

Saint Mary Football

Pascack Hills, N.J. – The St. Mary Gaels came into Week Seven with one goal in mind: playoffs. Coming off two tough losses against quality teams, they were in desperate need of a win in order to earn a state playoff berth.

The game started with two quick possession changes before either team finally scored. The Pascack Hills Cowboys went three and out on their first possession. St. Mary's first possession ended with an throw by junior quarterback Ryan Monaghan. The next hand off was a touchdown for Pascack Hills as they went up by one touchdown.

The Gaels finally scored towards the end of the third quarter on a 60-yard run by junior running back Jonathan Diaz. After a goal line stand and a Pascack Hills field goal, the score going into halftime was 11-7 in favor of the Cowboys.

On the first play in the second half, an interception by senior safety by Anthony Ferrentino gave St. Mary the ball back. The next play was the second touchdown run of the game from Jonathan Diaz making the score 14-11.

Late in the fourth quarter with time running down, St. Mary took the lead 20-18 by eating up clock with their running game. The drive ended on Diaz's third touchdown

run of the game from three yards out, sealing the win and clinching another playoff berth for the Gaels.

