefully it will start a rally for us."



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## TEURLINGS 56, STM 46

Teurlings 14 3 23 16 - 56  
St. Thomas More 7 21 15 3 - 46

### First Quarter

TEUR - Cole Kelley 10 run (Brayden Blanchard kick)

TEUR - Noah Harris 3 run (Blanchard kick)

STM - Trevor Begue 26 pass from William Bellamy (Bailey Raborn kick)

### Second Quarter

STM - Begue 3 run (Raborn kick)

STM - Bellamy 1 run (Raborn kick)

STM - Tiger Bech 18 pass from Bellamy (Raborn kick)

TEUR - Blanchard 41 FG

### Third Quarter

STM - Nathan Thevenot 1 run (Raborn kick good)

STM - Begue 21 pass from Bellamy (Alexis Hannie pass from Matthew Gardner)

TEUR - Sage LeBlanc 80 pass from Kelley (LeBlanc run)

TEUR - Hunter Harrington 38 pass from Kelley (Kelley run)

TEUR - LeBlanc 2 run (Blanchard kick)

### Fourth Quarter

TEUR - Harrington 26 pass from Kelley (Blanchard kick)

TEUR - Gavin Royer 20 pass from LeBlanc (Kick failed)

STM - Raborn 26 FG

TEUR - Blanchard 34 FG

	TEUR	STM
First Downs	26	24
Rushing-yds	38-191	17-88
Passing	363	428
Comp-att-int	18-39-1	28-49-1
Total Yards	554	516
Punts-avg	4-30	4-28
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-yds	11-115	5-37

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - TEUR: Noah Harris 8-35; Sage LeBlanc 4-20; Cole Kelley 2-13; Jacob Landry 1-12. STM: Trevor Begue 12-118; Deuce Wallace 8-42; William Bellamy 6-26; Matthew Gardner 4-13.

PASSING - TEUR: Cole Kelley 27-49-1-408; Sage LeBlanc 1-1-0-20. STM: William Bellamy 18-39-1-363.

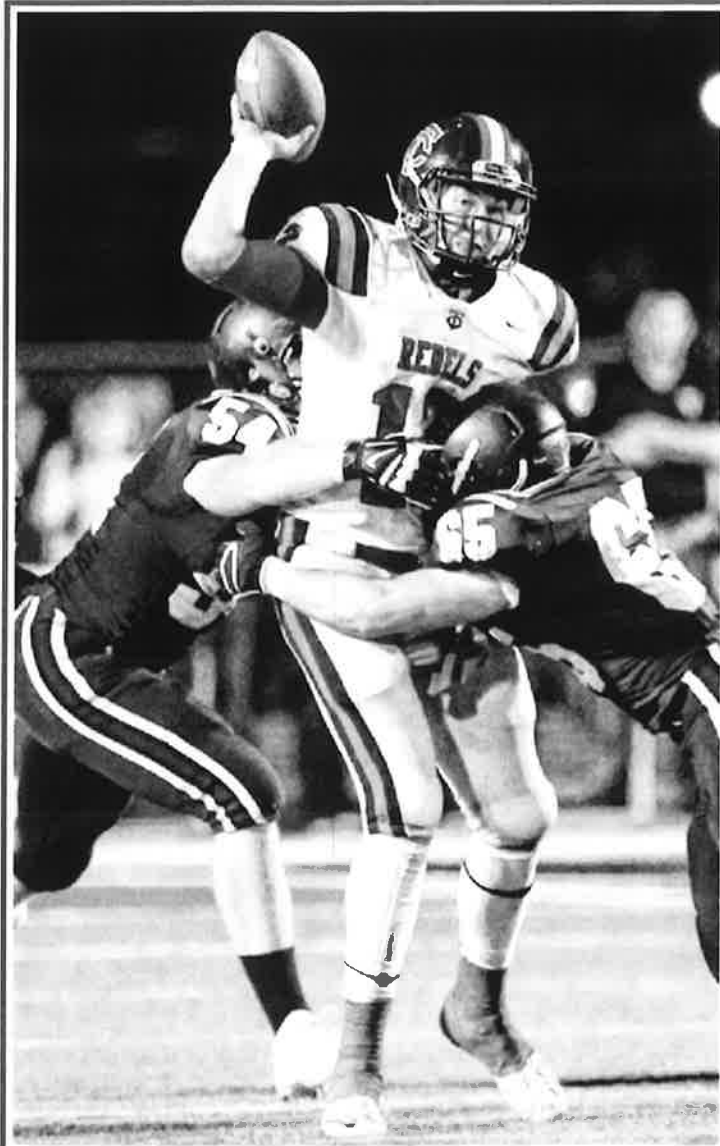
RECEIVING - TEUR: Sage LeBlanc 8-172; Noah Harris 6-33; Ike Hidalgo 5-59; Hunter Harrington 3-66; Nate Arceneaux 2-50; Jacob Landry 2-16; Gavin Royer 1-20; Brody Dupuis 1-12. STM: Tiger Bech 5-12; Jared Molaison 3-62; Trevor Begue 3-58; Nicholas Morton 2-19; Hunter Champagne 1-68; Matthew Lagrange 1-13.



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**Teurlings Catholic quarterback Cole Kelley (12) attempt to get a pass off as he is tackled by St. Thomas More defenders Robbie McEldery (54) and Jake Gaspard (65) during the Rebels' comeback win Friday.**

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# FAN VOTE: PLAYER, GAME OF THE WEEK

## Player of the Week

» **Christian Veronie, Church Point** – rushed for 139 yards and five touchdowns on 16 carries in the Bears' win over Northwest.

» **Raymond Calais, Cecilia** – rushed for 218 yards and four touchdowns on 23 carries against Westgate.

» **Cole Kelley, Teurlings** – passed for 408 yards and three touchdowns, while rushing for a touchdown in the Rebels' win over STM.

» **Andre Bellefontaine, Catholic-NI** – rushed for 107 yards and three touchdowns on five car-



Christian Veronie



Raymond Calais



Cole Kelley



Andre Bellefontaine



Tyler Gaspard

ries, while catching three passes for 94 yards and a touchdown.

» **Tyler Gaspard, Carencro** – passed for a school-record 355 yards and four touchdowns in the Bears' win over Sam Houston.

## Game of the Week

- » Crowley at Rayne
- » Catholic-NI at Opelousas Catholic
- » Cecilia at Breaux Bridge
- » Sam Houston at Acadiana

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# Advertiser Top 10 Poll

## 1. CATHOLIC-NI (7-0)

**Skinny:** The Panthers remained unbeaten as they rolled past Westminster in district action Friday.

**Next:** At Opelousas Catholic on Friday.

## 2. TEURLINGS CATHOLIC (5-1)

**Skinny:** In a game that will be talked about for years, the Rebels knocked off the state's No. 1-ranked St. Thomas More Cougars 56-46.

**Next:** Hosts St. Martinville on Thursday.

## 3. ST. THOMAS MORE (6-1)

**Skinny:** They are still likely stunned by the fact they blew a 43-17 lead en route to losing 56-46 to crosstown rival Teurlings Catholic in stunning fashion.

**Next:** At Northside on Friday.

## 4. CHURCH POINT (7-0)

**Skinny:** The hot start continues

for the Bears as they ran their winning streak to seven game with a win over Northwest.

**Next:** Hosts Port Barre on Friday.

## 5. RAYNE (6-1)

**Skinny:** The Wolves didn't dominate like many expected them to, but nevertheless they claimed a 20-13 victory over Eunice.

**Next:** Hosts Crowley on Friday.

## 6. NOTRE DAME (5-2)

**Skinny:** Notre Dame made it back-to-back victories with a shut-out win over Erath in district action Friday.

**Next:** Hosts Abbeville on Friday.

## 7. OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC (7-0)

**Skinny:** The Vikings have now seven games in a row and that will set up a battle of unbeaten when they play host to Catholic High of New Iberia for the district champi-

onship.

**Next:** Hosts Catholic on Friday.

## 8. CARENCRO BEARS (5-2)

**Skinny:** The Bears showed that even when the running game isn't working, they can open up their offense and pass their way to victory as they did against Sam Houston on Friday.

**Next:** At New Iberia on Friday.

## 9. BREAUX BRIDGE (5-2)

**Skinny:** It wasn't pretty, but Breaux Bridge will take their 14-0 win over parish rival St. Martinville.

**Next:** Hosts Cecilia on Friday.

## 10. CROWLEY GENTS (5-2)

**Skinny:** The Gents are coming off of a loss to emerging district powerhouse LaGrange, but they have proven they are a threat in Class 4A.

**Next:** At Rayne on Friday.

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## CLASS 4A

1, St.Thomas More (6-1) lost to Teurlings 56-46

2, Neville (6-1) beat Wossman 53-13

3, Landry-Walker (6-1) beat Belle Chasse 34-6

4, Warren Easton (6-1) beat McDonogh 35 47-6

5, Teurlings (5-1) beat St. Thomas More 56-46

6, Franklinton (6-1) beat Salmen 44-10

7, Plaquemine (6-1) beat Belaire 54-16

8, Rayne (6-1) beat Eunice 20-13

9, Breaux Bridge (5-2) beat St. Martinville 14-0

10, South Terrebonne (6-1) beat Assumption 41-8

**Others receiving votes:** Edna Karr plays Grace King Saturday; Benton beat Loyola 25-10; St. Michael beat Broadmoor 19-12; Wossman lost to Neville 53-13; West Ouachita beat Richwood 28-26; Crowley lost to LaGrange 43-24; North DeSoto beat Minden 23-0; Peabody beat Tioga 52-22.

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# Craziest. Game. Ever

## Tough to argue with Teurlings-STM classic



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I wasn't even at the game, but I certainly followed the tweets of Advertiser prep editor Eric Narcisse as he kept us up to date on the progress of last Friday's Teurlings Catholic at St. Thomas More District 5-4A showdown at Cougar Stadium.

When I began to head down from the press box at the Northside-Opelousas game to speak to Vikings' quarterback Ethan Rose and head coach Trev Faulk, the visiting Rebels had just scored a touchdown to cut into a surprisingly big 43-17 deficit.

Incredibly, by the time I got into my vehicle to head back to Lafayette, Teurlings had the lead.

As I followed the game on the way home – while also getting a few phone calls from friends who had been there and left the game amazed at what was transpiring – I truly couldn't believe what I was hearing.

Somehow the Rebels turned that 43-17 third-quarter deficit into a 56-46 win on the road against the No. 1-ranked



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# Craziest

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team in Class 4A.

We often used the word 'unbelievable' and it probably doesn't even apply 90 percent of the time. What happened on Friday at Cougar Stadium is now the new standard for using that word.

Yogi Berra would have been proud to witness that game.

And it's doubtful that anyone who saw it, heard it or read about it will ever forget it.

It truly might have been the wildest, craziest high school football game the Acadiana area has ever seen.

"I've been involved in some crazy ones, but never anything like that," Teurlings coach Sonny Charpentier said. "That was definitely the craziest game I've ever seen."

## The Patterson game

As someone who loves the historical aspects of sports—usually even more than the games themselves—my immediate reaction was to try to compare this instant classic to memorable games I could recall from the past three decades of following high school football in these parts.

Ironically, the first one that came to my mind was a game that involved none other than the Teurlings Rebels.

It was 2002. I was covering a state quarterfinal game at Clark Field between Teurlings and Patterson. The Rebels led 41-24 with six minutes left to

play and somehow the Lumberjacks scored 27 points in the final six minutes to claim a 51-41 win.

"That was probably the craziest one for me until this one," Charpentier said of a game that no one attending could believe as they exited Clark Field.

Moments later, another 'Yogi Berra' game came to my mind. Again it involved Teurlings, and again it was 2002.

This was actually softball, but the principle still applies. The Rebels were leading Parkview Baptist 4-0 in the sixth inning in the state finals, and All-State pitcher Beth Provost was throwing a perfect game through 5.2 innings.

Everyone watching just assumed the game was over.

First, the Lady Eagles reached on an error and then they somehow parlayed that into five runs to claim a 5-4 win that no one there could believe.

So maybe in some strange way, the Rebels were just due to fall on the winning side of one of these remarkable turnarounds.

## 71-70

Back to football, however, the next game that came to mind was Abbeville 71, Alexandria 70 in 1996.

It was Brent Indest's third game as a head coach. There were no 39-3 rallies like Teurlings somehow put together on Friday. But Indest's Wildcats did face road deficits of 63-49 and 49-35 to Craig Nall's Trojans and won.

Perhaps the key moment in

that game was a fourth-and-seven midway through the fourth down down by 14 points. After making the decision to go for it, an assistant coach asked Indest, 'Do you really want to do this?'

Still a young head coach, he took a time-out to think about.

"I looked over at the few defensive starters who weren't starting on offense and asked them, 'If I punt, are you going to stop these guys and get the ball back?' They looked at me like I was crazy, so we went for it," Indest laughed.

Abbeville, led by quarterback Cooper Collins, converted on its way to a touchdown, before forcing a fumble and tying it at 63-all. After allowing Alexandria to score on first-and-goal from the Cats 4, Abbeville then drove down the field for a touchdown with 53 seconds left and got the two-point conversion for the win.

## 539 yards and lost

Like Teurlings at St. Thomas More on Friday, this one required a call to Ripley's.

Carencro High quarterback Lucas Taylor enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime performance back in 2004. Unfortunately, he didn't even win the game.

The future Tennessee Volunteer wide receiver rushed for 539 yards and six touchdowns on 35 carries, and got beat 53-42 to the Barbe Buccaneers in Lake Charles.

Barbe quarterback Eric Fry threw for 258 yards and three touchdowns and rushed for 195 more with two additional scores.

The two teams combined for 1,154 total yards. For the record, Teurlings and STM combined for 1,070 yards.

## Crazy sequence

Notre Dame coach Lewis Cook couldn't come up with a complete game he's coached to top STM vs. Teurlings, but he certainly knows firsthand how quickly a 26-point could potentially evaporate.

In a state regional playoff game at Wossman back in 1987, Cook's Crowley Gents endured a 50-plus second turnaround the likes no one has seen.

Leading 7-6 with just under a minute to play until halftime, First there was an interception return for a score. Then after the kickoff, the Gents' quarterback fumbled on a sack. On the next play, Wossman threw a halfback pass for a touchdown for a 20-7 lead.

Still not done, the Gents tried to end the half with a Hail Mary into the end zone after a short kickoff with about "10 to 12 seconds left" and that prayer was intercepted and returned 90-plus yards for a touchdown to give Wossman a 26-7 halftime lead.

"That taught me a lesson," Cook said. "If I had a lead in the playoffs, especially on the road, I was a lot more conservative after that game."

## Remarkable turnaround

In 2009, I covered a 5A state quarterfinal game in Baton Rouge in which Acadiana scored four touchdowns and rolled up 300 total yards in its

first four possessions of the game.

That hot start earned the Rams a 28-7 lead and many of their fans were already making state semifinal plans. Instead, the Rams turned it over five times in five second-half possessions and that incredible reversal of fortune produced a 34-28 loss to Catholic High.

## Just keep scoring

Comeaux coach Kevin Magee remembers a game as the defensive coordinator under Cook in 1986.

It was a showdown against Ville Platte and future UL quarterback James Freeman for the district title.

It turned out well for the Gents with Shane Garrett catching the game-winning pass for a 49-48 win, but Magee remembers some frustrating moments along the way.

"At one point, I just turned to Coach Cook and said, 'Y'all are going to have to keep scoring, because we can't stop them.' It was just one of those back-and-forth games."

I'm sure there are fans all across the area with other games that come to mind, and it's all subjective anyway.

But it would be awfully hard to argue with that classic played at STM this past Friday night as far as dramatic comebacks, big plays, special teams thrills and remarkable shifts in momentum.

Now comes the chore of moving on for both of these elite programs.

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# Advertiser Prep Statistical Leaders

## RUSHING

Name, School	Carries	Yards	TDs
Raymond Calais, CEC	143	1454	18
Brontre Griffin, Highland	125	1162	13
Ja'Ceiry Linzer, AES	157	1075	18
Ty'Von Griffin, CROW	134	822	11
Andre Bellefontaine, CHNI	74	773	13
Christian Veronie, CPHS	93	772	14
Jarod Henry, LOR	92	730	10
Caleb Vidrine, OC	70	722	12
John Michael Besse, Rayne	86	699	9
Julius Johnson, Kaplan	125	667	8
Seth Pierre, CHNI	82	661	11
Deontray Wilridge, Rayne	108	632	5
Trevor Begue, STM	60	609	9
Jason Pellerin, CHNI	73	599	12
Tyreik Campbell, CAR	98	596	9
Ethan Rose, NOR	55	595	7
Malik Eugene, ACAD	67	577	8
Chris Lee, NWHS	50	569	7
Deion Monroe, CPHS	110	520	11

Regan Miller, LCA

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## PASSING

Name, School	Comp	Att	Int	Yards	TDs
Cole Kelley, TCHS	123	196	6	1796	17
Drew Brown, St. Ed's	109	207	2	1716	18
William Bellamy, STM	86	141	6	1567	19
Hunter Frith, VC	97	173	6	1438	16
Timothy DeClouet, NISH	109	171	5	1427	8
Landon Roberts, CEC	71	119	6	1197	11
Tyler Gaspard, CAR	60	118	1	1172	13
Pate Broussard, CROW	70	137	6	1063	9
Regan Miller, LCA	70	113	5	822	8
Jarod Henry, LOR	59	113	6	782	8
Jason Pellerin, CHNI	39	79	3	663	9
Ty Desormeaux, NV	63	124	6	729	5
Jake Arceneaux, AES	58	109	5	720	9
Brad Stoma, NDHS	43	77	2	712	6
Jaylen Reed, Rayne	43	87	3	710	9
Ben Leblanc, Erath	54	133	6	651	8
Troy Matte, CPHS	33	57	3	632	7

Drake Guidry, BBHS	45	80	3	564	7
David Labbe, OC	34	66	1	544	8
Alex Richard, EUN	24	55	1	460	2
Gerald Broussard, WGHS	48	93	4	456	2

## RECEIVING

Player, School	Catches	Yards	TDs
Brison Savoy, NISH	52	825	6
Tyler Derouen, VC	32	753	9
Tiger Bech, STM	34	749	9
Sage Leblanc, TCHS	39	536	4
Alex Hunt, St. Ed's	34	525	5
Donald Stokes, CAR	17	499	6
Emile Trahan, VC	28	447	5
Nate Arceneaux, TCHS	18	432	6
Damien Bernard, CEC	15	428	7
Andre Bellefontaine, CHNI	13	405	3
Cullen Brown, St. Ed's	18	400	5
Brennan Ducote, AES	21	397	4
Ross Granger, Erath	18	370	4
Trevor Begue, STM	18	362	5

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see a couple of guys step up for us. We're very excited for the the win, but we know we have some corrections to make before next week."

### **Teurlings 37, St. Martinville 6**

**ST. MARTINVILLE**—If anyone thought the Teurlings Catholic Rebels were going to have a let down one week after upsetting the state's No. 1-ranked St. Thomas More Cougars, they were wrong.

Behind an efficient offense and a dominating defense, the Rebels remained unbeaten in district as they routed the St. Martinville Tigers 37-6 in District 5-4A action on Thursday.

"I don't think we played sky high (Thursday), but we played well enough to win and accomplish what we wanted to accomplish," Rebels head coach Sonny Charpentier said. "St.

Martinville played hard and their kids never gave up. Overall, I felt that we went in and accomplished what we wanted to accomplish."

Charpentier's Rebels, who improved to 6-1 overall and 4-0 in district, was pleased with his team's defensive effort against the Tigers.

"I thought we played good defense against the run," Charpentier said. "We did a great job of getting off the field on third downs."

Charpentier admits he was disappointed with a couple of drives offensively for his Rebels, one of which resulted in a turnover.

"We had an interception on one drive that happen because of a miscommunication between the quarterback and the receiver," Charpentier said. "Then on another drive, we had to settle for a field goal. But besides that I was pretty pleased with the way that we played."



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# SM Tigers no match for Rebels, fall 37-6

**St. Martinville** – The Teurlings Rebels scored their first touchdown less

## SM SH Game Stats

SM	TC
8 First Downs.....	20
146 Yds. Rushing.....	187
86 Yds. Passing.....	196
232 Total Offense.....	383
22-11 Passes Att-Com.....	23-15
2 Had Intercepted.....	1
2-0 Fumbles-Lost.....	0-0
5-29 Punts-Avg.....	2-39
2-18 Pen.-Yards.....	5-35

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

St. Martinville.....	0	0	0	6	6
Teurlings Cath.....	14	17	6	0	37

### SUMMARY

#### 1st Qtr.

TC – Nathan Arceneaux 13 pass from Cole Kelley. (Braylen Blanchard kick)

TC – Noah Harris 14 run. (Blanchard kick)

#### 2nd Qtr.

TC – Blanchard 24 FG.

TC – Jacob Landry 3 run. (Blanchard kick)

TC – Harris 1 run. (Blanchard kick)

#### 3rd Qtr.

TC – Sage LeBlanc 4 run. (Kick failed)

#### 4th Qtr.

SM – Daniel Marshall 23 pass from Jared Davis. (Pass failed)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing – SM: Kain Pitrie 15-40; Darren Countee 1-56; Nakaian Batiste 1-2; Dylan Derouselle 6-(-6); Jared Davis 5-54. TC: Noah Harris 11-87, 2 TDs; Jansen Lormand 13-77; Sage LeBlanc 1-4, TD; Jacob Landry 1-3, TD; Hayden Castille 7-19; Cole Kelley 2-(-6).

Passing – SM: Derouselle 7-14-1/28; Davis 4-7-0/58, TD; Jordan Papillion 0-1-1. TC: Kelley 13-21-1/177, TD; Castille 2-2-0/19.

Receiving – SM: Pitrie 3-14; Countee 2-33; Daniel Marshall 1-23, TD; Justin Picard 3-9; Dylan Doucet 1-5; Jeremie Simon 1-2. TC: Nathan Arceneaux 5-65, TD; Ike Hidalgo 1-17; Brody Dupuis 1-18; Grant LaGrange 1-14; Evan Heusers 1-18.

St. Martinville 0-4, 1-7; Teurlings 4-0, 6-1

This Friday: St. Martinville at St. Thomas More (2-1, 6-1)

than a minute into the game and built a 37-0 lead by early in the third period before taking their foot off the gas here last Thursday.

The hosting St. Martinville Tigers, playing the season's last home game, managed a Hail Mary touchdown on the game's final play against Rebel reserves to make the final score 37-6.

The District 5-4A mismatch saw league-leading Teurlings improve to 4-0, 6-1 while cellar dwelling St. Martinville slipped to 0-4, 1-7.

The injury-riddled Tigers dressed out only 34 players while the Rebels had almost 100, including 30 seniors, ready for action on their sideline.

With first possession in the game, St. Martinville almost scored on a double-reverse pass play. Senior Jordan Papillion ended up with the ball after the triple handoff and a streaking Tiger receiver had gotten behind the TC secondary. But Papillion's pass was badly underthrown and was picked off and returned to the SM 25.

It took Rebel QB Cole Kelley just two tosses to reach the end zone, with Nathan Arceneaux scoring on a 13-yard toss just 49 seconds into the game.

St. Martinville gambled on its next possession when the Tigers

faced a 4th-and-1 situation at their 25. Lined up for a punt, the snap went instead to Darren Countee who somehow broke out of a crowd of players and raced 56 yards to the TC 19. But on 3rd-and-one at the 10 Derouselle mishandled a low snap and fell on the ball for a five yard loss. A 32-yard field goal attempt by Zachary Theriot was wide to the left.

Teurlings struck again on its next possession, driving 80 yards in five plays for a second TD. The score came on a 14-yard carry by Noah Harris, who led all rushers in the game with 87 yards.

TC's next possession ended with an interception by Tiger Trey Wiltz at the SM 25.

Early in the second stanza the Tiger defense stopped the Rebels at the SM seven and Teurlings had to settle for a 24-yard field goal by Brayden Blanchard.

But Teurlings went on to add two more touchdowns before intermission, with the second coming on the final play of the half on a one-yard plunge by Harris.

**The Rebels got the ball first** in the second half and used just over four minutes to drive 63 yards for their final TD. Sage LeBlanc capped the

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## *SM Tigers*

drive with a four-yard run but the PAT kick was wide, leaving the score at 37-0.

The Teurlings coaches started sending in the reserves on the next series but SM's possession was aborted when sophomore QB Dyllan Derousselle was intercepted near midfield.

The game settled in to a defensive stalemate and SM coach Danny Carroll started using some of his offensive backups. Sophomore QB Jared Davis turned in a 35-yard scamper to the TC 12 on his first snap early in the fourth quarter but then threw three

incompletions and the Tigers lost the ball over on downs at the 10.

The Teurlings reserves responded with a clock-eating drive but ran out of steam at the SM 11.

With 2:25 left in the game, Davis got the Tigers moving with a 34-yard completion to Darren Countee and then scrambled for 20 yards to the TC 24. Three plays produced one yard and with the clock ticking down to zero Davis launched a desperation pass into the end zone. The ball was batted around but sophomore Daniel Marshall somehow got the catch for a touchdown as time expired. A high snap on the PAT attempt left the final score at 37-6.



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# Advertiser Top 10 Poll

## 1. CATHOLIC-NI (8-0)

**Skinny:** The Panthers took a major step toward winning the District 5-2A championship by defeating Opelousas Catholic 42-26 on Friday.

**Next:** Hosts Loreauville on Friday.

## 2. TEURLINGS CATHOLIC (6-1)

**Skinny:** There was no let down for the Rebels against the St. Martinville Tigers as they jumped on them early en route to securing its sixth win of the season.

**Next:** Hosts Westgate on Friday.

## 3. ST. THOMAS MORE (7-1)

**Skinny:** The Cougars proved the put their loss to Teurlings behind them by routing the Northside Vikings on Friday.

**Next:** Host St. Martinville on Friday.

## 4. CHURCH POINT BEARS (8-0)

**Skinny:** Make it now eight

straight wins to begin the season for the Bears who rolled past the Port Barre Red Devils on Friday.

**Next:** At Ville Platte on Friday.

## 5. OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC (7-1)

**Skinny:** The Vikings suffered their first loss of the season against the area's No. 1-ranked Catholic-N.I. Panthers on Friday, but proved they are a viable contender in 2A.

**Next:** At Delcambre on Friday.

## 6. CARENCRO BEARS (6-2)

**Skinny:** The Bears avoided falling prey to the proverbial trap game on Thursday, as they defeated the New Iberia Yellow Jackets to remain in the District 3-5A championship race.

**Next:** Host Acadiana on Friday.

## 7. CROWLEY GENTS (6-2)

**Skinny:** The Gents showed they are growing as a football team and equipped with a explosive offense rolled to an impressive win over ri-

val Rayne on Friday.

**Next:** Host Eunice on Friday.

## 8. ACADIANA RAMS (5-3)

**Skinny:** The Rams appear to have overcome their slow start to the season in enough time to put themselves in contention for the District 3-5A championship. They continued to roll with a 28-21 win over Sam Houston on Friday.

**Next:** At Carencro on Friday.

## 9. NOTRE DAME PIOS (6-2)

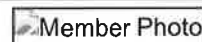
**Skinny:** The Pios continued to roll on Friday with a rout of the Abbeville Wildcats on Friday.

**Next:** At North Vermilion on Friday.

## 10. RAYNE WOLVES (6-2)

**Skinny:** The Wolves cost themselves a shot at second place in District 4-4A Friday when they were routed by the Crowley Gents.

**Next:** At Beau Chene on Friday.



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## CLASS 4A

1, Neville (7-1) beat Bastrop 48-20

2, Teurlings Catholic (6-1) beat St. Martinville 37-6

3, Landry-Walker (7-1) beat McDonogh-35 23-13

4, Warren Easton (6-1) plays Miller-McCoy Saturday

5, St. Thomas More (7-1) beat Northside 55-14

6, Franklinton (7-1) beat Lakeshore 56-14

7, Plaquemine (7-1) beat Lusher 28-14

8, Rayne (6-2) lost to Crowley 33-21

9, Breaux Bridge (6-2) beat Cecilia 20-18

10, South Terrebonne (7-1) beat Morgan City 42-7

**Others receiving votes:** Edna Karr beat Belle Chasse 27-14; Benton lost to Minden 25-24; St. Michael the Archangel beat Tara 43-7; LaGrange beat Beau Chene 43-3; North DeSoto beat Woodlawn-Shreveport 28-6; Peabody beat Bolton 20-0; West Ouachita beat Franklin Parish 22-12.

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# WESTGATE AT TEURLINGS

**Kickoff:** 7 p.m., Friday, Rebels Stadium.

**Records:** WEST2-6, 0-4; TCHS 6-1, 4-0.

**Rankings:** TCHS No. 2 in 4A.

**Last year:** TCHS won 14-0.

**Players to watch:** WEST – QB Gerald Broussard (48-93-4, 456



**Cole Kelley**

yards, 2 TDs); RB Trevor Davis (28-196, 2 TDs); RB Jhamad Allen (44-175, 1

TD); TCHS – QB Cole Kelley (123-196-6, 1796 yards, 17 TDs); RB Noah Harris (73-342, 4 TDs); WR Sage Leblanc (43-591, 4 TDs).

**Matchup:** The Teurlings Catholic Rebels are looking to continue their winning ways.

"We want to continue to play well," TC coach Sonny Charpentier said. "It is Week 9 and once you get to the end of the year, you want to be playing as well and as efficient as you possibly can. We're going into the game with some confidence, we've practiced well and I believe we are ready to play."

Lagniappe: "We have a good group here and these guys want to win the district title outright," Charpentier said. "If we're going to do that then we'll have to win the last two games."

## Westgate

Sept. 5 Lost Carencro 20-6; 12 beat Franklin 12-6; 19 lost NEW IBERIA 15-12; 26 lost BREAUX BRIDGE 26-7; Oct. 3 lost Northside 38-12; 10 lost ST. THOMAS MORE 63-13; 17 lost Cecilia 34-6; 24 beat KIPP RENAISSANCE 43-6; 31 Teurlings; Nov. 7 ST. MARTINVILLE.

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# Area Prep Football Leaders

## RUSHING

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Brontre Griffin, Highland	157	1436	18
Ja'Ceiry Linzer, AES	175	1258	21
Ty'Von Griffin, CROW	172	1115	16
Andre Bellefontaine, CHNI	99	963	15
Christian Veronie, CPHS	101	824	14
Seth Pierre, CHNI	99	783	12
Deontray Wilridge, Rayne	129	762	6
Julius Johnson, KAP	146	761	9
Caleb Vidrine, OC	78	757	12
Jarod Henry, LOR	93	754	11
John Michael Besse, NDHS	91	731	9
Jason Pellerin, CHNI	84	718	15
Tyreik Campbell, CAR	114	671	10
Ethan Rose, NOR	72	660	8
Deion Monroe, CPHS	120	613	14
Trevor Begue, STM	60	609	9
Damon Comeaux, NDHS	69	608	10
Malik Eugene, ACAD	78	601	8
Chris Lee, NWHS	50	569	7

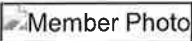
## PASSING

Name, School	Comp	Att	Int	Yards	TDs
Cole Kelley, TCHS	136	214	7	1988	18
William Bellamy, STM	101	163	6	1771	23
Drew Brown, St. Ed's	109	207	2	1716	18
Hunter Frith, VC	112	198	8	1632	18
Timothy DeClouet, NISH	121	196	8	1563	8
Tyler Gaspard, CAR	80	151	2	1364	14
Landon Roberts, CEC	82	138	6	1359	13
Pate Broussard, CROW	79	151	6	1184	9
Jake Arceneaux, AES	70	125	5	1034	10
Brad Stoma, NDHS	53	90	2	871	9
Regan Miller, LCA	74	132	8	864	8
Jaylen Reed, Rayne	51	103	4	852	11
Ty Desormeaux, NVHS	74	138	6	886	8
Jarod Henry, LOR	61	118	6	828	8
Jason Pellerin, CHNI	41	73	2	800	9
Troy Matte, CPHS	37	67	4	733	7
Ben Leblanc, Erath	60	147	6	707	10
David Labbe, OC	40	84	1	681	9
Drake Guidry, BBHS	53	88	4	607	7

Tre Celestine, LHS	36	70	4	523	6
Ethan Rose, NOR	36	95	12	519	4

## RECEIVING

Player, School	Catches	Yards	TDs
Brisson Savoy, NISH	59	912	6
Tyler Derouen, VC	38	867	11
Tiger Bech, STM	34	749	9
Sage Leblanc, TCHS	43	591	4
Damien Bernard, CEC	21	532	7
Alex Hunt, St. Ed's	34	525	5
Nate Arceneaux, TCHS	22	505	7
Donald Stokes, CAR	17	487	6
Emile Trahan, VC	33	482	5
Brennan Ducote, AES	25	440	4
Trevon Fontenot, Rayne	23	437	5
Josh Hamilton, NISH	30	431	2
Ross Granger, Erath	21	415	6
Cullen Brown, St. Ed's	18	400	5
Trevor Begue, STM	18	362	5
Zach Ronquillo, AES	29	357	5



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## LeBlanc's big play helps Rebels to 42-6 win

By Chad Washington  
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With the offense sputtering and needing a spark, Teurlings Catholic Sage LeBlanc delivered it when the Rebels needed the most.

Like he has done this season, LeBlanc took the pass from quarterback Cole Kelley and took off for a 64-yard touchdown that put Teurlings in control of a 42-6 win over Westgate on Friday night.

LeBlanc has been the spark plug for the Teurlings offense this season, with 712 yards on 46 receptions this season, good for 15.5 yards per reception and six touchdowns.

He had 121 yards on only three catches and two touchdowns in Friday's win over the Tigers, all coming in the first half.

"He's a playmaker," Teurlings head coach Sonny Charpentier said. "He's been one since he's been here. (Westgate) was trying to double-teaming him and we were able to get the ball to him."

While the offense struggled for most of the night, the Rebels relied on defense and big special teams play to get a big lead. Teurlings struck first when Kelley found LeBlanc for a 25-yard touchdown pass midway in the first quarter.

Then early in the second quarter with Westgate backed up to their own 8, Rebel defensive lineman Hunter LeBreton was able to block the Tigers' punt and linebacker Jonathon Fontenot recovered the ball in the end zone for the touchdown.



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Running back Noah Harris ran in for the two-point conversion to make it 15-0.

Then with 16 seconds left in the half, Kelley hit LeBlanc over the middle, and LeBlanc used his speed to go 64 yards for the score to make it 29-0 at halftime.

"We were trying to score before halftime and get things going and get momentum," LeBlanc said. "Once I saw the ball, I knew I was catching and I turned and was gone."

Teurlings scored two more times in the second half as Harris scored on a 5-yard touchdown run and Kelley plunged in from a yard out to make it 42-0 going to the fourth quarter. Westgate finally got on the board in the final minute of the game as Tyler Phillips scored from 5 yards out.

It wasn't the best night for Kelley - who was 5-of-14 for 142 yards - but he was effective with two touchdowns.

"We came out slow sometimes, but we ended up clicking," LeBlanc said. "Cole changes a few plays here and there to get us going."

The win keeps the Rebels' chances strong for a high seed in the playoffs going, but with a tough Northside team coming to Teurlings next week, Friday's win showed that the Rebels are still a strong team, even not at their best.

"I don't think we were as sharp offensively, but the defense played well tonight and our special teams were good," Charpentier said. "We were able to make some plays to come out with an easy win."



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## TEURLINGS 42, WESTGATE 6

Westgate	0	0	0	6 -	6
Teurlings	7	22	6	0 -	42

### First Quarter

TC - Safe Leblanc 20 pass from Cole Kelley (Brayden Blanchard kick)

### Second Quarter

TC - Jonathan Fonrtenot endzone recovery (Noah Harris run)

TC - Harris 12 run (Blanchard kick)

TC - LaBlanc 64 pass from Kelley (Blanchard kick)

### Third Quarter

TC - Harris 5 run (kick blocked)

TC - Kelley 1 run (Blanchard kick)

### Fourth Quarter

WEST - Tyler Phillips 5 run (kick blocked)

	WEST	TC
First Downs	12	12
Rush-yds	51-154	27-125
Passing	48	142
Att-comp-int	4-13-0	5-15-1
Total Offense	202	267
Punts-avg	9-22	3-50.3
Fumbles-lost	3-2	2-1
Penalties-yds	8-53	5-39

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - WEST: Trevon Doucet 26-82; Tyler Phillips 11-44; Jordan Touriac 1-15; Trevor Davis 4-11. TC: Noah Harris 8-72 Jansen Lormand 6-36; Hayden Cantrelle 2-14.

PASSING - WEST: Gerald Broussard 14-11-0-48. TC: Cole Kelley 5-14-1-142.

RECEIVING - WEST: John Charles 2-45. TC: Sage Leblanc 3-121; Noah Harris 1-15.



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# Rebels try to nail down 5-4A district title

By Eric Narcisse

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Winning district championships is nothing new for the Teurlings Catholic Rebels.

In recent years, however, accomplishing that feat without having to share it with at least one other team in the district has proven to be quite difficult.

But at 7 p.m. Friday, when they play host to the Northside Vikings, the state's No. 2-ranked Rebels will have the opportunity to win the District 5-4A championship outright for the first time in several years.

"We want to go out and finish this thing off," TC coach Sonny Charpentier said. "We are in a position to win the district title

**Kickoff:** 7 p.m. Friday at Rebel Field.

**Records:** NOR 4-5, 2-3; TC 8-1, 5-0.

**Radio:** 107.1 FM.

**Rankings:** Teurlings No. 2 in Class 4A.

**Last year:** Teurlings won 44-14.

**Players to Watch:** NHS: QB Ethan Rose (41-109-14, 622 yds, 5 TD passing, 92-950, 12 TDs rushing), RB Cozenski Alfred (125-607, 8 TDs), WR Trevor Breaux (12-209, 2 TDs); TC QB Cole Kelley (141-228-8, 2,130 yds, 20 TDs), RB Noah Harris (81-414, 6 TDs), RB Sage LeBlanc (46-712, 6 TDs receiving).

and not have to share it like we did last year when we finished tied with St. Thomas More and Breaux Bridge. If we can do it, it will be our second

## Northside

Sept. 5 Lost ACADIANA 55-6; 12 lost Carencro 28-19; 19 beat EVANGEL 13-10; 26 beat St. Martinville 32-7; Oct. 3 beat WESTGATE 38-12; 10 lost BREAUX BRIDGE 40-0; 17 beat Opelousas 42-0; 24 lost to STM 55-14; 31 lost to Cecilia 41-40; Nov. 7 Teurlings.

## Teurlings

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outright district championship in six years."

The Rebels, who are 8-1 overall and 5-0 in dis-

trict, are going to be facing a Vikings' team that is desperate for a victory as they attempt to keep their playoff hopes alive.

"It is looking like we need to win to get in," Vikings head coach Trev Faulk said. "I've heard people tell me that we can get in even if we lose, but you hate to back in to the playoffs when you have a chance to control your own destiny.

"We know that is going to be a challenge, but we're excited about the opportunity. We are embracing the challenge and the opportunity to go out and compete with a really good football team."

Playing against a team that is playing to extend its season isn't much of a concern for Charpentier

because his Rebels have plenty to play for as well.

"It's not a concern at all," Charpentier said. "Our kids know the situation. They understand if they are going to be successful in knocking off the Vikings they must contain quarterback Ethan Rose.

Rose is the Vikings' most electrifying player and a threat to score every time he touches the football.

"It all starts with the Rose kid," Charpentier said. "He's an exciting football player who presents problems for defenses with his legs and his arm. He can definitely beat you with his legs obviously, but Northside has enough guys around him where he can beat you throwing it as well."



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Teurlings Catholic's Nathan Arceneaux (7) and Greg Grappe (77) celebrate Arceneaux's touchdown during the win over Northside that wrapped up the District 5-4A crown.



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# Rebels take title

By Chad Washington

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Don't tell Teurlings Catholic head coach Sonny Charpentier that winning a district title doesn't mean anything anymore.

He and the Rebels finished off an undefeated District 5-4A record as quarterback Cole Kelley threw for 312 yards and six touchdowns to lead Teurlings to a 65-35 win over Northside Friday night at Rebel Field. The Vikings had a 21-10 first-half lead, but the Rebels scored 48 straight points to get the win and the district title outright.

"It means a lot. I'm 58 years old and I remember when district titles meant a lot," Charpentier said. "As long as they keep saying it and we have a district and we are playing for that championship, it means a hell of a lot to these guys, and I'm extremely proud of them."

The win also means that Teurlings will host a first-round Division I playoff game next Friday night.

And with the playoffs looming, Kelley – who was 21-of-31 for 312 yards – was on his game after a couple of games where he wasn't as sharp as he has been all year.

"I don't think Cole was off-track, I think during the course of the season, you're going to have some not-so-good games," Charpentier said. "I thought he had a

great week of preparation and he's just got it. He plays each play in itself, he doesn't worry about what happened before, he just keeps playing."

The Rebels got things going with Nate Arceneaux taking the opening kickoff and weaving down the sideline for an 85-yard touchdown return, but Northside responded with a long drive capped with a 23-yard touchdown run by Rose to tie it up.

Brayden Blanchard's 22-yard field goal put Teurlings up 10-7.

In the second quarter, Rose finds receiver Phabien Ryan for a 14-yard touchdown pass that put the Vikings ahead 17-14. Then after an interception by Chance Sam, running back Cozenski Alfred breaks off a 42-yard run that set up a 3-yard touchdown run by Rose to put Northside up 21-10 with 7:41 left in the first half.

Teurlings responds on the ensuing kickoff as Arceneaux got another nice return to the Northside 11 that set up an 11-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Cole Kelley to Sage LeBlanc to cut the lead to four.

Then after Northside's field goal attempt was blown up on a high snap, the Rebels drove 80 yards in 10 plays, as Kelley hit Arceneaux for a 47-yard touchdown to put Teurlings back ahead, 24-21.

The Rebels got the ball back with a minute left in the half and

ran a strong two-minute drill that resulted in Kelley hitting LeBlanc over the middle and weaving past Viking defenders for a 20-yard touchdown with 13 seconds left in the half to put Teurlings up 31-21 at the half.

The beat continued for the Rebels as Kelley hit Arceneaux for a 44-yard touchdown strike. Then after Northside fumbled the ball deep in Rebel territory and Teurlings recovered, then Kelly hit LeBlanc for a 28-yard touchdown that put Teurlings up 44-21. LeBlanc had 12 catches for 155 yards and three touchdowns on the night.

"We came out and played well," Charpentier said. "(Rose) we couldn't tackle a couple of times, but I think we had 48 unanswered points when we were down 21-10. So we just kept playing and the guys didn't panic."

Kelley then found running back Jacob Landry for a 17-yard touchdown throw to make it 51-21 to open the fourth quarter. After that, both teams traded touchdowns to hit the 100-mark in points for the game.

"We gave up too many plays to a really good football team to really give ourselves a chance," Northside head coach Trev Faulk said. "But hats off to them. For them to go undefeated throughout our district says a lot about the quality of football program, so congratulations to those guys."



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## TEURLINGS 65, NORTHSIDE 35

NHS	7	14	0	14	-	35
TCHS	10	21	13	21	-	65

### First Quarter

TCHS - Nate Arceneaux 85 kickoff return (Brayden Blanchard kick)

NHS - Ethan Rose 23 run (kick good)

TCHS - Blanchard 22 FG

### Second Quarter

NHS - Phabien Ryan 14 pass from Rose (kick good)

NHS - Rose 3 run (kick good)

TCHS - Sage LeBlanc 11 pass from Cole Kelley (Blanchard kick)

TCHS - Arceneaux 47 pass from Kelley (Blanchard kick)

TCHS - LeBlanc 20 pass from Kelley (Blanchard kick)

### Third Quarter

TCHS - Arceneaux 44 pass from Kelley (Blanchard kick)

TCHS - LeBlanc 22 pass from Kelley (kick failed)

### Fourth Quarter

TCHS - Jacob Landry 17 pass from Kelley (Blanchard kick)

TCHS - Noah Harris 16 run (Blanchard kick)

NHS - Ryan 22 pass from Rose (kick good)

TCHS - Jansen Lormand 49 run (Blanchard kick)

NHS - Trevor Breau 29 pass from Rose (kick good)

	NHS	TCHS
First Downs	23	26
Rushing	270	161
Passing	171	330
Comp-Att-Int	8-13-0	13-25-0
Total yards	441	491
Punts-avg	-	-
Fumbles-lost	-	-
Penalties-yds	5-55	6-50

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS



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## District 5-4A

Teurlings	9-1	6-0
St. Thomas More	9-1	5-1
Breaux Bridge	6-3	4-2
Cecilia	4-6	3-3
Northside	4-6	2-4
Westgate	3-7	1-5
St. Martinville	1-9	0-6

### Friday's Games

Teurlings 65, Northside  
35  
STM 25, Breaux Bridge 7  
S. Terrebonne 49, Cecilia  
20  
Westgate 18, St. Martin-  
ville 17

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## Division I

This bracket of juggernauts is topped by two returning state champions in John Curtis and Rummel.

No. 3 St. Thomas More and No. 7 Teurlings Catholic won't have to meet again in the second round as some suspected, but still face tough battles real soon.

The Cougars get a bye and will face the Jesuit-St. Augustine winner. Jesuit is seeded higher and St. Augustine beat John Curtis earlier this season.

Teurlings, meanwhile, will host Holy Cross on Friday and then potentially Rummel in the second round. The Raiders have wins over St. Augustine, Brother Martin, Acadiana and Catholic-BR this year.

"Either way we were going to play a good football team," Charpentier said. "Holy Cross is a good football team and we'll have to play well to beat them."

And as for that potential meeting against Rummel, Charpentier says they'll worry about it if they are "fortunate enough" to get past Holy Cross.

"We know everything has to go through Rummel anyway," Charpentier said. "If you want to win it then you are going to have to beat Rummel. They are the champs until they aren't the champs. But we have to worry about Holy Cross."

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Hunter Frith, VC	161	272	9	2315	21
Timothy DeClouet, NISH	159	259	14	2110	11
Drew Brown, St. Ed's	131	250	3	1964	22
Landon Roberts, CEC	103	177	9	1720	18
Tyler Gaspard, CAR	99	189	5	1685	16
Jake Arceneaux, AES	96	170	7	1388	16
Pate Broussard, CROW	91	175	8	1338	11
Ty Desormeaux, NV	98	170	9	1199	12
Brad Stoma, NDHS	74	118	3	1154	14
Jaylen Reed, Rayne	63	124	5	1051	14
Regan Miller, LCA	88	153	8	1036	8
Jarod Henry, LOR	79	148	7	1033	12
Jason Pellerin, CHNI	55	96	2	995	10
Troy Matte, CPHS	50	94	4	911	8
David Labbe, OC	50	104	3	832	12
Ben Leblanc, Erath	73	172	6	825	11
Ethan Rose, NOR	49	125	14	791	8
Alex Richard, EUN	37	77	2	745	6
Tre Celestine, LHS	47	105	7	658	6

## RECEIVING

Player, School	Catches	Yards	TDs
Brison Savoy, NISH	72	1105	8
Tyler Derouen, VC	50	976	11
Sage Leblanc, TCHS	56	833	9
Tiger Bech, STM	43	825	11
Nate Arceneaux, TCHS	27	647	9
Donald Stokes, CAR	22	631	7
Brennan Ducote, AES	33	626	6
Josh Hamilton, NISH	39	615	2
Damien Bernard, CEC	25	597	8
Emile Trahan, VC	42	577	6
Alex Hunt, St. Ed's	36	539	5
Kenya Dartez, CEC	25	464	5
Ross Granger, Erath	25	450	6
Bryce Badon, LCA	38	444	4
Trevon Fontenot, Rayne	23	437	5
Jacq'Co Price, CROW	27	436	4



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Teurlings Catholic's Dylan Batiste (1) and teammate Justin Murray (24) prepare for state playoff opener against Holy Cross.

# TOUGH EARLY TEST

## Rebels await talented Holy Cross in first round

By Eric Narcisse  
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In the high school playoffs, often times the first-round match for a highly ranked team typically is a cakewalk.

But for the No. 7-seeded Teurlings Catholic Rebels, who will play host to the No. 10-seeded Holy Cross Tigers at 7 p.m. Friday in the first round of the Division I playoffs, it figures to be anything but a

### HOLY CROSS AT TEURLINGS

**Kickoff:** 7 p.m., Friday, Rebel Stadium.

**Records:** HC 5-5; TCHS 8-1.

**Seed:** HC No. 10; TCHS No. 7.

**Next:** Winner at Rummel.

**Players to watch:** HC – WR Michael Chigbu. TCHS – QB Cole Kelley (154-253-8, 2460 yards, 26 TDs); RB Noah Harris (92-464, 8 TDs); WR Sage Leblanc (56-833, 9 TDs); WR Nate Arceneaux (27-647, 9 TDs); WR Ike Hidalgo (22-311, 1 TD).

walk in the park.

"They are a good football team and the biggest thing about them is that they are used to playing against good football teams on a weekly basis," Rebels head coach Sonny Charpentier said. "They have a lot of weapons and they run an up-tempo

no-huddle offense."

Among those weapons for the Tigers is their big-play receiver Michael Chigbu. Chigbu, who is 6-2 and 215-pounds, is a Georgia commitment.

"They have a kid (Chigbu) who is a matchup nightmare for us on the perimeter," Charpentier said. "He's a guy who is big, fast and he catches the ball really well."

But Chigbu is only one of the reasons why the Rebels' defense led by Asa Miller, linebackers Alec Robertson and Dylan Batiste and safety Brandon Batiste, are going to play a pivotal role in whether or not Teurlings advances to the quarterfinals.

"Their running back is really good and he might be their best offensive player,"

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## Rebels

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Charpentier said. "They have weapons, so the biggest thing for us is getting them off of the field. We can't allow them to control the ball the entire game because we want as many possessions on offense as we can get. They aren't a big play team, but they will nickle and dime you to death."

Asking their defense to turn in a great performance isn't unusual for Charpentier and his staff, because they admit they rely upon that unit every week.

"Our defense is the key to our success and it is always that way," Charpentier said. "When our defense plays well, gives us the ball via turnovers or gives us a short-field we're capable of taking advantage of it. They've done a great job all year."

The offensive firepower the Rebels possess led by quarterback Cole Kelley, running back Noah Harris and receivers Sage Leblanc and Nate Arceneaux receives a lot of attention, but the defensive unit has been consistent week in and week out according to Charpentier.

"Defensively, we have been very consistent," Charpentier said. "We have played extremely well on that side of the ball all year long. We haven't had a lot of peaks and valleys on defense, but on offense we have had some peaks and valleys. Defensively, even when we have had to have some guys step in for some injured guys, we didn't miss a whole lot. It's going to come down to us stopping the run and putting them in some predictable situations."



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What won't happen according to Charpentier is the Rebels overlooking the Tigers and focusing on a possible showdown against the defending Division I state champs Rummel.

"No one will be looking ahead," Charpentier said. "Our guys are mature enough to know they can't overlook anyone. Yes, everyone looks at the bracket and we know how it falls, but none of it can happen if we don't take care of business (today)."

#### **Holy Cross**

Sept. 5 Lost Covington 24-21; 12 beat SULPHUR 34-27; 19 beat Chalmette 21-14; 26 beat West St. John 28-8; Oct. 4 beat Bonnabel 27-7; 10 lost Jesuit 56-14; 17 lost BROTHER MARTIN 42-10; 24 beat ST. AUGUSTINE 38-20; 31 lost RUMMEL 31-7; Nov. 8 lost Shaw 27-21; 14 Teurlings.

#### **Teurlings**

Sept. 5 Lost UNIVERSITY 36-35; 12 beat New Iberia 36-0; 19 beat NOTRE DAME 17-14; 26 beat CECILIA 55-25; Oct. 3 beat Breaux Bridge 31-15; 10 OPEN; 17 beat St. Thomas More 56-46; 23 beat St. Martinville 37-6; 31 beat WESTGATE 42-6; Nov. 7 beat NORTHSIDE 65-35.



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GAME OF THE WEEK

# Rebels grind it out



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Teurlings Catholic's Noah Harris (27) breaks a tackle attempt by Holy Cross defender Peyton Ritz (20) during his 100-yard rushing performance Friday.

## Run game delivers big in Teurlings' blowout

By Kevin Foote  
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When you have an offense as explosive as the Teurlings Catholic Rebels possess, putting up numbers in a hurry can look easy at times.

One week after posting 65 points mostly on the arm of quarterback Cole Kelley, the Rebels went to the ground

game in Friday's Division 1 first-round playoff game and it paid huge dividends.

The Rebels collected 242 rushing yards - behind the 101-yard performance from Noah Harris - in putting away visiting Holy Cross of New Orleans 45-21 at Teurlings Stadium.

No. 7-seeded Teurlings will now travel to meet No. 2 and defending state champion Rum-

mel in the second round.

"We noticed (at half) that they didn't really stop us (on the ground)," Teurlings coach Sonny Charpentier said. "They never adjusted, so we just kept pounding it."

The Rebels (now 9-1) went into the locker room with a lot more competitive game on their hands than they probably would have liked. Holy Cross

connected on a 22-yard touchdown pass to Laiton Johnson with 17 seconds left until intermission to narrow the gap to 17-14.

At the time, the Rebels were outrushing and outpassing the Tigers, so Teurlings began the third period with what was working best - the running

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game.

So after taking the second-half kickoff, Teurlings ran it nine of 11 plays, and the lone completion was to a running back. Harris did the trick with a 2-yard touchdown run for a 24-14 lead with 7:52 left in the third.

The Tigers' offense then picked an awfully bad time for a three-and-out, giving the ball back to Teurlings.

This time, the Rebels went back to the passing game some.

First, Kelley hit Sage LeBlanc for 10 yards and then Ike Hidalgo for 38. Harris then finished off the drive with another 2-yard touchdown run for a commanding 31-14 lead with 4:07 left in the third and Teurlings never looked back.

Harris finished the game with 101 yards and three touchdowns on 16 carries, in addition to two receptions for 24 yards.

"Noah's a good back," Charpentier said. "He's just in an offense that doesn't really feature him."



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Teurlings Catholic's Jacob Landry (10) celebrates with teammate Asa Miller (25) after Miller's second-quarter touchdown against Holy Cross on Friday.

Ironically, the other rushing star on the night was Kelley himself. The 6-foot-7 quarterback ran over and through enough Holy Cross defenders to finish with 65 yards and a touchdown on eight carries.

Jansen Lormand certainly did his part with 34 yards on five carries, not to mention a 23-yard reception.

And then there's the electrifying Sage LeBlanc. He had five carries for 39 yards, four receptions for 100 yards and a touchdown and brought the fans to their feet ev-

ery time they kicked to him.

With the Rebels leading just 3-0 late in the first period, LeBlanc some broke loose from the coverage team for a 59-yard punt return to the Holy Cross 18 to set up an eventual 3-yard touchdown to Asa Miller.

On the next punt to him, LeBlanc was at it again with a 39-yard punt return to set up the first of Harris' three touchdown runs.

"I love it," LeBlanc said of his elusive work in the return game. "Every time I get the ball, they (team-

mates on return team) are all blocking 100 percent."

As good a game as the Rebels' rushing attack had, it wasn't like Kelley didn't make a dent in the passing game, completing 12 of 23 passes for 236 yards and two touchdowns.

"I think he (Kelley) as a little off tonight," Charpentier said. "They (Holy Cross) did a good job of holding us down on the outside guys a couple of times, but I think he just misfired a couple of times. Overall, I thought he did a good job."

By the end of his interview, though, LeBlanc deflected the praise toward the Rebels' defense, which also got it done on the line of scrimmage. Running back Tre Turner was stifled all night long, being limited to 29 yards on 16 carries.

In fact, the only real rushing took place on scrambling by quarterback Kyle Hunter, who had 97 yards on 21 carries.

Wide receiver Michael Chigbu, a Georgia Tech commitment, didn't really impact the game until the second half, but did finish with eight receptions for 138 yards and a touchdown.



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# TEURLINGS 45, HOLY CROSS 21

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**Teurlings 3 14 14 14 - 45**

**First Quarter**

TEUR - Brayden Blanchard 30 FG

**Second Quarter**

TEUR - Asa Miller 3 pass from Cole Kelley (Blanchard kick)

HC - Michael Chigbu 4 pass from Kyle Hunter (Reed Gravolet kick)

TEUR - Noah Harris 3 run (Blanchard kick)

HC - Laiton Johnson 22 pass from Hunter (Gravolet kick)

**Third Quarter**

TEUR - Noah Harris 2 run (Blanchard kick)

TEUR - Noah Harris 2 run (Blanchard kick)

**Fourth Quarter**

TEUR - Sage LeBlanc 58 pass from Kelley (Blanchard kick)

HC - Chigbu 68 pass from Hunter (Gravolet kick)

TEUR - Kelley 6 run (Blanchard kick)

	HC	TEUR
First Downs	16	25
Rushing Yards	126	242
Passing Yards	244	236
Comp-att-int	15-27-0	12-23-0
Total Offense	370	478
Punts-avg	4-32	0-0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-yds	9-75	9-80

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING** - HC: Hunter 21-97; Tre Turner 16-29. TEUR: Noah Harris 16-101, 3 TDs; Jansen Lormand 5-34; Gage LeBlanc 5-39; Cole Kelley 7-65, TD.

**PASSING** - HC: Hunter 15-25-0, 244 yds, 3 TDs; Kyle Schexnayder 0-2-0-0. TEUR: Kelley 12-23-0, 236 yds, 2 TDs.

**RECEIVING** - HC: Michael Chigbu 8-138, 2 TDs; Darius Rodrigue 4-67; Turner 1-20; Johnson 2-29, TD. TEUR: Sage LeBlanc 4-100, TD; Lormand 1-23; Ike Hidalgo 2-53; Nate Arceaux 1-(-2); Asa Miller 1-3, TD; Grant LaGrance 1-35; Noah Harris 2-24.



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Teurlings Catholic's Noah Harris (27) breaks a tackle attempt by Holy Cross defender Peyton Ritz (20) during his 100-yard rushing performance Friday.

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**Teurlings Catholic's Jacob Landry (10) celebrates with teammate Asa Miller (25) after Miller's second-quarter touchdown against Holy Cross on Friday.**

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# Rebels challenge champion Rummel

By Kevin Foote

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Both coaches would love to be playing a lesser opponent the week before Thanksgiving.

Normally, preparing for teams as good as the No. 2-seeded Rummel Raiders or the No. 7 Teurlings Catholic Rebels doesn't come until December, or real close to it.

But coach Jay Roth's Raiders and Sonny Charpentier's Rebels didn't get to be 10-0 and 9-1, respectively, by playing scared. So it figures to be quite a confrontation between the Rebels' powerful offense against Rummel's stingy defense at 7 p.m. Saturday at Joe Yenni Stadium in Metairie.

"Teurlings is the best team we've played so far this year," Roth said. "We haven't faced an offense like since two or three years ago in 5A with that Barbe team. Really, they kind of remind me of those Evangel teams of the late 1990s. They're that explosive on offense, and they execute so well on the special teams as well."

While the Rebels are certainly worthy of such

## TEURLINGS AT RUMMEL

**Game:** 7 p.m., Saturday, Joe Yenni Stadium in Metairie.

**Records:** TC 9-1; RUMM 10-0.

**Seeds:** TC No. 7; RUMM No. 2.

**Next:** STM-Jesuit winner.

**Players to Watch:** TC – QB Cole Kelley (166-276-8, 2696 yds, 28 TDs); RB Noah Harris (108-565, 11 TDs); RB Jansen Lormand (45-310, 2 TDs); WR Sage LeBlanc (60-933, 10 TDs); Nate Arce-neaux (28-556, 9 TDs); WR Ike Hidalgo (24-364, 1 TD); RUMM – QB Chase Fourcade (94-150-6, 1463 yds, 13 TDs; 79-382, 12 TDs rush); RB Maurice Bailey (124-795, 6 TDs); RB Brandon Phillips (116-726, 8 TDs); WR Damion Jeanpiere (25-388, 4 TDs); WR Ashanti Wheatley (25-280, 2 TDs).

praise, don't be fooled. Roth's Raiders are as well. Rummel's defense include a pair of powerful lineman in OU commit Tyrell Jacobs (5.5 sacks)

### Teurlings

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### Rummel

Sept. 5 Beat East St. John 39-0; 12 beat Hahnville 37-31; 20 beat ACADIANA 34-9; 26 beat Catholic-BR 17-14; Oct. 3 beat Dutchtown 37-6; 11 beat SHAW 56-14; 18 beat St. Augustine 35-6; 25 beat JESUIT 10-7; 31 beat Holy Cross 31-7; Nov. 8 beat BROTHER MARTIN 45-24; 15 BYE.

and Missississippi State commit Briston Guidry (7.5), as well as another top-notch prospect in the secondary in Kristian Fulton (10 ints., 8 PBUs).

"We're going to be smart about it (attacking Fulton)," Charpentier said, "but we're not going to be consumed by it."

As a defense, Rummel has 17 interceptions.

"I'm not saying they have a college football player at every position, because they don't," Charpentier said, "but they hae a lot of really good high school players along with some college players. There are no weak spots that you can exploit."

One potential advantage the Rebels possess is the strong arm of Chase Kelley.

"We haven't faced a quarterback like that kid (this year)," Roth said. "He can throw the ball 50 yards on the run. Offensively, we really need to control the ball."



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# Valiant effort but Rebels fall short

By Eric Narcisse

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NEW ORLEANS Other than the people within their locker room and their community, not too many people gave Teurlings Catholic much of a chance to upset the defending Division I state champions Rummel.

With a play here or there, it could have been a different story but in the end the Rebels fell short as they were defeated 28-20 by Rummel in the quarterfinals of the playoffs on Saturday.

"Our guys played really hard," Rebels head coach Sonny Charpentier said. "I won't say impressed by the way we played, because I'm not. Being impressed would imply that I was surprised and I'm not. I knew what our kids would give us. I knew they would go out there, give effort and play well. We just didn't play well enough to win."

Defensively, the Rebels were sensational to start as they held Rummel to only seven first

half points en route to trailing 7-0 at halftime.

"If we could have gotten a touchdown or a field goal right before halftime that would have been huge," Charpentier said. "We had some opportunities, but we just had our drives fizzle."

The Rebels had one turnover in the game - an interception returned for a touchdown - that helped Rummel extend their lead in the second half to 14-0.

Although Teurlings eventually were able to get on the board, they found themselves exchanging scoring plays that left them short in the end.

"We just couldn't get the ball from them," Charpentier said. "They just pounded us. Not being able to stop the run when we had to was the difference in the game. They kept the ball away from us and when that is happening one or two mistakes are magnified."

At the end of the game, Charpentier expressed to his team just how pleased he was to be their coach.

"I told them how proud of them I am and that I was glad to be their coach," Charpentier said. "We had a special year and I know there was a lot of disappointment on those three busses coming back to Lafayette, but it was a special year. We were good enough to win (Saturday), but we just didn't make enough plays to win."

## Then there were three

As the high school football season continues to wind down, the Acadiana area has three teams - Catholic High of New Iberia, Notre Dame and Acadiana - remaining in the playoffs.

While for some areas three would be plenty, in the Acadiana area Rams head coach Ted Davidson and Pioneers head coach Lewis Cook were surprised there weren't more teams still alive.

"I thought that we had three just on the select side," Cook said. "I didn't know we only had three in the entire playoffs. That

is very surprising to me because I would have thought we would have had more. I would have thought we would have five or six teams because we are only in week two of the playoffs on the non-select side. Wow, that's surprising."

"I know that we had a chance to have more," Davidson said. "I'm surprised by Church Point, but I heard that North Webster was really good. Teurlings and St. Thomas More both had tough matchups and I saw Jesus on film they are a good solid team. We saw Rummel up close. But it is surprising that we didn't have more."

All three of the area's remaining teams will be on the road this week, but the coaches agree that it isn't as much of a big deal as people make it seem.

"I really don't think it is a big deal to go on the road and play in high school," Davidson said. "Everyone likes to be at home because you get to stay in routine plus you get a neutral crew helps a lot. But we have won a lot

of big playoff games on the road in the past. So, yes I think the whole playing on the road thing is overblown because once the game starts it's still a 100 yard field."

"It's not like going play in Death Valley or anything like that," Panthers head coach Brent Indest said. "I think playing on the road is more of an advantage in college than it is in high school. There is no real crowd noise to deal with at high school games, so there isn't really an advantage."

Cook believes in the playoffs it is actually better to be on the road than at home because "you have less distractions."

"It's not as tough to play on the road in high school as it is to playing on the road in college," Cook said. "On the high school level it is easier on the road because you don't have to worry about tickets and game management. We have won on the road before, so we just have to go out there and give it our best shot."



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**Teurlings Catholic quarterback Cole Kelley is the Offensive MVP in District 5-4A.**



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## DISTRICT 5-4A

### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

	HT	WT	CL
WR Sage Leblanc, Teurlings	5-7	160	SR
WR Tiger Bech, STM	5-9	173	SR
TE Rusty Robin, Cecilia	6-1	180	SR
OT Kenneth Davis, Breaux Bridge	5-11	235	JR
OT O'Shea Dugas, Northside	6-5	295	SR
OG Tyler Senegal, Cecilia	6-0	340	SR
OG Ashton Whaley, Teurlings	6-2	280	JR
C Zach Ashy, Teurlings	5-10	190	SR
QB Cole Kelley, Teurlings	6-7	240	JR
RB Raymond Calais Jr., Cecilia	5-9	170	JR
RB Cozenski Alfred, Northside	5-6	160	SR
RB Trevor Begue, STM	5-10	170	JR
RS Joseph Williams, Breaux Bridge	5-10	190	SR
AT Ethan Rose, Northside	6'0	185	SR
PK Brayden Blanchard, Teurlings	5'9	165	JR

### FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

	HT	WT	CL
DL Darius Gordon, Cecilia	6-0	320	JR
DL Robbie McElderry, STM	6-4	240	SR
DL Tyler Shelvin, Northside	6-3	290	SO
DL Diondre Wilson, Breaux Bridge	5-11	220	SR
LB Brennan Bourgeois, STM	6-0	210	SR
LB Orel Ledet, Breaux Bridge	6-0	200	SR
LB Asa Miller, Teurlings	6-2	230	SR
LB Jordan Williams, Northside	6-0	230	SR
DB Jacoby Broussard, STM	5-8	170	SR
DB Gavin Royer, Teurlings	6-1	195	SR
DB Quinton Thibodeaux, BBHS	5-10	165	SR
DB Joseph Williams, Breaux Bridge	5-9	180	SR
P Nathan Arceneaux, Teurlings	6-1	190	SR

### OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Cole Kelly, Teurlings Catholic

### DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Joseph Williams, Breaux Bridge

### COACH OF THE YEAR

Sonny Charpentier, Teurlings Catholic

### SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

WR - Nathan Arceneaux, Teurlings, Damien Bernard, Cecilia; TE - Jacob Landry, Teurlings; OT - Brilan Degeyter, Teurlings, Garon Domingue, STM; OG - Payton Logan, STM, Cody Broussard, Breaux Bridge; C - Luke St. Pe, STM; QB - William Bellamy, STM; RB - Marquis Demonger, Breaux Bridge, Ruben Hypolite, Breaux Bridge, Deuce Wallace, STM; RS - Nathan Arceneaux, Teurlings; PK - Bailey Raborn, STM; ATH - Kenya Dartez, Cecilia.

### SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL - Ashton Boudreaux, Teurlings, Jalen Briscoe, Westgate, Jacob Mouton, STM, Keithan Cormier, Breaux Bridge; LB - Devarion Joseph, Westgate, John Corry, STM, Brandon Toussaint, Breaux Bridge, Alec Robertson, Teurlings; DB - Brandon Batiste, Teurlings, Dylan Batiste, Teurlings, Mason Templet, STM, Keldrick Zeno,



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## PREP FOOTBALL

### LSWA Class 4A All-State Team

#### OFFENSE

Pos. Player School Ht. Wt. Cl.

WR Tyron Johnson Easton 6-2 200 Sr.

WR Sage LeBlanc Teurlings 5-7 160 Sr.

WR Isaiah Graham Bastrop 6-1 170 Sr.

OL Adrian Magee Franklinton 6-5 320 Sr.

OL Cole Thomas Neville 6-1 240 Sr.

OL Kevin Dotson Plaquemine 6-5 315 Sr.

OL Dylon Perque South Terrebonne 6-0 260 Sr.

OL Cody Goodwin West Ouachita 6-1 280 Sr.

QB Deshawn Capers-Smith Easton 6-1 185 Sr.

RB Kavontae Turpin Neville 5-8 165 Sr.

RB Markell Hawthorne LaGrange 5-10 195 Jr.

RB Cristian Wallis South Terrebonne 5-8 160 Sr.

PK A.J. Fletcher St. Michael 5-9 205 Sr.

ATH Cole Kelley Teurlings 6-7 240 Jr.

#### DEFENSE

Pos. Player School Ht. Wt. Cl.

DL Daniel Crosley DeRidder 6-3 240 Jr.

DL Donald Louis Neville 6-3 240 Sr.

DL George Lea Landry-Walker 6-3 260 Sr.

DL Rashard Lawrence Neville 6-2 305 Jr.

LB Brennan Bourgeois St. Thomas More 6-0 210 Sr.

LB DeAndre McCarthy Franklin Parish 5-11 215 Sr.

LB Tirrell Gilmore Landry-Walker 6-2 220 Sr.

LB Tyrin Ferguson Karr 6-2 210 Sr.

DB T.J. Lemoine Neville 5-10 170 Sr.

DB Alvinosky Lafleur LaGrange 6-0 190 Jr.

DB Donte Jackson Riverdale 5-11 175 Sr.

DB Dedrick Shy Easton 6-3 170 Sr.

P Chris Reid St. Michael 5-11 190 Sr.

KR Marquez Stevenson Northwood-SH 5-11 175 Jr.

OUTSTANDING OFFENSIVE PLAYER: Deshawn Capers-Smith, Easton

OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE PLAYER: Tyrin Ferguson, Karr

COACH OF THE YEAR: Mickey McCarty, Neville



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# Neville's McCarty takes 4A coaching honor



For the LSWA

District 9-4A football did not win the race to the Class 4A state title. But the New Orleans league did manage the next best thing with a sweep of the top two individual honors bestowed upon players selected as All-State.

Warren Easton quarterback Deshawn Capers-Smith and Karr linebacker Tyrin Ferguson were chosen as the Outstanding Offensive and Defensive Players respectively on the Class 4A All-State team chosen by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association.

State champion Neville, a 28-27 winner against Capers-Smith and Easton, did earn the distinction of having its Mickey McCarty honored as Coach of the Year.

McCarty directed Neville to a 13-1 season that included a brilliant 13-0 mark against instate competition that produced the Tigers' second Class 4A state championship in four years.

The state title was Neville's 11th overall and third under McCarty, 46, who in completing his 16th season in charge of the Tigers equaled the three achieved by the legendary Charlie Brown.

As the Outstanding Offensive Player, Capers-Smith

capped his four-year career as a starter with mind-boggling numbers as Easton completed a 12-3 season with its first appearance in a state final since 1958.

A 6-foot-1, 185-pound senior and Texas A&M commitment, who projects to play cornerback in college, Capers-Smith totaled 5,651 yards and 71 touchdowns with his passing and running for the Eagles, who won their first district title since 2001.

Ferguson was chosen Outstanding Defensive Player after serving as a major linchpin for a Karr team that advanced to the state quarterfinals after defeating Easton in a regular-season finale to earn a share of the District 9-4A championship along with Landry-Walker.

A 6-foot-2, 210-pound senior and Nebraska commitment, Ferguson recorded 104 tackles and 18 assists with nearly one third of those totals represented by 23.5 tackles for losses and 10.5 sacks.

Neville's state champions had five players selected with running back Kavontae Turpin heading the group that included offensive lineman Cole Thomas, defensive linemen Donald Louis and Rashard Lawrence and safety T.J. Lemoine.

Wide receiver Tyron Johnson and cornerback Dedrick

Shy join Capers-Smith as Easton players chosen to the team.

Sage Leblanc of Teurlings Catholic and Isaiah Graham of Bastrop are the other wide receivers while Markell Hawthorne of LaGrange and Cristian Wallis of South Terrebonne join Turpin at running back.

Teurlings Catholic quarterback Cole Kelley earned a spot as the athlete selection.

In addition to Neville's Thomas, the offensive line includes Franklinton's Adrian Magee, West Ouachita's Cody Goodwin, Plaquemine's Kevin Dotson and South Terrebonne's Dylan Perque.

The front four on defense in addition to Neville's Louis and Lawrence features George Lea of Landry-Walker and DeRidder's Daniel Crosley with Brennan Bourgeois of St. Thomas More, DeAndre McCarthy of Franklin Parish and Tirrell Gilmore of Landry-Walker joining Ferguson at linebacker.

In addition to Easton's Shy and Neville's Lemoine, the other defensive backs are Donte' Jackson of Riverdale and Alvinosky Lafleur of LaGrange.

St. Michael swept the two kicking positions with Chris Reid chosen as punter and A.J. Fletcher as placekicker. The kick returner is Northwood's Marquez Stevenson.

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