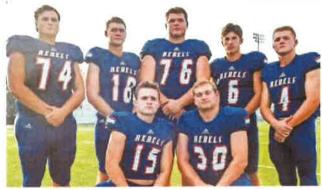


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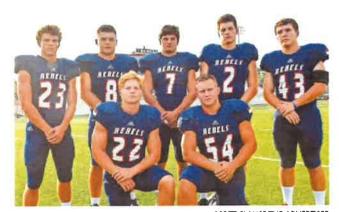
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## Teurlings remains potent as 2nd Charpentier era begins



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Teurlings Catholic offensive standouts Justin Mathews (74), Wesley Blazek (18), Thomas Perry (76), Connor Talbot (6), Cole Champagne (4), Seth Laviolette (15) and Hunter Landry (30).



SCOTT CLAUSE/THE ADVERTISER Teurlings Catholic defensive standouts Bailey Prejean (23), Cole Newland (8), Kross Guillory (7), Blaise Begnaud (2), Bryant Masson (43), Hayden Judice (22) and Beau LeBlanc (54).

#### SCOUTING REPORT

#### STRENGTHS

Dane Charpentier takes over the Rebels' program after his father, Sonny, stepped down after last season with a few holes to fill but also plenty of talent and depth returning. Charpentier professes to be a coach who likes to run the ball and stop the run. Fortunately for the Rebels' new leader, he's got plenty of personnel to achieve both this season. On the offensive side, Teurlings returns three starters on the offensive line, two of which go over 300 pounds in senior returning All-Acadiana performer Justin Mathews (6-3, 300) and junior LSU commitment Thomas Perry (6-7, 320). On the defensive side, new TCHS defensive coordinator Brad Taylor returns bookend defensive ends in the McGuire duo as well as last year's leading tackler Beau LeBlanc at middle linebacker, and team leader Cole Newland moves from end to outside linebacker in his third season as a starter. While a new quarterback is a question mark to some, Charpentier has confidence in Wesley Blazek. Also expected to make Charpentier's first season at the helm smoother is senior Hayden Judice, who will play both ways for the Rebels as a running back and at free safety. Depth in the secondary should also help Teurlings against sophisticated passing attacks such as Rummel, STM and Catholic High of Baton Rouge

#### **QUESTION MARKS**

All of those strengths wouldn't seem to leave a lot of room for many question marks, but all teams have those. The Rebels will open the season with a running back-bycommittee approach. Over the years, that has worked and not worked in different situations, so time will tell here. The Rebels also don't have a ton of District 4-4A experience at wide receiver. Combine that with a new guarterback, and the passing game has plenty to prove early on. While many members of the coaching staff remain, there will be different playcallers on offense, defense and special teams this fall for Teurlings. Making that transition even more difficult is the brutal schedule the Rebels must play with four teams that have won state championships in recent seasons, not to mention perennial district title contenders like Rayne, Breaux Bridge, LaGrange and Carencro.

#### THE BOTTOM LINE

Barring some really bad weather, the Rebels figure to make a ton of money this season with Rummel, Notre Dame, Catholic-Baton Rouge, St. Thomas More and Carencro all at home. That ranks as one of the most prestigious home slates in the history of the Acadiana area. How that translates to a successful first season for Charpentier remains to be seen. Obviously, his Rebels could play very well against a schedule like that and it not show up in the win-loss column. A potentially dominant offensive line should make room for a little margin for error early in the season, but that won't likely last very long. Even with all the depth Teurlings sports, key performers like Judice and Newland will need to stay healthy. If nothing else, Charpen tier's maiden voyage as Teurlings' head coach should be quite a ride.

— Kevin Foote



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#### PLAYERS TO WATCH



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WESLEY BLAZEK QB, 6-2, 205, SR. Coming from a defensive end spot, Blazek brings a tough, rugged, competitive mentality to the QB position. He got some critical experience against an elite Catholic-BR team last season and that should serve him well as the full-time starter this fall,



BEAU LEBLANC LB, 5-10, 205, SR. One of the most important returning starter for the Rebels, considering Charpentier's No. 1 priority on defense is to stop the run. His tough, run-stopping game should be aided by being one of eight returning starters on defense.



JUSTIN MATHEWS OT, 6-3, 300, SR. Three-year starter for the Rebels. His extreme intelligence allows him to understand the offense and give coaches detailed updates on what's happening on the field. Huge reason why Charpentier is counting on running the ball well this season.



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## PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

#### OFFENSE

WR Noah Romero (6-2, 175, Sr.) WR Connor Talbot (6-0, 175, Sr.)\* WR Cole Champagne (5-10, 175, Sr.) TE Hunter Landry (6-0, 230, Sr.)\* LT Thomas Perry (6-7, 320, Jr.)\* LG Jordan Howard (5-10, 255, Sr.) C Lindon Boudreaux (5-11, 245, Sr.) RG Chase Arwood (5-11, 235, Sr.)\* RT Justin Mathews (6-3, 300, Sr.)\* QB Wesley Blazek (6-2, 205, Sr.) RB Alexander Garber (5-10, 175, Sr.)

#### DEFENSE

DE Reid McGuire (6-1, 215, Sr.)\* DE Jake McGuire (6-1, 215, Sr.)\* DT Gabe Arnaud (6-1, 230, Sr.) NT Myles Santiago (6-0, 250, Jr.) LB Cole Newland (6-1, 210, Sr.)\* LB Beau Leblanc (5-10, 205, Sr.)\* S Kross Guillory (6-0, 195, Sr.)\* S Bryant Masson (5-11, 190, Sr.)\* S Hayden Judice (6-0, 190, Sr.)\* CB Bailey Prejean (5-11, 175, Sr.) CB Hayden Arnaud (6-1, 170, Sr.)

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## STM favored in powerhouse District 4-4A

#### JAMES BEWERS

If you want to measure the strength of District 4-4A, a league composed entirely of Acadiana-area teams, the numbers paint a picture.

For starters, look at the numbers 37 and 12. That's the combined 2016 record of the top four teams in the preseason polls compiled by the district's coaches and The Daily Advertiser voters. Next, look at the number 14. That's the number of players in the district who were named to the All-District first team, including one district's offensive most valuable player (Rayne and Westgate were in District 3-4A and 5-4A, respectively, in 2016).

Finally, consider the number 11. That's the number of players from this district that we, at The Daily Advertiser, deemed to be among the best in the Acadiana area, named to our preseason All-Acadiana team.

Those numbers should illustrate why this league is one of the deepest and most difficult to project. But the defending state champions in Division II, St. Thomas More, have received the benefit of the doubt by the coaches when it comes to picking a winner.

The Cougars garnered five of the six first-place votes and



St. Thomas More takes on Carencro High during a game last season.

31 total points to be the coaches' league favorite.

STM has several spots to fill on both sides of the ball, including replacing quarterback Nate Cox, Distict 4-4A's Offensive MVP last season. The Cougars, however, had the most preseason All-Acadiana selections (4) of any team, and at least two other players were considered for the list.

Three of the Cougars' preseason All-Acadiana picks came on our defense — defensive tackle Sam Greenwood, inside linebacker Paul LaBorde and safety Cade Broussard and preseason All-Acadiana wide receiver is expected to be the next great wideout in a program that has a tradition of producing them.

Though the coaches think Jim Hightower's squad is the clear favorite, The Daily Advertiser voters expect the district to be much tighter at the top. Carencro, which gained the

Carencro, which gamed the only other first place vote by the coaches, is tied with STM for the most first-place votes (2) in our poll. The Cougars earned only more point (27) than Carencro (26), followed Teurlings (19), Rayne (18), Westgate (9) and Northside (6). The fourthplace Wolves received one of the five first-place votes

the five first-place votes. And there's a reason we believe the Golden Bears are neck and neck with STM. Though youth exists on the offensive line, Carencro is loaded with talent in key areas.

In preseason All-Acadiana selections Keon Jean-Batiste, Jalen Angelle and Traylon Barnaba, new Golden Bears coach Tony Courville has one of the best pass rushers, outside linebackers and two-way players in the area. That's not including junior wide receiver Deion Senegal, who Courville believes won't fly under the radar much longer. Carencro also has two capable quarterbacks at its disposal in Austen Breaux and Northside transfer Chance Preiean.

But even if the Cougars and Golden Bears are the frontrunners, it would be foolish to overlook Teurlings Catholic, Rayne, Westgate and Northside.

With Dane Charpentier taking over the Rebels program for his father, Sonny, Teurlings Catholic has three preseason All-Acadiana selections — tackle Justin Matthews, outside linebacker Cole Newland and two-way stud Hayden Judice. LSU commitment Thomas Perry will play opposite of Matthew on the offensive line. Rayne, of course, has two

Rayne, of course, has two 1,000-yard rushers returning to its Wing-T offense: Trent Winbush and Darien Harmon. Harmon was named the District 3-4A Offensive MVP in 2016, and Winbush landed on the preseason All-Acadiana team. Defensive tackle Antonio Gabriel, an All-Acadiana selection at the end of last season, returns to man the middle of the Rayne defense.

Rayne defense. Westgate didn't see any players named to preseason All-Acadiana team, but Tigers center Jessie Badeaux was among the players we considered. In running back Tyrese Jackson and defensive back Deondre Spencer, Westgate has two other first-team All-District picks returning, meaning the Tigers have the pieces to be competitive in this league.

New Northside coach John Simmons is amid a rebuild job with the Vikings, a team that went 1-9 last. But it's a program and a community he knows well, and his roster has drastically increased since Northside ended spring practices. So the Vikings could make some strides in the first year of his tenure.

Put simply, even if the favorite is a familiar face, there shouldn't be large separation between the top and bottom of District 4-4A.

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## **DISTRICT 4-4A**

## COACHES POLL

St. Thomas More (5) 31 Carencro (1) 27 Teurlings Catholic 22 Rayne 20 Westgate 15 Northside 11

## ADVERTISER POLL

St. Thomas More (2) 27 Carencro (2) 26 Teurlings Catholic 19 Rayne (1) 18 Westgate 9 Northside 6

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#### **LSWA PRESEASON POLL** 9, Teurlings Catholic 37 10, Cecilia 28 **CLASS 5A** Others receiving votes: Benton 26, Karr (1) 12, Rank, School (1st place votes) Pts Woodlawn-Shreveport 11, Rayne 9, Assump-1, John Curtis (6) 114 tion 8, Lakeshore 2, Vandebilt Catholic 2, 2, Evangel (2) 101 Salmen 1. 3, West Monroe (1) 91 4, Rummel 84 CLASS 3A 5, Acadiana 76 Rank, School (1st place votes) Pts 6, Zachary 65 1, De La Salle (6) 114 7, Scotlandville 58 2, West Feliciana (4) 113 8, Parkway (1) 54 3, St. Charles Catholic 86 9, Destrehan 36 4, University 85 10, John Ehret 35 5, Iowa 77 Others receiving votes: Ruston 21, Landry-6, Sterlington 75 Walker 18, Catholic-Baton Rouge 6, Barbe 6, 7, St. James 46 Hahnville 6, Sulphur 3, Covington 2, East 8, Eunice 43 Ascension 2, Ouachita 2, Alexandria 1. 9 (tie), Northwest 30 9 (tie), Richwood 30 **CLASS 4A** Others receiving votes: Jena 23, Madison Rank, School (1st place votes) Pts Prep 22, Jennings 19, North Webster 12, 1, St. Thomas More (3) 110 Berwick 3, Kaplan 2. 2, Warren Easton (5) 102 3, Neville (1) 92 CLASS 2A 4, McDonogh 35 84 Rank, School (1st place votes) Pts 5, Lutcher 72 1, Riverside (8) 110 6, Carencro 70 2, Notre Dame (1) 102 7, Plaquemine 68 3, (tie), Many (1) 90 8 Parkview Bantist 44

#### 4, (tie), Amite 90 5, Calvary Baptist 73 6, Catholic-New Iberia 71 7, Welsh 64 8, Kinder 42 9, Ferriday 41 10, St. Helena 37 Others receiving votes: Dunham 22, Ascension Episcopal 20, Mangham 10, Loreauville 8, South Beauregard 1, Rayville 1.

#### **CLASS 1A**

Rank, School (1st place votes) Pts 1, Haynesville (4) 108 2, Kentwood (2) 101 3, Logansport (1) 98 4, Opelousas Catholic (1) 85 5, Ouachita Christian 76 6, Oberlin 60 7, Oak Grove 57 8, Lafayette Christian 48 9, Central Catholic 45 10, St. Mary's (1) 42 Others receiving votes: Elton 27, Covenant Christian Academy 16, Southern Lab 10, Ascension Catholic 2, Cedar Creek 2, Varnado 2, Arcadia 1.

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**RIGHT AT HOME** 

Charpentier excited to make his debut as Teurlings Catholic coach in 2017 season opener

#### INTRODUCING OVERTIME, A WEEKLY EXTRA SESSION FOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL!

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t certainly wasn't the first time Dane Charpentier ran onto a football field representing the Teurlings Catholic Rebels.

After all, he played for the Rebels his senior season of 2001, not to mention growing up on that campus with his father being the head coach for two decades. For that matter, it wasn't even the first time he led a team onto a field as a head coach, serving as Opelousas Catholic's head coach for two seasons.

<sup>b</sup>But there was no denying the scenario was very different last Thursday night at Cajun Field when, ready or not, Charpentier led the Rebels onto the field as the head coach of Teurlings for the first time. "Definitely, it was a lot different," Charpentier said. "For one, they had a lot more kids behind me (than in OC days)."

That, however, was a dress rehearsal. At 7 p.m. Friday night in St. Martinville, Charpentier will do it for real in the Rebels' season opener against longtime rival Breaux Bridge.

"Really, I felt part of a tradition that I've been looking at outside-in for the last few years," said the 33-year-old head coach.

Índeed, two years as OC's head coach and one year as Cecilia's offensive coordinator, doesn't erase 27 years of being associated with Teurlings Catholic. His father, Sonny, joined the Teurlings family as the head basketball coach 30 years ago when Dane

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#### Charpentier

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was only 3. As far back as he can remember, Teurlings athletics has pretty much been his life.

So he'll likely be pinching himself at different times during this entire first season as the head coach who replaced his dad

"I don't know if it's going to be out of the way ever, really," Dane said. "I think this whole season is going to be a little surreal."

No, those emotions won't impact his coaching Like all coaches, once they hit the field, "coaching is coaching. Once it kicks off, though, that won't be in my mind. I actually think about it more in practice or when I'm away from the field."

While he's really only just begun, the transition has been a smooth one.

"I feel like I've been here for "I really do. I feel like I just slid back into something that I've al-ways been a part of.

"To me, the kids haven't changed. It's typical Teurlings kids. I really enjoy being around them. Some of them remind me of me when I was in high school, going through the same things I went through.

As his son goes through his early growing pains as a head coach, Dane's father -- now the school's athletic director - will certainly experience similar feelings.

No, Sonny hasn't tried to micromanage his son and successor. In fact, he doesn't even attend practice.

"No he really hasn't scratched that itch, but I know it's there," Dane said. Dane said they rarely talk

football when they communicate.

"Dane knows the Xs and Os," Sonny said. "I'm not at practice every day. I leave that to him." There is some advice, but it's

"most game management and personnel" things because he still knows the kids so well. Still, last Thursday's jambo-

ree over Cecilia had to be a



New Teurlings Catholic head coach Dane Charpentier, right, yells from the sidelines during last week's jamboree win over Cecilia.

#### **Teurlings at Breaux Bridge**

Game: 7 p.m., Friday. Site: St. Martinville Senior High. Radio: 105.1 FM-BBHS; 107.1 FM-TC. 2016 records: TC 7-4; BBHS 4-6. Last meeting: TC won 28-14. Jamboree: TC beat Cecilia 17-13; BBHS beat Lafayette High 29-17. Players to Watch: TC - QB Wesley Blazek, BB/DB Hayden Judice; LB Cole Newland; BBHS - QB Cole Mouton; WR Dartravien Girod, RB Logan Bossier, RB Kavion Martin.

unique experience for Sonny as well, with his son unofficially in his spot on the sidelines for the first time.

"It was fine," Sonny said. "It's not like I wasn't prepared for it. I've been knowing it was coming.

'I wasn't nervous for Dane. He knows what he's doing. I was just pulling for Teurlings.

Dane had his fair share of nerves, especially when the intense jamboree game against his former team Cecilia heated

up. "I could have done without a lot of that," Dane said. "Man, the second half suddenly felt like it was a state semifinal. It was ri-diculous. Our kids got so emotionally high for the game.

"Once that wears off, it's can you sustain that level of play? Cecilia's got some really good players who are going to make big plays."

After the game, he did call his father for his initial impressions.

"The first thing he said was that so-and-so was wearing ear-rings on the sidelines," Dane laughed.

Yes, while Dane will do many things just like his dad did, he's certainly not a carbon copy of his father.

"Hopefully, I can get along with the referees a little better than he did, but you probably can't count on that too much," laughed Dane.

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Scheme-wise, Dane is a "no-huddle guy" whereas his father always like his quarterback in the middle with his guys." Because of the no-huddle ap-

proach, "the offense looks a lot

different, but it's really not." He showed in the jamboree win over Cecilia that you can run clock in the no-huddle.

"Just because you're in no-huddle doesn't mean you have to snap the ball every 10 sec-onds," Dane said. "We can still change tempo even though we're in no-huddle."

Unlike other coaches, the younger Charpentier believes strongly in playing his frontline performers on special teams to enhance those units.

"To me, if you don't have good



SCOTT CLAUSE/THE ADVERTISER Teurlings Catholic coach Dane Charpentier talks with his team after the jamboree win over Cecilia.

players on the special teams, they won't be good," Dane said.

The Rebels' new head coach won't be able to run from an emotional start on Friday either with Breaux Bridge. That's a challenge, though, Charpentier is pleased with.

"I think it's good," he said. "When you play a team that the kids really want to beat, you get a lot more out of your kids are practice because it means a lot to them.

"You might say that it's my responsibility to get the kids motivated no matter who you play, and you'd be right, but external motivation is real too."

And no, no one has to tell this new head coach how important it is to win. His father's taught him that his whole life.

"He (Sonny) doesn't really have to say anything (about winning)," Dane said. "Growing up in my house, there was always pressure to win in everything. You're supposed to win or bust your behind trying to win. If not, you probably shouldn't be doing whatever you're doing.



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# PREP FOOTBALL GAME OF THE WEEK **DOMINANT DEBUT**



The Teurlings Catholic defense tackles a Breaux Bridge running back in the backfield Friday night. The Rebels won the game 44-7.



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## St. Thomas More 45, Lafayette High 0

**Leaders –** STM: Chris Primeaux 4-103 2 TD; Sydney Lindon 8-88 1 TD; Peyton Landry 3-54 1 TD and 3-3-0, 23 yds.; William Cryer 8-61 1 TD. LHS: Corren Norman 10-30; Brennon Broussard 12-17-1, 45 yds.

**Overview:** The Class 4A topranked Cougars scored on two of their first three offensive plays and led by four touchdowns midway through the second quarter, rolling up 307 yards in the first half alone on the way to the easy win.

Records: STM 1-0; LHS 0-1.

**Next:** LHS hosts St. Martinville Friday; STM at Comeaux Friday.

## Teurlings Catholic 44, Breaux Bridge 7

**Leaders** – TC: Wesley Blazek 13/ 26, 169 passing, 3 TDs, 1 INT, 1 FUM; Hayden Judice 2-30 receiving, 1 TD receiving, 6-15 rushing, 1 TD rushing; Noah Romero 4-57 receving, 1 TD receiving; BB: Cole Mouton 10/19, 95 yards, 1 TD rushing, 2 INTs; Dartravien Girod 2-30 rushing, 1-36 receiving

**Overview:** Despite two turnovers, Teurlings Catholic quarterback Wesley Blazek led a dominant effort by the Rebels' offense, completing 13 of 26 passes for 169 yards and 3 touchdowns in Teurlings' seventh straight win over the Tigers.

Records: TC 1-0; BB 0-1.

**Next:** TC hosts LaGrange; BB hosts Notre Dame.

## Acadiana 17, Kaplan 12

**Leaders** – ACAD: Dillan Monette 14-111, Ziggy Francis 11-70, TD; KAP: Mac Thibeaux 14-59, Braylon Romero 13-43.

**Overview:** Turnovers and penalties allowed Kaplan to stick around, but Acadiana's rushing attack — led by Dillon Monette's 111 yards — was too much for the Pirates to contain.

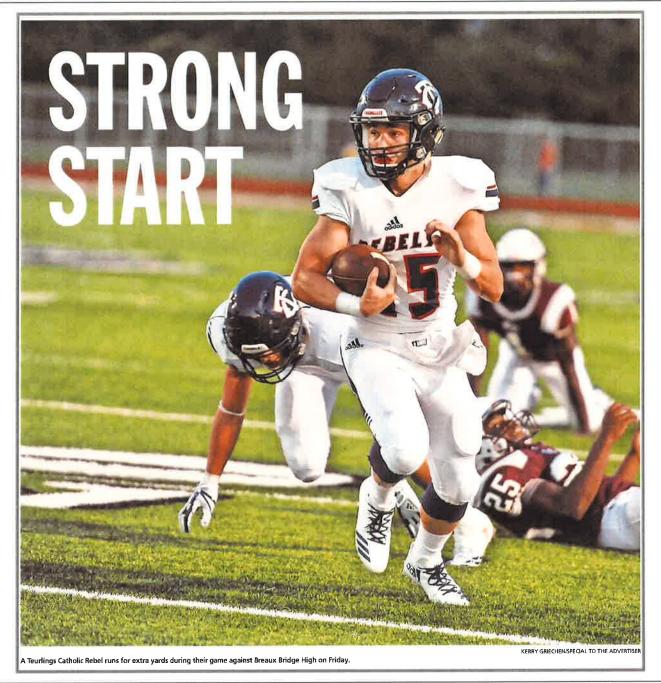
Records: ACAD 1-0; KAP 0-1.

**Next:** ACAD hosts Ruston; KAP @ Welsh.



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## Teurlings triumphant over Breaux Bridge after week of uncertainty

#### JAMES BEWERS

NEW IBERIA — Dane Charpentier completed his two postgame interviews and sprinted to the opposite side of the football field at New Iberia Senior High, gunning for his awaiting players.

Charpentier, Teurlings Catholic's first-year head coach, leaped into the cluster of players and jumped up and down in celebration. The Rebels had just beaten Breaux Bridge for the seventh straight time a 44-7 triumph Friday night in which the game was blown open in the second quarter.

Charpentier's debut as Teur-

lings' head man started with uncertainty. Schools were closed until Wednesday due Tropical Storm Harvey, and the Rebels didn't practice outside Monday. The Rebels have the luxury of an artificial turf field, so they could practice outside every other day leading up to the opener.

It was a home game for the Tigers, but the game was moved to St. Martinville's turf field as Harvey drenched the area. But St. Martinville had electrical issues with its scoreboard, so the game was then relocated to the turf playing surface at New Iberia. But none of those changes ul-

But none of those changes ultimately mattered for the Rebels. After Charpentier congratulated his players on a job well done, then shifting the focus to next week's home opener against LaGrange, Teurlings quarterback Wesley Blazek handed Charnentier the game ball.

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"It feels great, even more so because we beat a really good

Breaux B See TEURLINGS, Page 4F their gar



Breaux Bridge's quarterback throws a pass from his own end zone during their game against Teurlings Catholic on Friday.



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## Teurlings

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football team," Charpentier said. "The week was abnormal for sure, but I thought are kids and are coaching staff did a great job of handling it. I just couldn't be more proud of our coaches and our players and the way that they performed tonight."

Blazek being the one to give Charpen-tier the game ball was appropriate. Despite two turnovers, the senior's right arm propelled the Rebels. He completed 13 of 26 passes for 169 yards and three touchdowns. He connected with nine different towns the control of the second strikes to Hayden Judice, Noah Romero and Cole Champagne. Led by Blazek, Teurlings turned in 329 yards of total offense. The Rebels certainly benefited from prime field position, as the Tigers strug-led wighther to undirection.

gled mightily in the punting game. And Blazek wasn't perfect either. One of one of the drives in which Teurlings started in Breaux Bridge territory, Blazek miscommunicated with Judice and fumbled the ball. He was later intercepted in the third quarter, but the game was out of reach by then.

Emisinterpreted a signal, so I told ev-eryone that was on me and I'd get it back for them," Blazek said of the fumble in-side the 10-yard line. "And we did. We turned it back." "I misinterpreted a signal, so I told ev-

The Rebels defense, which held Breaux Bridge to 153 total yards and a 0-for-10 clip on third down, forced one the Tigers' eight punts in the game after Blarek's fumble. Starting the ensuing drive inside Breaux Bridge territory, Blazek found Judice on a wheel route for a 24yard touchdown. It was one of two touchdowns Judice had on the night. "It felt great and credit to the defense

for stopping them, giving us great field leverage," Blazek said. "Getting that first touchdown was big. It shifted the momentum and gave

us that confidence. Blazek didn't look like a player who

was in his first year as a full-time starter.



Breaux Bridge High's quarterback attempts to escape a tackle from the Teurlings Catholic defense during their game Friday.

He agrees starting two games last year in place of the injured Hayden Cantrelle helped his transition into the permanent role he has this year. The first game he

role he has this year. The first game he started last year was a monstrous test against Catholic-Baton Rouge, a game in which the Rebels lost 31-14. "That was something," Blazek said with a smile. "I think I had two practices going into that game, so I was a little ner-yous. I had faith in the boys around me. I which they have a third areas thing " think that's the biggest thing." Blazek's stat line was solid against the

Class 5A foe, as he completed 16 of 23 passes for 152 yards with one touch-down. But he followed it up with an even better showing against Northside the following week, connecting on 12 of his 18

throws for 185 yards and three touchdowns in 32-8 win.

Teurlings didn't throw the ball much in its jamboree win against Cecilia last Thursday, but Dane attributes that to the flow of the game. The Rebels, as a team, rushed for 120 yards on 40 carries against Breaux Bridge, as the Tigers committed to containing a deep Teurlings backfield. "We go off feel a lot," Dane said.

"Whatever is going good, we stick with it a little bit. You try not to outsmart yourself too much. We had a lot of success running the ball in the jamboree, so we kind of stuck with it. Tonight, they took away the run game for a good portion of the night and gave some favorable looks

in the passing game." Dane loves Blazek's poise and leadership, but he can't deny that his quarterback has the size and arm strength to be effective. At 6-foot-2, 205-pounds, Blazek has the frame that Dane desires in signal callers.

As he showed against the Tigers, Bla-zek sees the field fairly well too.

"As you can tell, we're very fast-paced offense," Blazek said. "I wouldn't say there's one guy I'm going to look to. I trust each and every one

of my boys equally. So I know that de-pending on maybe where we are on the field and what's called, I can look over here and I have trust that their going to make the plays.'



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Teurlings 44, Breaux Bridge 7
13-26-1-169, 3 TDs; Judice 1-1-0-22; Sammy Leblanc 2-2-0-12. RECEIVING - BB: Girod 1-36; Julian Leon 2-32; Terry Steward 3-18; Bossier 3-6; Nick Cornes 1-3. TC: Noah Romer 4-57, 1 TD; Judice 2-30; Seth Laviolette 3-29; Hunter Landry 2-24; Connor Talbot 1-22; Cole Champagne 1-21; Peyton Hebert 1-12; Trosclair 1-8; Becker 1-6.

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## Kevin Foote's new Top 10 poll



#### **KEVIN FOOTE**

#### 1. Acadiana Rams (1-0)

**Skinny:** The Wreckin' Rams looked great in the jambore and then not as good in the opener. We'll choose to give Kaplan maximum credit for now. Huge test this week will be early litmus test for Acadiana.

**Next:** Host Ruston on Friday.

#### 2. STM Cougars (1-0)

**Skinny:** Started the Cougars out at No. 5, not knowing how much of a transition the offense would be in early on. Well, this is STM. There is no transition. Should have known that by now.

Next: At Comeaux on Friday.

#### 3. Notre Dame Pioneers (0-0)

**Skinny:** Fool's gold or not, it was still shocking for many to see Notre Dame's defense gashed in first half of the jamboree. But it was a jamboree and then Pios' got opener canceled.

Next: At Breaux Bridge on Friday..

#### 4. Carencro Bears (0-0)

**Skinny:** Hard to know exactly where Bears are at this point. Beat Comeaux 6-0 in jamboree and then opener got canceled. So no reason for Bears not to be in top five.

Next: At New Iberia on Friday.

#### 5. Teurlings Rebels (1-0)

**Skinny:** Really had no idea what to think of the Rebels in this transition season, but Dane Charpentier obviously had his team ready. Beat Cecilia in jamboree and crushed Breaux Bridge in opener. **Next:** Host LaGrange on Friday.

#### 6. Catholic-NI Panthers (1-0)

**Skinny:** We knew how good the Panthers' offense was going to be. The question was on the defense and that's been up-and-down so far. Could be an eventful season for Catholic. **Next:** At St. Louis on Friday.

#### 7. Ascension Blue Gators (0-0)

**Skinny:** Lackluster performance in jamboree, but we'll give Gators chance first. (This written before Saturday's game at Erath.) **Next:** Host Catholic-PC on Friday

#### 8. Rayne Wolves (0-0)

**Skinny:** No real body of work to judge yet with opener being canceled. Time will tell. **Next:** Host Lake Charles Prep on Friday.

#### 9. Kaplan Pirates (0-1)

**Skinny:** Early apologies to the Pirates. Looking at their schedule in preseason, another 9- or 10-win season didn't seem to be in the cards. But doubting Tank Lotief usually gets you burned. **Next:** At Welsh on Friday.

#### **10. Comeaux Spartans (1-0)**

**Skinny:** The Spartans lost just 6-0 to Carencro in jamboree and then beat Cecilia in opener. Defense has playmakers and offense showed some potential as well, if they can make the turnovers disappear down the road.

Next: Host St. Thomas More.

#### **On the Brink**

There's still plenty of time for this next group to impress and get into or back into the poll: Northwest, LCA, Cecilia, Opelousas Catholic.

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## James Bewers' Top 10 area poll

#### JAMES BEWERS



1. Acadiana Wreckin' Rams (1-0)

No, a 17-12 victory against Kaplan was not a pretty showing by Acadiana, but a couple things should be considered when evaluating the Wreckin' Rams' performance. First, both teams dealt with limited practice time and

space due to the Tropical Storm Harvey, so some sloppiness should be expected. Second, Kaplan is a legitimately good Class 3A program, and coach Stephen "Tank" Lotief gets the absolute most out of his players.

#### 2. St. Thomas More Cougars (1-0)

STM renewed its rivalry with Lafayette High on Friday night, but the two programs are on opposite sides the spectrum. The Cougars are coming off their first state championship. The Mighty Lions, on the other hand, are in the second year of a rebuilding phase under Rob Pool. Still, to me, STM's 45-0 victory Friday, though lopsided, says more about about the Cougars than Lafayette

#### 3. Notre Dame Pioneers (0-0)

Notre Dame was one of two teams in my top 10 that didn't play this week, as the Pioneers' matchup with LaGrange was canceled due to Tropical Storm Harvey. So, at the very least, the Pios will be healthy when they square off against the Tigers. Notre Dame was the No. 2 team in LSWA Class 2A preseason poll, and should remain somewhere in the top 5 this week.

#### 4. Carencro Golden Bears (0-0)

It's unfortunate that the Golden Bears didn't get to play because Sulphur would have been a good test for a team that has the pieces to be very good. But the added time to prepare for New Iberia should also help the Golden Bears work on themselves, as they really struggled on offense and special teams in the jamboree. I love Carencro's potential, so it will stay in my top five for now.

#### 5. Teurlings Catholic Rebels (1-0)

Teurlings looked like a top-five squad in a dominant 44-7 win against Breaux Bridge, and I debated placing them in my top three. The Rebels will have plenty of opportunities to prove themselves in the coming weeks. Teurlings, if not star-studded, appears to be well-rounded team under first-year coach Dane Charpentier.

#### 6. Catholic-NI Panthers (1-0)

It shouldn't be a surprise that Catholic put up 42 points in a win against Westgate. However, giving up 35 points to the Tigers, a team filled with returning starters, is slightly concerning. Catholic should be able to keep pace offensively all season, but if they want to be elite, the defense has to provide some support.

#### 7. Lafayette Christian (1-0)

LCA biggest problem last season was youth and inexperience, not talent, and it still won seven games. With Zachary Clement running the show under center and athleticism at the skill positions, LCA has the chance to put up monster numbers every week. A 48-0 win against Capitol is an excellent sign of that.

#### 8. Northwest Raiders (1-0)

Northwest deserves a lot of credit for a hardfought win against a talented Opelousas Catholic team, which has the chance to be a dominant Class 1A team. Northwest's Week 2 opponent, Berwick, should tell us even more about Chris Edwards' team.

#### 9. Comeaux Spartans (1-0)

If I had created an area poll following the jamborees last weekend, frankly, I wouldn't have included Comeaux in my top 10. But beating a talented Cecilia team speaks volumes about the potential the Spartans have, so they deserve to be included in my first poll. A good showing against STM, win or lose, will certainly help Comeaux's cause.

#### 10. Cecilia Bulldogs (0-1)

A heartbreaking loss to Comeaux won't knock Cecilia out of my top 10. After all, the Spartans beat the Bulldogs pretty convincingly last season, and Cecilia was three minutes away from winning this year. Cecilia has the weapons to make a jump in the second year under Dennis Skains.

#### On the brink:

There were a handful of other teams I considered for my poll, and a full slate of games next week will tell us more: Opelousas Catholic, Kaplan, Rayne, Ascension Episcopal, Eunice, Loreauville.

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## **Rebels' defense stingy**

It's by design, but it's still good for the coaches to see.

In Week 1, Teurlings Catholic's defense allowed just 58 yards rushing.

"We made the whole offseason about that, stopping the run," TC coach Dane Charpentier said.

It starts up front. On some teams, the defensive ends can be exploited, but the McGuire twins — Jake and Reid — are that unit's most experienced players.

Junior tackle Patrick Green is "really a freak athlete who grew into his body in the offseason" and is now 6-2, 260 pounds.

"He commands a double team, and a lot of times, the double team doesn't even work," Charpentier said. "He's just very disruptive."



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## **Teurlings 41 LaGrange 14**

**Leaders:** Wesley Blazek 11 of 16 171 yards 3 TDs, Landon Trosclair 11 carries 76 yards, Hayden Judice 11 carries 59 yards 2 catches 22 yards, 2 total TDs, Seth Laviolette 5 catches 96 yards 1 carry 11 yards, 2 total TDs.

**Overview:** The Rebels' offense had a great performance with 6 touchdowns 3 rushing and 3 passing.

**Records:** Teurlings 2-0, La-Grange 0-1

**Next:** Teurlings hosts Notre Dame, LaGrange hosts Ferriday

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#### **TEURLINGS CATHOLIC 41, LAGRANGE 14**

## Teurlings offense still making strides

SPENCER URQUHART SPECIAL TO THE ADVERTISER

The Teurlings Catholic Rebels home opener got off to a rocky start after the Rebels defense dropped not one, not two, but three possible interceptions on the opening drive.

It wouldn't matter, though.

The Rebels' offense was just too efficient for a few dropped interceptions to matter in a 41-14 win over the LaGrange Gators.

"I thought the offense was very efficient tonight and did a great job of controlling the ball," Teurlings coach Dane Charpentier. "We never lined up in punt formation, that was a really positive thing to see from the offense tonight and we stayed ahead of the chains most of the night."

Quarterback Wesley Blazek led the dynamic Rebels offense, and was impressive once again after a big performance last week. The first-year starter threw for 171 yards and three touchdowns along with 42 rushing yards.

"I thought he had a great game tonight at quarterback," Charpentier said.

Wide receiver Seth Laviolette also had a breakout game with 96 receiving yards, including a 79-yard touchdown on a perfect pass from Blazek. He also had a rushing touchdown. The 79-yard touchdown bomb was a crucial turning point in the game, and established the Rebels as the dominant team before halftime.

"I thought Laviolette played great," Charpentier said.

Running back Hayden Judice was having a great game with 70 total yards and two touchdowns in the first half, but did not see the field in the second half. There was speculation that he was injured during the game, but there was no injury according to coach Charpentier.

"He was just being rested," said Charpentier. "We have good depth at that position, and we wanted to get some other guys on tape, and we were able to do that."

Landon Trosclair and Zander Garber took over in the second half and rushed for more than 50 yards each.

The defense also had a solid performance despite the early dropped interceptions, allowing only 14 points along with getting two interceptions, a forced fumble, and four sacks. "I thought they played better last week," Charpentier said.

"You have to give La-Grange credit tonight, it was hard to tackle those guys."

The Rebels expect their biggest test so far when they host Notre Dame on Friday.

"We've got a lot to clean up if we're gonna be successful next week and the weeks following, we've got to continue to improve," Charpentier said. "We're not anywhere close to where we want to be at the end of the season. It's a weekly process, and hopefully the kids will buy into that process."



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SCOTT CLAUSE/THE ADVERTISER Teurlings Catholic quarterback Wesley Blazek, shown in the jamboree win over Cecilia, stood out again Friday in the Rebels' 41-14 win over LaGrange.



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## James Bewers' area top 10: Week 2

#### JAMES BEWERS



Acadiana Wreckin' Rams (2-0)

Skinny: Acadiana steamrolled a Ruston team ranked No. 10 in the LSWA's Class 5A poll. The Wreckin' Rams' performance shows what a full week of practice can do for a team this talent-

ed. There's no reason Acadiana shouldn't remain in the top spot in my area rank-

ing. Next: At Carencro on Friday

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

Skinny: STM has all the pieces to be a dominant football team in Division II. Much like Acadiana, the backfield is deep, as evidence by a 293vard performance in a 49-0 win against Comeaux. And the Cougars defense hasn't given up a point through two weeks. Put simply, the Cougars are scary good.

Next: Hosts Plaquemine on Friday

#### 3. Notre Dame Pioneers (1-0)

Skinny: Notre Dame didn't show any signs of rust after its season opener was canceled, wal-loping Breaux Bridge 38-7. New starting quarterback Garrett Bergeron had an efficient night, completing 15 of 21 passes for 206 yards and a touchdown. A juicy road matchup with Teurlings Catholic awaits next week.

Next: At Teurlings Catholic on Friday

#### 4. Teurlings Catholic Rebels (2-0)

Skinny: Two straight blowout wins for Teurlings Catholic vaults them into the top four of my poll. The Rebels racked up 240 rushing yards against LaGrange, and Wesley Blazek had another solid outing under center, completing 9 of 14 passes for 167 yards and three touchdowns in a 41-14 win. Friday's home game against Notre Dame will tell us plenty about both teams. Next: Hosts Notre Dame on Friday

#### 5. Carencro Golden Bears (1-0)

Skinny: Carencro, like Notre Dame, had its season opener canceled, so i's hard to blame the Golden Bears for a slow start against an improved New Iberia team. But Carencro's passing game found a rhythm in the second half as it rallied to beat the Yellow Jackets 17-14. Carencro falls one spot in my poll, but it could easily climb back into the top 4 with a win against rival Acadiana

Next: Hosts Acadiana on Friday

#### 6. Catholic-NI Panthers (2-0)

Skinny: Catholic-NI didn't need to pass the

ball much last week in a high-scoring win against Westgate in the season opener. This week, quarterback Diallo Landry propelled the Panthers to a 54-25 win against St. Louis, as he totaled 282 passing yards and three touchdowns. If Catholic-NI can score like this for the rest of the season, it may not need to totally shutdown opposing offenses

Next: Hosts St. Thomas Aquinas on Friday

#### 7. LCA Knights (2-0)

Skinny: LCA waltzed to another convincing victory Friday, beating a talented Loreauville team 55-13. Quarterback Zachary Clement recorded more than 200 yards of offense and three touchdowns, while running back Trey Breaux notched two rushing touchdown and 81 receiving yards. The Knights can put gaudy numbers on of fense, and the defense appears vastly improved. Next: At Franklin on Thursday

#### 8. Ascension Episcopal Blue Gators (2-0)

Skinny: Ascension Episcopal needed to return a fumble for a touchdown to take a decisive 21-14 lead in comeback victory against Catholic-Pointe Coupee. But the Hornets are a solid Class 1A program, and the Blue Gators have now shown they can win in two different ways in the first two weeks of the season — a blowout and a nail-biter. Next: Hosts North Vermilion on Thursday

#### 9. Ravne Wolves (1-0)

Skinny: Another team that had its season opener canceled, Rayne throtteld Lake Charles College Prep 47-6 in its season debut. Running back Trent Winbush, alone, had 270 yards and five touchdowns on 11 carries, so it's clear the Wolves were far too much for the Class 3A Trailblazers

Next: Hosts Eunice on Friday

#### 10. Northwest Raiders (1-1)

Skinny: Northwest is the only team in my top 10 that did not win its Week 2 matchup, falling to Berwick 52-34. It's apparent the Raiders, which led 22-7 in the first half, struggled to contain a potent Panthers offense. But, rather than penalizing Northwest, I'll give Berwick the credit it deserves

Next: At West St. Mary on Thursday

#### On the brink

It's still very early in the season, and some results or records may not indicate what kind of season teams could have. So this poll, especially at the bottom half, will be somewhat of a revolving door until we find out more. However, here are a few other teams I considered for my second top 10 of the season: Opleousas Catholic (1-1), Kaplan (0-2), Crowley (1-1), Vermilion Catholic (1-1).

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## Kevin Foote's area top 10: Week 2



#### KEVIN FOOTE

#### **1. Acadiana Rams (2-0)**

**Skinny:** The Wreckin' Rams looked more like the team that we saw in the jamboree when the Ruston Bearcats came to town Friday, rushing for 393 yards. Amazingly, it's the first time in six years that the Rams are 2-0.

Next: At Carencro on Friday

#### 2. STM Cougars (2-0)

**Skinny:** Wow, the Cougars certainly don't appear to have celebrated the program's first state title too long. The 2017 Cougars are just overwhelming people so far with consistently strong play in all areas

Next: Host Plaquemine on Friday.

#### 3. Notre Dame Pioneers (1-0)

**Skinny:** The break apparently served the Pios well after not getting to play in their season opener. The Pios handled Breaux Bridge, just one touchdown short of the score Teurlings crushed the Tigers by in week one

Next: At Teurlings on Friday.

#### 4. Teurlings Rebels (2-0)

**Skinny:** It's becoming readily apparent that the Rebels mean business. Teurlings has now destroyed a 4A and a 5A program used to playing competitive ball. Next week is the chance to leap into the top three and start the talk of the Oct. 13 showdown with St. Thomas More.

Next: Host Notre Dame on Friday.

#### 5. Carencro Bears (1-0)

**Skinny:** The Bears' offense is obviously still very much a work in progress with an inexperienced offensive line. Give the Bears credit, though, for picking themselves off the deck on the road against New Iberia to pull off the road win.

Next: Host Acadiana on Friday.

#### 6. Catholic-NI Panthers (2-0)

**Skinny:** The Panthers added a passing threat to their arsenal Friday with Diallo Landry throwing for 282 yards and three touchdowns.

Next: Host St. Thomas Aquinas on Friday.

#### 7. Ascension Blue Gators (2-0)

**Skinny:** After handling Erath last Saturday, the Blue Gators found themselves in a dogfight in week two. Coach Matt Desormeaux's team may not have won many style points, but digging deep early and coming through on top is a good sign as well.

Next: Host North Vermilion on Thursday.

#### 8. Rayne Wolves (1-0)

**Skinny:** After having to sit out last week due to weather threats, the Wolves clobbered an overmatched team like they're supposed to. It'll be a much bigger test this week.

Next: Host Eunice on Friday.

#### 9. LCA Knights (2-0)

**Skinny:** So far this season, the Knights have overwhelmed an opponent most expected them to crush. Then LCA handled a team in Loreauville that many expected to compete. That's not a bad start. The Knights' offense is looking scary already and defense is improving.

Next: At Franklin on Thursday.

#### **10. Opelousas Catholic Vikings (1-1)**

**Skinny:** After losing a tight road game to Northwest in the opener, the Vikings won their home opener handily over a quality opponent in Vermilion Catholic. That should begin quite a winning streak for the Vikings.

Next: At Port Barre on Friday.

#### On the Brink Crowley.

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# All in the family

## Sibling tradition key for Notre Dame, Teurlings football

#### JAMES BEWERS

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Paul Hundley is a junior guard on the Notre Dame High football team.

He's not a starter yet, but Lewis Cook knows who Hundley is. He even knows his middle name: Albert.

But Paul often gets confused for his brother, Christian, who also played guard for the Pioneers and graduated in 2014. Christian was known as "Bull" on the football team.

And sometimes, Paul is called "Christian" or "Bull" on purpose. "I don't know how many times Paul

Albert has been called either 'Christian' or 'Bull,'' Cook said. "He's just one of several that it's hap-

pened with. Even if it's not a mistake, we'll just call him that. They go by it sometimes.

"They end up just having to live with it, that they're going to be called with their brother's (name).'

Cook, who's in his 21st year with Notre Dame, guesses Paul has had five brothers come through Notre Dame, and he's far from the only player that's the first family member to play for the Pios

At Notre Dame, the football roster is built upon kin.

Ironically, the Pios' opponent for Week 3, Teurlings Catholic, is perhaps the less extreme version of a football program made up of family members.

The Rebels have two sets of twins, the McGuire brothers and the Balfa brothers, among other siblings on the roster.

That's on top two Matthews brothers, Justin and John, that play on the offensive line.

Te've coached numerous brothers and cousins over the years. When you coach long enough, I coached, not that long ago, one of my

family tradition."

e talk about 'Pio Pride' being something real. I really think that red helmet means more to the second and third generations. They're

harder."

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The eldest Matthews, Jacob, played for the Rebels a few years ago.

Family ties also extend into the coaching staffs of both programs. Teurlings head coach Dane Charpentier took over for his father, Sonny Charpentier, last December.

Charpentier spent 22 years as the Rebels' leader before stepping down to become the athletic director.

Teurlings assistant coaches Kent Masson and Joe Heintz each have sons who are currently on the Rebels' roster: senior linebacker Bryant Masson and junior wide receiver Michael Heintz.

"Around here, it's been that way," Sonny "We've Charpentier said. coached numerous brothers and cousins over the years. When you coach long enough, I coached, not that long ago, one of my former player's sons. That's starts going around when you coach long enough.

'At Teurlings, there's a strong family tradition.'

Notre Dame head coach Lewis Cook's eldest son, Lew Cook, coaches the running backs on the staff. Lewis got out of college coaching in the mid-1990s to coach his three sons, who all played for the Pios.

Lewis' defensive coordinator, Jimmy McCleary, has had two sons graduate from Notre Dame and has two twin boys, Ethan and Dylan, who are

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# former player's sons. ... At Teurlings, there's a strong

SONNY CHARPENTIER WITH TEURLINGS FOOTBALL

going to fight a little

LEW COOK WITH NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

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## Notre Dame 44, Teurlings Catholic 7

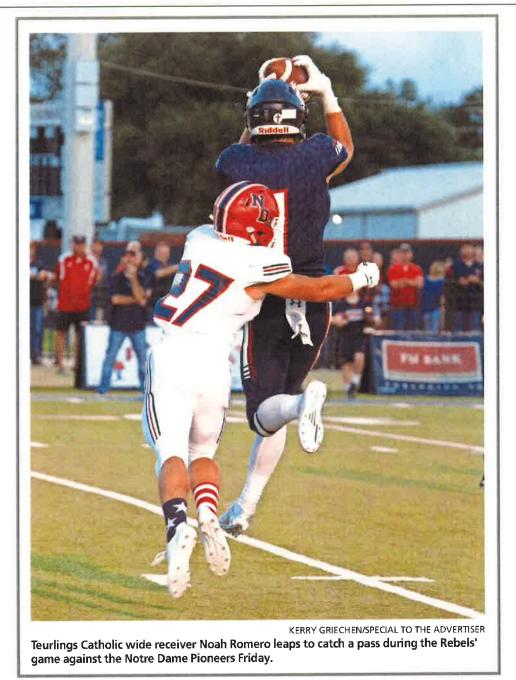
**Leaders:** ND: Noah Bourgeois 19-107 rushing, 2 TDs; Collin Kirsch 13-100 rushing, 2 TDs; Gabe Menard 1-1, TD; CJ Thibodeaux 7-56 rushing; Garrett Bergeron 8-16-0 92 passing; Gentry Borill 3-37 receiving. TC: Wesley Blazek 7-21-3 48 passing, 11-61 rushing; Zander Garber 12-43 rushing; Landon Trosclair 8-39, TD; Noah Romero 3-27 receiving

**Overview:** Notre Dame intercepted Teurlings quarterback Wesley Blazek three times while rushing for 273 yards, as the Pioneers beat the Rebels for the third straight time. Teurlings lost three of its best players to injuries during the game, including preseason All-Acadiana selections Hayden Judice and Cole Newland. It was the largest margin of victory by either team since Notre Dame beat Teurlings 40-3 in 2005. **Records:** ND 2-0; TC 2-1. **Next:** ND hosts Catholic-New Iberia; TC hosts Archbishop Rummel



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**Notre Dame trounces Teurlings** 

JAMES BEWERS

Lewis Cook couldn't help but be worried.

Yes, Notre Dame deals with this sort of thing every year — replacing starters on a team that is always senior-laden. And, yes, the Pioneers never really look inexperienced. It's a product of player development over four years and seniors taking advantage of, perhaps, their only opportunity for significant playing time.

Notre Dame's No. 1 ranking in the LSWA's Class 2A poll after the second week of the regular season is based on pedigree as much as anything else.

"I think it's a four-year process for us," said Notre Dame defensive coordinator Jimmy McCleary. "We're always senior-heavy every year, so these guys are playing freshmen and (junior varsity) for three years and continuing to develop. continuing to learn.

ty) for three years and continuing to develop, continuing to learn. "By their senior year, it's important to them because it's their year. It's their only time on varsity. Sometimes, we do have underclassmen that participate, but for the most part it's senior heavy."

But no matter how seriously you take Notre Dame's lack of experience, they're still mostly untested at the start of every season. Cook guessed about 18 players made their first starts in the Pios' season opener against Breaux Bridge last Friday. Notre Dame's originally scheduled season opener against LaGrange was canceled due to Hurricane Harvey.

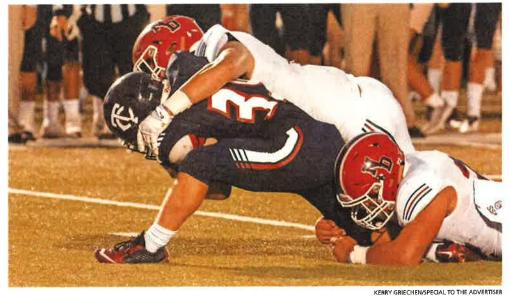
cane Harvey. The Pios eased past an overmatched Tigers team, but Friday's matchup with rival Teurlings Catholic, which won its first two games by a combined 64 points, had Cook apprehensive.

had Cook apprehensive. The Rebels, ranked sixth in the Class 4A poll, returned 12 starters from a year ago, including three preseason All-Acadiana selections and an LSU commitment, tackle Thomas Perry.

ment, tackle Thomas Perry. So Cook said he honestly couldn't have imagined walloping the Rebels 44-7 on the road Friday night, the largest margin of victory by either team since the Pios won by 37 points in 2005.

gin of victory by enner team since the Pios won by 37 points in 2005. "I didn't expect this at all," Cook said. "I wasn't sure we'd even win the game tonight."

Teurlings Catholic first-year coach Dane Charpentier refused to make any excuses despite losing two of three aforementioned preseason All-Acadiana picks — two-way player Hayden Judice and inside linebacker Cole Newland — to injury early in the game.



Notre Dame's defense takes down Teurlings Catholic's Zander Garber on Friday. The Pios' defense allowed only 189 yards of total offense and got three interceptions and three sacks.

Newland was actually one of two starting inside linebackers that went down early — the other being Beau Le-Blanc. The Rebels were already without running back Jakyre Journet, whose ankle injury likely ended his season. "I don't think two guys going out is

"I don't think two guys going out is anything to blame a loss like this one," Charpentier said. "They beat a lot more people than just (Judice and Newland). We've got some good backups; we've got quality at both of those positions. You would like to think those guys would have made a big difference, but the score kind of speaks for itself."

Charpentier, naturally, doesn't feel like his team is 37 points worse than Notre Dame, but he admitted his offense simply had no answers for the Notre Dame defense. The Rebels took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter after forcing a turnover on downs in the Pioneers territory, but that was mostly the extent of any success by Teurling's offense. The Rebels mustered just 189 yards of

The Rebels mustered just 189 yards of total offense, and the Pios intercepted Teurlings quarterback Wesley Blazek three times. Blazek, who completed only 7 of 21 passes, was also sacked three times. "It's not his fault," Charpentier said of his quarterback. "Some of the play calls I made weren't real good. Like I said, they

made weren't real good. Like I said, mey do a good job of pressuring with four guys. Not a lot of place to throw the ball. We got a get a lot better to try to compete on the same level as they are." Notre Dame turned all three of the

Notre Dame turned all three of the Rebels' turnovers into touchdowns

"It's big to get a turnover, especially when it's on their side the field," Cook said. "But if you don't do anything with it, you don't build any momentum. I thought we built momentum all the way through the game."

through the game." Thomas Stevens paced the Notre Dame defense with 13 total tackles, including a tackle for loss and a pass break up. Fellow linebacker Cameron Nelson — who, along with Stevens, is one of three returning starters on defense had eight total stop and one of three interceptions. Stevens and Nelson praised

Stevens and Nelson praised McCleary's releatless preparation for a physical Teurlings offense that prides itself on being multiple.

self on being multiple. "Just got to give it all to him," Nelson said of McClearly. "He teaches us where to go. By the time we get on the field on Fridays, it's like automatic." McClearly said the Rebels' ground

McClearly said the Rebels' ground game presented the biggest challenge, but the task of limiting Teurlings became more difficult when they show different formations than Notre Dame had prepared for. The Rebels seemingly tried to outflank the Pios defense by showing unbalanced looks, McCleary said, so in game adjustments were required.

The adjustments worked, and the Notre Dame offense made Teurlings pay when they gave the ball away. "I think what we do offensively and

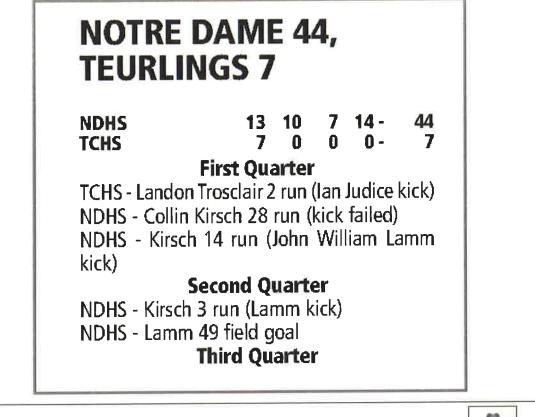
"I think what we do offensively and defensively support each other so well," McCleary said. "We're so physical in practice because of what coach (Cook) does offensively. He holds the ball. He runs the clock out. (He) puts pressure on the opponents to get their offensive tempo up a little bit, throw it a little bit more.

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## Kevin Foote's area poll: Week 3

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KEVIN FOOTE

#### Rams (3-0) Skinny: The

lackluster performance in the season opener is officially in the past for the

Wreckin' Rams. In the past two weeks, Acadiana rushed for 393 yards against Ruston and 426 yards against Carencro. Now it's a matter of eliminating the offense's seemingly insatiable need to lay it on the ground three or four times a game.

Next: Host New Iberia on Friday

#### 2. STM Cougars (3-0)

**Skinny:** Amazingly, the Cougars still haven't allowed a single point all season. It's almost scary how good the Cougars have been so far this season. For all the teams that elected not to schedule STM this season, good move.

Next: At Catholic-BR on Friday

## 3. Notre Dame Pioneers (2-0)

**Skinny:** For anyone beginning to wonder about the 2017 Pios, see Friday's road trip to Teurlings Catholic. It's not just that Notre Dame beat the Rebels, but it was the Pios' biggest win over the Rebels since beating Teurlings 40-3 in 2005.

**Next:** Host Catholic-N1 on Friday.

#### 4. Catholic-NI Panthers (3-0)

**Skinny:** The Panthers ran roughshod over another overmatched opponent on Friday. We'll find out more about coach Brent Indest's squad next week. **Next:** At Notre Dame on Friday.

5. Teurlings Rebels (2-1)



ANGELA SOBIESK/SPECIAL TO THE ADVERTISER

St. Thomas More running back Chris Primeaux runs the ball past the Plaquemine High defenders in the Cougars' blowout win Friday.

**Skinny:** After a humbling loss to the Pios, the Rebels need to move down some. But it was on the Pios, so not too much yet..

Next: Host Rummel on Friday.

#### 6. Carencro Bears (1-1)

**Skinny:** The Bears' passing game showed some good signs at times during Friday's 48-13 loss to Acadiana, but it also threw four interceptions. With a tough district slate ahead, the Bears will need to begin elevating their play over the next two weeks.

Next: Host Ouachita on Friday.

## 7. Ascension Blue Gators (3-0)

**Skinny:** It was Ascension's most complete win of the season. Now it's a matter of holding its breath in hoping that its starting quarterback can return at some point this season after suffering an injury Thursday. **Next:** At Delcambre on Thursday.

8. Rayne Wolves (2-0)

**Skinny:** Two games, two blowout victories for Rayne's vaunted Wing-T attack. With the District 4-4A wars still ahead, it's just the beginning for the Wolves. **Next:** At Erath on Thursday.

#### 9. LCA Knights (3-0)

**Skinny**: The Knights have just dismantled three defenses so far this season. There figure to be stiffer challenges ahead. We'll see.

**Next:** At Highland Baptist on Thursday.

#### 10. Crowley Gents (2.1)

**Skinny:** I don't normally drop teams after losing but there is something to be said for the quality of wins. The Gents went on the road and won a nailbiter over Ceclia. This No. 10 spot could be musical chairs over the next month or so. We'll see if the Gents can keep that from happening.

Next: At Eunice on Friday.

#### On the Brink

Opelousas Catholic (2-1), Westgate (2-1), Northwest (2-1)

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## James Bewers' area poll: Week 3

## JAMES Bewers

St. Thomas **More Cougars** (3-0)

Skinny: It's almost comical at this point how utterly dominant

the Cougars have been on defense. It's one thing to shut out Lafavette and Comeaux. But to do it to Plaquemine, ranked No. 3 in the LSWA's Class 4A poll and averaging 42 points per game enter-ing Friday, is stunning. The Cougars have done enough to vault themselves to the No. 1 ranking in my poll, and they could stay there for the rest of the season at this rate. Next: At Catholic-BR on

Friday

#### 2. Acadiana Wreckin' Rams (3-0)

Skinny: The Wreckin' Rams ended their three-game losing streak to Carencro and have passed every test in front of them, including knocking off a talented Ruston team last week. Frankly, Acadiana doesn't de-serve to be moved down in my ranking. But take STM leap-frogging the Rams as an indicator of how impressive the Cougars have been. Liust wish the two teams could play each other to settle things. **Next:** Host New Iberia on

Friday

#### 3. Notre Dame Pioneers (2-0)

Skinny: If Lewis Cook ever tells you he's worried about how his inexperienced starters will perform, take it with a grain of salt. The Pios coaches are mas ters at player development, as evidenced by Notre Dame's largest margin of victory against Teurlings since 2005. Notre Dame appears to be a legit state title contender once again, but an intriguing match-up with Catholic-NI awaits Friday.

Next: Host Catholic-NI on Friday

#### 4. Catholic-NI Panthers (3-0)

Skinny: The Panthers throt-tled St. Thomas Aquinas and are now averaging 50 points per



BUDDY DELAHOUSSA YE/SPECIAL TO THE ADVERTISER Acadiana's Ziggy Francis (6) gets to the outside pass against the Carencro defensive line on Friday.

game through three contests. Question marks linger on the Catholic-NI defense, and the Panthers will certainly be test ed by Notre Dame's balanced attack this Friday. But Diallo Landry and Jadan Stokes are a formidable backfield duo. Next: At Notre Dame on

Friday

#### 5. Carencro Golden Bears (1-1)

**Skinny**: The Golden Bears are simply not on the same level as Acadiana right now, so it shouldn't be too surprising that the Wreckin Rams' won convincingly. But Carencro coach Tony Courville expected some growing pains early in the sea-son, especially with such a young offensive line. I expect the Bears, which are no doubt talented, to improve as the sea-son progresses, but they must do a better job of protecting the football

Next: Host Ouachita on Friday

#### 6. Teurlings Catholic Robels (2-1)

Skinny; 'There's no doubt that Teurlings looked overmatched against Notre Dame, but I don't believe the Pios are 37 points better than the Rebels Even Notre Dame coach Lewis Cook acknowledged some games can get out hand when things aren't going the losing team's way ... Next: Host Rummel on Fri-

day

#### 7. LCA Knights (3-0)

Skinny; Yes, the Knights have yet to be truly tested, but

LCA has now outscored its opponents 142-25 through the first three weeks. I prefer to give credit where it's due when teams take care of business against inferior competition. Next: At Highland Baptist on Thursday

#### 8. Rayne Wolves (2-0)

Skinny; The Wolves pummeling Eunice was somewhat sur prising, considering Rayne only beat the Bobcats by a point last season. But Rayna has one of the most potent rushing attacks in the area, so it will be a challenge for any team on their schedule.

Next: At Erath on Thursday 9. Ascension Episcopal Blue

#### Gators (3-0) **Skinny**; The Blue Gators were a difficult team to judge through the first two weeks, but they walloped North Vermilion on Thursday. So Ascension Episcopal is firmly cemented in my top 10 for now

Next: At Delcambre on Thursday

#### 10. Northwest Raiders (2-1)

Skinny: Perhaps there are other teams deserving of the final spot in my poll, but I still like Northwest for now. The Raiders put away an over-matched West St. Mary team Friday and already have a headto-head victory against Opelousas Catholic. Next: Host lota on Friday

On the Brink

Opelousas Catholic (2-1), Crowley (2-1), Kaplan (1-2)

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## **CLASS 4A**

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downs with no interceptions while running for another 191 yards and two touchdowns on 22 carries — are certainly impressive. But he hasn't had to beat teams by himself, and based on what the opposing defense shows, LCA can be flexible with its offensive approach.

"Really, it just kind of depends on the opponent and kind of what they're doing defensively," Faulk said. "Sometimes you'll face teams who'll load the box up. It leads to more one-on-one opportunities on the outside, and so we kind of have a tendency to throw the ball a little bit more early on in the game in those situations to kind of loosen them up and hopefully pull a couple guys out of the box. Where there are teams that are trying to be more coverageoriented, we come out and try to establish the run."

Versatile tailback Trey Breaux has scored a total of six times, accounting for 147 rushing yards and 125 receiving yards. Receivers Errol Rogers Jr. and Sage Ryan have each recorded over 150 receiving yards for the season, combining for four total touchdowns. Jordan Hall has added 95 receiving yards and two touchdowns, while Montreal Felix, though he hasn't scored, has racked up L31 rushing yards on 15 carries.

#### **Blue Gators lose Vascocu**

Ascension Episcopal senior quarterback Jake Vascocu was off to a fabulous start to the season.

Going into last Thursday's home game against North Vermilion, he was 19-of-32 passing for 257 yards with five TDs and one interception. After leading the Blue Gators to touchdowns on each of their first three drives, including two TD passes, Vascocu rolled to the right on the first play of Ascension's fourth possession.

The good news is he gained 12 yards. The horrible news is he suffered a torn ACL knee injury on the play and will be lost for the rest of the season.

Freshman Cole Simon finished the game and will be making his first start at Delcambre on Thursday.

"He (Šimon) knew he was our backup," AES coach Matt Desormeaux said. "He was ready. Sure, he was nervous, but he wasn't scared. He didn't play scared at all. I thought he played pretty well. I thought he made some good decisions."

Simon figures to be more prepared this week after getting all the practice reps. Sophomore receiver Andrew Stolzenthaler will be the new backup quarterback.

Junior receiver Seth Kerstetter is another option at quarterback if needed, but "we definitely don't want Seth being a full-time quarterback" due to his elite skills as a receiver.

#### **Rebels fighting injuries**

Since the high school football schedules were made officials, people have been commenting on the rugged stretch of games on Teurlings Catholic's schedule. It began with Notre Dame last week and then continues with Rummel, Catholic-Baton Rouge, Rayne and then St. Thomas More.

That's a tough road fully stocked, but suddenly coach Dane Charpentier's Rebels have been overwhelmed with key injuries.

Two of the team's three running backs are out. Two members of the secondary and two linebackers, not to mention potentially a starter on both sides of the line. Team leader and linebacker Cole Newland (dislocated elbow) is likely out for a month and fellow linebacker Beau LeBlanc suffered a broken arm.

Hayden Judice, like Newland a preseason All-Acadiana selection, is questionable for Friday's game with a sprained ankle.

"It's never a good time for injuries, but this definitely isn't a good time." Charpentier said. "It was just a bunch of freak injuries all at once. But we're staying positive. We still have a lot of guys who can step in. They're just not the starters."

#### Lamm big weapon for Plos

There hasn't been too many times where Lewis Cook, at least as Notre Dame's coach, has been forced to attempt two-point conversions because he lacks a placekicker capable of hitting extra points.

But it also isn't lost on him the luxury of having an elite place kicker, one that can connect from more than 40 yards or hit a field goal with the game on the line.

For the last year, Cook has had that in junior John William Lamm, and he proved his value again last Friday against Teurlings Catholic. Lamm booted a 49-yard field as the first half expired, giving the No. 1 Pioneers a 23-7 lead and furthering the momentum they were building in a 44-7 win.

Lamm missed his first extra point attempt of the game, but he maintained his composure to convert the remaining five extra points and drill the deep field goal at the end of the half. He's 10 of 11 on extra points through the first two games.

"The thing you really like about him is he missed that extra point, which was the first one he missed this year, and then he nails every other one and hits a 49-yard field goal with the time running out," Cook said. "It doesn't affect him."

Lamm served as Notre Dame's kickoff specialist in his freshman year, a season in which the Pios won the state championship, before transitioning into a full-time role as the place kicker.

"He's going to have chance," Cook said of Lamm's opportunity to play collegiately. "A guy that can stand there and hit it from 49 like he did the other night, a lot of colleges would like to have a guy that's got that kind of range and (is) pretty accurate. He doesn't miss very many.

"He's long. He's only going to get stronger. By doing that, he's giving himself an opportunity, if he wants to, to have that chance to continue to kick once he's out of high school."

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## **Rummel 41, Teurlings 23** Leaders: RUMM – Chandler Fields 298 yds passing and 4 TDs; Jamarr Chase 105 yards receiving and 1 TD, as well as one kickoff return for TD; QB Wesley Blazek 101 passing yard, 1 TD; 94 yards rushing. **Overview:** Rummel outgained Teurlings 443-283 behind a 298-yard passing performance. Records: RUMM 3-0; TEUR 2-2. **Next:** TEUR at Catholic-BR on Friday. Clipped By: Thu, Jun 29, 2023

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## Kevin and James rank (and lisagree about) the teams



#### **KEVIN FOOTE**

There are different levels of difficulties when it comes to ranking high school football teams.

The first one: At the start of a season, we really don't know very much about the teams - much

like the college Top 25 voters prove each September.

But now that we're (amazingly) approaching mid-season, the difficulties seem to multiply.

For starters, how far do you drop a good team that loses multiple games to higherranked clubs?

How about the team that is battling major injuries and/or unforeseen circumstances?

Or those teams who are off to a highflying start but haven't been challenged yet.

Oh yeah: Sometimes sports reporters examine the exact same teams and stats and come up with a different opinion about how teams should be ranked - as do prep writer James Bewers and sports engagement editor Kevin Foote in discussing their Week Four polls:

Let's start at the beginning: Who's No. !? James: "I'll jump Acadiana back to No. 1 since STM lost."

Kevin: "I had Acadiana at No. 1 already." Which teams come next?

Kevin: "My problem at the top is, which team should I put second? STM doesn't really deserve to drop after giving up their first points of the season and losing at Catholic High. But then there's the quality of wins factor. Notre Dame just demolished both Teurlings and Catholic High of New Iberia."



JAMES BEWERS

James: "I've decided that I'm going to move LCA up to four. I know they haven't really been tested yet, but I just feel like they've gotten off to the fourth best start in the area.'

Kevin: "I'm just not ready to drop Catholic down very far for

losing at Notre Dame. A tougher call to me was how far up do you move Ascension when it just lost its starting quarterback for the season?

What effect do routs have on ranking?

Kevin: "I still believe Teurlings and Carencro will be fine by the end of the season, but both have been routed in back-to-back weeks, so they need to drop some. Ascension's getting a big chance to prove that it deserves a top five billing when they go to Berwick this coming Friday."

James: "I'm not really down on Catholic at all, but I feel like Rayne needs to be at seven and I just can't drop Teurlings too far down yet for losing to two really good teams with all of those injuries."

Rounding out the rankings:

Kevin: "I think LCA will continue to rise, because the chances of them losing anytime soon probably aren't good. Until they get a marquee win, I think their slide up the ladder needs to be more gradual. Rayne is a tough team to place for me. I really think how they fare against the top teams in their new district is one of the most interesting aspects of the 2017 season. They haven't beaten a real good team yet, but they also haven't been competed with yet either."

James: "I could easily go with Northwest,

#### **James Bewers' Week 4 Poll**

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- 2. STM Cougars (3-1)
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- 10. Carencro Bears (1-2)

On the Brink: Northwest (3-1), Kaplan (2-2), Opelousas Catholic (3-1), Westgate (3-1).

Crowley or Kaplan at No. 10. I just think Northwest had that good win over OC.

Kevin: "Plus, that will take care of itself anyway next week when Crowley hosts Northwest. I just like the fact that Crowley went on the road to beat Cecilia, and its only loss is a close one at a good Iowa team. I just really like the fact that there's more legitimate teams to consider. Three weeks ago, I struggled to get to 11 teams, but I feel like there are 14 or 15 teams now considering.

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#### ARCHBISHOP RUMMEL 41, TEURLINGS CATHOLIC 23

## Not time to jump off Teurlings bandwagon

#### STEVE PELOQUIN SPECIAL TO THE ADVERTISER

The Teurlings Catholic Rebels lost at home in non-district action on Friday night, dropping a 41-23 decision to the Archbishop Rummel Raiders, to fall to 2-2 on the season.

Despite the setback, there are a number of reasons for Teurlings fans to be encouraged, and five are listed below:

#### **1** Competition

This is both in terms of Friday night and through the first four games of the season.

Rummel is an undefeated 5A school that has a number of players who will be playing college football at some point, including senior receiver JaMarr Chase, a Florida commitment, and sophomore receiver Koy Moore, who has been offered by multiple SEC schools, including LSU. The Raiders are as talented of an offensive team that Teurlings is going to face all year, and the Rebels will be better in the long run because of it. "We played a team that

made no mistakes tonight," Teurlings head coach Dane Charpentier said of Rummel. "They made no mistakes with super-talented players, and when you play a team that has their level of talent — who is one of the best teams in the state for a reason — that makes no mistakes, it really puts a lot of pressure on you to be perfect."

Teurings lost to another outstanding team in Notre Dame last week after defeating Breaux Bridge and LaGrange to begin the season. Going 2-2 against that

Going 2-2 against that level of competition is not bad, especially when you're playing shorthanded due to injuries.

#### 2. The game was much closer than the final score

The Rebels cut the Rummel lead to 21-16 with :06 remaining in the first half, knowing they would get the ball to begin the second half, before Chase returned a kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown.

There was an instance in the second quarter in which the Raiders converted on a third down and 18 play, as well as another instance in the fourth quarter in which Chase broke a tackle, which could have forced a Rummel punt, to keep the drive alive and ultimately score.

Take those three plays away and Teurlings played Rummel straightup.

up. "Our kids played their tails offs, but a few crucial errors cost us," said Charpentier. "The error in the kicking game right before the end of the half was something that we wanted to squib shallow, but we squibbed it deep, and he took it to the house with no time left on the clock.

"That's a very avoidable mistake that changed the whole complexion of the game," said Charpentier. "It made it a two score game, but it's something that we'll learn from, like some of our other mistakes, and get better."

#### 3. Time to deal with injuries

The Rebels lost three defensive starters and a running back in the loss to Notre Dame, and it showed on the score-board.

Losing starters during a game is brutal on a high school team, because a lot of their back-ups aren't necessarily back-ups. A lot of the time, players are shifted to other positions. This week, Teurlings

had time to prepare, and shift a few players to other areas. "We had a kid who is a

junior (Tate Buller), who played very few snaps in JV last year, who has to line-up at safety against SEC caliber players," said Charpentier. "So that's what losing starters does to you, but I thought our guys played as hard as they could."

When those starters return, Teurlings will obviously be immediately better.

In the meantime, the more the current group plays, the more experience they'll get and the better they'll get. Just like they got much better from week three to week four.

## 4. Blazek makes the rebel offense go

Blazek threw for 101 yards and rushed for another 94 as the Teurlings offense showed that they can move the ball against anybody.

"He played lights out tonight," Charpentier said of Blazek. "On any team, a quarterback makes the offense go, and he made our offense go tonight against a team that can beat anybody in the state.

"Offensively, there's a lot to build upon," said Charpentier. "We only had to punt once tonight. So if you can move the ball against these guys like we did, you should feel pretty confident that you can move it against almost anybody."

Even more reason for optimism when it comes to the Teurlings offense: The Rebels' offensive line did not allow a sack, and seven different receivers caught passes from Blazek.

zek. This offense is going to move the football and score points.

#### 5. Tradition

Teurlings is going to be good because they almost always are. This is a program that won District 4-4A titles in 2007, 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015 and finished as Division 11 quarterfinalists in 2015 and 2014, and Division 11 semifinalists in 2015.

This group knows what it takes to win, and that will likely do a lot of that in the remaining six games, and into the state playoffs.

"Our kids competed as hard as they could compete, and we're going to get better," said Charpentier. "I really like our team and feel good about where we're headed."



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#### Blazek shouldering load for banged-up Teurlings offense

Quarterbacks often receive as much blame when an offense struggles as they are given credit when an offense is rolling.

Sometimes the blame can be warranted, but Teurlings Catholic coach Dane Charpentier doesn't feel that should be the case when evaluating the Rebels' 44-7 loss to Notre Dame two weeks ago. Despite Rebels quarterback Wesley Blazek throwing three interceptions, Charpentier shouldered some of the blame for the offense's ineffectiveness against a stout defense.

The Rebels (2-2) have played without its top two running backs — Jakyre Journet and Hayden Judice — for the last two weeks due to injury, so that certainly didn't make things any easier against Notre Dame. The game against the Pios began a brutal three-game stretch for Teurlings, including this week's road matchup against Catholic-Baton Rogue, before the Rebels enter District 4-4A play.

But despite a 41-23 loss to Archbishop Rummel last week, Blazek was the catalyst behind an offense that gave the Raiders' defense fits at times. The senior completed 16 of 27 passes for 97 yards with a touchdown and an interception while also running for 100 yards on 19 carries.

"They had trouble defending him," Charpentier said of his signal caller. "He did a great job running the football for us. Obviously, he was able to take advantage of some things in the passing game... not the overall result we wanted, but definitely a much better performance than the week before."

The Rebels' passer has thrown for 336 yards and six touchdowns through the first two weeks. And the physicality he adds to the running game gives an extra dimension to an offense that's missing its two best tailbacks.



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## **Catholic-BR 34, Teurlings Catholic 7**

**Leaders:** CHS: QB Cameron Dartez-4 touchdowns (3 passing, 1 rushing); TC: RB Zander Garber- 80 yard touchdown run

**Overview:** The Teurlings defense struggled with the misdirection and quick passes of Catholic's offense. Catholic's Dartez had a 48 and 50 yard touchdown on screen plays. The Bears held the lead throughout the game, and prevented the Rebels' offense from generating a consistent attack.



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## Loss won't deter Teurlings from playing high-level teams

#### BRANDON ADAM SPECIAL TO THE ADVERTISER

BATON ROUGE — Teurlings Catholic has dealt with injury issues all season.

Now they can add second-team All-District offensive tackle Thomas Perry to the list. Perry limped off the field with the help of trainers in the fourth quarter of Teurlings' 34-7 loss to Catholic-Baton Rouge.

It's a sprained ankle," said Teurlings coach Dane Charpentier. "Not sure of the severity of it; we'll know more about it tomorrow."

Perry's injury added to an alreadytough night for the Rebels. The team struggled to move the ball consistently, turned the ball over multiple times and had a punt blocked. Teurlings' lone touchdown was an 80yard touchdown run by senior running back Zander Garber in the second quarter.

"I thought there were some plays to be made on offense that we just didn't make," Charpentier said. "Hats off to them, they have a great football team, but I told the kids after the game, we're not going to stop playing great teams anytime soon. So we have got to focus on ourselves and what we need to get better to try and play at a higher level, to try and compete at a higher level."

Defensively, Teurlings struggled to stop Catholic and junior quarterback Cameron Dartez. Dartez threw for over 300 yards and scored four total touchdowns, including two screen passes that went 48 and 50 yards for touchdowns. The defense, led by banged-up senior safety Hayden Judice, stopped Catholic on fourth down inside the 10-yard line twice but struggled with the misdirection of the Bears' offense.

"They have great play design," Charpentier said. "Whenever you take away one thing, they have an answer. We were trying to take away some things that they were good at, and like I said, they had the answer in the screen game."

Teurlings (2-3) will need to recover fast, especially with start of district play and a game against Rayne (4-0) next weekend. "It's a combination of a bunch of dif-

"It's a combination of a bunch of different reasons, but all of them are fixable," Charpentier said regarding his team's slow start. "I don't know how much time it's going to take, but we are going work until we get them fixed."

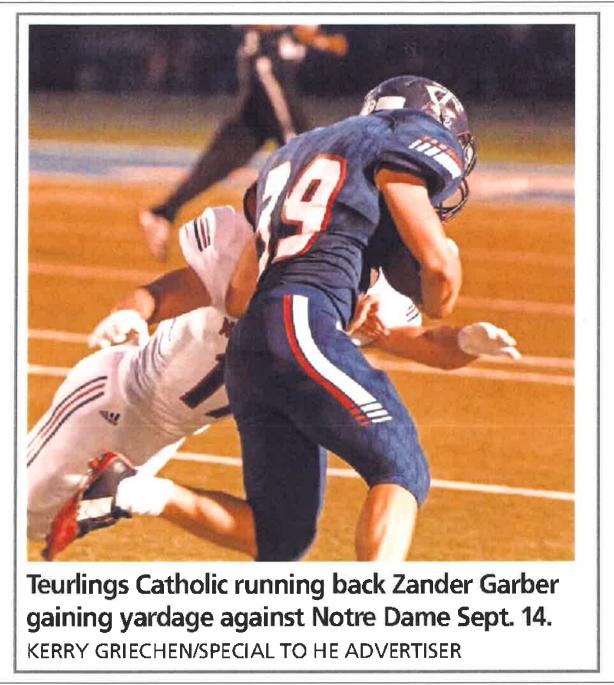


Teurlings Catholic running back Zander Garber gaining yardage against Notre Dame Sept. 14. KERRY GRIECHEN/SPECIAL TO HE ADVERTISER



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# New kids on the block

## Unbeaten Rayne holding its own in District 4-4A

#### JAMES BEWERS

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Rayne coach Curt Ware admits the talk surrounding the Wolves football program entering the 2017 season had a consistent tone.

Despite returning 11 starters from a 10-2 team, many of his conversations with fans had somewhat of a "Yeah, but..." kind of vibe.

"I've heard a lot from people, 'Coach,

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you got a pretty good team coming back, but, man, that district," Ware said. "It's kind of like the SEC West. There's no break in there."

Indeed, Rayne, a team that's become used to winning under Ware, drew the short end of the stick when it comes to the realignment of the two Class 4A districts in the Acadiana area.

On one side, you have District 5-4A, which includes Livonia, Beau Chene,

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#### Teurlings Catholic at Rayne

- Game: 7 p.m., Friday, Wolf Stadium.
- Records: TC 2-3, 0-0; Rayne 4-0, 0-0.
- State ranking: Rayne No. 8.
- Radio: 107.1 FM

Last meeting: TC won 63-12 in 2000 Season so far: TC beat Breaux Bridge 44-7, LaGrange 41-14, lost to Notre Dame 44-7, Archbishop Rummel 41-23, Catholic-BR 34-7; Rayne beat Lake Charles College Prep 47-6, Eunice 42-10, Erath 35-7, Leesville 28-18.

- Leaders: TC QB Wesley Blazek (51-100-4,
- 527 yds, 7 TDs, 61-277); RB Zander Garber
- (36-230, TD); WR Seth Laviolette (10-145, 2
- TDs). Rayne RB Trent Winbush (73-878,
- 15 TDs); RB Darien Harmon (28-233, 3
- TDs); WR Zach Fontenot (6-85).



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### Rayne

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Breaux Bridge, Cecilia, Opelousas and St. Martinville.

Although their combined 2016 records were 29-23, five of those six teams reached the playoffs last season. So that league certainly figures to be very competitive this season, especially with Opelousas doubling its win total from last season through the first five weeks of 2017.

But when compared to District 4-4A, at least entering the season, there appeared to be somewhat of an imbalance. As Ware suggested, it's somewhat reminiscent of the divisional split in the Southeastern Conference.

District 4-4A — featuring Rayne, St. Thomas More, Teurlings Catholic, Carencro, Westgate and Northside — included one less 2016 playoff team than District 5-4A, but the combined record of those four playoff teams from last year was 37-12.

was 37-12. Three of those playoffs teams — Rayne, Carencro and STM — advanced past the first round. Although Rayne dropped its second-round matchup, Carencro reached the Class 4A quarterfinals and STM claimed the Division II state title.

Once you account for 14 first-team All-District returners, the district appeared to be a meat grinder. Entering this league is especially tough for a school like Rayne, which is a fringe 4A school, Ware said.

school, Ware said. "To be honest with you, Rayne has been a 3A school forever. We're barely 4A," he said. "This is kind of my feeling: Carencro,

"This is kind of my feeling: Carencro, Westgate, STM, those are all SA schools. Westgate and Carencro, they're like 1,100 kids. They're almost 5A, both schools. And they've been 5A, traditionally, forever. STM, obviously a private school, they can kind of control their



Rayne head coach Curt Ware stands on the sidelines vs. Eunice on Sept. 15. DOCQ GASPARD/SPECIAL TO THE ADVERTISER

numbers. They have been 5A a few times. It's a number things for us. We don't have the numbers they have."

Nevertheless, Rayne charges into district play with an unbeaten record (4-0) and a No. 10 ranking in the LSWA's 4A poll, hosting Teurlings on Friday. As the only team in the district to run a Wing-T, the Wolves' district matchups create plenty of intrigue.

Ware concedes that his team may not have the size to muscle up with some of its district opponents, but the Wolves' speed and athleticism is certainly comparable, especially with Trent Winbush and a healthier Darien Harmon in the backfield. Ware's just hoping the Wolves have

Ware's just hoping the Wolves have enough offensive opportunities against teams like the Rebels (2-3). "It's kind of like they talk about all the

"It's kind of like they talk about all the time with Acadiana and the veer offense," Ware said. "People struggle to prepare for it and this and that. It's kind of the same thing with our offense. You don't see it very often. "I always talk to coaches, and they

"I always talk to coaches, and they complain about, 'We can't simulate it in practice.' We have a lot of motions and all of those things, and it's not easy to do that in a week.

"So I'm hoping it helps us and then the speed factor. They're going to be bigger than us. They're a lot bigger than us. So we got to move the ball and hope to kind of shorten the game and do that to compete with those guys."

Part of the reason Rayne ended up in District 4-4A is because, when realignment discussions were occurring, Livonia didn't want to have to travel as far for district games, Ware said. But in the Ware's mind, Livonia's

But in the Ware's mind, Livonia's proximity to Baton Rouge should preclude it from being included in the Acadiana-area districts. But Ware is confronting the hand he

But Ware is confronting the hand he and his team have been dealt, and he's also realistic. It would be unreasonable to think the

It would be unreasonable to think the Wolves would go undefeated in district play, so a strong non-district record was imperative.

Ware, however, didn't shy away from scheduling a tough non-district slate, but due to Rayne's success last season, scheduling proved to be challenging. The Wolves' season opener against Welsh, which would have been Rayne's toughest matchup to date, was canceled due to Hurricane Harvey, and opponents like Erath and Eunice have underperformed thus far.

Despite a 10-point win against a quality Leesville team last week, the Wolves have been mostly dominant, outscoring its opponents 152-41.

"It wasn't like we tried to schedule cupcakes," Ware said. "We wanted to play some people that

"We wanted to play some people that we're going to get us ready (for district play), but also knowing we needed to win as many (as possible). You always do, but to say you're going through the district undefeated, that's a tall, tall task."

as many (as possible). Four always do, but to say you're going through the district undefeated, that's a tall, tall task." As far as facing a team like Teurlings, it's difficult for Ware to get a sense of how good the banged-up Rebels are. Teurlings has lost three straight games, but the defeats came against powerhouses: Notre Dame, Archbishop Rummel and Catholic of Baton Rouge. The Bears beat STM 20-0 a week before playing the Rebels.

ing the Rebels. "It's difficult to tell because the teams they're playing are really, really good," Ware said. "Yeah, they're losing, but they're losing to 5A, potential state champion teams. Catholic of Baton Rouge and Rummel, I've seen them in the Dome myself. Those are two bigtime schools.

"It's hard to judge by that. I know Teurlings has a good football team, and Teurlings is huge. What I'm concerned is how much our offense will have the ball."



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## As district play begins, no rest for weary Rebels

#### JAMES BEWERS

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Teurlings Catholic coach Dane Charpentier can understand if one might assume he's feeling a sense a relief as the Rebels (2-3) begin District 4-4A play.

But with a road matchup against unbeaten Rayne, ranked eighth in the LSWA's Class 4A poll, Charpentier can't call it a reprieve from the grueling schedule Teurlings has endured this season.

"I guess, outside looking in, it kind of seems like that," Charpentier said. "But you turn on the tape of Rayne, and honestly Rayne's skill guys are probably better than anybody Catholic High or Rummel or Notre Dame had, as far as guys in the backfield. This is probably the best running back we've faced all season."

After three straight losses to the Pios, Raiders and Bears — all of which came by at least 18 points — the Rebels will square off against the second-leading rusher in the area, Trent Winbush. Winbush's running mate in the Wolves' backfield, Darrien Harmon, will also see an



New Teurlings Catholic coach Dane Charpentier gives postgame speech to his Rebels after last a jamboree win over Cecilia. SCOTT CLAUSE/THE ADVERTISER

increased role after missing most of the last two games with an injury.

Cheap wins will be hard to come by for Teurlings in District 4.4A, but Charpentier said his team won't face anyone more talented than the three it just faced. Despite a rash of key injuries an amount Charpentier calls "unprecedented" for his coaching career — the Rebels' first-year coach can rest on the fact that his squad has been battle tested.

Though Teurlings hasn't lost three straight games since the beginning of the 2009 season, Charpentier ensures the final score of those games how the Rebels have played.

"It's a deal where we kind of just preach to the kids — and we talk about it before the season starts — we got to look at it as three separate seasons," Charpentier said. "We got non-district, district and then postseason. So we're looking at is as a fresh start, like everybody is 0-0 going into district.

"So I think our kids still have a lot of confidence in themselves. You can't fool kids. They know the competition that they've been playing. I told them the other day, 'We're a lot better team now than what we were three weeks ago.'

"Just because we lost three in a row, I think we got a lot better. I don't think you're automatically worse by losing a game, especially when you're playing some of the best competition in the state. But we still have a lot of confidence with our guys, and they'll be ready to play hard."

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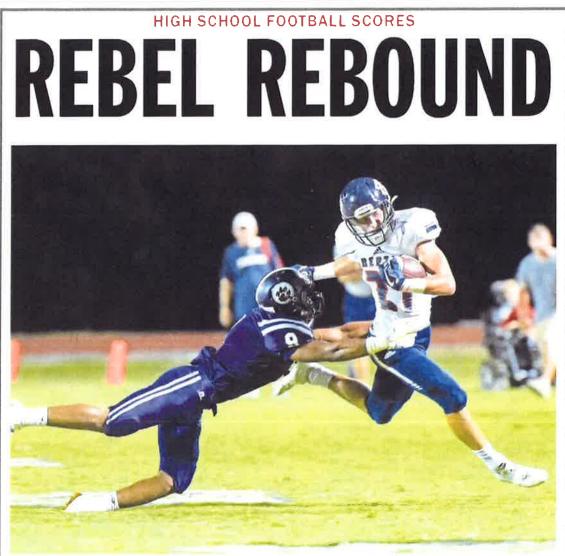
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Teurlings running back Landon Trosclair fights off a Rayne defender as the Rebels take on the Wolves Friday. scott clause/the ADVERTISER

## Teurlings snaps three-game losing streak, spoils unbeaten Rayne's homecoming

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pulled away in the second half with 28 unanswered points after several big plays and turnovers.

**Records:** Opelousas Catholic 5-1, Sacred Heart 4-2

**Next:** Sacred Heart hosts North Central, Opelousas Catholic has open date

#### St. Thomas More 42, Westgate 20

Leaders — WEST: QB Darien Charles 17-30-2, 203 yds, 2 TDs; Tyran Davis 5-87, 2 TDs; Zie Narcisse 8-91; STM: RB Chris Primeaux 18-172, 2 TDs; RB Connor Fontenot 5-75; WR Mason Pesson 5-54.

**Overview:** Sloppy contest that St. Thomas More was finally able to control in the fourth quarter against a very game Westgate squad. The Cougars put together 25 first downs, thanks mostly to 314 yards rushing.

**Records:** STM 5-1, 1-0; WEST 4-2, 0-1.

Next: WEST hosts Carencro on Friday; STM at Teurlings on Friday.

## Teurlings Catholic 34, Rayne 20

Leaders – TC: Wesley Blazek 16-28-1 210 passing, 3 TDs, 11-59 rushing, Hayden Judice 8-37 rushing, Landon Trosclair 8-32 rushing, TD; Seth Laviolette 5-58 receiving, TD; Caleb Whittington 1-49 receiving, TD; Cole Champagne 1-25, TD; Hunter Landry 4-24 receiving. Rayne:

Trent Winbush 17-143 rushing, TD; Darien Harmon 16-85 rushing, 2 TDs; Zach Fontenot 3-15 receiving.

**Overview:** Teurlings' 20-point swing from the end of the first quarter to the very beginning of the second quarter, including two passing touchdowns by Wesley Blazek, turned the tide for the Rebels, which snapped a three-game losing streak.

**Records:** TC 3-3, 1-0; Rayne 4-1, 0-1.

**Next:** TC hosts St. Thomas More; Rayne travels to Northside

#### **THURSDAY'S GAMES**

#### Cecília 45, Opelousas 21

Leaders – CEC: Devin Briscoe 20-190 rushing, 3 TDs; Adonis Singleton 11-36, 2 TDs; Tyler Abshire 2-13 rushing, TD. OHS: Ja'Quin Nelson 14-160 rushing, 2 TDs; Marvion Young 5-43 rushing 1 TD.

**Overview**: Cecilia answered an early Opelousas touchdown with 24 unanswered points in the first half, including three rushing touchdowns from Devin Briscoe, on its way to a 24-point win.

**Records**: CEC 2-4, 0-1; OHS 4-2, 1-0.

Next: CEC hosts St. Martinville; OHS hosts Beau Chene

Catholic-NI 72, West St. Mary 6

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## **WEEK 6 STAT LEADERS**

RUSHING Player, School	Yards	PASSING Player, School	Yards	RECEIVING Player, School	Yards
Rodney Dupuis, Church Point	246	Brennon Broussard, Lafayette	296	August Pitre, Northwest	183
Kaleb Guillory, lota	221	High		Koi Thomas, Lafayette High	123
Devin Briscoe, Cecilia	198	Montaze Sam, Northwest	236	Rapheus Joseph, Crowley	120
Malik Criner, North Vermilion	193	Wesley Blazek, Teurlings	210	Sage Ryan, LCA	103
Spencer Broussard, Gueydan	147	Darien Charles, Westgate	203	Peter LeBlanc, Catholic-NI	92
Ben Landry, Catholic-NI	147	Zy Alexander, Loreauville	188	Tylar Curry, Delcambre	92
Mark Clark, Gueydan	145	Zachary Clement, LCA	181	Zie Narcisse, Westgate	91
Trent Winbush, Rayne	143	Zach Mengarelli, OC	1 <b>7</b> 6	Tyran Davis, Westgate	87
Dillon Monette, Acadiana	141	Quincy Leday, Opelousas	148	Errol Rogers, LCA	78
Logan Bossier, Breaux Bridge	132	Colt Dooley, Delcambre	147	Jordan Ledet, Eunice	78
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### Snapping losing streak against Rayne, Teurlings shows it's better than record

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RAYNE— Teurlings Catholic coach Dane Charpentier couldn't stand to see the Rayne offense on the field too many times Friday night. The Wolves' Wing-T attack is difficult

enough as it is. It's also nothing like what the Rebels (3-3, 1-0) have seen this sea-son. And, as Charpentier points out, Rayne's play calling is "complemen-

tary." "It's an offense that's hard to stop be cause their plays complement each oth-er so well," Charpentier said following Teurlings' 34-20 win against the previously unbeaten Wolves, snapping the Re-bels' three game losing streak. "The buck sweep complements the trap. The

'G' off the jet motion complements the jet sweep. So you got to play great technique. You got to be super with your fundamentals and everything. "One little guy that kind of widens out

a little bit too much or doesn't squeeze tight enough and they get gap. And their backs are so talented, it doesn't take much of a gap.

Charpentier isn't exaggerating about the skill of Rayne running backs. Trent Winbush entered the game as the Acadiana area's second-leading rusher, having racked up 878 yards and 15 touchdowns in one fewer game than many of his con-temporaries. The Wolves' season opener against Welsh was cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey.

Darien Harmon, Rayne's other firstteam All-District rusher, saw his role increase Friday after being limited over the last two games by an injury. The gaps in the Teurlings defense did in fact show up on occasions, as both Winbush and Harmon had scoring runs of 49 and 52

So Charpentier knew he had to "steal a possession" from the Wolves (4-1, 0-1) at some point in the game. Considering Re-bels linebacker Blaise Begnaud had just returned an interception for a touchdown, which gave Teurlings a 14-7 lead, Charpentier's decision to try an onside kick on the ensuing kickoff was not just opportunistic. It was a calculated risk that could save his defense from going

immediately back on the field. The onside kick not only worked, but quarterback Wesley Blazek hit Caleb Whittington on a 49-yard touchdown on

the first play of drive. It capped off a 20-point swing that started with a little over a minute left in the first quarter and ended fewer than two minutes into the second quarter.

Charpentier couldn't deny how the momentum changed in such a short period of time.

"That was the ball game," he said. "I thought the game was nip and tuck. I thought it was an evenly matched game except for that little sequence of plays.

Rayne did cut its deficit to 20-14 on Harmon's second touchdown run, but the Rebels wore down an outnumbered Wolves team in the second half on their way to a 14-point win. Playing Rayne, ranked No. 8 in last

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week's Class 4A poll, certainly wasn't the ideal district-opening matchup for Teurlings, especially with the amount of key injuries the Rebels have endured. But the silver lining to Rayne's threegame slide was the difficulty of it. Even in the playoffs, Teurlings isn't likely to play any opponent much better than Notre Dame, Archbishop Rummel or Catholic-Baton Rouge, all of three of which played for state championships two years ago.

"We thought of (district play) as a new season," said Blazek, who completed 16 of 28 passes for 210 and three touchdowns. "As a team, I don't think that we played poorly the past three weeks. We played some good teams, some previous state championship-winning team. I just think we took that motivation of just being down and having to work back up, and we used all that intensity and put it into practice and gave it all out tonight."

"I feel very confident in our team and our abilities because we've faced some of the best teams in the state," he added. "I think tonight was really a good win for us, mentally knowing that we can go out, move the ball and win a ball game."



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## **TEURLINGS 34, RAYNE 20**

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Rushes-yards			35		237
Passing yards			210		15
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## PREP GAME OF THE WEEK STM-Teurlings rivalry is about mutual respect

James Bewers Lafayette Daily Advertiser USA TODAY NETWORK

What makes a good rivalry?

To me, you know it when you see it, which is ironic because I was never part of one while I was in high school.

When I was playing sports at De La Salle High School in New Orleans from 2007-2012 — excuse me for showing my age — we didn't have a true rival. That was partially because De La Salle's historic rivals are in the New Orleans Catholic League, something the Cavaliers haven't been a part of since 2003.

While I was there, any "rivalry games" didn't feel legit. We played Isidore Newman, a school blocks away from De La Salle, in football jamborees, and it was somewhat billed as a neighborhood rivalry. But the Greenies, at the time, were a step or two above us in talent, including when Odell Beckham Jr., was catching jump balls over hapless cornerbacks like me.

The closest thing I got to a real rivalry in high school was against one of the Cavs' old Catholic League rivals, Holy Cross. The Tigers played in the same Class 3A district as De La Salle for two years —

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St. Thomas More's Oct. 17, 2014, game against Teurlings Catholic was one of the wildest games the Acadiana area has ever seen. The teams face off again Friday. LESLIE WESTBROOK, THE ADVERTISER



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Holy Cross rejoined the Catholic League in 2013 — so there was history and animosity there. But it was mainly reserved for baseball, a sport in which we were most competitive.

So when I look at some of the rivalries across the Acadiana area, I'm a little jealous I was never part of anything like them. Even if there isn't much hatred between the two rival schools, having games that matter more than a win or a loss is what makes sports fun.

And the rivalry game I'm covering this weekend — St. Thomas More at Teurlings Catholic — is one I've had circled on my calendar since the season began. Actually I've been looking forward to it since I moved to Lafayette in July.

"Is it emotional, intense? Yeah. I think that's what high school football and athletics should be," said former Teurlings coach Sonny Charpentier, now the athletic director at the school.

"That's what makes it fun, because it's just like when you line up, whether you're playing somebody you like or you don't like, you still want to win. And you still want to measure yourself against good competition. Obviously, St. Thomas More is that."

I've learned quickly, however, that this game is not a normal rivalry.

It was once a heated affair between Teurlings and Cathedral Carmel. Before Cathedral and Fatima merged to become STM, the Rebels beat the Tigers in all seven meetings from 1975-1981.

But from 1982-1986, including Jim Hightower's first year with the Cougars, Teurlings won four of the five meetings.

Then the Cougars won the final two meetings in 1987 and 1988 before the two school didn't play each other again until 2011. Since 2011, competing in the same Class 4A district, STM is 5-2 against Teurlings, including a playoff win in 2015.

"To be frank with you," Charpentier said, "we probably never would have played if it wouldn't have been in the district."

One of those two wins by the Rebels was the epic 26-point comeback in 2014 that was spearheaded by current Arkansas quarterback Cole Kelley (Kelley, by the way, may make his first collegiate start this weekend against, of all teams, top-ranked Alabama).

"It was one of those games where we were dead in the water, and they did some things to help get us off the mat," Charpentier said. "You don't come back from — I think it was 26 down in the third quarter on the road — without having some things go your way. I think there was a muffed snap on a punt. But momentum changed, and before you knew it, it was a game.

"The ironic part about it is I think we ended up winning by 10, so it tells you something funny about it. But it kind adds to it. It's not rivalry if (one team) wins every time."

Though the rivalry has been resurrected and the games are just as meaningful to both schools, the vitriol isn't what it used to be. At least not with the players and coaches, said Cougars offensive coordinator Shane Savoie, who didn't face Teurlings while a player at STM in the early 1990s.

In fact, the respect level between the teams is at its highest.

"It was more of a deal for our parents than it is for our current kids," Savoie said. "I guess I would equate it to this: Years ago, Cathedral and Teurlings, it was almost like Alabama-Auburn rivalry, in the fact that you wanted to beat them, but you also wanted everybody they played to beat them. There was that much hate.

"I would equate ours now to more of a UL-LSU rivalry, in the sense that, when we play each other, I want to win. But, really, I got to think they wish well for us throughout the rest of the year, and we wish well for them throughout the rest of the season."

But don't mistake the lack of hatred for lack of drive to beat each other. These schools and football programs are similar in so many ways that Savoie even used a familial analogy to describe how competitive the game is.

"It will be a stressful week for both of us because they don't want to lose to us, and we don't want to lose to them," Savoie said.

"But a lot of it just has to do with I don't want to lose to my brother in a game of pickup basketball. I don't want to lose to him a game of Jenga. I want to win because I want to be beat my brother. It's an exciting week. It's stressful, but it's exciting."



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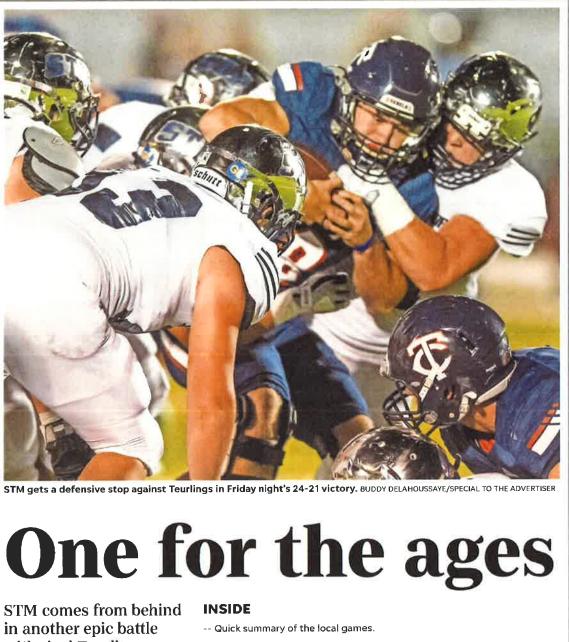
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## St. Thomas More 24, Teurlings Catholic 21

Leaders – TC: Wesley Blazek (3 passing TDs, 1 INT), Seth Laviolette (2 receiving TDs), Cole Champagne (1 receiving TD), STM: Caleb Holstein (1 passing TD), Mason Pesson (1 receiving TD), Joel Moreau (1 rushing TD), Ben Thibodeaux (1 INT returned for TD, 1 forced fumble)

**Overview:** Down 21-9 in the fourth quarter, STM scored 15 unanswered points with the help of two Teurlings turnovers, including an interception returned for a touchdown. It was the Cougars' third straight victory over the rival Rebels.

**Records:** TC 3-4, 1-1; STM 6-1, 2-0 **Next:** TC hosts Westgate; STM hosts Northside



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## 2017 VERSION OF STM-TEURLINGS AN EPIC RIVALRY

#### James Bewers Lafayette Daily Advertiser USA TODAY NETWORK

walked up Teurlings coach Dane Charpentier, who was mingling with his family after what was, I'm sure, an exhausting game to be a part of Friday night.

He seemed in no mood to talk about how his team blew a 12-point fourthquarter lead against rival St. Thomas More, but he kindly agreed to answer a few questions.

And the first thing that came out my mouth was perhaps one of the dumbest questions I've ever asked in my young journalism career.

"How are you doing?"

"I've been better," he deadpanned. Of course he's been better. Aside from a safety on a poor snap at the end of the first half, Teurlings did almost everything right for three quarters. Yet a series of critical mistakes doomed them with less than 10 minutes to play, resulting in a 24-21 STM win.

First it was fumble by Seth Laviolette that gave a Cougars offense, ravaged by injuries and unable to capitalize in the red zone at times, the ball at the Teurlings 20.

Three plays later, Cougars running back Joel Moreau scored from four yards out. Moreau is listed as a defensive back on the roster but moved into the offensive backfield due to injuries to two of the Cougars' top three backs (STM starting running Chris Primeaux also left the game with his own injury).

On the ensuing Teurlings drive, which started at the Rebels' 20-yard line but was backed up to 10 by a holding penalty, STM linebacker Ben Thibodeaux intercepted Wesley Blazek and returned the ball 14 yards for a touchdown. Thibodeaux was responsible for forcing the aforementioned fumble, which was recovered by safety Cade Broussard, on the previous possession.

STM then made it a three-point game when the Cougars faked an extra point. Holder Dalen Cambre lofted an easy pass to Luke Howard for the two-point conversion.

Finally, with STM lining up to punt the ball back to Teurlings with 6:38 left in the game, the Rebels were flagged for roughing the punter. It gave the Cougars an automatic first down and allowed them to bleed to clock.

The Rebels didn't get the ball back until only 15 seconds remained in the

game, hardly enough time to get into field goal range from their own 20.

So the loss will certainly be difficult for Charpentier and the Rebels to swallow. But this matchup, one I won't soon forget, said more to me about what kind of team STM is. Considering the number of injurles they're dealing with — something Teurlings has had its own issues with as well — the Cougars are absolutely resilient.

Aside from the injuries to the top three tailbacks, STM sophomore quarterback Caleb Holstein played the entire game due to an injury to senior Peyton Landry.

The Cougars have been splitting reps between Landry and Holstein for the entire season, so I'm sure that experi-

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# Rivalry

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ence helped Holstein for games like this one. But managing an entire game is obviously more challenging. And doing so on the road against the Cougars' biggest rival? That's a tall task for a second-year player. He wasn't perfect, but as Cougars

He wasn't perfect, but as Cougars offensive coordinator Shane Savoie pointed out, his stat line was hindered by a few dropped passes.

But mostly importantly, he did the one thing a quarterback must do in road contests against quality opponents, especially ones of this magnitude: protect the football.

The turnover margin is usually a good indicator of who won a game, and it was by far the biggest reason STM is celebrating its third straight win over Teurlings. That was what frustrated Charpentier the most: The Rebels gave STM extra opportunities. As Charpentier said, you have to beat the Cougars for four quarters. You can't just expect them to go away.

But the STM defense made plays when they absolutely needed them. Cougars defensive coordinator Terry Tidwell felt like his unit didn't play poorly in the first half; it just didn't play smart, he said.

After Teurlings marched 80 yards on 12 plays on the first series of the third quarter, capped off Blazek's third touchdown pass, STM's defense seemed to adjust. Tidwell said the biggest key was stopping a counter run play the Teurlings uses with Blazek. The Rebels quarterback still had some success on the ground, but Tidwell felt STM defense forced Blazek to beat the Cougars through the air.

Did either team truly deserve to lose this game? Call me overly optimistic if you want, but I don't believe so. In a matchup between two premier programs in this city, it was everything you'd hope it would be and more.

The Cougars are now in the driver's seat to win the district, and I believe they'll enter the playoffs with only one loss. As for Teurlings, the Rebels have to find a way to flush this loss and move on to a tricky Westgate tearn next week.

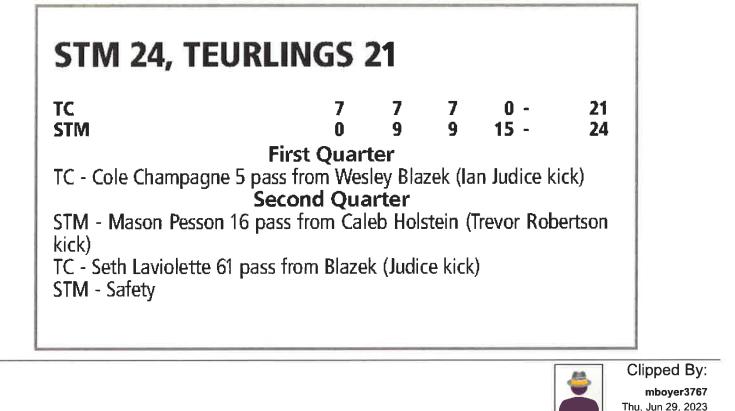
And for me, sign me up for 2018 version of this epic rivalry. I'll try not to ask the losing coach a dumb question next time.



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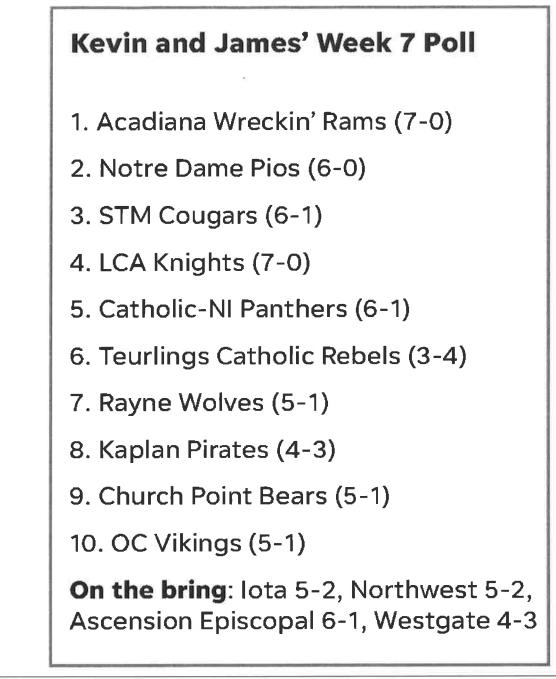


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# STAT LEADERS

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Mac Thibeaux, Kaplan	302
Rodney Dupuis, Church Point	211
Darien Harmon, Rayne	210
Kaleb Guillory, Iota	209
Corren Norman, Lafayette High	196
Colt Dooley, Delcambre	182
Jaylen James, Acadiana	166
Jadan Stokes, Catholic-NI	160
Obadiah Butler, Crowley	158
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J.T. Lege, Vermilion Catholic	256
Landon Lalonde, Cecilia	247
Cameron Landry, Erath	197
Wesley Blazek, Teurlings	196
Zachary Clement, LCA	169
Montaze Sam, Northwest	165
Brennon Broussard, Lafayette	160
Cole Mouton, Breaux Bridge	158
Caleb Holstein, STM	149
Trae Rambin, Iota	128
RECEIVING	
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Morris Dugas, Northside	166
Sage Ryan, LCA	131
Seth Laviolette, Teurlings	129
Kris Constantine, VC	110
Koi Thomas, Lafayette High	103
Luke Frederick, Erath	100
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Kaleb Carter, Cecilia	86
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# **Rebels slow Westgate's rushing attack**

#### Dan McDonald Special to the Advertiser

Teurlings Catholic coach Dane Charpentier knew that a 35-14 lead wasn't safe, not against a team with the athletic ability and quick-strike capability like the Westgate Tigers.

That's why he was breathing a sigh of relief not long after the Rebels had secured a 42-28 Homecoming victory over the Tigers, one that wasn't certain until Landon Trosclair broke loose on a 53-yard scoring run with 1:47 left.

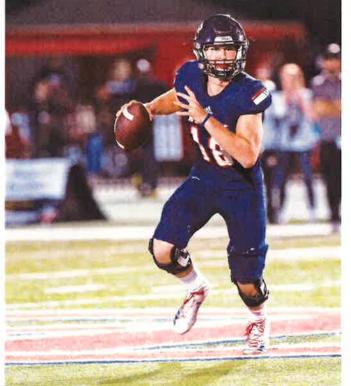
"I'm just happy to get out of here with a win," Charpentier said. "They have so much athletic ability and size, we had to play bend-and-don't-break all night."

It helped that the Rebels led 14-0 early in the second quarter after not taking an offensive snap in the game's first 11 and one-half minutes. Dylan Langlinais' 36-yard interception return provided half of that margin on the game's fifth play, and after a nine-minute Westgate drive netted no points, Rebel quarterback Wesley Blazek led a 90-yard drive and scored himself on a keeper from three yards out 55 seconds into the second period.

Eventually the Rebels (4-4, 2-1 District 4-4A) built 28-7 and 35-14 leads on two early third-quarter scores, but the Tigers came right back with two fourthquarter tallies behind quarterback Darien Charles. His scoring runs of 45 and one yard sandwiched around a 43-yard scoring pass to Tyron Davis brought Westgate (4-4, 0-3) back within one score with 2:39 left.

But a second straight onside kick attempt didn't work, and two plays later, Trosclair found daylight on the left side and got the final 53 of his game-high 138 rushing yards for a clinching touchdown.

"We certainly didn't want it to be that close," Charpentier said, "We've got to learn to finish better. We made way too many mistakes."



Quarterback Wesley Blazek scrambles as Teurlings takes on Wesgate on Friday. SCOTT CLAUSE/THE ADVERTISER

One thing the Rebels did right, though, was slow down Westgate's rushing attack, after the Tigers were hugely successful early. The Tigers' 72-yard drive that took up the lion's share of the first period featured only one pass play for seven yards, and Westgate converted two fourth-downs in that march that didn't result in any points.

But one series later, after Blazek's score, Westgate standout running back Tyresse Jackson broke a tackle on a sweep left and went 51 yards for a touchdown. Jackson had 111 yards by halftime, but the Tigers were held to fewer than 100 rush yards in the second half.

"They moved more guys into the box," said Westgate coach Ryan Antoine, "but mostly their defensive line wore us down in the second half."

Jackson had been slowed by injuries for much of the last two weeks, and as a result the Tigers threw the ball 30 times two weeks ago in a loss to St. Thomas More. The Rebels saw more of an infantry attack.

"He (Jackson) is back in the game now and we wanted to utilize him," Antoine said.

The Rebels, though, came back with a power-running attack of their own led by Blazek, whose quarterback keepers accounted for 94 of Teurlings' 292 team rush yards. He also had two key completions to Hunter Landry — one on third down and one on fourth down — that set up Trosclair's four-yard scoring run 27 seconds before halftime.

Those two scores came after Langlinais' early pick-six.

"That was huge for us," Charpentier said. "It's not many times you play a whole quarter and you don't have the ball. Our defense hung in there."

The Rebels appeared to take control when Trosclair returned the secondhalf kickoff 86 yards to the Westgate 11 and Zander Garber scored from four yards out three plays later for a threescore lead. Trosclair also had a 59-yard kickoff return later in the quarter to set up a drive that Hayden Judice capped with a one-yard scoring run. But Charles broke loose on a quarter-

But Charles broke loose on a quarterback sweep for a 45-yard touchdown in between those scores, and after an apparent Rebel interception was nullified by a roughing-the-passer penalty, he hit Davis with 9:27 left.

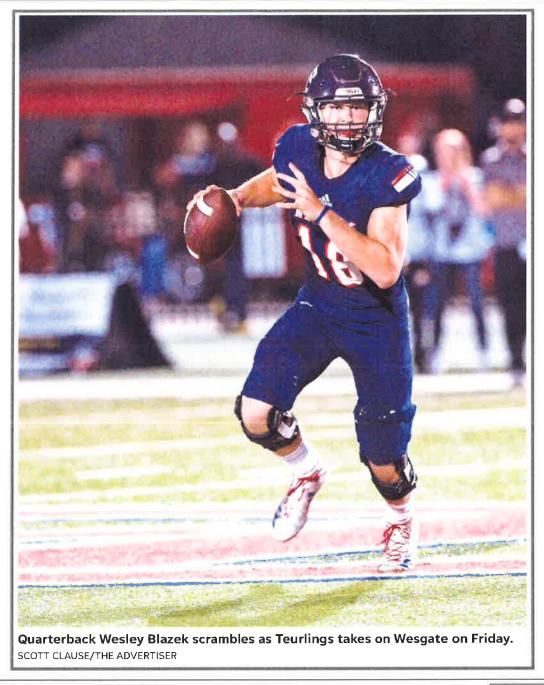
After forcing a punt, the Tigers drove again and Charles powered across from one yard out to keep it close in the closing moments.



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# **Teurlings Catholic 42, Westgate 28**

**Leaders –** WHS: Tyresse Jackson 22-134 1 TD rush; Darien Charles 13-86 2 TD rush, 6-14-1, 97 yds. passing. TCHS: Landon Trosclair 9-138 2 TD rush; Wesley Blazek 17-94 1 TD rush, 3-8-1, 30 yds.

**Overview:** The Rebels scored a defensive touchdown in the game's first three minutes and ran only three offensive plays in the first quarter, but still held a 35-14 lead in the final period before the Tigers scored twice in the final period to keep the District 4-4A contest close. Trosclair broke a 53-yard scoring run with 1:47 left for a clinching touchdown. **Records:** TCHS 4-4, 2-1; WHS 4-4, 0-3 **Next:** TCHS at Northside Thursday; WHS hosts Rayne Friday.



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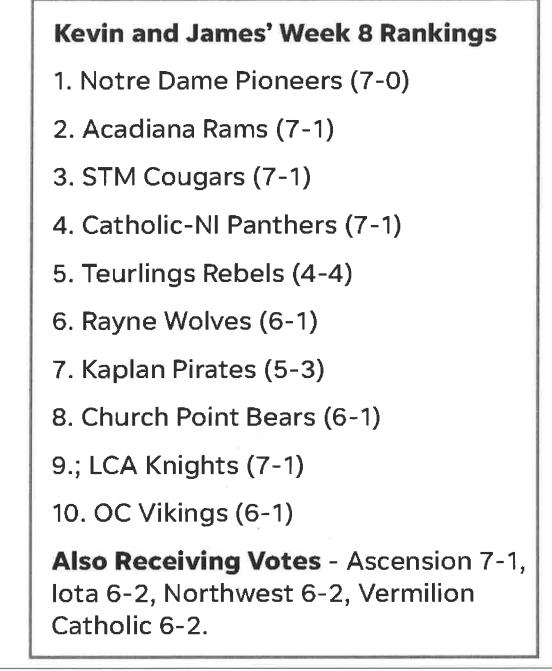
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Punts Avg.			1-46		2-36.5
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# Trosclair enjoys impact game fo

Kevin Foote Lafayette Daily Advertiser USA TODAY NETWORK

In a backfield without a true bell-cow threat, Teurlings Catholic junior running back Landon Trosclair played the role for one night at least in last Friday's 42-28 win over Westgate.

On the night, he rushed for 138 yards and two touchdowns on nine carries. But that doesn't include two long kickoff returns — one into Westgate's red zone and the other across midfield.

"It was all in the flow of the game," Teurlings coach Dane Charpentier said. "We didn't say, 'We're going with Trosclair tonight.' I actually thought Garber had some really good runs too. He (Trosclair) just popped some big ones and then had the two big kickoff returns.

"And the great thing about his two returns is both followed them scoring to make it a one-score game."

In other words, the roles haven't really changed in the Rebels' balanced backfield.

"We always start off with the (Zander) Garber kid, because he's such a good inside runner," Charpentier said. "He gets four yards when there's nothing there. He can take the most work. Trosclair is kind of like the change-ofpace runner. He's a little bit faster and he's a better receiver. We use him a lot more when we want to get the backs out in running situations."

For the season, Trosclair now has 347 yards and three touchdowns on 51 carries.

"He's like a slasher," Charpentier said. "He can bounce it outside with good speed and good vision. I guess you'd call him our third-down back."

#### Bears still thinking big

It's been a long, tough, sometimes-

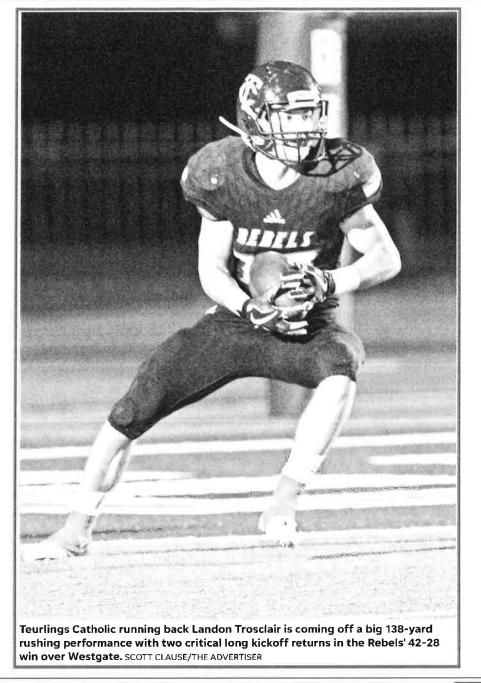


Teurlings Catholic running back Landon Trosclair is coming off a big 138-yard rushing performance with two critical long kickoff returns in the Rebels' 42-28 win over Westgate. Scott CLAUSE/THE ADVERTISER.



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# Teurlings' QB Blazek plays with confidence in win over Northside

#### Spencer Urquhart Special to the Advertiser

The Teurlings Rebels offense was firing on all cylinders Thursday night in a district matchup on the road against Northside, defeating the Vikings 42-13.

The Rebels' high-powered offense was led by quarterback Wesley Blazek, who was 10-of-16 for 163 passing yards, and threw three touchdowns to three different receivers. He threw to a variety of receivers throughout the night, and consistently hit his targets. He also did well with his legs, rushing for 41 yards and a touchdown.

Rebels coach Dane Charpentier was excited about the performance of his quarterback, and was impressed with his confidence while throwing.

"I thought he did great," Charpentier said. "He threw the ball accurately and gave our guys a chance to make plays. I was very happy with his play. He threw the ball with as much confidence as I've seen him throw it. Hopefully he can keep that going into the playoffs."

Several Rebels skill players stood out during the night, including running backs Zander Garber and Landon Trosclair, wide receivers Seth Laviolette and Caleb Whittington, and tight end Blake Theriot. There were also several players



Teurlings' Zander Garber (39) takes the handoff from quarterback Wesley Blazek during Thursday's game against Northside. DOCQ GASPARD, DOCQ GASPARD/SPECIAL TO THE ADVE

who got into the action toward the end of the game after the Rebels had a comfortable lead.

"I thought the offense as a whole showed up and played hard," Charpentier said. "We've got a bunch of seniors who don't get to get into a lot of games, and we played for them tonight. We tried to get ahead early so those guys could experience some high school football."

Two important keys to victory for the Rebels were controlling the line of scrimmage on offense and consistently covering the Vikings' receivers on defense throughout the night.

"I thought our offensive line and tight ends did a great job of controlling the line of scrimmage," Charpentier said. "Defensively we did a great job of matching up with their receivers. I thought we did a better job than we have done in the past of covering people."

The Rebels are now 5-4 after a 2-game winning streak, and will be taking on the Carencro Bears next week at home in their regular season finale. Charpentier is excited about his team's playoffs chances, but realizes that his team needs to stay focused on next week's opponent.

"We've got to beat Carencro and get ready to prepare for them and finish the district season first," said Charpentier. "The idea is to try and peek at this time of the year and get ready for a playoff run. If we do a good job of preparing for Carencro, that will set us up for where we want to be."

The Vikings will look to put their 6-game losing streak behind them next week and will be taking on Westgate at home.



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## **Rebels focused on playoffs**

Taking a 5-4 record into the regularseason finale wouldn't typically bring many smiles to the faces of the Teurlings Catholic Rebels.

But when you consider the schedule the Rebels played in coach Dane Charpentier's first season as head coach, it's better than most would do against the likes of Notre Dame, Rummel, Catholic High of Baton Rouge and St. Thomas More.

"I think the kids have done a great job of handling it," Charpentier said. "Every practice after a loss was better than the one before.

"I think the kids really understand that it's about playing for the postseason at this point."

In other words, it's about winning the playoffs that matters most, especially if you encounter any rematches in the postseason.

"If you win the big one at the end, nobody's going to remember how many games you lost along the way," he said.

With all of that said, the regular season isn't over. A scary Carencro Golden Bears team visits Teurlings on Friday.

"I wouldn't say that we're scared to play them, but they definitely have some scary players on their team," Charpentier said. "They have a few guys like the (Deion) Senegal kid who can run. If they get going, it'll be hard to keep them off the board."



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# **Teurlings 42, Carencro 13**

**Leaders:** TEUR – RB Zander Garber 12-52,1TD and 2 catches 43 yds; RB Landon Trosclair 7-30 rushing; 2-87,1TD receiving; WR Cole Champagne 3-65,1TD receiving and 1-25 rushing; QB Wesley Blazek 12-17-0, 229 yds, 3 TDs; CAR – RB Treylon Barnaba 11-63.

**Overview:** Teurlings jumped out to a quick 28-0 lead midway through the second quarter. Carencro scored and then recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff, but the Rebels' defense held. Teurlings then quickly put the game away with two quick TD drives in third quarter.

**Records:** TEUR 6-4, 4-1; CAR 3-6, 2-3. **Next:** State playoffs for both teams.



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Rebels quarterback Wesley Blazek throws a pass against the Golden Bears on Friday at Teurlings. SCOTT CLAUSE/THE ADVERTISER



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# GOING OUT WITH A BANG

# McGuire, Rebels' defense step up in new beginning

Kevin Foote Lafayette Daily Advertiser USA TODAY NETWORK

OK, so the Teurlings Catholic Rebels are ready ... to well, start the season all over again.

Most of the season was played shorthanded on defense, and all of those starters have now returned.

Sure, they're still missing a starting running back, but the Rebels' offense was certainly operating at maximum efficiency for most of Friday's 42-13 victory over the Carencro Golden Bears on Senior Night.

And since the regular season is over with a 6-4 overall and 4-1 runner-up showing in District 4-4A, coach Dane Charpentier's squad will, in effect, be able to do just that.

The state playoff brackets will be released by the LHSAA on Sunday afternoon and the second season begins Friday night.

If Friday's performance is any indication, the Rebels certainly appeared



**Charlie Spence holds on to Treylon Barnaba as Teurlings host Carencro.** SCOTT CLAUSE/THE ADVERTISER

ready to take advantage of a mulligan.

"I feel good about where we are," Charpentier said. "They made a few big plays on us in the secondary, but when their guys are just more athletic, that's going to happen sometimes.

"I think our offense's efficiency level was where it needed to be tonight. That helps get our defense on and off the field quickly."

The pregame strategy to assist the

secondary centered around applying loads of pressure on Carencro's quarterbacks.

No one listened to that point of emphasis more than senior defensive end Reid McGuire, who contributed three sacks on the night.

"I kind of thought that we'd be able to hurt them with the speed rush," McGuire said.

"With their speed, we knew we had to be aggressive. We couldn't let them to come to us."

Not only did McGuire provide the desired pass rush off the edge, but he did so at the most important time.

Once the Rebels jumped out to a quick 14-0, then 21-0 and then 28-0 lead early in the second period, the visiting Golden Bears didn't spend much time within striking distance.

"Jumping out to that 28-0 lead against a team as athletic as Carencro is was big," Charpentier said. "It took the air out of the stadium."

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The one time Carencro really began to raise some eyebrows was late in the first half. After a 12-yard TD pass from Chance Prejean to Artrell Marks narrow the Rebels' lead to 28-7 with 39 seconds left until halftime, the Bears then recovered a Teurlings fumble on the ensuing kickoff at the Rebels' 30.

Instead of yielding the momentum, McGuire quickly stepped up with two quick sacks to squash the potential rally.

Two Teurlings drives into the second half and the Rebels were on easy street

again.

"We're coming together at the right time," McGuire said.

"We knew we had a harder schedule than everyone else, so we knew we had to work harder. All of that hard work ended up paying off."

Teurlings entered Friday's finale as the No. 7 seed. If that remains the same, that would be the No. 10 seed — currently Loyola Prep — in the first round and them No. 2 University High the following weekend.

However that bracket ends up, the Rebels are feeling it again. No longer are they just treading water.

McGuire knows he's got plenty of support again, led by senior linebacker Cole Newland's return. "He (Newland) can't go hard for four quarters just yet, but he was such a difference-maker in the first half," Charpentier said.

Offensively, the backfield was loaded with playmakers Friday. Quarterback Wesley Blazek threw for 229 yards and three scores and ran for 33 more and a fourth TD.

Landon Trosclair caught for 87 yards, ran for 30 and scored a touchdown. Zander Garber ran for 52 with a score and also had 43 yards receiving.

The Rebels even perfectly executed a wide receiver pass for 49 yards by Noah Romero to the 1 to set up a touchdown.

"We've got key members back just at the right time," McGuire said.

The second start to the season.



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TEURLINGS 42, CARENCRO 13

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First downs Total net yards Rushes-yards

Passing yards

Comp-Att-Int Punts Avg. Fumbles-Lost

Penalties-Yards

87, 1 TD.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — CAR: Austen Breaux 2-26; Chance Prejean 11-(-38), TD; Treylon Barnaba 11-63; Kevin LeBlanc 3-14; Theonate Allen 1 (-1); Artrell Marks 1- (-2); Jalen Angelle 1-2; Trejun Jones 3-1; Deion Senegal 1-4. TEUR: Wesley Blazek 10-33, 1 TD; Zander Garber 12-52, 1 TD; Hayden Judice 1-8, 1 TD; Landon Trosclair 7-30; Seth Laviolette 1-8; Cole Champagne 1-25; Kobi Becker 6-11. Passing — CAR: Breaux 4-8-0 38 yds; Pre-jean 7-17-0, 86 yds, 1 TD. TEUR: Blazek 12-17-0 229 yds, 3 TDs; Noah Romero 1-1-0, 49 yds . Receiving — CAR: Deion Senegal 1-17; Shemar Gotch 1-24; Trejun Jones 1-1; Artrell Marks 2-15, 1 TD; Barnaba 2-15; Theontae Allen 1-(-2); Kelan Helaire 1-30; Desmond Johnnie 1-11; Skyron Littleton 1-13. TEUR: Cole Champagne 3-65, 1 TD; Connor Talbot 2-59; Seth Laviolette 1-12; Hunter Landry 2-22, 1 TD; Zander Garber 2-43; Landon Trosclair 2-

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CAR — Artrell Marks 12 pass from Chance

Third Quarter CAR — Chance Prejean 5 run (pass failed) TEUR — Zander Garber 1 run (Judice kick) TEUR — Hunter Landry 8 pass from Blazek

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TEUR — Hayden Judice 8 run ( kick). TEUR —Cole Champagne 22 pass from Bla-



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# Vote for Athlete of the Week at theadvertiser.com

## Mason Pesson, St. Thomas More

The senior wide receiver exploded for 191 yards receiving on nine receptions to help the Cougars survive a 28-21 scare from the Rayne Wolves.

## Mac Thibeaux, Kaplan

The senior running back bounced back from a few subpar rushing-total games by putting up 219 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries to lift the Pirates to a 56-16 road win over Patterson to win the

#### District 8-3A title.

## Kaleb Guillory, lota

In a true workhorse effort, the Bulldogs' senior running back had 231 yards and four touchdowns, including the game-winner in overtime, on 34 carries in the 34-27 overtime win over Eunice.

#### Logan Gabriel, LCA

The sophomore running back provided a huge

rushing night when the Knights' offense needed it most with 216 yards and four touchdowns on 28 carries to carry LCA to a 34-26 road win over Jeanerette.

#### **Reid McGuire, Teurlings**

The senior Rebels' defensive end contributed six tackles, three quarterback sacks and a tackle behind the line to help Teurlings beat Carencro 42-13 on Friday and secure a winning season.

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# **Rebels prepared for bigger playoff run**



**Kevin Foote** Columnist USA TODAY NETWORK

Teurlings Catholic coach Dane Charpentier is about as much fun to talk sports with as any coach I've dealt with in my 34 years of working at The Daily Advertiser.

He's got a little Larry Dauterive, a little Carroll Delahoussaye, a little Mac Barousse and obviously a lot of his father, Sonny Charpentier, in him.

We certainly don't agree on everything.

I had to rebuke him after one of his kids fumbled a punt with a doubledigit lead in last week's regular-season finale against Carencro, much like I did on the Advertiser's Facebook Live this past Sunday when the Saints pulled similar shenanigans.

Naturally, he disagreed with me about the need to return punts, especially with a big lead. (He was wrong.) But one issue we've agreed on for



Teurlings Catholic's Noah Romero, shown here, and the Rebels are hoping to elevate their level of play for a deep Division II playoff run. SCOTT CLAUSE/THE ADVERTISER

years is the goofiness of the current structure of Louisiana's football playoff system.

I know, I know, that's an old ship that I seriously let sail into the deep blue yonder a long time ago. That battle was fought and lost years ago, and most of us have learned to live with it.

But I couldn't help but shake my head this week when analyzing Teur-

# Loyola Prep at Teurlings

**Game:** 7 p.m., Friday, Teurlings Stadium.

**Records:** LOY 5-5; TEUR 6-4.**Seeds:** LOY No. 10; TEUR No. 7.

**Next:** Winner at University High in regionals.

Radio: 107.1 FM.

lings Catholic's lot in the Division II playoff bracket.

On Friday, Charpentier's Rebels open the postseason with a 5-5 Loyola Prep Class 3A team from Shreveport.

I've been around long enough to know how crazy first-round playoff games can be, but we all should realize these two teams shouldn't be competing in the playoffs against each other.

Those are my words.

Despite his usual candor, Charpentier is still a coach.

"Loyola Prep looks sound to me on

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# Rebels

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film," he said. "Their schemes are really good. They're a well-coached team that does a lot of good things. I have a lot of respect for what they're doing. It's good stuff. They're very multiple and they execute at a pretty high level."

But a 4A team like Teurlings, with the season it had, should probably be about a 10 or 11 seed in a 4A bracket and Loyola should be a No. 20-something seed in a 3A bracket.

As it is, they're both part of 13-team private school bracket, which would then have Teurlings meeting No. 2 University High next Friday.

If things were done properly, that's the kind of matchup that should be played in the quarterfinals of a true 32team bracket.

The colorful Charpentier put it best.

"It's like if you get something for Christmas and your brother gets something way better for Christmas, and you're just sitting there acting like you like it, but you're just looking at him playing with his toy," Charpentier said.

"The 32-team bracket is just so much more fun. Even though there are still some poor teams in there (32team bracket), at least it feels like the playoffs. Ours feels like a football tournament, not the playoffs. It's just not the same."

Naturally, today's players aren't

concerned about the past.

Of course, I still remember when two "semifinal caliber" 10-0 teams used to meet in the regional round in the even-older predetermined brackets, which is why the coaches pushed for the power-ranking format we're currently under.

OK, enough of that.

The 2017 Rebels (6-4) may not have any control over the playoff format. What they can do is ensure they're as tough an out as possible no matter which bracket they're in.

"Our kids are fired up and very enthusiastic about the postseason," Charpentier said. "All they know is that two teams out of this bracket are going to get to play on the carpet and they want to be one of them."

One factor that should aid Teurlings in that drive to reach the state finals is its rugged schedule.

"We've already been in the arena," Charpentier said. "Whoever those two teams are, we've already played teams that are that good or better. We know what it's going to take to get there. We know the level of execution we have to play at to get on the carpet this year. It's going to be a matter of how much better we've actually gotten during the course of the season."

In Charpentier's mind, that requires quick upgrades in three areas.

"The first thing is," he said, "we've got to stop people on third-and-8plus. Our defense all season has done a good job of getting people into thirdand-8-plus. But we haven't done a good job of having solutions to getting off the field on third-and-eight-plus. Hopefully, we get better at getting some stops and getting off the field."

The next chore for the defense is somehow forcing more turnovers. It's hard enough to beat some of the elite teams in the Division II bracket. Trying to do so without turnovers makes it even tougher.

"We've been a really bad team all year at getting takeaways," he said. "We've played really good defense the last five weeks, but we're still minus in the turnovers. We're not turning it over on offense, but we're not forcing any turnovers on defense. It doesn't matter if we play good teams or bad teams. We never get any turnovers. I've never seen anything like it in my life."

On the offensive end, the goal is to stay balanced.

"When we've been able to throw the ball, nobody's really stopped us," Charpentier said.

But Notre Dame and Catholic High stifled the Rebels' passing game and the results weren't pleasant.

Despite the midseason injuries, Charpentier thinks the Rebels are close to where they would have been on offense without the injuries.

Meanwhile, the defense has taken longer to get back to what Charpentier was envisioning for that unit prior to the injuries.

"It's getting closer," he said. "If you miss five weeks of repetition, it just takes time to get back to game speed, no matter how good or how athletic you are."



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**Rebels quarterback Wesley Blazek throws a pass as Teurlings Catholic Football takes on Loyola Friday night.** SCOTT CLAUSE/THE ADVERTISER



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# **Teurlings Catholic 42, Loyola Prep 21**

**Leaders-** TC QB Wesley Blazek 13-of-18, 239 yards, 3 touchdowns; 11 carries, 77 yards, 1 touchdown. TC RB Landon Trosclair 2 rushing touchdowns. TC DE Reid McGuire sack, forced fumble.

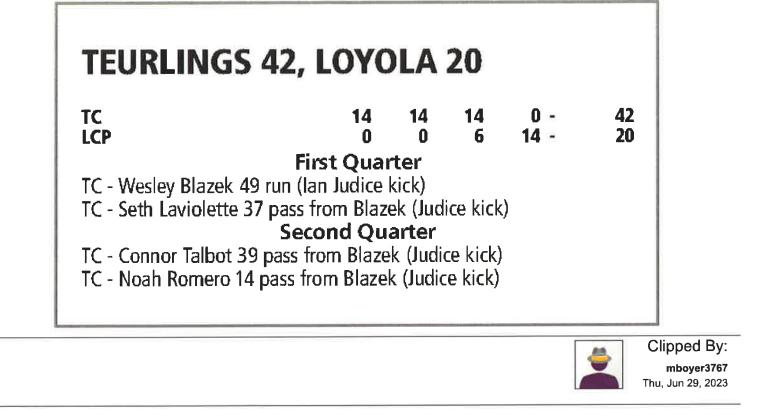
**Overview:** Teurlings Catholic senior quarterback Wesley Blazek had one of his best games of the season. Blazek accounted for the Rebels first four touchdowns in its 42-21 win over Loyola Prep. The Teurlings Catholic defense was led by senior cornerback Bailey Prejean, who came away with an interception, and senior defensive end Reid McGuire, who sacked Loyola Prep quarterback Jacob Allen and forced a fumble. **Records:** TC 7-4. LP 5-6.



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	TC	LCP	
First downs	20	12	
Total net yards	470	197	
Rushes-yards	238	151	
Passing yards	232	46	
Comp-Att-Int	15-22-0	<b>7</b> -18-1	1
Punts Avg.	1- <b>47</b>	5-40	1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0	1
Penalties-Yards	4-27	6-55	1
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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

## Wesley Blazek, Teurlings

The senior quarterback completed 13 of 18 passes for 239 yards and 3 TDs, while also rushing for 77 yards and a score in the Rebels' 42-21 win over Loyola Prep.

## Kaleb Guillory, lota

The senior running back was a true workhorse back with 345 yards and four

touchdowns rushing on 42 carries to lead the Bulldogs to a 42-28 win over Patterson.

## Sage Ryan, LCA

The freshman receiver was all around the field for the Knights. He had seven carries for 67 yards, he had two receptions for 38 yards and a touchdown, he returned an interception for a score, he had a 56-yard kickoff return and two punt returns for 56 yards with a long of 42.

### **Breelyn Jones, Church Point**

The junior quarterback ran for 215 yards and five touchdowns on just eight carries while also playing cornerback and running the Bears' Wing-T offense in a 61-24 win over Carroll on Friday.

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Brandon Adam Special to the Advertiser USA TODAY NETWORK

No. 7 Teurlings Catholic is off to the second round of the Division II playoffs after a 42-21 win over No. 10 Loyola Prep. The reward for victory is a chance to play 10-0 University Lab of Baton Rouge.

"It's going to be tough," said Teurlings Catholic coach Dane Charpentier, who picked up his first playoff win as the Rebels head coach. "It's going to be a lot like the games we played non-district. Super talented group, coached at a very high level. It's a big challenge, but that's what postseason is all about.

Leading the way for the Rebels will be senior quarterback Wesley Blazek. Blazek finished the game against Loyola Prep 13-of-18 passing for 239 yards and three touchdowns. He also added 77 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries.

Charpentier said his quarterback did a good job picking his spots against a defense that was selling out to stop Teurlings Catholic's screen game. With Loyola Prep taking away the outside, Blazek carved them up in the middle of the field with quick slants and post routes.

"We just stuck with the game plan and everyone bought into it," Blazek said. "That was really the easiest thing

was just doing what we did all week." "They did a great job of defending the screen," Charpentier said. "We are a team that likes to throw five or six screens a game, and they did a great job of preparing their kids for that. But when they took it away, we were able to make some plays downfield."

The Rebels were also able to move the ball on the ground with junior running back Landon Trosclair. Trosclair capped off the night with rushing touchdowns of 39 and 24 yards respectively.

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Rebels guarterback Wesley Blazek runs the ball for a touchdown as Teurlings defeats Loyola College Prep on Friday. SCOTT CLAUSE/THE ADVERTISER



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# Teurlings

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The game was most likely the last time Teurlings' seniors played at home due to playoff seeding.

"It was great," Blazek said. "Definitely a memorable game that I'll remember. Getting to play on this field one last time and to win on it."

The now-healthy Rebels (7-4) will look to pull off an upset against No. 2 University Lab (10-0) in the second round of the playoffs.

"It's never a good feeling when you don't have all your guys," Charpentier said. "I'm just happy for them that they get to finish out their career on the field instead of watching in a cast or whatever it may be. It's good to have our guys back, we are still missing one key guy, but he's with us in spirit out there. We are playing pretty well right now."

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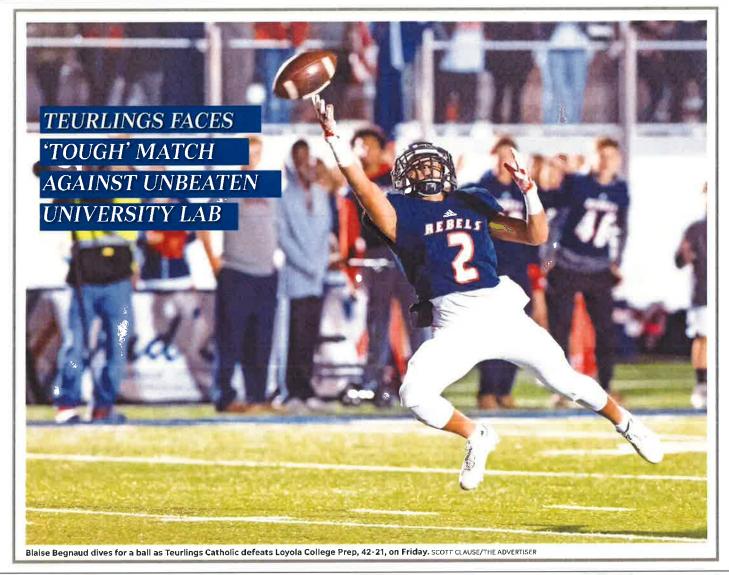


**Rebels quarterback Wesley Blazek runs the ball for a touchdown as Teurlings defeats Loyola College Prep on Friday.** SCOTT CLAUSE/THE ADVERTISER

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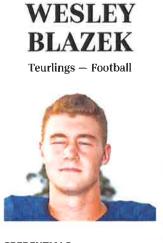
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#### CREDENTIALS

The Teurlings Catholic senior quarterback completed 13 of 18 passes for 239 yards and three touchdowns, in addition to rushing for 77 yards and another score in the Rebels' 42-21 playoff win over Loyola Prep. "He was one of the most athletic guys on the field, and it showed," TC coach Dane Charpen-

field, and it showed," TC coach Dane Charpentier said. "He was able to run away from some people and make some explosive plays in the run game, and he threw for three touchdowns in the first half. Whenever the quarterback becomes a threat to run the ball, it puts a pretty big conflict on the defense. He was able to make some big throws."

#### BACKGROUND

Blazek got a little time at quarterback last season, but actually moved to quarterback after playing defensive end last season. For the season, Blazek enters Friday's playoff game with 1,588 yards on 118-of-210 passing with 22 touchdowns and seven interceptions. "I think he's surpassed a lot of people's expectations for him," Charpentier said. "He hasn't turned the ball over. One week, he kind of had a turnover problem, but one week out of 12 isn't bad at all. I think he's done a great job for us this year."

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One key indicator of Blazek's season in Charpentier's mind is how little work the Rebels' punter has gotten this season. "He's really done a great job of leading the offense," Charpentier said. "We haven't punted a lot. We haven't been in situations where we've needed to punt the ball. Anytime that happens, I think you have to give a lot of credit to the quarterback for keeping you out of negative plays and keeping you out of penalties. The way he operates the offense gives us a chance to make a lot of first downs. We haven't been in punt formation a lot, and I think that's a credit to how he's been playing."

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# **Teurlings prepares for unbeaten U-High**

**Kevin Foote** Lafayette Daily Advertiser USA TODAY NETWORK

The Teurlings Catholic Rebels aren't deceiving themselves.

They fully understand how stiff a challenge they're facing when they travel to meet No. 2-seeded University High in Baton Rouge on 7 p.m. Friday in the Division II quarterfinals.

"It's like playing an All-Star team," TC coach Dane Charpentier said, "because it is playing an All-Star team.

"But we've embraced the underdog role all year. It's not going to be any different this week. Nobody's giving us a chance to win, and we're fine with that."

A year ago the Cubs were the No. 7 seed and were beaten by St. Thomas More 40-35 in the semifinals. This year, U-High is undefeated with such wins as 35-16 over Southern Lab, 34-6 over Catholic High of Baton Rouge, 63-



Teurlings Catholic wide receiver Connor Talbot is among the Rebels making big plays down the stretch. SCOTT CLAUSE/THE ADVERTISER

35 over West Feliciana and 26-7 over Zachary.

"I think they have the most complete group of skill guys we've played," Charpentier said. "All five skill positions, they don't have a guy that you can say, 'OK, we're going to make them beat us.' I guess the closest comparison from the teams we've played is Rummel. They might not have a receiver quite as good as the kid at Rummel, but they have more of them."

The Cubs are led by running back Michael Hollins, who's already been offered by Utah.

"On film, you see them making big plays in the passing game, but when you run all the data, it comes back that the running back is about 50 percent of their offense," Charpentier said. "They run the stretch play about as good as anybody we've seen."

With all of that said, Charpentier is pleased with his team's preparation and attitude entering this huge challenge.

"Our seniors have had a great week of practice so far," Charpentier said. "They had a meeting after the game last Friday night and they dedicated themselves to having the best week of practice that they could and going in there prepared and just compete."



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# **Teurlings' sputtering offense fails to upset Cubs**

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Despite forcing three turnovers and a safety, No. 7 Teurlings wasn't able to complete the upset against No. 2 University High in the Division II quarterfinals, losing 35-9.

Teurlings wasn't able to move the ball, and it when it did, the Rebels' drives were stalled by turnovers or unable to convert crucial third downs. The Rebels opened the second half with an II-play drive, but quarterback Wesley Blazek was intercepted at the goal line to end the drive. The Cubs scored one drive later to put the game away at 28-9.

Rebels coach Dane Charpentier blamed of some of the offense's struggles on his play-calling decisions on first down of that second-half drive. "It's a combination of things," Charpentier said about the back-breaking drive. "I think that if we would've finished that drive off, we would've put ourselves in position to be in a tight ball game in the second half, but it didn't happen."

The Rebels' defense kept them in the game early, picking off University High quarterback John Gordon Mckernan twice in the first half and forced a fumble in the redzone that halted the Cubs' potential scoring drive late in the first half.

Their special teams even chipped in — blocking a punt late in the third quarter, cutting the Cubs' lead to 21-9 — but Teurlings' offense stalled when they got the ball back.

But Teurlings couldn't muster enough points from those gifts.

Those missed opportunities could haunt Charpentier.

"I thought our defense really played winning football tonight," the 33-yearold coach said. "But we weren't really able to put it together on offense, that's a credit to their players. They put a lot of speed out there on the field and the margin for error becomes very small."

The Rebels were able to see some success in the first half offensively, engineering a scoring drive behind Blazek late in the first half to avoid being shutout with a one-yard touchdown run by Seth Laviolette to cap off a five-play drive.

Teurlings' season comes to an end and caps off Charpentier's first season as head coach at of the Rebels.

Charpentier — who took over the program after his father, Sonny, stepped down last season — would have liked to continue his inaugural season, but was satisfied with what he was able to accomplish this season. "I'm just proud of them," Charpentier said. "I thought it was a really competitive close-knit group, especially the senior group. I thought they represented our school well all year. I thought they prepared hard, and I thought they were a classy group."

And Charpentier didn't hold his head down following the loss, His pride for his team comes from the fact that his squad was built and brought up in their own backyard.

"We really got a lot to be proud of," Charpentier said. "These are all Teurlings' kids. These all are kids that came up with our feeder program and with the situation that our playoffs are in right now, not everybody can say that

"I learned that Teurlings kids are going to fight; Teurlings kids are competitive. They're going to give it their all. That's what we need; that's what we want."

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# University High 35, Teurlings 9

Leaders – UH: John Gordon McKernan 2 Passing TDs, Michael Hollins 2 Rushing TD, Christian Harris 1 Receiving TD, Alex Popov 1 Receiving TD, Jordan Clark 1 INT, Michael Martin 1 INT TC: Seth Laviolette 1 Rushing TD, Caleb Gilbert 1 Interception, Langlinais 1 Interception.

**Overview:** Mixing the run and passing game, University High jumped out to a 21-7 first-half lead, en route to a 35-9 win and advancing to the Divison II semifinals and ending the Rebels' 2017 season. Despite throwing two interceptions, Cubs' quarterback John Gordon McKernan lead University High on multiple scoring drives and tossed two touchdowns and Michael Hollins scored two rushing touchdowns to pace the Cubs to victory.

# **Records:** UH 11-0; TC 7-5

**Next:** UH to play (3) St. Charles Catholic in the Semi-final round of Division II playoffs.



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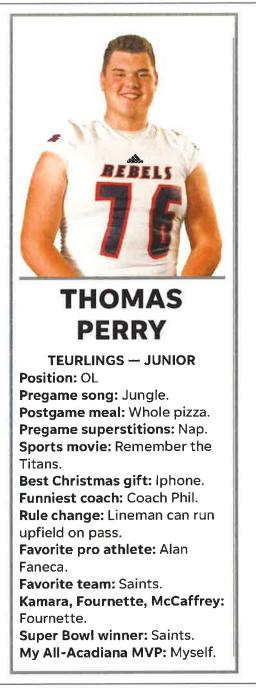
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**DISTRICT 4-4A** FIRST TEAM OFFENSE Player, School WR Deion Senegal, Carencro WR Morris Dugas, Northside TE Thomas Morton, St. Thomas More Ht Wt C OL Landon Burton, St, Thomas More OL Tyler Carriere, Rayne OL Grant Young, St. Thomas More OL Thomas Perry, Teurlings OL Thomas Deloach, St., Thomas More QB Wesley Blazek, Teurlings RB Trent Winbush, Rayne RB Trent Winbush, Hayne RB Darien Harmon, Rayne RB Tyreese Jackson, Westgate PK Trevor Robertson, St. Thomas More ATH Mason Pesson, St. Thomas More Ann miscon resistory but Thomas More RS Landon Trosclair, Teurlings FIRST TEAM DEFENSE Player, School Ht DL Sam Greenwod, STM DL Brandon Gannon, STM DL Iyreece Beverly, Rayne LB Cole Newaland, Teurlings LB Cole Newaland, Teurlings LB Jalen Angelle, Carencro LB Paul Laborde, STM DB Bailey Prejean, Teurlings DB Bailey Prejean, Westgate DB Treylon Barmaba, Carencro Ht Wt O Carencro DB Johnny Deculit, Rayne ATH Darien Harmon, Rayne P Trey Perry, Carencro **OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER** COPFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLATER Trent Winbush, Rayne DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER Paul Laborde, St. Thomas More COACH OF THE YEAR Jeff Wainwright, Sulphur SECOND TEAM OFFENSE WR — Kayshon Boutte, Westgate; Seth La-violette, Teurlings; TE — Skyron Littleton, Ca-rencro; OL — Ethan Hennings, Rayne; Chase Arwood, Teurlings; Christian Svendsen, Rayne; Kam Fontenette, Westgate; Tavares Poullard, Rayne; QB — Caleb Hölstein, STM; BB — Trejun Jones, Carencro: Alexander Garber, Feurlings; Lindon Toschar, Feurlings; Chris Primeaux, STM; PK — Connor Scott, Westgate; Morgan Manuel, Rayne; BL — Keon Jean-Batiste, Carencro; Kimoni Levine, Northside; Antonio Gabriel, Rayne; Take McGuire, Teurlings; Eliot Roundhouse; STM; 1B — Trese Bellard, Northside; Ouavo Tacob. Westgate; Biase Begnaud, Teurlings; Imarcus Monroe, Rayne; DB — Jude Joseph, STM; Brednah Willis, Carencro; Cade Brous-sard, STM; Jason Castille, Northside; Trenti Vielewich Neurez, M. Janez Munza, Wert, sard, STM; Jason Castille, Northside; Trent Winbush, Rayne; P — Jansen Mayea, Westgate



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All-Acadiana
second team
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WR: Deion Senegal, Carencro WR: Seth Kerstetter, Ascension Episcopal WR: Peter LeBlanc, Catholic-NI OL: Joseph Richard, Northwest OL: Beau Badon, Lafayette Christian OL: Michael Remondet, Ascension Episcopal OL: D'Quanis Robertson, Acadiana OL: Kane Bergeron, Church Point QB: Wesley Blazek, Teurlings RB: Travien Benjamin, St. Martinville RB: JaDan Stokes, Catholic-NI RB: Kaleb Guillory, Iota PK: Tanner Olivier, Cecilia ATH: Malik Criner, North Vermilion RS: Mekhi Hammond, Northwest
Defense
DL: Sam Greenwood, St. Thomas More DL: Tyreece Beverly, Rayne DL: Marlon Young, Opelousas DL: Grant Mitchell, New Iberia LB: Warner Simon, Catholic-NI LB: Oscar Alexander, Cecilia LB: Jalen Angelle, Carencro LB: Cole Newland, Teurlings DB: Johnny Deculit, Rayne DB: Ernest Dejean, Westgate DB: Mac Kelly, Ascension Episcopal DB: Broc Romero, Catholic-NI ATH: Errol Rogers Jr., Lafayette Christian P: Trey Perry, Carencro



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