

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Cards look forward to silence

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WEST WINDSOR — Ethan Posey has had his last two football seasons end with a state playoff loss at home.

The Lawrence High senior defensive lineman hopes a change of scenery this weekend will also help change his playoff luck.

Posey, honored last night by the 12th Man TD Club as its Defensive Lineman of the Week for his play in Lawrence's 41-12 win at Hightstown Friday, is as optimistic as he's ever been as coach Rob Radice's 7-2 team gets set to face 6-2 Neptune at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Central Jersey III first round.

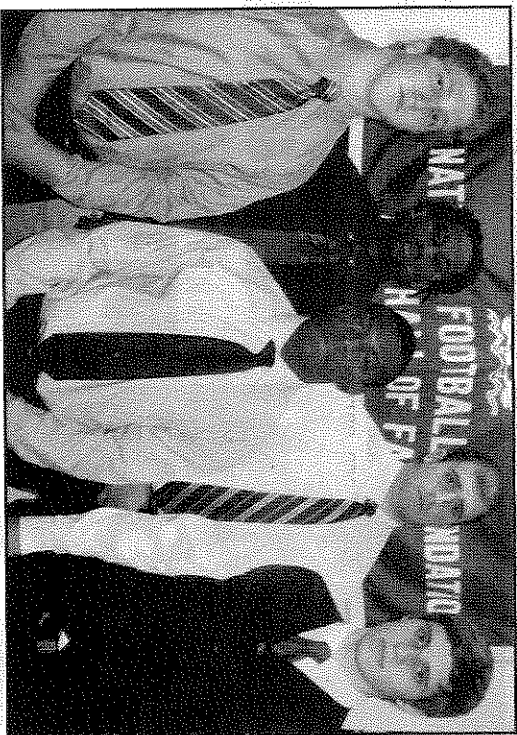
Last November, Lawrence's string of first-round playoff defeats reached five in a row and six this decade when it lost in front of the home crowd for the fifth straight time.

One of six CVC teams headed to the postseason this weekend, the Cards are the only one not playing Friday night. But they are the fifth one playing on the road.

"We've been pretty good on the road this season (5-0), so maybe that's a good sign," said Radice. "Getting in the playoffs with a chance to move on is always the kid's goal."

After losing to Middletown South as a sophomore and Neptune as a junior, Posey knows what's on the line Saturday for a program that's never savored a playoff win.

"No, silence an opponent's crowd is the best cheer you can have," says Posey, who is among the CVC sack leaders after he picked up two more among his five tackles against Hightstown.



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The Week 8 winners honored by the 12th Man TD Club last night were (left to right) Brian Vieten of Princeton (Special Teams), Ethan Posey of Lawrence (Defensive Lineman), Judens Goinbert of Steinert (Offensive Back), Frank Quantucci of Hamilton (Offensive Lineman) and Aidan Epply-Schmidt of Princeton Day School (Defensive Back).

"That means you're coming into a new field and executing everything you were coached to do and the crowd can't believe you're executing so well," explained Posey.

"For the past couple of years I was the one that sat back and saw the seniors lead the team. Now I'm the senior, and being one of the leaders of the defense I feel more confident than ever we're going to win this game," said Posey, an All-CVC defensive player in 2008.

"I can look into the eyes of a Hiram Aviles and Issiah Coleman (both linebackers) and Jamil Hutchinson and Gerryl Bryson (defensive back) on the defense and know they're ready to go. I can look in the eyes of a Nick Brackett, a Chris Coyle, and a Keith Sherman on offense and know they're ready." Posey said.

The only CVC team hosting a playoff game is No. 2 seeded and 9-0 Notre Dame in Non-Public A as it goes against 6-2 Bergen Catholic, the state's No. 5 ranked team and a school the Irish are 0-3 against in prior playoff games.

Last night, coach Chappy Moore and assistant John McKenna got lots of praise for

CVC STAT LEADERS

(Through Games of Nov. 8)

Player	School	Runs	Yards	TDs	Avg.
David Ogbarnaya	Ewing	159	1219	14	7.7
Sean Reed	WW-P North	210	1207	14	5.7
Ransford Quarrie	Notre Dame	163	1119	16	7.3
X-Ross Scheuerman	Allentown	179	1065	16	5.9
Jahid Bryant	Lawrence	178	948	6	5.4
Ted Fully	Trenton	220	947	9	4.3
Josh Gordon	Princeton	122	796	5	6.5
Chris Jones	WW-P South	160	650	5	4.1
Trevor Barsamian	Princeton	128	635	9	4.9
Keith Sherman	Lawrence	69	604	11	8.7
Jamie Williams	Hamilton	66	585	5	8.8
Andre Simmons	Nottingham	125	580	5	4.4
X-Drew Semple	Hopewell Valley	105	498	8	4.7
Judens Goinbert	Steinert	83	485	10	5.8
Kyle Williams	Hamilton	88	433	4	4.9
Dan Daraso	Steinert	80	394	2	6.6
Chris Matthews	WW-P South	60	343	4	4.3
Nick Mongiello	Hightstown	43	283	2	6.5
Andy Vitai	Nottingham	42	282	1	6.5
Len Bellezza	WW-P North	43	241	2	5.5

PASSING LEADERS

Player	School	Passing Yards	TD	Pct.
Mark Newlin	Nottingham	91-178-9	14	51.1
Mike Orlentine	Princeton	70-160-11	7	43.7
Kevin Monahan	Hightstown	70-163-8	7	48.0
Anthony Penna	Notre Dame	70-117-4	9	59.8
Chris Coyle	Lawrence	61-123-5	9	49.5
Ryan Pheasant	WW-P North	49-109-8	7	44.9
X-Sean Eccles	Allentown	47-103-5	5	45.6
Steven Arnold	Ewing	39-87-5	5	41.5
Jake DeAngelo	Hamilton	34-85-8	4	40.0
Adam Reisa	Steinert	41-95-4	4	44.1
X-Drew Semple	Hopewell Val.	29-66-6	3	43.9
Zack Donahue	WW-P South	28-54-5	3	51.8
Fyan DeAngelis	Robbinsville	21-45-2	3	43.8
Tyrell McDuffie	Trenton	15-45-7	2	33.3
Davante Abner	Trenton	5-17-0	0	32.3
		6-24-2	1	25.0

RECEIVING LEADERS

Player	School	Rec Yds	TD	Avg.
Robert Wiggs	Nottingham	51	7	16.5
Fyan Lynady	Notre Dame	25	3	11.2
Nick Miranda	Princeton	21	3	19.7
Doug Bryant	Princeton	21	3	19.4
Dan Daraso	Steinert	19	2	15.4
Matt Mueller	Allentown	18	2	17.5
Nick Brackett	Lawrence	18	2	14.5
Justin Adams	Notre Dame	17	1	18.9
Adam Devigili	Nottingham	17	3	12.7
Darryl Griffin	Ewing	17	0	11.1
Azdean Coleman	Lawrence	13	2	15.6
Doug Warner	Steinert	13	2	20.3
Keith Sherman	Lawrence	13	1	9.9
Drew Kenavan	WW-P North	13	1	12.9
Nick Mongiello	Hightstown	13	0	10.9
Murphy Wallace	Hightstown	12	4	2.0
		12	0	11.6
		12	0	17.9

SCORING LEADERS

Player	School	TD	PATs	FG	PTS.
Reggie Lockhard	Nottingham	18	4	0	112
Fross Scheuerman	Allentown	15	0	0	90
David Ogbornaya	Ewing	15	1	0	92
Ransford Quarrie	Notre Dame	13	4	0	82
Sean Reed	WW-P North	9	12	1	69
Teddy Fully	Trenton	9	0	0	66
Keith Sherman	Lawrence	11	0	0	66
Trevor Barsamian	Princeton	10	2	0	62
Anthony Penna	Notre Dame	10	0	0	60
Mark Newlin	Nottingham	9	2	0	56
George Solujich	Notre Dame	0	30	8	54
Robert Wiggs	Nottingham	8	0	0	48
Jake D'Angelo	Hamilton	6	0	0	36
Josh Gordon	Princeton	6	0	0	36
Drew Semple	Hopewell Valley	6	0	0	36
Jamie Williams	Hamilton	6	0	0	36
Brian Vieten	Princeton	6	0	5	34
Chris Matthews	WW-P South	4	0	0	24
Jahid Bryant	Lawrence	4	0	0	24
Drew Kenavan	WW-P North	4	0	0	24
Chris Jones	WW-P South	4	0	0	24
Todd Petrone	WW-P North	4	1	1	19
Kyle Williams	Hamilton	3	3	0	18
Len Bellezza	WW-P North	3	0	0	18

SACK LEADERS

Reggie Lockhard (Nottingham) 6-37; Connor Bayliff (Notre Dame) 7-30; Chris Slatkoski (Notre Dame) 4-5-33; Ehiene Adayu (WW-P South) 4-10; Ethan Posey (Lawrence) 4-12; Jonathan Pulle (Steinert) 3-10; Len Bellezza (WW-P North) 2-5-15; Chris Carney (Notre Dame) 2-5-18; Jamil Hutchinson (Lawrence) 2-23; Gerry Bryson (Lawrence) 2-15; Tom Borcher (Princeton) 2-10; Mark Johnston (Notre Dame) 2-20; Mike Garcia (Steinert) 2-11.

INTERCEPTION LEADERS

Juwan Lee (WW-P North) 8; Doug Bryant (Princeton) 7; Skye Ethin (Princeton) 5; Ryan Brazel (WW-P South) 4; Jamil Hutchinson (Lawrence) 4; Jamal King (Trenton) 3; Jared Rubenstein (WW-P South) 3 3; Todd Petrone (WW-P North) 3; Andy Vitai (Nottingham) 3; Darrell Hudson (Lawrence) 3.

PLAYOFFS

The Weekend's Schedule

Non-Public A
Friday
 Bergen Cath. at Notre Dame, 7 p.m.
 WW-P South at E. Brunswick, 7 p.m.
 Steinert at Ocean County, 7 p.m.
Saturday
 WW-P North at Middletown, 5 p.m.
 Lawrence at Neptune, 1 p.m.

NJSIAA Conspiration Games
Friday
 Hightstown at Triton, 7 p.m.
 Allentown at Jackson Liberty, 7 p.m.
 Robbinsville at Middlesex, 7 p.m.
Saturday
 Morningside Reg. at Ewing, 1 p.m.
 Hamilton at Freehold Boro, 1 p.m.
 N. Burlington at Nottingham, 1 p.m.
 Ocean Reg. at Hopewell Val., 1 p.m.

12TH MAN TD CLUB PLAYERS OF THE NIGHT

OFFENSIVE BACK: Judens Goinbert, Steinert. Carried 19 times for a career-high 165 yards and three TDs in 34-6 romp over Nottingham that secured the Spartans first trip to the state playoffs since 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN: Frank Quantucci, Hamilton. The 6-foot-5, 295-pound 2-way lineman and 3-year starter who is headed to Rutgers came up huge in maybe the Hornets best game of the season. The Hornets ran behind him all game against ND to gain

DEFENSIVE BACK: Aidan Epply-Schmidt, Princeton Day School. In the Panthers final game of the season, a 14-7 loss to Delaware's Tower Hill that ended their season at 3-5, Epply-Schmidt had a big individual performance with 15 tackles, three of them for losses, and a forced fumble.

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN: Ethan Posey, Lawrence. The senior leader of the Cardinals defense got ready for a return trip to the state playoffs with two sacks and five tackles in a big win at Hightstown that got the Cardinals record to 7-2.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Brian Vieten, Princeton. In a season that has seen some excellent place kickers in the CVC, Vieten has been one of the most consistent. He was 4-for-4 on PAT kicks, booted a game-opening 38 yard field goal and also had two squib kicks on kickoffs that were recovered successfully for the Tigers in their memorable 31-17 win over playoff-bound WW-P South.