

# 2009 ST. JOSEPH BEARS FOOTBALL

Raise High Our Maize and Blue... Until the Fight Is Won!!!

2007, 2008, & 2009 BIG 16 WEST DIVISION CHAMPIONS - 2007 & 2009 DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

## THE BEARS SCHEDULE...

08/28 - @ Marshall (L 27-40)  
 09/03 - @ Harper Creek (W 35-14)  
 09/11 - Niles\* (W 48-0)  
 09/18 - @ Loy Norrix\* (W 42-0)  
 09/25 - @ Benton Harbor\* (W 31-0)  
 10/02 - Portage Central\* (W 24-21)  
 10/09 - @ Mattawan\* (W 55-7)  
 10/16 - Lakeshore\* (L 28-39)  
 10/23 - Portage Northern (W 20-18)  
**PLAYOFFS**  
 10/30 - Gull Lake (W 56-13)  
 11/06 - Lakeshore (W 19-13)  
 11/14 - @ East Grand Rapids

## THE PIONEERS SCHEDULE...

08/27 - O.L. St. Mary's (W 21-7)  
 09/03 - @ Kenowa Hills (W 28-7)  
 09/11 - Reeths-Puffer (W 49-7)  
 09/18 - Forest Hills Cent. (W 42-7)  
 09/25 - @ GR Northview (W 45-3)  
 10/02 - GR Christian (W 49-28)  
 10/09 - @ Greenville (W 44-16)  
 10/16 - Lowell (W 27-6)  
 10/23 - GR Creston (W 48-0)  
**PLAYOFFS**  
 10/30 - Forest Hills East (W 43-0)  
 11/06 - Byron Center (W 37-14)  
 11/14 - St. Joseph

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MHSAA PLAYOFFS - ROUND 2 (DISTRICTS) - DIVISION 3, REGION 2, DISTRICT 2

**ST. JOSEPH BEARS (8-2, 6-1 BIG 16 WEST) VS.  
 EAST GRAND RAPIDS PIONEERS (11-0, 5-0 OK-WHITE)**



**GAME 12: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009 - 1:00 PM  
 MEMORIAL FIELD - GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

## BEARS AND PIONEERS...

Two of the top teams in Division three over the last 3 seasons meet for the first time since 2007 as the Bears travel to East Grand Rapids' Memorial Field to face the top ranked Pioneers. The Bears lost that 2007 meeting to EGR 28-7 in a game played at Otsego High School's Bulldog Stadium.

## ABOUT THE BEARS...

The Bears come into Saturday's Regional Championship game after beating Lakeshore 19-16 in a defensive battle at Dickinson Stadium last week. St. Joe scored on a 4th down and 12 play as Sean Guinane threw a screen pass to Tyler Curtis, fooling the Lakeshore defense as Curtis gave the Bears the lead for good. St. Joe's defense held Lakeshore quarterback Eric Lemon to just 1 of 17 passing. The Bears got 158 yards rushing from Jamaal Jackson, including a 59 yard run to help set up the winning score for the Bears. Sean Guinane completed 10 of 17 in the win.

## ABOUT THE PIONEERS...

East Grand Rapids won their fourth straight district title as the three time defending Division 3 state Champions defeated Byron Center 37-14. Kirk Spencer had touchdown runs of 1, 2 and 5 yards while A. J. McEwen and Josh Drummond scored for the Pioneers. Kirk Spencer had 203 yards rushing on 27 carries for the Pioneers.

## MEDIA COVERAGE...

Midwest Family Radio Sports is once again the home of St. Joseph Bears football, with WSJM AM 1400 The News and Talk of Michigan's Great Southwest serving as the flagship for St. Joe football in their 15th straight season. Midwest Family Radio Sports provides weekly coverage of St. Joseph, Lakeshore, and South Haven football contests. Now in their 18th season, Phil McDonald (Play-By-Play) and Bret Witkowski (Color) will be calling the game. However, because of a conflict with Michigan football on WSJM-AM 1400, the game against East Grand Rapids will be airing on WSJM-FM 94.9. The broadcast will be still be available worldwide at [www.wsjmsports.com](http://www.wsjmsports.com). All of the East Grand Rapids games are webcast at [www.michigansportsradio.com](http://www.michigansportsradio.com).



Fans can also check out coverage of the Bears on the official website for St. Joseph Bears Football at [www.stjoefootball.com](http://www.stjoefootball.com).

Postgame results will be available on Friday in print in the Herald-Palladium for fans in St. Joseph, and the surrounding areas of Berrien County and on the web at [www.theh-p.com](http://www.theh-p.com).

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YOUR 2009 ST. JOSEPH BEARS...

##	NAME	WT.	YR.	POS
1	NICK PIGGEE	134	SR.	WR/DB
2	SEAN GUINANE	217	SR.	QB
3	RYAN VITALE	158	SR.	WR/DB
4	MATT PHILLIPPS	126	JR.	WR/DB
5	JEREMY RUSH	169	JR.	QB/DB
7	DREW HAMILTON	158	SR.	WR/DB
8	CHRYS KILLEBREW	163	SR.	RB/DB
9	TIM GOULD	184	SR.	QB/DL
10	MICAH SHOEPLEIN	143	SR.	WR/DB
12	AUSTIN STEFFEN	178	SO.	TE/DL
15	MATT RIEMLAND	193	SR.	WR/LB
16	COLE RADENBAUGH	156	JR.	WR/DB
17	JOEL BERGMAN	164	JR.	WR/DB
18	TOMMY FRY	146	JR.	QB/LB
19	ANTHONY PRESTON	185	JR.	WR/DB
20	MICHAEL GOULD	151	SO.	TE/LB
21	DEVONTE JONES	148	SR.	WR/DB
22	EDDIE MONTGOMERY	168	JR.	RB/DB
23	RILEY JOHNSON	180	SO.	RB/LB
24	JOSH AKINS	164	JR.	RB/LB
25	BOBBY SYMONDS	136	JR.	WR/DB
28	JAMAAL JACKSON	192	SR.	RB/LB
30	DAVONTE PIGGEE	193	JR.	RB/LB
31	TYLER CURTIS	194	JR.	TE/LB
32	MATT WOLF	168	SR.	RB/DB
33	KYLE KENDALL	143	JR.	WR/DB
34	MICHAEL CASE	171	SR.	WR/DB
40	CARTER NIMTZ	179	JR.	RB/LB
41	CRAIG CAMPBELL	150	JR.	WR/DL
42	TY TAYLOR	148	JR.	RB/SS
43	JOSH FAGRAS	187	SR.	TE/DL
44	JOHN ELLEGOOD	151	SR.	OL/DL
45	ALEX RUTHERFORD	190	FR.	RB/LB
50	MIKE SIEMANS	195	SR.	OL/LB
51	ADAM TEEFENBACH	197	JR.	OL/DL
52	LOGAN MOSHER	201	JR.	OL/DL
53	ANDREW BROWN	193	SR.	OL/DL
54	ALEX OSMAR	170	JR.	OL/DL
56	JAYSON TURNER	255	SO.	OL/DL
57	JOSH BURKHARD	191	SO.	OL/DL
58	ALEX FROELICH	164	SO.	FB/DL
60	BRADY ROBERTSON	163	SO.	OL/DL
61	DAVID REIMERS	173	JR.	RB/LB
62	TAYLOR HATFILED	178	SO.	TE/LB
63	JOSH FAVORITE	176	SO.	OL/DL
64	ANDREW CHAMBERS	207	JR.	OL/DL

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YOUR 2009 ST. JOSEPH BEARS (CONTINUED)...

##	NAME	WT.	YR.	POS
65	RYAN KAVANAUGH	208	JR.	OL/DL
66	JASON GAMBRELL	195	SR.	OL/DL
67	OWEN COLE	136	SR.	OL/DL
68	CHRIS KETCHMARK	142	SO.	OL/DL
69	DAVION MITCHELL	163	SO.	OL/DL
70	DEMONTE MILTON	223	JR.	OL/DL
71	KEVIN MILLWARD	209	JR.	OL/DL
72	DEREK WORLEY	244	SR.	OL/DL
73	TYLER COOK	237	JR.	OL/DL
74	JACOB FRATZKE	134	SO.	RB/C
75	CAM HUNSBERGER	139	SO.	QB/LB
76	VALENTENO MCCOY-GARCIA	256	SR.	OL/DL
77	SAM KODIS	262	SR.	OL/DL
78	ZACH KIRKPATRICK	152	FR.	RB/SS
79	CONNOR ROSS	135	SO.	WR/S
80	DYLAN HAMMOND	182	SO.	WR/CB
81	MICHAEL CARTER	212	SR.	TE/LB
84	JUSTIN WOODLEY	158	SO.	WR/S
85	TOMMY RYBERG	168	JR.	TE/LB
86	RYAN SHIMANEK	157	SR.	WR/DB
87	ADAM LALLEY	212	JR.	TE/DL
88	JOSH SCHOEPLEIN	141	SO.	WR/C
89	ANDREW KEPPELER	197	SR.	TE/DL
90	SHONTERIUS RANDOLF	187	JR.	TE/DL
92	SEAN VALENTINE	192	SO.	OL/DL
	MARCUS VALENTINE	145	SO.	QB/S
	BRAD CLARK	167	SR.	WR/DB
	JAMES MORRIS	172	FR.	QB/FS
	JALEN HOLMES	155	FR.	WR/FS
	CAMERON STORTZ	165	FR.	FB/LB
	JORDAN ASKEW	215	FR.	OL/DL
	DAKOTA WEIFFENBACH	215	FR.	OL/DL
	ETHAN FELLOWS	155	FR.	WR/SS

**HEAD COACH...** Elliot Uzelac (4<sup>th</sup> season 36-9 .800)

**ASSISTANT COACHES...** Ike Muhlenkamp, Gandalf Church, Ben Jager, Bryan Keim, Lyle Hayden, Orlando Malone, and Ben Iliff

**JV COACHES...** Mark Morris, Eric Robinson, Andrew Schalk

**FRESHMEN COACHES...** Bob Baumgartner, Matt Culver, Jim Bird

**EQUIPMENT STAFF:** Dan Strine, Kevin Strine, Keith Strine, and Drew Welham

**ATHLETIC TRAINER:** Matt Mabry (Lakeland Regional Health Systems)

**TEAM PHYSICIAN:** Dr. George T. Kolettis (Southwest Michigan Center for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine)

**CAPTAINS...** 21 Devonte Jones, 53, Andrew Brown, 66 Jason Gambrell

**Key Special Teams Positions**

Long Snapper: 72 Derek Worley

Holder: 34 Michael Case

Place Kicker:

Punter:

24 Josh Akins (38/40 PAT's)

31 Tyler Curtis



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## QUICK FACTS...

<p>Series History: EGR leads 1-0 (1.000) (W 28-7)          St. Joseph vs. OK teams since 1950:          27-17-4 (0.604)          East Grand Rapids: 0-1          Middleville Thornapple Kellogg: 1-0          Forest Hills Northern: 0-1          Wyoming Park: 0-1          Grandville: 3-0          Jenison: 2-0          Grand Haven: 0-4-2          Wyoming Godwin Heights: 5-2-1          *Holland: 16-10-1          *Holland was a member of the SMAC from 1975-1984</p> <p>East Grand Rapids vs. Big 16 teams since 1950:          5-0 (1.000)          Lakeshore: 3-0          Battle Creek Lakeview: 1-0          St. Joseph 1-0</p>	<p>Enrollment: 986 (Class B) School Type: Public          Superintendent: Al Skibbe          Principal: Jeff Runser          Athletic Director: Kevin Guzzo          Nickname: Bears          Colors: Maize and Blue          Fight Song: St. Joseph Fight Song          Conference: Southwest Michigan Athletic Conference (Big 16), Charter member since 1931          First Year of Competition: 1913          All-Time Record: 473-332-33 (94<sup>th</sup> season*)          *(No teams in 1916-18, influenza and WWI)          State Titles: 0          Runner Up: 1, 1988 (Class B)          S.M.A.C. Conference/Division Championships (Last): 35 (2009)          Undefeated Seasons: (10) (1938, 71, 73, 80, 84, 86, 87, 88, 07, 08)          Longest regular season winning streak: 37 - 9/26/86-9/30/89          Playoff Appearances: (13) - B, 1980, 84, 86, 87, 88; BB, 1990, 96, 97; 3, 1999, 06, 07, 08, 09          Retired Jersey's: 82 Rob Fredrickson (Class of 1989) – Jersey retired on January 5, 1999</p>
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## THE SERIES...

Only one game has been played between the Bears and East Grand Rapids, coming in the Semifinals of the 2007 MHSAA Division 3 football playoffs. East Grand Rapids would win that game 28-7, played at Otsego High School. East Grand Rapids would go on the next week to defeat Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the MHSAA Championship game that took 5 overtimes to complete.

## IT "BEARS" MENTIONING...

During the previous two playoff seasons, the Pioneers have met a team from the Big 16 conference, this season that meeting is earlier. The 2007 game against St. Joseph, and 2008 against Lakeshore came in the semifinals, today's game is in the regional finals

## THE BEARS WHEN...

Overall Record:	9-2 (0.818)
Home Record:	5-1 (0.833)
Road Record:	4-1 (0.800)
Neutral Site Record:	0-0 (0.000)
Division Record:	6-1 (0.833)
Against Eastern Division Teams:	1-1 (0.500)
St. Joseph scores first:	8-1 (0.889)
Opponent scores first:	1-1 (0.500)
Scoring 21 points or more:	7-2 (0.778)
Scoring 20 points or less:	2-0 (0.000)
Allowing 21 points or more:	1-2 (0.333)
Allowing 20 points or less:	8-0 (1.000)
Leading at the half:	8-1 (0.889)
Tied at the half:	0-0 (0.000)
Trailing at the half:	1-1 (0.500)
Leading after 3 quarters:	8-0 (1.000)
Tied after 3 quarters:	0-0 (0.000)
Trailing after 3 quarters:	1-2 (0.333)
Giveaways/Takeaways:	10/26 (+16)
Points scored off of turnovers:	89
Points allowed off of turnovers:	10

## THE OPPOSITION...

Marshall: 10-1 (0.909)
Battle Creek Harper Creek: 6-4 (0.600)
Niles: 4-5 (0.444)
Kalamazoo Loy Norrix: 1-8 (0.111)
Benton Harbor: 1-8 (0.111)
Portage Central: 10-1 (0.909)
Mattawan: 2-7 (0.222)
Lakeshore: 8-3 (0.727)
Portage Northern: 7-3 (0.700)
*Gull Lake: 6-4 (0.600)
*Lakeshore: 8-3 (0.727)
*East Grand Rapids: 11-0 (1.000)
Opponents overall record: 74-47 (0.612)
St. Joseph Record: 9-2 (0.818)

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## ON THE SIDELINES...

Year	Coach	Record
1913	Whitehead	0-4
1914	Berry	2-6
1915	Gardner	0-6-1
1916-1918	No Teams	
1919-1920	Gordon Gabal	12-6-1
1921-1931	Henry Howe	50-39-11
1932	Fred Harrsen	1-7-1
1933	Henry Howe	4-3-1 (54-42-12)
1934-1935	Ronald Finch	12-3-2
1936-1946	Harry Lee	53-31-5
1947-1948	Jack Petosky	7-5-3
1949-1950	Jay Eldred	8-8
1951-1953	Walt Gephart	10-13-1
1954-1963	Dick Higgs	43-31-7
1964-1967	Willis Koontz	13-22
1968-2001	Ivan "Ike" Muhlenkamp	211-110-1
2002-2005	John Van Wagoner	7-29
2006-	Elliot Uzelac	37-9

ST. JOSEPH BEARS FOOTBALL COACHING HISTORY

## Head Coach: Elliot Uzelac

A college coaching veteran with more than 30 years of experience is the 16<sup>th</sup> head coach in the schools 94 seasons of playing football. Mr. Uzelac began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Bowling Green, Navy, and Michigan before becoming the Head Coach at Western Michigan University from 1975-81. He was named Mid American Conference "Coach of the Year" in 1975 while with the Broncos. He also served as Head Coach at the US Naval Academy from 1987-89. Mr. Uzelac also has held coaching positions at Indiana, Ohio State, Colorado, Kentucky, Minnesota, Maryland, Georgetown, and with the NFL's Cleveland Browns. He is a 1964 graduate of Western Michigan and he earned a master's degree in physical education from Bowling Green in 1966. He and his wife, Wendy, have two children, Lisa and Nick, and five grandchildren, Jordan, Elliot, Isaac, Reese, and Charlie.

**Assistant Coaches:** Ike Muhlenkamp (Quarterbacks/Inside Linebackers), Gandalf Church (Defensive Coordinator/Running Backs/Safeties), Ben Jager (Offensive and Defensive Lines), Bryan Keim (Wide Receivers/Cornerbacks), Lyle Hayden (Outside Linebackers/Offensive Lines), Orlando Malone (Scout Teams), and Ben Iliff (Wide Receivers/Linebackers)

## PRONOUNCE THE BEARS...

Elliot Uzelac	you-zelack
Ike Muhlenkamp	mull -en-camp
Bryan Keim	Kime
Ben Jager	yea-ger
Ben Iliff	eye-liff
Sean Guinane	GIHN-ayne
Tim Gould	Gould
Micah Shoeplein	Mike-uh Shep-line
Matt Riemland	reem-land
Cole Radenbaugh	Rad-en-baw
David Reimers	Rye-mers
Bobby Symonds	Seye-monds
Josh Fagras	Fay-gras
Logan Mosher	Mow-sher
Josh Akins	ay-kihns

## THE GAME OPERATIONS PEOPLE...

**Public Address Announcer:** Dave Durr      **Spotter:** Joe Haydon  
**Clock Operators:** Fred Alten      **25-Second Clock:** David Foster  
**Message Board/Audio:** Dave Wolf      **Game Stats: (Home)** Josh Weaver      **(Road):** Dave Wolf  
**Game Film: (Press Box View)** David Terry      **(Endzone)** Mike LaVanway  
**Chain Crew:** Fred Frenrick, Art Fenrick, Ray Brahams, Preston Jackson, Joe Palazollo

## THE BOOSTERS...

**Co-Presidents:** Jerry and Dorrine Guinane & Jim and Sue Riemland  
**Treasurers:** Brian and Kelly Nimitz      **Secretaries:** Neil and Rhonda Vitale  
**Co-Chair (Spirit Wear):** Brian and Debbie Akins & Todd and Barbie Carter      **Co-Char (Golf Outing):** Jim and Nancy Kodis & Jim and Cathy Hamilton  
**Co-Chair (Concessions):** Jason and Tammie Spiegel & Steve and Terry Rush

## SAINT JOSEPH FIGHT SONG

Fight on to victory,  
 As we shout our battle cry!  
 Fight on, old Varsity,  
 As the Bears go marching by.  
 We'll sing a toast or two,  
 For every loyal son,  
 Raise high our maize and blue,  
 Until the fight is won!  
 F-I, F-I-T-E, Fight!  
 So, Bears, fight with all your might!  
 We're right, so fight, we're conquerors tonight!  
 Fight on to victory,  
 As we shout our battle cry!  
 Fight on, oh Varsity,  
 As the Bears go marching by.  
 We'll sing a toast or two,  
 For every loyal son,  
 Raise high the maize and blue,  
 Until the fight is won!



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## THE PIONEERS...

##	Name	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
1	DION JOBE	DB/TE	6'1"	180	JR.
2	A.J. McEWEN	DB/WR	5'9"	155	SR.
3	RYAN ELBLE	QB	6'0"	174	JR.
4	TYLER LEWIS	DR/TE	6'0"	174	SR.
5	BOBBY AARDEMA	K	6'1"	165	JR.
6	KYLE WOLLET	LB	6'4"	170	SR.
7	DANNY SHUART	DB	5'9"	160	SR.
8	GRAHAM LAVOIE	FB/LB	5'10"	170	SR.
9	JOSH DRUMMOND	DB/LB	5'9"	190	SR.
10	DAVID DRUMMOND	RB/DB	5'7"	152	SO.
12	MURPHY AINSWORTH	QB	6'1"	185	SR.
14	TRAVIS PALMER	QB	6'1"	170	SO.
15	PETER SPIKER	TE	6'0"	155	SR.
16	DAVID ASPERHEIM	DB/WR	5'9"	135	SO.
17	SAM ELDERSVELD	DB/WR	5'8"	140	SO.
18	ALEC STRAUSS	DE	6'2"	160	SO.
20	CODY DITMAR	WR/DB	5'10"	150	JR.
21	MICAH WYNN	DB	5'8"	150	SR.
22	JOE BUTH	TE/DB	5'9"	146	JR.
23	LUKE SASEK	DB	5'10"	150	JR.
24	NIGEL BENSON	DB	5'5"	147	SR.
25	ALLYN GRBAVCICH	DB/RB	5'10"	135	SO.
26	WILL ZAWACKI	DB/WR	5'7"	135	SO.
27	KIRK SPENCER	TB/DB	5'10"	185	SR.
28	MARK NELSON	LB	5'8"	205	JR.
29	IKE TIMKOVICH	DL	5'5"	140	JR.
30	AZIZ ELLIS	LB/FB	5'10"	165	SO.
33	NICK MULHALL	TE/WR	6'0"	150	JR.
34	JOSHUA LAARMAN	LB/FB	5'10"	160	SR.
35	DREW CONDON	DE	5'10"	160	JR.
36	TRENT VOSS	LB	6'2"	195	JR.
40	ADAM JENNINGS	LB/FB	5'10"	140	SO.
42	BEN LEFEBRE	DE	5'11"	155	SO.

##	Name	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
45	CONNOR FOY	LB/FB	5'11"	165	JR.
49	PETER DALY	DE	6'0"	175	JR.
50	YARI FLEMMING	DT	6'1"	218	SR.
51	JAMES McDONALD	DL/OT	6'0"	180	SO.
52	ERIC PETKO	OG	5'10"	180	SR.
53	GAVIN O'MARA	C	5'11"	175	SR.
54	ANDREW REED	OT/DE	6'0"	202	JR.
56	JOSH FOSS	DT	5'6"	180	SR.
57	ALEX PEPOY	OL/DE	6'1"	155	SO.
58	SCOTT BOURNE	DT	6'2"	220	SR.
59	COHEN MEAD	C/DT	6'0"	175	SO.
61	DAKOTA WOLTER	OL/DE	5'9"	170	SO.
62	AUSTIN KOBS	DT	6'1"	217	SR.
64	LUKE ELIAS	OL/DT	6'1"	220	SO.
65	ZACH MALEWITZ	OG/LB	5'9"	147	JR.
66	ALEX STEAL	OG	6'0"	200	SR.
67	JOHN NOWAK	OG	6'0"	170	JR.
68	DARIUS ROBERTS	DT	6'0"	188	SO.
69	ZACK WIENER	OC	6'0"	240	JR.
71	JOE MONTICELLO	OT	5'10"	243	JR.
72	REID TRIERWELIER	DT	5'1"	190	JR.
74	STEPHEN CONRAD	OT	5'10"	195	JR.
75	SPENCER REDFORD	DT	5'10"	260	JR.
76	JACOB BILLET	DT	6'5"	260	SR.
77	KYLER BRONDYK	OT/DT	6'1"	195	JR.
78	SAWYER KNIBBE	OL/DT	5'11"	145	SO.
79	WILL HEYNIG	OT	6'2"	203	JR.
80	KENDALL BLANCHARD	DB/WR	5'6"	120	SO.
85	BRIAN KREMERS	TE	6'0"	180	SO.
86	COLIN VOSS	TE/DE	6'7"	225	SR.
88	JOSH HALL	DE/TE	6'4"	170	SR.
90	CASEY BROWN	DT	5'8"	175	SR.

### Head Coach:

Peter Stuursma (10<sup>th</sup> season, 112-13, .896)

### Assistant Coaches:

Brian Clay, Robb Hurt, Bill Kowal, Matthew Putnam, John VandenBerg, Jim Voss

### Athletic Trainer:

Courtney VanDeWege

### Managers:

Alex David, Anna Flood, Christine Knooihuizen,

### Film Coordinator:

Don Gerken



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2009 MHSAA DIVISION 3 PLAYOFFS...

## PRE-DISTRICTS

R1-D1: ESCANABA 28, CADILLAC 27 (2OT)  
R1-D1: OGEMAW HEIGHTS 8, PETOSKEY 0

R1-D2: LINDEN 54, BANGOR JOHN GLENN 29  
R1-D2: MT PLEASANT 47, NORTH BRANCH 12

R2-D1: EAST GRAND RAPIDS 43, GRAND RAPIDS FOREST HILLS EASTERN 0  
R2-D1: BYRON CENTER 41, HASTINGS 6

R2-D2: ST JOSEPH 56, RICHLAND GULL LAKE 13  
R2-D2: STEVENSVILLE LAKESHORE 17, BATTLE CREEK HARPER CREEK 14 (1OT)

R3-D1: DEWITT 42, MASON 0  
R3-D1: LANSING SEXTON 33, FOWLerville 20

R3-D2: ADRIAN 28, MILAN 0  
R3-D2: CHELSEA 24, CARLETON AIRPORT 21 (1OT)

R4-D1: MELVINDALE 33, DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD 10  
R4-D1: ORCHARD LAKE ST MARY'S 31, DETROIT CENTRAL 0

R4-D2: DETROIT CROCKETT 12, HIGHLAND PARK 0  
R4-D2: HAZEL PARK 40, ST CLAIR SHORES LAKE SHORE 27

## DISTRICTS

R1-D1: OGEMAW HEIGHTS 44, ESCANABA 20  
R1-D2: MT PLEASANT 44, LINDEN 27

R2-D1: EAST GRAND RAPIDS 37, BYRON CENTER 14  
R2-D2: ST JOSEPH 19, STEVENSVILLE LAKESHORE 16

R3-D1: DEWITT 42, LANSING SEXTON 14  
R3-D2: ADRIAN 30, CHELSEA 20

R4-D1: ORCHARD LAKE ST MARY'S 35, MELVINDALE 21  
R4-D2: DETROIT CROCKETT 50, HAZEL PARK 48 (2OT)

## REGIONALS

R1: OGEMAW HEIGHTS (10-1) 88.778 AT MT PLEASANT (11-0) 110.222 - S 1:00 PM AT CMU

R2: ST JOSEPH (9-2) 87.667 AT EAST GRAND RAPIDS (11-0) 112.444 - S 1:00 PM

R3: ADRIAN (10-1) 90.889 AT DEWITT (11-0) 106.667 - F 7:00 PM

R4: ORCHARD LAKE ST MARY'S (6-4) 59.222 AT DETROIT CROCKETT (10-1) 92.778 - S 1:00 PM AT DETROIT OSBORN

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Semifinal games on Nov. 21 will pair the winners of Region 1 vs. Region 2; and the winners of Region 3 vs. Region 4 at prearranged sites.

November 28 - Division 3 Finals --7:30 p.m. - Ford Field, Detroit





# 2009 ST. JOSEPH BEARS FOOTBALL

Game Notes: 11/14 - MHSAA Playoffs - St. Joseph at East Grand Rapids - Memorial Field

SEASON SUMMARIES - 8/28/09 - MARSHALL 40, ST. JOSEPH 27 - MARSHALL STADIUM



Marshall's Jamar Wimberly heads for the end zone during the Redhawks' season opener against St. Joseph. (photo: Battle Creek Enquirer)

(Marshall) -- Both St. Joe and Marshall came into the season with high expectations, both teams had talented running backs and both teams had 10 win seasons a year ago. But in the end it was the home team Marshall that came out on top.

The Redhawks game plan was simple, give the ball to Jamar Wimberly, and after running for nearly 300 yards and 3 touchdowns in helping Marshall to a 40-27 win over the Bears in the opener for both teams.

Marshall took a 6-0 lead in the first quarter as the Redhawks went on an 11 play drive that ended with a 37 yard Jamar Wimberly touchdown run.

The Bears would take the lead in the second quarter as Jeremy Rush threw a 72 yard touchdown pass to DeVonte Jones, Josh Akins kick was good to give the Bears a 7-6 lead.

On the ensuing possession for Marshall, the Redhawks fumbled the ball which was recovered by the Bears and 4 plays later, Jamaal Jackson scored a 2 yard touchdown and the Bears had a 13-7 lead.

Marshall didn't take long to respond as the Redhawks drove 80 yards and scored on a 5 yard touchdown pass from Caleb Vincent to Kyle Waidelich from 5 yards out. The Redhawks would add the two point conversion and had a 14-13 lead.

What is probably the turning point of the game came late in the second quarter as the Bears were unable to gain a first down on a 4th down and 1 at the St. Joe 45 yard line. The Redhawks took just one play to swing the momentum to the home team as Jamar Wimberly scored on a 45 yard run to up their lead to 20-13 heading into the half. Marshall would take a 26-13 lead when Cody Boughton had a 1 yard run. But the Bears responded on the very next play as Devonte Jones returned the kickoff back 90 yards for a touchdown to pull to make the score 26-20.

Later in the third quarter following a St. Joseph punt, the Redhawks Cody Boughton scored on a 90 yard touchdown run as Marshall led 32-20.

St. Joseph would pull within a score as Jamaal Jackson scored on a 43 yard touchdown run to cut Marshall's lead to 32-27.

The Redhawks would cap the scoring as quarterback Caleb Vincent connected on a 38 yard touchdown pass to give Marshall 40-27 advantage.

	REDHAWKS	BEARS	Scoring Summary						
POINTS	40	27	St. Joseph	0	13	7	7	--	27
FIRST DOWNS	21	9	Marshall	6	14	12	8	--	40
3RD DOWN %	4/9	4/14	MR - Jamar Wimberly 37 yard run (Jake Herman kick blocked)						
4TH DOWN %	1/1	2/4	SJ - Devonte Jones 72 pass from Jeremy Rush (Josh Akins kick good)						
TOTAL YARDS	460	243	SJ - Jamaal Jackson 2 yard run (Akins kick wide right)						
RUSHING	393	54	MR - Kyle Waidelich 5 yard pass from Caleb Vincent (PAT pass)						
PASSING	67	189	MR - Jamar Wimberly 45 yard run (Vincent pass incomplete)						
COMPLETED/ATTEMPTED/INT	4/6/0	12/24/0	MR - Cody Boughton 1 yard run (Herman kick wide left)						
TURNOVERS	2	0	SJ - Devonte Jones 91 yard kickoff return (Akins kick good)						
PENALTIES/YARDS	6/63	12/79	MR - Cody Boughton 90 yard run (rush no good)						
TIME OF POSSESSION	25:37	22:23	SJ - Jamaal Jackson 43 yard run (Akins kick good)						
			MR - Jake Herman 38 yard pass from Caleb Vincent (PAT pass)						

# 2009 ST. JOSEPH BEARS FOOTBALL



Game Notes: 11/14 - MHSAA Playoffs - St. Joseph at East Grand Rapids - Memorial Field  
 SEASON SUMMARIES - 9/3/09 - ST. JOSEPH 35, HARPER CREEK 14 - HARPER CREEK STADIUM



(Battle Creek) -- After falling at Marshall in the previous week, the Bear defense would have to face another East Division team that likes to run the ball... a lot.

For the third time in four seasons, St. Joe made the trip up I-94 again to face the Harper Creek Beavers, at the newly renovated Harper Creek Stadium, which included the addition of field turf. St. Joe made it three straight wins over Harper Creek and 2nd straight win on the Beavers home field as St. Joe beat Harper Creek 35-14.

Jamaal Jackson led the way for the Bears on offense has the senior running back had 203 yards of rushing on 33 carries and found the endzone four times to help lead the way for the Bears who are now 1-1 on the season.

Both teams struggle out of the gate to start the game as the Bears and Beavers went scoreless in the first quarter.

After the Bear defense forced Harper Creek to punt deep in their own territory, the Bears would start their first drive of the second quarter at the Harper Creek 22 yard line. The Bears took just 1 play to start the scoring as Jamaal Jackson rushed for the score and a 7-0 St. Joe lead.

The Bears made it 14-0 late in the second quarter as the Bears went on a 40 yard drive topped off by Jamaal Jackson's 1 yard touchdown run.

The Bears didn't take long to strike again after halftime, as the Bears went on a 3 play 67 yard drive as Jeremy Rush completed a 26 yard touchdown pass to Devonte Jones for a 21-0 Bear lead.

After having their run game stymied for the first half, Harper Creek decided they have to start putting the ball in the air. As the Beavers went on a 71 yard drive as Dennis Mott threw a 26 yard touchdown pass to Mike McKenzie to pull within 21-7. After shutting out Harper

Creek in the two previous meetings, the touchdown was first time the Beavers have scored against the Bears in 10 quarters

St. Joe responded on the very next drive as the Bears drove 64 yards and Jamaal Jackson added his third touchdown of the game on a three yard run to give the Bears a 28-7 lead.

Harper Creek kept pressing trying to get back in the game, after Nick Piggee mishandled a Harper Creek punt, the Bears had to punt from deep in their own endzone, giving Harper Creek the ball at the St. Joe 19. The Beavers found the endzone three plays later on a 19 yard pass from Dennis Mott to Nate Park. The Beavers cut the lead to 28-14.

The Beavers would get no closer as the Bears drove 67 yards on the ensuing drive and Jamaal Jackson scored for the fourth time to provided the final margin of victory at 35-14.

The Bears improved to 1-1 on the season while the Beavers fall to 1-1. Harper Creek is winless all time on artificial turf and 0-4 at home after either opening or renovating their stadium.



Jamaal Jackson heads for the endzone during the Bears 35-14 win at Harper Creek (Photo: Dorrine Guinane)

	BEAVERS	BEARS
POINTS	14	35
FIRST DOWNS	10	15
3RD DOWN %	5/12	6/11
4TH DOWN %	0/0	0/0
TOTAL YARDS	164	338
RUSHING	85	228
PASSING	78	110
COMPLETED/ATTEMPTED/INT	5/12/0	7/9/0
TURNOVERS	1	1
PENALTIES/YARDS	5/25	5/26
TIME OF POSSESSION	19:56	28:04

### Scoring Summary

St. Joseph	0	14	14	7	--	35
Harper Creek	0	0	7	7	--	14

- SJ - Jamaal Jackson 22 run (Josh Akins kick)
- SJ - Jackson 1 run (Akins)
- SJ - Devonte Jones 26 pass from Jeremy Rush (Akins kick)
- HC - Mike McKenzie 26 pass from Dennis Mott (Alex Ferguson kick)
- SJ - Jackson 3 run (Akins kick)
- HC - Nate Park 19 pass from Mott (Ferguson kick)
- SJ - Jackson 10 run (Akins kick)



# 2009 ST. JOSEPH BEARS FOOTBALL

Game Notes: 11/14 - MHSAA Playoffs - St. Joseph at East Grand Rapids - Memorial Field

SEASON SUMMARIES - 9/11/09 - ST. JOSEPH 48, NILES 0 - DICKINSON STADIUM



Bears quarterback Jeremy Rush scores his second TD of the game in the Bears 48-0 win over Niles (photo: David Knight)

(St. Joseph) - After two long road trips at Marshall and Harper Creek to begin the 2009 season. The St. Joseph Bears got a taste of home cooking as the Bears blew out the Niles Vikings 48-0 in the Big 16 West Division opener for both teams.

St. Joseph and Niles went three and out on their first drives but the Bears second drive ended with success as the Bears marched 46 yards in 5 plays to take a 7-0 lead when Bobby Symonds caught his first TD pass of the season from Jeremy Rush.

After another Niles punt. St. Joe found the end zone on the next drive as the Bears went 56 yards in 4 plays capped off by a 21 yard run from Jamaal Jackson and a 14-0 St. Joe lead.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was even worse for Niles. The Vikings would drive down to the Bears 37 yard line only to turn the ball over on downs. The Bears needed two plays to add to the Vikings

misery. Jamaal Jackson broke loose on for a 62 yard run down to the Niles 1 yard line. After an illegal procedure penalty backed it up to the 6. Jackson finished what he started as he scored his second TD of the game. The Bears held a 21-0 lead

Niles would be forced to punt again after a 3 and out St. Joe would again get the ball back and find the endzone 6 plays later on a 7 yard touchdown run to give the Bears a 27-0 lead.

St. Joe took advantage of a huge mistake by the Vikings when returner Aaron Davis fumbled the ensuing kickoff, which was recovered by St. Joe at the Niles 21 yard line. Four plays later Jeremy Rush had his second straight touchdown run and the Bears held a 34-0 lead going into halftime.

St. Joe would start the running clock late in the third quarter as Jamaal Jackson went on a 56 yard sprint to the endzone and St. Joe increased the lead to 41-0.

As the fourth quarter continued, St. Joe coach Elliot Uzelac started clearing the benches and Senior QB Sean Guinane saw his first action of the season, Guinane missed the first two games of the season because of illness. Guinane threw two passes and completed one in his short time,

Late in the fourth quarter, the Bears would finish off the scoring with Tommy Fry seeing action at quarterback. Fry handed off to Ty Taylor for a 5 yard touchdown.

It's the Bears 4<sup>th</sup> straight win over the Vikings. During the Bears win streak vs. the Vikings, St. Joseph has outscored Niles 131-9.

	VIKINGS	BEARS	Scoring Summary
POINTS	0	48	Niles 0 0 0 0 - 0
FIRST DOWNS	7	18	St. Joseph 14 20 7 7 - 48
3RD DOWN %	1/12	1/5	
4TH DOWN %	1/3	0/2	
TOTAL YARDS	141	460	SJ - Bobby Symonds 13 pass from Jeremy Rush (Josh Akins kick)
RUSHING	140	343	SJ - Jamaal Jackson 21 run (Akins kick)
PASSING	1	117	SJ - Jackson 6 run (Akins kick)
COMPLETED/ATTEMPTED/INT	2/10/0	8/14/1	SJ - Rush 7 run (kick failed)
TURNOVERS	2	1	SJ - Rush 3 run (Akins kick)
PENALTIES/YARDS	3/21	3/20	SJ - Jackson 56 run (Akins kick)
TIME OF POSSESSION	25:28	22:32	SJ - Ty Taylor 5 run (Josh Fagras kick)

# 2009 ST. JOSEPH BEARS FOOTBALL



Game Notes: 11/14 - MHSAA Playoffs - St. Joseph at East Grand Rapids - Memorial Field  
 SEASON SUMMARIES - 9/18/09 - ST. JOSEPH 42, KALAMAZOO LOY NORRIX 0 - GRIFFITH STADIUM



(Kalamazoo) – Thanks to a long layoff in the series with Loy Norrix, the Bears gained their first victory at Kalamazoo Loy Norrix since 1996 as the Bears defeated the Knights 42-0 on Friday Night. St. Joe had not played a game against Norrix since 2002 and had not won since 1996.

The game started out sloppy for both teams, St. Joe drove into Norrix territory but Jeremy Rush's pass attempt was intercepted, by Norrix's Terrance Carver, however the Bears Andrew Brown quickly got back and caused Carver to fumble the ball and the Brown recovered the fumble he caused. The Bears would then complete what they started as Jamaal Jackson scored on a 5 yard run to put the Bears up 7-0.



Bears WR Devonte Jones dives for the endzone for the touchdown as the Bears beat Loy Norrix 42-0 (photo: Dorrine Guinane)

Norrix would get into St. Joe territory on their next drive but were forced to punt the ball away. The Bears would cap off another TD drive when Rush threw a 25 yard touchdown pass to a diving DeVonte Jones in the end zone, which gave the Bears a 14-0 lead.

St. Joe's defense would set up the offense after Mike Case intercepted Norrix QB Zack Rickli. Five plays later Jamaal Jackson ran for a 61 yard touchdown to put the Bears up 21-0 going into halftime.

The Bears would take a 28-0 lead on the first possession of the second half as Jackson scored his third touchdown of the game from 5 yards out.

Norrix's offense would continue to struggle to move the ball and were forced to punt once again, but after fumbling and losing a punt earlier in the game, returner Devonte Jones redeemed himself by returning the next punt 70 yards for a touchdown. With the Bears now up 35-0, the rest of the game would be played with the MHSAA mercy rule in place.

Loy Norrix Coach Sean Bergan's team was not giving up and trying to get back into the ball game, but the Bears provided the nail in the coffin on the Knights. After Sean Guinane took over as quarterback in the second quarter, reserve quarterback Jeremy Rush would get playing time on defense. Rush would intercept a pass from Rickli and return it 55 yards for a touchdown. Rush became the first St. Joe player to return an interception for a touchdown since Tim Hand's 44 yard interception return in the 1997 playoffs against Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

Rush also became the first St. Joe player to throw a touchdown pass and return an interception for a TD in the same game.

In all, the Knights' turned the ball over five times, with four of them coming by way of interceptions (Mike Case, DeVonte Jones, Jeremy Rush, Ty Taylor)

Because two of the Bears scores came on defense or special teams, the Bears were only able to compile 281 yards of total offense, but the Bear defense limited the Knights to just 126 yards. The Bears also did not have to punt during the game..

	KNIGHTS	BEARS	Scoring Summary
POINTS	0	48	St. Joseph 7 14 21 0 - 42
FIRST DOWNS	10	14	Loy Norrix 0 0 0 0 - 0
3RD DOWN %	4/11	2/7	
4TH DOWN %	0/1	2/4	
TOTAL YARDS	125	281	SJ - Jamaal Jackson 5 run (Josh Akins kick)
RUSHING	58	211	SJ - Devonte Jones 25 pass from Jeremy Rush (Josh Akins kick)
PASSING	68	70	SJ - Jamaal Jackson 61 run (Josh Akins kick)
COMPLETED/ATTEMPTED/INT	6/15/4	6/10/1	SJ - Jamaal Jackson 5 run (Josh Akins kick)
TURNOVERS	5	2	SJ - Devonte Jones 70 yard punt return (Josh Akins kick)
PENALTIES/YARDS	9/84	11/123	SJ - Jeremy Rush 55 yard interception return (Josh Akins kick)
TIME OF POSSESSION	30:29	17:31	



# 2009 ST. JOSEPH BEARS FOOTBALL

Game Notes: 11/14 - MHSAA Playoffs - St. Joseph at East Grand Rapids - Memorial Field

SEASON SUMMARIES - 9/25/09 - ST. JOSEPH 31, BENTON HARBOR 0 - FILSTRUP FIELD



Bears quarterback Sean Guinane made his first start of the season against Benton Harbor. The Bears won 31-0 (photo: Dorrine Guinane)

(Benton Harbor) – After missing the first two games of the season and playing limited minutes in the last two games, St. Joe's senior quarterback Sean Guinane started for the first time this season. Guinane didn't miss a beat as the Bears defeated Benton Harbor 31-0 at Filstrup Field.

Guinane completed 15 of 17 passes for 242 yards and two touchdowns in his first start after an illness kept him out of the lineup.

The story coming into the game was the expected showdown between St. Joe running back Jamaal Jackson and his father, Benton Harbor head coach Larry Jackson. Younger son Jamaal did win the battle, despite his father's attempt to contain his son. Son Jamaal Jackson ran for 132 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Benton Harbor's coach Larry Jackson spent three seasons on the Bears coaching staff as one of the Bears assistant coaches under coach Uzelac. Jackson left St. Joe to become the Tigers head coach this summer, after Maurice Burton was not retained as the Tigers coach after back-to-back 0-9 seasons.

The game itself started a little sloppy for both teams. After forcing punts on the first three possessions of the game St. Joe fumbled the ball away to the Tigers, but the Bear defense held again forcing another Tiger punt. After a scoreless first quarter, the Bears took their first drive of the second quarter 80 yards for a touchdown as Jackson scored from a yard out for a 7-0 St. Joe lead.

The Bears would take a 14-0 lead with 1:33 left in the half when Sean Guinane threw his first TD pass of the season to Devonte Jones from 38 yards out.

The Bears got an unexpected break when Chrys Killebrew recovered a Tiger fumble deep inside the Tigers 13 with :07 seconds left in the half. After a holding penalty drove the ball back to the 26 yard line, Josh Akins kicked a 43 yard field goal as time expired in the first half to put the Bears up 17-0.

St. Joe would expand the lead to 24-0 on the first drive of the second half as Guinane completed a 17 yard touchdown pass to Tyler Curtis.

After another Tiger punt, the Bears went on a time consuming 11 play-78 yard drive, capped off by Jamaal Jackson's 7 yard run to put the Bears ahead 31-0. The Bears defense kept Benton Harbor bottled up the rest of the night as the Bears beat their cross town rival for the fourth straight season and the second straight time by shutout.

	TIGERS	BEARS	Scoring Summary	
POINTS	0	31	St. Joseph	0 17 7 7 -- 31
FIRST DOWNS	8	23	Benton Harbor	0 0 0 0 -- 0
3RD DOWN %	4/13	4/7	SJ - Jamaal Jackson 1 run (Josh Akins kick)	
4TH DOWN %	0/0	0/1	SJ - Devonte Jones 38 pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)	
TOTAL YARDS	117	420	SJ - Josh Akins 43 yard field goal	
RUSHING	57	178	SJ - Tyler Curtis 18 yard pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)	
PASSING	60	242	SJ - Jamaal Jackson 7 run (Josh Akins kick)	
COMPLETED/ATTEMPTED/INT	5/13/1	15/19/0		
TURNOVERS	2	2		
PENALTIES/YARDS	7/55	8/89		
TIME OF POSSESSION	28:42	19:18		

# 2009 ST. JOSEPH BEARS FOOTBALL



Game Notes: 11/14 - MHSAA Playoffs - St. Joseph at East Grand Rapids - Memorial Field  
 SEASON SUMMARIES - 10/2/09 - ST. JOSEPH 24, PORTAGE CENTRAL 21 - DICKINSON STADIUM



(St. Joseph) – Back in the 1980's and 90's, the winner of the game between St. Joseph and Portage Central won 18 of 20 Big 8 Conference Championships. In 2009, St. Joe and Portage Central would again meet for the lead in the West Division standings on the line.

St. Joseph hosted Portage Central on a rainy and windy night at Dickinson Stadium.

The Bears didn't take long to grab the lead. After Central's opening kickoff traveled into the endzone for a touchback. The Bears scored on an 80 yard touchdown run by Jamaal Jackson less than 15 seconds into the game to grab a 7-0 lead.



Chrys Killebrew (8) and Ty Taylor (42) block the punt during the Bears 24-21 win over Portage Central (photo: Don Campbell / H-P)

As the rain and continued to make the conditions miserable for both teams, the Mustangs and Bears would trade fumbles.

On the Mustangs second possession of the game, the Bears forced Central to punt. The Bears blocked the punt and got the ball deep inside the red zone. The Bears would kick a field goal as Josh Akins was good on a 25 yard attempt to give the Bears a 10-0 lead.

Portage Central's offense came out on their next drive to cut the lead to 10-7 as Spencer Munson scored from 4 yards out.

The Bears would go back up by 10 points late in the second quarter when Jamaal Jackson scored his second touchdown of the game to put the Bears up 17-7 going into halftime.

The Bears would take advantage of another costly fumble by the Mustangs at the St. Joe 35 yard line. St. Joe would drive down the field in 3 plays as Jamaal Jackson scored his third touchdown of the game to give the Bears a 24-7 lead.

Portage Central got closer again as Nick Capasso caught a 43 pass from Quarterback Jeremy Renda, the extra point was blocked and the Bears had a 24-13 lead.

Central got closer still with 4 minutes left in the final quarter as Jeremy Renda threw an 11 yard touchdown pass to Kalman Perjesi, followed by Renda's conversion pass to Spencer Munson to close the gap to 24-21 in favor of the Bears.

The Bears unable to generate offense and first downs had to punt the ball back to Central with two minutes left in the game. But the Bear defense stepped up and intercepted Renda with 1:22 left and ran out the clock for the win.

In all Portage Central turned the ball over 6 times, 4 by fumble and 2 interceptions. The Bears turned the ball over just once.

With the win St. Joe takes sole possession of the first place in the Big 16 West Division with 3 games to play, The Bears are a game ahead of Lakeshore and Portage Northern, who will be the Bears opponents in the final two weeks of the season.

	MUSTANGS	BEARS	Scoring Summary
POINTS	21	24	Portage Central 7 0 6 8 -- 21
FIRST DOWNS	21	21	St. Joseph 10 7 7 7 -- 24
3RD DOWN %	4/8	3/11	
4TH DOWN %	0/0	0/1	
TOTAL YARDS	334	302	
RUSHING	141	253	SJ - Jamaal Jackson 80 run (Josh Akins kick)
PASSING	196	49	SJ - Josh Akins 25 FG
COMPLETED/ATTEMPTED/INT	11/20/2	4/11/0	PC - Spencer Munson 4 run (Patrick Drabik kick)
TURNOVERS	6	1	SJ - Jamaal Jackson 5 run (Josh Akins kick)
PENALTIES/YARDS	4/40	6/53	SJ - Jamaal Jackson 1 run (Josh Akins kick)
TIME OF POSSESSION	22:47	25:13	PC - Nick Capasso 43 pass from Jeremy Renda (Drabik kick blocked)
			PC - Kalman Perjesi 11 pass from Renda (Munson pass from Renda)



# 2009 ST. JOSEPH BEARS FOOTBALL

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SEASON SUMMARIES - 10/9/09 - ST. JOSEPH 55, MATTAWAN 7 - MATTAWAN STADIUM

## ST. JOSEPH

## MATTAWAN



Nick Piggee catches the TD Pass from Sean Guinane in the second quarter of the Bears 55-7 win at Mattawan (Dorrine Guinane photo) (Mattawan) -- A week after defeating a ranked Portage Central team, the Bears went back on the road, looking not to have a letdown against a struggling Mattawan team.

St. Joe erased any thoughts of looking past the Wildcats ahead of next week's game against rival Lakeshore, by crushing the Wildcats 55-7 on a cold and wet night in Mattawan.

The Bears decided to take the opening kick and put Mattawan defense on the field first, a place where they would be a lot. St. Joe took the opening drive 65 yards in 9 plays capped off by a 3 yard touchdown run by Chrys Killebrew.

Mattawan's offense would be forced to punt after only 5 plays. Devonte Jones returned the punt deep into Mattawan territory and Sean Guinane threw a 36 yard TD pass to Joel Bergman to put the Bears up 14-0.

Mattawan would give the Bears the ball back on the ensuing kickoff as returner Zach Moore fumbled the ball on the kickoff. Michael Case recovered the ball and the Bears went 24 yards on 6 plays as Sean Guinane took the ball into the endzone himself from 2 yards out and a 21-0 lead.

Still in the first quarter, the Bears defense would again force a Mattawan punt, the Bears found the endzone again with :03 seconds left in the first quarter as Guinane found Devonte Jones for a 48 yard score to put the Bears up 28-0 after 1.

Another Mattawan punt was followed by another Bears touchdown drive as Chrys Killebrew scored his second touchdown of the game for a 35-0 St. Joe lead.

Mattawan's offense tried to keep themselves close, but turned the ball over on down and the Bears closed out the scoring in the first half when Sean Guinane threw a bullet pass to WR Nick Piggee from 7 yards out as the Bears and Wildcats went into the locker room with St. Joe leading 42-0.

The second half would start with the MHSAA mercy rule in effect and most of the Bears starters on the sidelines. Ryan Vitale would intercept a pass from Mattawan quarterback Zach Stone, and the Bears would find the endzone again when Ty Taylor scored on a 6 yard run. After staring kicker Josh Akins made 6 of 6 extra points, Josh Fagras would assume the kicking duties, but his first attempt was no good. The Bears had a 48-0 lead.

With the clock quickly running out, the Bears found the endzone again when third string quarterback Tommy Fry scored on a 20 yard scramble to put St. Joe on top 55-0.

Mattawan would get on the board with 3:19 remaining in the game when Joey Cernik scored on a 6 yard run to make the score 55-7.

In all the Bears dominated the Wildcats, St. Joe outgained Mattawan 500-150 in total yardage, St. Joe had 322 yards rushing compared to 150 for Mattawan, the Bears also got 178 yards passing compared to 0 for Mattawan.

Sean Guinane was 8 of 10 for 166 yards passing and 3 touchdowns, while running back Chrys Killebrew had 143 yards rushing and 2 touchdowns.

	BEARS	WILDCATS
POINTS	55	7
FIRST DOWNS	24	7
3RD DOWN %	6/7	1/8
4TH DOWN %	0/1	1/2
TOTAL YARDS	500	150
RUSHING	322	150
PASSING	178	0
COMPLETED/ATTEMPTED/INT	10/12/0	0/4/1
TURNOVERS	0	2
PENALTIES/YARDS	6/46	2/2
TIME OF POSSESSION	28:04	19:56

### Scoring Summary

St. Joseph	28	14	6	7	-	55
Mattawan	0	0	0	7	-	7

- SJ - Chrys Killebrew 3 run (Josh Akins kick)
- SJ - Joel Bergman 36 pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)
- SJ - Sean Guinane 2 run (Josh Akins kick)
- SJ - Devonte Jones 48 pass from Guinane (Josh Akins kick)
- SJ - Chrys Killebrew 2 run (Akins kick)
- SJ - Nick Piggee 7 pass from Guinane (Josh Akins kick)
- SJ - Ty Taylor 6 run (Josh Fagras kick wide left)
- SJ - Thomas Fry 20 run (Josh Fagras kick)
- MW - Joey Cernik 6 run (Kyle Hillsburg kick)

# 2009 ST. JOSEPH BEARS FOOTBALL



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 SEASON SUMMARIES - 10/16/09 - LAKESHORE 39, ST. JOSEPH 28 - DICKINSON STADIUM

## ST. JOSEPH

(St. Joseph) – The Bears looked well on their way to a victory over Lakeshore when the Bears and Lancers went to the locker rooms for halftime of Friday's rivalry game at Dickinson Stadium. Unfortunately for the Bears the second half was a different story as Lakeshore scored 29 unanswered points as the Lancers won 39-28.

St. Joe started out strong as the Bears went on a 9 play 55 yard drive capped off by Jamaal Jackson's three yard touchdown run to give the Bears a 7-0 lead.

Lakeshore drove 63 yards to the Bears 10 yard line but the drive stalled, Ian Armstrong would kick a 27 yard field goal to cut the Bears lead to 7-3.

St. Joe would find the endzone again on their next drive as the Bears went 63 yards in 7 plays. Jamaal Jackson would score his second touchdown of the game from 10 yards out to put the Bears up 14-3.

Lakeshore again would respond with a score on their next drive as Adam Miller's 5 yard touchdown run concluded a 7 play 53 yard drive for the Lancers to make the score 14-10 in the second quarter.

Both teams would trade punts on their next possessions. St. Joe would go on a 6 play 87 yard drive as Jamaal Jackson scored his third straight score for a 21-10 St. Joe lead.

It didn't take the Bears long to find the endzone again after a Lakeshore punt, as Sean Guinane scored on a 56 yard touchdown run on the first play of the drive to put the Bears up 28-10 at the half.

However the second half was in the red for St. Joe, as Lakeshore used a 7 minute drive to cut the lead to 28-17 as Eric Lemon threw a 31 yard touchdown pass to Jordan Kauffman.

## LAKESHORE



Chrys Killebrew (8) and Ty Taylor (42) block the punt during the Bears 24-21 win over Portage Central (photo: Don Campbell / H-P)

Lakeshore would for the Bears to punt and then use another long drive to cut the lead to 28-25 early in the fourth quarter as Nick Adams scored on a 35 yard run with Adam Miller catching Lemon's two point conversion attempt.

Another St. Joe drive ended with a punt as the Bears would continue to take costly penalties giving Lakeshore the ball back. Lakeshore took one play to take the lead as Adam Miller would score a 68 yard run to give Lakeshore their first lead of the night at 32-28.

Lakeshore would close out the scoring and seal the win at Nick Adams scored on an 8 yard run with 90 seconds left to provide the final score of 39-28 Lakeshore.

The loss for St. Joe and the win for Lakeshore now creates a 4-way tie for the Big 16 West Division title with St. Joe, Lakeshore, Portage Central, and Portage Northern. Ironically the four teams that lead the division will face one of the other teams that lead the division. The division cannot be won outright, two teams will share the division title.

	LANCERS	BEARS
POINTS	39	28
FIRST DOWNS	22	16
3RD DOWN %	8/13	4/11
4TH DOWN %	1/1	2/4
TOTAL YARDS	414	371
RUSHING	249	274
PASSING	165	97
COMPLETED/ATTEMPTED/INT	12/20/0	8/14/0
TURNOVERS	0	0
PENALTIES/YARDS	4/33	13/113
TIME OF POSSESSION	24:13	23:47

### Scoring Summary

Lakeshore	3	7	7	22	--	39
St. Joseph	14	14	0	0	--	28

SJ - Jamaal Jackson 3 run (Josh Akins kick)  
 LL - Ian Armstrong 27 field goal  
 SJ - Jamaal Jackson 10 run (Josh Akins kick)  
 LL - Adam Miller 5 run (Ian Armstrong kick)  
 SJ - Jamaal Jackson 7 run (Josh Akins kick)  
 SJ - Sean Guinane 56 run (Josh Akins kick)  
 LL - Jordan Kauffman 31 pass from Eric Lemon (Ian Armstrong kick)  
 LL - Nick Adams 35 run (Adam Miller pass from Eric Lemon)  
 LL - Adam Miller 68 run (Ian Armstrong kick)  
 LL - Nick Adams 8 run (Ian Armstrong kick)



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SEASON SUMMARIES - 10/23/09 - ST. JOSEPH 20, PORTAGE NORTHERN 0 - DICKINSON STADIUM



Bears quarterback Sean Guinane made his first start of the season against Benton Harbor,. The Bears won 31-0 (photo: Dorrine Guinane)

(St. Joseph) -- With most of the accolades during the season has been given to running back Jamaal Jackson, it was probably one of the most unexpected players on the Bears roster that help lead the Bears to a third consecutive Big 16 West Division title.

Kicker Josh Akins was 2-for-2 on extra points, but his two long field goals from 42, and 41 yards out, really helped the Bears to a 20-18 win over Portage Northern in the regular season finale at Dickinson Stadium.

Akins first field goal of the game came on the Bears opening possession as he made his 42 yard field goal to give the Bears a 3-0 lead.

The Bears would find the endzone on their next possession as Sean Guinane threw a 60 yard touchdown pass to Devonte Jones with :03 seconds remaining in the first quarter to put the Bears up 10-0 after Akins' PAT.

The Huskies would find the endzone on their next drive as Antonio Hutchins caught a 12 yard touchdown pass from Jack Livingston, the extra point was blocked and the Bears held a 10-6 lead going into halftime.

The Huskies grabbed the lead on the first play of the second half as Hutchins would return the second half kickoff for an 87 yard touchdown, with the extra point missed again. Northern took a 12-10 lead.

The Bears grabbed the lead again at the midway point of the 3rd quarter as Akins connected on a 41 yard field goal to put the Bears ahead 13-12.

With under three minutes left in the 3rd quarter, the Bears would up their lead once again, being setup at the one yard line by Nick Piggee who made a diving catch, Jamaal Jackson would take it in on the next play as St. Joe took a 20-12 lead.

Northern would find the endzone on their next drive when Ben Hutchins caught a 34 yard touchdown pass to pull the Huskies within two points, but the conversion pass attempt would fail.

Neither team would score again as the Bears would run out the clock to secure St. Joe's fourth consecutive playoff berth and third straight West Division title.

	HUSKIES	BEARS	Scoring Summary
POINTS	18	20	P. Northern 0 6 6 6 -- 18
FIRST DOWNS	20	14	St. Joseph 10 0 10 0 -- 20
3RD DOWN %	5/11	2/7	
4TH DOWN %	0/2	0/0	
TOTAL YARDS	335	282	
RUSHING	62	99	SJ - Josh Akins 42 yard field goal
PASSING	273	183	SJ - Devonte Jones 60 yard pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins Kick)
COMPLETED/ATTEMPTED/INT	19/32/0	9/13/1	PN - Antonio Hutchins 12 yard pass from Jack Livingston (kick blocked)
TURNOVERS	0	1	PN - Antonio Hutchins 87 yard kickoff return (kick short)
PENALTIES/YARDS	9/71	7/48	SJ - Josh Akins 41 yard field goal
TIME OF POSSESSION	26:12	21:48	SJ - Jamaal Jackson 1 yard run (Josh Akins kick)
			PN - Ben Hutchins 35 yard pass from Jack Livingston (pass failed)

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 SEASON SUMMARIES - 10/30/09 - ST. JOSEPH 56, RICHLAND GULL LAKE 13 - DICKINSON STADIUM



(St. Joseph) – Four seasons ago, St. Joe made their first playoff appearance since 1999 when the Bears traveled to Gull Lake, the Bears came out of that game with 14-0 win over the Blue Devils. Three years later, the Bears showed the Blue Devils that St. Joe football has come a long way since their first round matchup, as the Bears crushed Gull Lake 56-13 at Dickinson Stadium.



Devonte Jones returns the Gull Lake punt for a touchdown in the Bears 56-13 playoff win over Gull Lake (photo: Dorrine Guinane)

The Bears defense and a strong wind kept Gull Lake deep in their own territory in the first quarter. St. Joe got on the board first after the defense forced a three and out for Gull Lake, on the ensuing punt, Devonte Jones picked up the ball after bouncing off of a Bear defender and returned it 50 yards for the touchdown and a 7-0 Bear lead.

The defense would step up again on the Blue Devils next drive. Tyler Curtis caused a fumble which was recovered by Jeremy Rush at the Gull Lake 24 yard line, two plays later Tyler Curtis would take the handoff and scored from 12 yards out for a 14-0 St. Joe lead.

After another Gull Lake punt the Bears took just one play to make it 21-0 as Sean Guinane threw a 42 yard touchdown pass to Michael Carter. The Bears, at that point, only had a total of three offensive plays.

Still in the first quarter, Gull Lake punted again, St. Joe took 6 plays to find the endzone again as Joel Bergman caught a 19 yard touchdown pass to put the Bears up 28-0.

Gull Lake's offense finally was able to gain a first down in the Blue Devils first possession of the second quarter but it again resulted in a punt, which St. Joe turned into another touchdown as Devonte Jones scored his second touchdown of the game on a 25 yard run to put the Bears up 35-0.

St. Joe defense kept Gull Lake's offense bottled up and forced another three and out, the Bear offense turned it into another touchdown. Ty Taylor scored from 10 yards out and the Bears lead jumped to 42-0.

Gull Lake finally was able to cross midfield against some of the Bears substitutes on defense as Taylor Schultz scored on a 30 yard scramble to put the visitors on the board at 42-7.

The Bears didn't take long to get that score back as St. Joe capped a 3 play 52 yard drive when Sean Guinane threw a 25 yard touchdown pass to Tyler Curtis to put the Bears ahead 49-7 at halftime.

The second half would be played under the MHSAA mercy rule. But the luck wouldn't chance for Gull Lake as the Blue Devils first two possessions of the second half were stopped by interceptions, the Bears would turn the second of the two into a touchdown as Josh Akins scored on a 10 yard run, and then proceeded to kick the extra point to put the Bears up 56-7. Akins kicked 8 extra points and kicked off 10 times for 534 yards.

With the clock quickly winding down, Gull Lake would close out the scoring as Schultz threw a 12 yard passing touchdown to Adrian Zuidweg. The point after was blocked by Micah Schoeplein.

	BLUE DEVILS	BEARS	Scoring Summary
POINTS	13	56	Gull Lake 0 7 0 6 - 13
FIRST DOWNS	11	19	St. Joseph 28 21 7 0 - 48
3RD DOWN %	4/13	4/8	
4TH DOWN %	1/1	1/4	
TOTAL YARDS	241	366	
RUSHING	91	163	SJ - Devonte Jones 50 yard punt return (Josh Akins kick)
PASSING	150	203	SJ - Tyler Curtis 12 yard run (Josh Akins kick)
COMPLETED/ATTEMPTED/INT	13/27/3	12/15/0	SJ - Michael Carter 42 yard pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)
TURNOVERS	4	0	SJ - Joel Bergman 19 yard pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)
PENALTIES/YARDS	1/5	2/5	SJ - Devonte Jones 25 yard run (Josh Akins kick)
TIME OF POSSESSION	33:38	14:22	SJ - Ty Taylor 10 yard run (Josh Akins kick)
			GL - Taylor Schultz 30 yard run (Vince Behnke kick)
			SJ - Tyler Curtis 25 yard pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)
			SJ - Josh Akins 10 yard run (Josh Akins kick)
			GL - Adrian Zuidweg 12 yard pass from Taylor Schultz (kick blocked)



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SEASON SUMMARIES - 11/6/09 - ST. JOSEPH 19, LAKESHORE 16 - DICKINSON STADIUM



The Bears start to celebrate as the clock winds out on the Bears 19-16 District Championship win over Lakeshore (photo: Dorrine Guinane)

When St. Joseph and Lakeshore last met three weeks ago, Lakeshore's Eric Lemon found all the weapons in the Lancers arsenal. During the rematch Lemon completed his first pass of the game but then failed on his next 16 attempts as St. Joe's defense pressured the Lakeshore signal caller all night long in a 19-16 St. Joseph win.

The Lancers did get on the board first and it only took one play after a St. Joe turnover as Lakeshore's Adam Miller took a pitch from Lemon and ran down the sideline for an 88 yard score as Lakeshore took the lead 7-0.

Josh Akins connected on a 31 yard field goal to make the score 7-3.

The Bears got on the board late in the first quarter as

The Bears got another Akins field goal in the second quarter from 41 yards out to cut the Lancers lead to 7-6.

Lakeshore would get a field goal of their own in the second quarter, much to the dismay of the St. Joe sidelines as the attempt looked to be wide to the left. The Lancers had a 10-6 lead going into halftime.

After a scoreless third quarter. St. Joe would take their first lead of the game in the fourth quarter as Jamaal Jackson scored from 4-yards out to put the Bears up 12-10 as Akins point after was low and hit off the crossbar.

Lakeshore regained the lead on their next drive as Zane Metz took another pitch from Eric Lemon on a 4th and 2 and scored on a 28 yard run. Lakeshore failed on a 2 point conversion attempt to make the score 16-12.

The Bears would take the lead for good on their next drive, after a 59 yard run by Jamaal Jackson the Bears scored on a 4th and 12 at the Lakeshore 14 as Sean Guinane threw a screen pass to Tyler Curtis and rumbled into the endzone to give the Bears the lead once again at 19-16 after Akins' point after.

The game was still in doubt as the Lancers still had 2:54 left on the clock, but the Lancers offense was stalled on their final two drives by penalties, sacks, a fumble, and one interception.

The Bears ran out the clock to claim their 2nd district title in 3 years.

	LANCERS	BEARS	Scoring Summary						
POINTS	16	19	<b>Lakeshore</b>	7	3	0	6	--	16
FIRST DOWNS	9	14	<b>St. Joseph</b>	3	3	0	13	--	19
3RD DOWN %	1/10	2/11	LL — Adam Miller	88	run	(Ian Armstrong kick)			
4TH DOWN %	1/3	2/2	SJ — Josh Akins	25	field goal				
TOTAL YARDS	221	282	SJ — Josh Akins	40	field goal				
RUSHING	221	204	LL — Ian Armstrong	38	field goal				
PASSING	0	78	SJ — Jamaal Jackson	3	run	(Josh Akins kick failed)			
COMPLETED/ATTEMPTED/INT	1/16/1	10/16/1	LL — Zane Metz	27	run	(Eric Lemon pass failed)			
TURNOVERS	2	2	SJ — Tyler Curtis	13	pass from Sean Guinana	(Josh Akins kick)			
PENALTIES/YARDS	5/30	6/54							
TIME OF POSSESSION	20:11	27:49							

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THE NUMBERS: TEAM STATISTICS VS. LAKESHORE...

St. Joseph Bears VS Lakeshore at Dickinson Stadium on 11/06/2009

Team	St. Joseph Bears	Lakeshore
Points Scored	19	16
First Downs	14	9
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	9/4/1	8/0/1
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	2/11/18	1/10/10
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	2/2/100	1/3/33
Total Yards/Avg Per Play	282/4.9	221/5.0
Total Yards Rushing	204	221
Rushing Att/Avg	42/4.9	28/7.9
Total Yards Passing	78	0
Pass Att/Comp/Int	16/10/1	16/1/1
Average Yards Per Pass	4.9	0.0
Punts/Avg	5/38.6	5/25.6
Punt Returns/Yds/Avg	1/9/9	0/0/0
Punts Blocked	0	0
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	4/44/11	5/65/13
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	2/1
Total Turnovers	2	2
Penalties/Yards	6/54	5/30
Sacks/Yards	2/12	1/6
Touchdowns	2	2
TDs Rush/Pass	1/1	2/0
Field Goal Att/Made	2/2	1/1
Time Of Possession	27:49	20:11



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## THE NUMBERS: INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS VS. LAKESHORE...

### Individual Stats for St. Joseph Bears

No	Passer	Att	Com	Com%	Int	Yds	Lng	TDs	YPP	YPC	QBR	
2	Sean Guinane	16	10	62.5	1	78	22	1	4.9	7.8	69.3	
No	Rusher	Att	Yds	Lost	Net	Long	TDs	Avg				
2	Sean Guinane	6	19	8	11	10	0	1.8				
8	Chrys Killebrew	1	12	0	12	12	0	12.0				
21	Devonte Jones	1	2	0	2	2	0	2.0				
28	Jamaal Jackson	27	169	11	158	59	1	5.9				
31	Tyler Curtis	6	23	1	22	11	0	3.7				
TEAM TOTALS		41	225	20	205	59	1	5.0				
No	Receiver	Rec	Yds	Long	TDs	Avg						
1	Nick Piggee	2	12	6	0	6.0						
17	Joel Bergman	2	33	22	0	16.5						
21	Devonte Jones	1	6	6	0	6.0						
28	Jamaal Jackson	1	-6	0	0	-6.0						
31	Tyler Curtis	3	23	14	1	7.7						
89	Andrew Keppeler	1	10	10	0	10.0						
TEAM TOTALS		10	78	22	1	7.8						
No	Punter	Punts	Yds	Long	Avg	TBs	20	Blkd				
5	Jeremy Rush	1	18	18	18.0	0	0	0				
31	Tyler Curtis	4	175	52	43.8	1	2	0				
TEAM TOTALS		5	193	52	38.6	1	2	0				
No	FG Kicker	FG Att	Gd	Long	Blkd	FG%	EPAtt	Gd	Blkd	EP%		
24	Josh Akins	2	2	41	0	100.0	2	1	0	50.0		
No	Returner	P Rets	Yds	Long	Avg	TDs	K Rets	Yds	Long	Avg	TDs	
1	Nick Piggee	0	0	0	0.0	0	1	10	10	10.0	0	
8	Chrys Killebrew	0	0	0	0.0	0	2	20	11	10.0	0	
21	Devonte Jones	1	9	9	9.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	
42	Ty Taylor	0	0	0	0.0	0	1	14	14	14.0	0	
TEAM TOTALS		1	9	9	9.0	0	4	44	14	11.0	0	
No	Defender	Ta	TPG	As	Sa	SPG	Int	ITD	PB	FR	BP	BFG
5	Jeremy Rush	9	9.0	1	1	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
8	Chrys Killebrew	4	4.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Joel Bergman	1	1.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Thomas Fry	1	1.0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Devonte Jones	6	6.0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Tyler Curtis	4	4.0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	Michael Case	7	7.0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	Carter Nimtzt	1	1.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	Alex Rutherford	1	1.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
54	Alex Osmar	3	3.0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
66	Jason Gambrell	1	1.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
81	Michael Carter	5	5.0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
87	Adam Lalley	5	5.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
89	Andrew Keppeler	1	1.0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM TOTALS		49	49.0	11	2	2.0	1	0	0	1	0	0

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 THE NUMBERS: SEASON TEAM STATISTICS...

St. Joseph Bears VS Opponents		
Team	St. Joseph Bears	Opponents
Points Scored	366	152
First Downs	163	137
By Rush/Pass/Penalty	94/52/17	69/47/21
3rd Downs Made/Att/Eff	37/90/41	40/110/36
4th Downs Made/Att/Eff	7/21/33	5/11/45
Total Yards/Avg Per Play	3562/7.2	2443/4.8
Total Yards Rushing	2124	1426
Rushing Att/Avg	355/6.0	349/4.1
Total Yards Passing	1438	1059
Pass Att/Comp/Int	141/91/3	161/77/11
Average Yards Per Pass	10.2	6.6
Punts/Avg	25/35.1	46/32.1
Punt Returns/Yds/Avg	21/287/14	12/59/5
Punts Blocked	0	2
Kickoff Returns/Yds/Avg	19/287/15	60/1027/17
Fumbles/Lost	13/5	19/13
Total Turnovers	8	24
Penalties/Yards	73/612	50/399
Sacks/Yards	19/79	8/43
Touchdowns	51	22
TDs Rush/Pass	34/13	11/10
Field Goal Att/Made	4/4	1/1
TimeOfPossession	217:05	262:55



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## THE NUMBERS: SEASON INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS...

Individual Stats for St. Joseph Bears											
No	Passer	Att	Com	Com%	Int	Yds	Lng	TDs	YPP	YPC	QBR
2	Sean Guinane	81	57	70.4	1	942	60	9	11.6	16.5	141.1
5	Jeremy Rush	58	33	56.9	2	488	72	4	8.4	14.8	93.2
18	Thomas Fry	2	1	50.0	0	8	8	0	4.0	8.0	60.4
TEAM TOTALS		141	91	64.5	3	1438	72	13	10.2	15.8	120.2
No	Rusher	Att	Yds	Lost	Net	Long	TDs	Avg			
2	Sean Guinane	23	167	33	134	56	2	5.8			
3	Ryan Vitale	2	24	0	24	18	0	12.0			
5	Jeremy Rush	16	67	18	49	16	2	3.1			
8	Chrys Killebrew	22	196	4	192	38	2	8.7			
18	Thomas Fry	3	23	1	22	20	1	7.3			
21	Devonte Jones	3	28	5	23	25	1	7.7			
22	Eddie Montgomery	14	53	0	53	11	0	3.8			
23	Riley Johnson	2	5	0	5	5	0	2.5			
24	Josh Akins	4	21	0	21	10	1	5.2			
28	Jamaal Jackson	203	1342	40	1302	80	21	6.4			
31	Tyler Curtis	6	41	0	41	13	1	6.8			
42	Ty Taylor	47	240	11	229	19	3	4.9			
45	Alex Rutherford	6	37	4	33	18	0	5.5			
TEAM TOTALS		351	2244	116	2128	80	34	6.1			
No	Receiver	Rec	Yds	Long	TDs	Avg					
1	Nick Piggee	8	104	29	1	13.0					
10	Micah Shoeplein	1	4	4	0	4.0					
15	Matt Riemland	3	28	12	0	9.3					
17	Joel Bergman	20	245	36	2	12.2					
21	Devonte Jones	13	366	72	6	28.2					
24	Josh Akins	1	21	21	0	21.0					
25	Bobby Symonds	8	151	41	1	18.9					
28	Jamaal Jackson	4	65	38	0	16.2					
31	Tyler Curtis	9	100	25	2	11.1					
81	Michael Carter	20	323	42	1	16.1					
89	Andrew Keppeler	3	31	17	0	10.3					
TEAM TOTALS		90	1438	72	13	16.0					
No	Punter	Punts	Yds	Long	Avg	TBs	20	Blkd			
31	Tyler Curtis	25	877	48	35.1	0	9	0			
No	FG Kicker	FG Att	Gd	Long	Blkd	FG%	EPAtt	Gd	Blkd	EP%	
24	Josh Akins	4	4	43	0	100.0	48	46	0	95.8	
43	Josh Fagras	0	0	0	0	0.0	3	2	0	66.7	
TEAM TOTALS		4	4	43	0	100.0	51	48	0	94.1	
No	Returner	P Rets	Yds	Long	Avg	TDs	K Rets	Yds	Long	Avg	TDs
1	Nick Piggee	8	53	15	6.6	0	1	5	5	5.0	0
3	Ryan Vitale	0	0	0	0.0	0	2	8	8	4.0	0
8	Chrys Killebrew	0	0	0	0.0	0	4	65	37	16.2	0
21	Devonte Jones	12	234	70	19.5	2	5	157	91	31.4	1
24	Josh Akins	0	0	0	0.0	0	2	8	8	4.0	0
28	Jamaal Jackson	0	0	0	0.0	0	1	12	12	12.0	0
40	Carter Nimtzt	0	0	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	0.0	0
42	Ty Taylor	0	0	0	0.0	0	2	26	15	13.0	0
34	Michael Case	0	0	0	0.0	0	1	6	6	6.0	0
TEAM TOTALS		20	287	70	14.4	2	19	287	91	15.1	1

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THE NUMBERS: SEASON INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS (continued)...

No	Defender	Ta	TPG	As	Sa	SPG	Int	ITD	PB	FR	BP	BFG
8	Chrys Killebrew	35	3.5	7	1	0.1	0	0	0	2	1	0
5	Jeremy Rush	43	4.3	6	0	0.0	3	1	1	2	0	0
28	Jamaal Jackson	8	0.8	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Tyler Curtis	42	4.2	9	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
81	Michael Carter	68	6.8	25	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
87	Adam Lalley	45	4.5	9	4	0.4	0	0	0	1	0	1
21	Devonte Jones	44	4.4	7	2	0.2	3	0	1	1	0	1
50	Michael Siemans	2	0.2	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
66	Jason Gambrell	32	3.2	8	3	0.3	0	0	0	1	0	0
89	Andrew Keppeler	40	4.0	12	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
90	Shonterius Randolph	7	0.7	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Demonte' Milton	3	0.3	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	Nick Piggee	2	0.2	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	John Ellegood	12	1.2	4	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Eddie Montgomery	4	0.4	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	Michael Case	43	4.3	6	0	0.0	2	0	1	4	1	0
3	Ryan Vitale	14	1.4	1	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
9	Tim Gould	2	0.2	0	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
76	Valentino McCoy-Garc	21	2.1	4	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	Carter Nimtzt	57	5.7	20	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Josh Akins	11	1.1	3	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
10	Micah Shoeplein	5	0.5	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	1
72	Derek Worley	1	0.1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Matt Riemland	5	0.5	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
67	Owen Cole	2	0.2	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Cole Radenbaugh	2	0.2	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
85	Tommy Ryberg	7	0.7	3	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
42	Ty Taylor	6	0.6	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
54	Alex Osmar	15	1.5	4	2	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Davonte Piggee	9	0.9	3	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Andrew Hamilton	4	0.4	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
73	Tyler Cook	1	0.1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	Andrew Brown	1	0.1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
18	Thomas Fry	5	0.5	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
64	Andrew Chambers	2	0.2	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61	David Reimers	4	0.4	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Matt Wolf	1	0.1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Joel Bergman	1	0.1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
69	Davion Mitchell	1	0.1	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	Alex Rutherford	2	0.2	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Riley Johnson	2	0.2	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41	Craig Campbell	1	0.1	0	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TEAM TOTALS	612	61.2	146	19	1.9	11	1	3	14	2	4



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## ST. JOE SCORING PLAYS...

08/28 - Marshall 40, St. Joseph 27

Devonte Jones 72 pass from Jeremy Rush (Josh Akins kick good)  
Jamaal Jackson 2 yard run (Akins kick wide right)  
Devonte Jones 91 yard kickoff return (Akins kick good)  
Jamaal Jackson 43 yard run (Akins kick good)

09/03 - St. Joseph 35, Harper Creek 14

Jamaal Jackson 22 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Jamaal Jackson 1 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Devonte Jones 26 pass from Jeremy Rush (Josh Akins kick)  
Jamaal Jackson 3 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Jamaal Jackson 10 run (Josh Akins kick)

09/11 - St. Joseph 48, Niles 0

Bobby Symonds 13 pass from Jeremy Rush (Josh Akins kick)  
Jamaal Jackson 21 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Jamaal Jackson 6 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Jeremy Rush 7 run (Josh Akins kick wide right)  
Jeremy Rush 3 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Jamaal Jackson 56 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Ty Taylor 5 run (Josh Fagras kick).

09/11 - St. Joseph 42, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 0

Jamaal Jackson 5 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Devonte Jones 25 pass from Jeremy Rush (Josh Akins kick)  
Jamaal Jackson 61 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Jamaal Jackson 5 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Devonte Jones 70 yard punt return (Josh Akins kick)  
Jeremy Rush 55 yard interception return (Josh Akins kick)

09/25 - St. Joseph 31, Benton Harbor 0

Jamaal Jackson 1 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Devonte Jones 38 pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)  
Josh Akins 43 yard field goal  
Tyler Curtis 18 yard pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)  
Jamaal Jackson 7 run (Josh Akins kick)

10/02 - St. Joseph 24, Portage Central 21

Jamaal Jackson 80 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Josh Akins 25 field goal  
Jamaal Jackson 5 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Jamaal Jackson 1 run (Josh Akins kick)

10/09 - St. Joseph 55, Mattawan 7

Chrys Killebrew 3 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Joel Bergman 36 pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)  
Sean Guinane 1 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Devonte Jones 48 pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)  
Chrys Killebrew 2 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Nick Piggee 7 pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)  
Ty Taylor 5 run (Josh Fagras kick wide left)  
Thomas Fry 20 run (Josh Fagras kick)

10/16 - Lakeshore 39, St. Joseph 28

Jamaal Jackson 3 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Jamaal Jackson 10 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Jamaal Jackson 7 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Sean Guinane 56 run (Josh Akins kick)

10/23 - St. Joseph 20, Portage Northern 18

Josh Akins 42 field goal  
Devonte Jones 60 pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)  
Josh Akins 41 field goal  
Jamaal Jackson 2 run (Josh Akins kick)

10/30 - St. Joseph 56, Gull Lake 13

DeVonte Jones 52 punt return (Josh Akins kick)  
Tyler Curtis 12 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Michael Carter 42 pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)  
Joel Bergman 20 pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)  
Devonte Jones 25 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Ty Taylor 10 run (Josh Akins kick)  
Tyler Curtis 25 pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)  
Josh Akins 10 run (Josh Akins kick)

11/06 - St. Joseph 19, Lakeshore 16

Josh Akins 25 field goal  
Josh Akins 40 field goal  
Jamaal Jackson 3 run (kick failed)  
Tyler Curtis 13 pass from Sean Guinane (Josh Akins kick)

## Player Scoring Totals

##	Name	TD	FG'S	PAT	2 PT CNV	SAF	Points
1	NICK PIGGEE	1	0	0	0	0	6
2	SEAN GUINANE	2	0	0	0	0	12
5	JEREMY RUSH	3	0	0	0	0	18
8	CHRYS KILLEBREW	2	0	0	0	0	12
17	JOEL BERGMAN	2	0	0	0	0	12
18	THOMAS FRY	1	0	0	0	0	6
21	DEVONTE JONES	10	0	0	0	0	60
24	JOSH AKINS	6	6 / 6	47 / 50	0	0	71
25	BOBBY SYMONDS	1	0	0	0	0	6
28	JAMAAL JACKSON	22	0	0	0	0	132
31	TYLER CURTIS	4	0	0	0	0	24
42	TY TAYLOR	3	0	0	0	0	18
43	JOSH FAGRAS	0	0	2 / 3	0	0	2
81	MICHAEL CARTER	1	0	0	0	0	6
	Team	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>4 / 4</b>	<b>48 / 51</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>366</b>

## Scoring By Quarter/Half

	1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER	2 <sup>ND</sup> QUARTER	1 <sup>ST</sup> HALF	3 <sup>RD</sup> QUARTER	4 <sup>TH</sup> QUARTER	2 <sup>ND</sup> HALF	TOTAL
ST. JOSEPH	111	134	245	86	35	121	366
OPPONENTS	16	34	50	38	64	102	152

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St. Joe scored first...		
... and won	10/30/09 vs. Gull Lake (Pre-Districts)	Win 56-13
... and lost	10/16/09 vs. Lakeshore	Lost 28-39
St. Joe got scored on first...		
... and won	11/06/09 vs. Lakeshore (Districts)	Won 19-16
... and lost	08/28/09 at Marshall	Lost 27-40
St. Joe scored at least six TD's in a game...		
	10/30/09 vs. Gull Lake (pre-districts)	Win 56-13
St. Joe allowed at least six TD's in a game...		
	08/28/09 at Marshall	Lost 27-40
St. Joe kicked a field goal in a game		
... Josh Akins (2) 25 & 40 yard field goal	11/06/09 vs. Lakeshore (Districts)	Win 19-16
St. Joe scored a safety...		
	10/13/06 at Benton Harbor	Won 44-26
St. Joe gave up a safety...		
	10/20/06 vs. Jackson Lumen Christi	Lost 7-15
St. Joe returned a kickoff for a touchdown...		
...Devonte Jones 91 yard kickoff return TD	08/28/09 at Marshall	Lost 27-40
St. Joe returned a punt for a touchdown...		
... Devonte Jones 50 yard punt return TD	10/30/09 vs. Gull Lake (Pre-Districts)	Won 56-13
St. Joe scored a 2 point conversion...		
... Sean Guinane run	10/31/08 vs. Wayland (Pre-Districts)	Won 32-31 OT
St. Joe allowed a 2 point conversion...		
... Adam Miller pass from Eric Lemon	10/16/06 vs. Lakeshore	Lost 28-39
St. Joe scored a defensive touchdown		
... by fumble... Ethan Schweir 2 yards	11/10/07 vs. Lansing Sexton (regionals)	Won 42-27
... by interception... Jeremy Rush 55 yards	09/18/09 at Kalamazoo Loy Norrix	Won 42-0
St. Joe blocked...		
... an extra point... Micah Schoeplein	10/30/09 vs. Gull Lake (Pre-Districts)	Win 56-13
... a field goal... Robbie Schuler	09/28/07 vs. Lakeshore	Won 21-3
... a punt... Michael Case	10/02/09 vs. Portage Central	Win 24-21
St. Joe shut out an opponent...		
	09/25/09 at Benton Harbor	Won 31-0
St. Joe was shut out by an opponent...		
	09/22/06 at Battle Creek Harper Creek	Lost 0-20
St. Joe played an overtime game...		
... and won	10/31/08 vs. Wayland (pre-districts)	Won 32-31
... and lost	09/09/05 at Coldwater	Lost 28-36
... at home	10/31/08 vs. Wayland (pre-districts)	Won 32-31
... on the road	09/09/05 at Coldwater	Lost 28-36
... that went into 2 or more overtimes	10/28/01 vs. Benton Harbor	Lost 27-28 2 OT
St. Joe played on turf...		
... and won	09/03/09 at Battle Creek Harper Creek	Won 35-14
... and lost	11/17/07 vs. East G. R. (@ Otsego, playoffs)	Lost 7-28
... total record	5 wins - 5 losses (.500)	



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## THE RECORD BOOK...

### Victories

Consecutive, Regular Season only, No Ties  
37 - 9/26/86-9/30/89

### Consecutive Shutouts, No Ties

4 - 9/14-10/5/73 (Lakeshore, Muskegon Catholic Central, Dowagiac, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix)

3 - 10/16-10/30/87 (Portage Northern, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix, South Haven)

3 - 9/26-10/10/86 (Benton Harbor, Portage Central, Niles)

### Consecutive Winning Seasons

11 - 1982-1992  
6 - 1994-1999

### Ties

#### Lowest Scoring Tie Game

0- 9/30/55 vs. Grand Haven (0-0)  
10/4/68 vs. K. Loy Norrix (0-0)

#### Highest Scoring Tie Game

40- October 11, 1963 vs. Niles (20-20)

### Season

2 - 1963, 9/20 vs. Buchanan (6-6), 10/11 vs. Niles (20-20)  
2 - 1963, 9/21 vs. Buchanan (13-13), 9/28 vs. Dowagiac (6-6)

### Consecutive Ties

2 - 1963, 9/21 vs. Buchanan (13-13), 9/28 vs. Dowagiac (6-6)

### Last Tie Game

10/4/68 - SJ 0, KLN 0

### Scoring Game

67 - SJ 67, BCC 35 - 9/19/08  
61 - SJ 61, KLN 14 - 10/25/85  
58 - SJ 58, SH 0 - 10/30/87  
57 - SJ 57, SH 0 - 9/5/97  
55 - SJ 55, PN 0 - 10/16/87  
\*55 - SJ 55, MAT 7 - 10/9/09  
52 - SJ 52, BUC 7 - 11/7/58  
49 - SJ 49, MAT 7 - 10/12/07  
49 - SJ 49, LKS 14 - 10/26/07 (playoffs)

49 - SJ 49, PC 22 - 10/25/74  
48 - SJ 48, KLN 0 - 10/26/84  
48 - SJ 48, PN 0 - 9/12/97  
48 - SJ 48, PN 7 - 9/15/95  
48 - SJ 48, NIL 0 - 9/11/09\*  
47 - SJ 47, PC 13 - 10/30/70  
47 - SJ 47, SH 6 - 9/6/91  
46 - SJ 46, SH 19 - 10/28/88  
46 - SJ 46, MAT 6 - 10/17/08  
45 - SJ 45, BH 0 - 10/10/08  
45 - SJ 45, CHI Luther South  
6 - 9/18/59  
45 - SJ 45, NIL 21 - 10/11/96

### Lowest Scoring Win

2 - SJ 2, PC 0 - 10/4/85

### Points Season (Min. 300)

377 - 1997  
344 - 2008  
336 - 1984  
329 - 1987  
327 - 1988

### Fewest Points Allowed - Regular Season (under 80)

43 - 1986  
59 - 1961  
62 - 1971, 2007  
64 - 1973  
65 - 1974  
71 - 1980  
77 - 1962  
79 - 1960

### Fewest Points Allowed On Defense

43 - 1986

### First Downs

171 - 2007

### Rushing Yards

2,272 - 2008  
2,169 - 1987

### Rushing Attempts

334 - 2008

### Passing Yards

1984 - 1984

### Passing Attempts

232 - 2003

### Passes Completed

102 - 1984

### Fewest Yards Penalized

186 - 1978

### Defense vs. Punt Return

-2 - 1987

### Defense vs. Rush

484 - 1984

### Defense vs. Pass

369 - 1995

### Average Punt Return (Total Attempts)

20.0 (12) - 1994

### Interceptions Allowed

18 - 1983

### Fewest Interceptions by Opponents

1 (4 times) - 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991

### Interceptions by St. Joseph

19 (2 times) - 1968, 1969

### Most Fumbles Lost

23 - 1969

### Fewest Fumbles Lost

3 - 2002

### Most Punts

54 - 2003

### Fewest Punts

16 - 2008  
17 - 2007

### Most Blocked Punts

6 - 1983, 2008

### High Punt Average

42.8 - 1988

### Kickoff Average

53.55 - 1999

### Most Shutouts

4 (3 times) - 1984, 1985, 1986

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS...

### Passing Attempts

231-Andy Schueneman (2003)

### Completed

98- Ethan Schweir (2007)

### Yards

1793-Mike Gillette (1984)

### Yards per completion

22.8- Patzer (1970)

### Fewest Interceptions

1-Ebon Sanders (1988)/Phelan (1991)

### Touchdown Passes

19-Ethan Schweir (2007)

### Longest Touchdown Pass

84-Wright (2001)

### Receptions

45-Steve Preston (1984)

### Receptions (Game)

11 - Dan Lafond (2003)

### Reception Yards

909-Steve Preston (1984)

### Average Per Reception

34.5-Gibeau (1987)

### Touchdown Receptions

14-Scott Blasko (1996)

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## RECORD BOOK (cont)...

### Special Teams

#### PAT Percentage

100.0-Virgil (2005)  
95.8-Gillette (1984)  
\*95.0-Akins (2009)  
93.3-Virgil (2006)

#### Most PAT's

\*38-Josh Akins (2009)  
35-Mike Gillette (1984)/Brett Virgil (2007)

#### Longest PAT Run (2 point conversion)

24-Nisbet (1971)

#### Field Goals (season)

9-Mike Gillette (1984)

#### Longest Field Goal

46-Brad Shushman (1999)

#### Kickoff Average

53.55-Brad Shushman (1999)

#### Punt Average

42.8-Gary Layton

#### Field Goal Percentage

100-Phelan (1990)/Smith (1996)/Schweir (2006), \*Akins (2009)

#### Longest Kickoff Return for Touchdown

94-Ryan (1974)

#### Longest Punt Return for Touchdown

96-Keith Demchinski (1994)

#### Blocked Punts For Touchdown

1-Johnston 1973)/Jones (1973)/Kubicki(1989)/Hobbs (1999)/Radde(1999)

#### Most Blocked Punts (season)

4-Kubizna (1983),  
Josh Weaver (2008)

### Rushing

#### Yards

\*1,289-Jamaal Jackson(2009)  
1,215-Anthony Dunning(2002)

#### Attempts (Season)

235-Anthony Dunning (2002)

#### Attempts (Game)

40-Henry Steele (1996)

#### Yards Per Carry Average

9.5 - Jamaal Jackson (2008)  
7.5 - T. Golba (1987)

#### Rushing Touchdowns

\*21-Jamaal Jackson (2009)  
18-Alex Smith (1980)/  
Jason Sandusky (1992)

#### Rushing TD's (game)

6-Drake Smith (2008)

### Offense

#### Total yards (rush/receiving)

1573-Gary Layton (1990)

#### Total Touchdowns (run/rec)

\*21-Jamaal Jackson (2009)  
18-Alex Smith (1980)/  
Jason Sandusky (1992)

### Scoring

#### Points

139-Alex Smith (1980)

### Defense

#### Tackles (season)

104-Brown (1978)

#### Tackles (game)

22-Baske (1997)

#### Sacks (game)

13-Jeff Morris (1982)

#### Solo Tackles (season)

70-Radde (1999)

#### Interceptions (season)

8-Ebon Sanders (1989)

#### Interceptions for Touchdown

2-Olson (1973)/  
Lincoln(1973)

### CAREER RECORDS

#### Total Yards

3533-M. Ryan (1972-1974)

#### Total Rushing Yards

2366-M. Ryan (1972-1974)

#### Total Rushing Attempts

440-Gary Layton (1988-1990)

#### Total Passing Yards

3,055-Mike Gillette (1982-1984)

#### Total Passing Touchdowns

29-Mike Gillette (1982-84)  
28-Ethan Schweir (2004-07)

#### Receptions

72-Steve Preston (1983-1984)

#### Touchdown Receptions

14-Steve Preston (1983-84)/  
Scott Blasko (1995-96)

#### Reception Yards

1368-Steve Preston (1983-1984)

#### Passes Attempted

376-Andy Schueneman (2002-2003)

#### Passing Percentage

\*63.5-Sean Guinane (2007-09)  
60.4-Ethan Schweir (2004-07)

#### Interceptions

12-Ryan (1972-1974)

#### Tackles

214-Brown (1977-1979)

#### PAT's Kicked

79-Brett Virgil (2005-2007)

#### Field Goals

19-Mike Gillette (1982-1984)

#### Scoring

212-M. Ryan (1972-1974)

All records listed are regular season games only, playoff games do not count in record book.

\*New record established in 2009



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THE HOME OF THE BEARS...

## DICKINSON STADIUM

Completed: 2003 (7th season)  
Seating Capacity: 5,300 (3,500 home stands - 1,800 visitor stands)  
Record Attendance: 7,500 (9/28/07 – St. Joseph vs. Lakeshore) (SJ won 21-3)  
Surface: Natural Grass (Kentucky Blue Grass)  
Record at Dickinson Stadium: 25-14  
First game: September 12, 2003 – St. Joseph 34, Kalamazoo Central 13  
Press Box Phone: (269) 926-3295

### The first Dickinson Stadium

In the mid 1940's the St. Joseph School system acquired the title to a 40 acre parcel of land known as the Dickinson Estate. The area is where the current high school now stands. Around that same time the citizens of St. Joseph recognized the need for a new athletic and recreation area. The St. Joe football team played their games at Wells field (where Jefferson elementary currently sits). There was no parking for the fans, except on the neighboring streets, and the wooden grandstands were in danger of collapse. It was then that the St. Joe residents got the ball rolling for a new facility. After receiving numerous recommendations by various experts, the planning committee, commissioned architect Robert V. Knox to develop the sketches and conceptual drawings of the stadium. The Board of Education would take these plans to the various service clubs around St. Joseph to rally the community involvement in the project. Every group that were presented the plans went on record as supporting it. The voters overwhelmingly passed the \$170,000 bond proposal on July 25, 1949 for the new stadium and track. A little over a year later, on September 22, 1950, the original Dickinson Stadium opened. Dickinson Stadium held it's last event on October 19, 2001. In the 51 year history of the stadium it was the home to thousands of events, including football games, track meets, soccer games, band competitions, and commencement ceremonies.

### The new Dickinson Stadium

The idea for a new stadium came about when a commission was charged with reviewing and making recommendations on the future of the facilities of the St. Joseph Public School system for the next 30-40 years. After a review of the old stadium it was determined that to bring the stadium's aging and deteriorating steel support and infrastructure up to code would be a very expensive project. The commission visited newly constructed high schools around the Midwest and made recommendations for the St. Joe schools, including a new football stadium. In March of 2001 a plan for a bond proposal was presented to the St. Joe taxpayers, which not only included the new stadium, but also a new athletic fieldhouse and other various projects at the high school, and a new auxiliary gym, offices, library and orchestra room at Upton Middle School. The bond issue passed on September 25, 2001, less than a month later, the last game at the old Dickinson Stadium would be played and demolition would begin.

St. Joe vs. Opponents at Dickinson Stadium			
	W	L	PCT
Battle Creek Central	2	0	1.000
Battle Creek Harper Creek	1	1	0.500
Battle Creek Lakeview	1	0	1.000
Benton Harbor	1	2	0.333
Coldwater	1	0	1.000
Dowagiac	1	1	0.500
Grand Rapids Christian	1	0	1.000
Gull Lake	1	0	1.000
Jackson Lumen Christi	0	1	0.000
Kalamazoo Central	2	0	1.000
Kalamazoo Loy Norrix	0	0	0.000
Lakeshore	3	4	0.429
Lansing Sexton	1	0	1.000
Marshall	1	1	0.500
Mattawan	1	1	0.500
Niles	3	1	0.750
Portage Central	2	0	1.000
Portage Northern	2	1	0.667
Sturgis	0	1	0.000
Wayland-Union	1	0	1.000
<b>St. Joe's record</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0.641</b>

While construction continued during the 2002 football season the varsity team played their "Home" games at Lakeshore's Al Stockman Stadium, Benton Harbor's Filstrup Field and at Bridgman High School. Upton Middle School was the home site for the JV and Freshmen teams. The new stadium still has one feature from the old stadium, and that is the electronic scoreboard/message center that was installed prior to the 1998 season. The scoreboard was dismantled and moved from it's previous location to where it currently stands. The stadium now also has an 8 lane running track, the old stadium had 7 and only 6 were useable. The first games were played on Thursday, September 4th, by the Freshman and JV teams who gave the stadium it's first shakedown before the Grand Opening a week later. The official dedication was prior to the game between St. Joseph and Kalamazoo Central which St. Joe won 34-13.

Less than a year after the opening, the new Dickinson Stadium had the honor of hosting country music and TV star Reba McIntyre for a performance benefiting Harbor Habitat for Humanity. The concert was part of Reba's 2004 tour which was sponsored by Whirlpool Corporation. The concert was held in front of a sold out crowd of over 6,500 on July 20, 2004.

At the end of every season, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team from Upton Middle School will play their last home game at Dickinson Stadium, which will become their new home field as Freshmen. Dickinson Stadium occasionally is the home field for Lake Michigan Catholic High School





## Offensive line a concern at St. Joseph

Bears coming off back-to-back undefeated regular seasons

By AL AREND - H-P Sports Correspondent

St. Joseph's football team has enjoyed two straight undefeated regular seasons under coach Elliot Uzelac, but he returns just two offensive linemen that helped propel the past couple of campaigns.

"Once we get healthy we feel we have the talent at the skill positions to produce another winner," said Uzelac, 28-7 in his three years at the Bears' helm.

"But our offensive line is very inexperienced. How fast it develops is the key to our season."

Uzelac returns nine starters including four on offense and five on defense from last fall's 10-1 squad which split two games with neighborhood rival Lakeshore, losing to the Lancers in the district championship.

Starters back on offense include quarter back Sean Guinane (6-5, 217), tailback Jamaal Jackson (5-10, 192), tackle Derek Worley (6-4, 244) and tight end J Michael Carter (6-2, 212). All are seniors.

Starters back on defense are senior cornerback Devonte Jones (5-11, 148), senior safety Chrys Killebrew (6-0, 163), junior outside linebacker Tyler Curtis (6-1, 237), plus senior tackles Jason Gambrell (6-0, 195) and Andrew Kepler (6-1, 197).

"We were making progress until we got a bunch of kids sick or hurt," said Uzelac. "We held five starters out of our scrimmage last Friday," including quarterback Guinane. Guinane is trying to recover from a viral infection, according to Uzelac.

"If he can't go Friday night, then junior Jeremy Rush (who guided the Bears' junior varsity to a 7-2 record last fall) will start."

Starting at tailback in the Bears' formation is senior Jamaal Jackson (5-10, 192), who led St. Joe rushers last fall with over 1,000 yards. Killebrew is the backup. Junior Cory Erny was penciled in as the starting fullback, but was lost for the season due to a knee injury during a 7-on 7 camp at Notre Dame earlier

this month. Curtis and junior Josh Akins will now split time at the position.

The Bears have a bevy of talented wide receivers, according to Uzelac. They include Jones, senior Nick Piggee, juniors Joel Bergman and Bobby Symonds and senior Andrew Wheeler. Uzelac added Jones will only play about 50 percent of the time on offense.

Besides returning starters tight end Carter and tackle Worley, newcomers to the Bears offensive line include senior center Mike Siemans (195 pounds), guards junior Logan Moser (201) and senior Andrew Brown (193). Junior Kevin Millward (209) and Sam Kodis (262) are battling for the other tackle spot. Worley is currently nursing a badly sprained ankle.

Defensively the Bears will remain in their 4-3 alignment. Down linemen include ends junior Adam Lalley (212) and Keppeler, with seniors Valentino McCoy-Garcia (256), Gambrell or Jae Ellegood (151) at tackles.

The secondary includes Jones and senior Micah Schoeplein (143) at the corners with Rush and Killebrew at safeties. Schoeplein is also currently injured, but Killebrew can also play corner. If he does, senior Michael Case (171) will play safety. Carter, Jackson and junior Carter Nimitz (179) will rotate at two of the linebacker spots, and Curtis returns at the other.

Uzelac said his other concern is the Bears' inexperienced secondary as only the talented Jones returns.

Curtis will handle punting duties with Josh Akins handling the place kicking.

"Both are doing very well," noted Uzelac.

Uzelac feels Lakeshore is the team to beat in the expanded Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference West Division, but his Bears, Portage Central and Portage Northern could all vie for the title.

"We need to win early while we're improving, like the '07 team did," Uzelac said. "We have a tough opening assignment at Marshall which returns eight starters on offense and seven on defense (from an 8-4 team). We have to go in there and beat them. The first game is a huge test for us."

St. Joseph's numbers remain solid as 55 are on the varsity roster.



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Herald Palladium - 8/9/09

## *Never a dull moment*

*St. Joseph's Jackson keeps busy with three sports, job*

*Ben Sanders - H-P Sports Writer*

*Jamaal Jackson likes to stay busy.*

*The three-sport standout at St. Joseph High School has had plenty to keep him busy this summer, juggling American Legion baseball, weightlifting, football camps, and wrestling tournaments - not to mention a summer job.*

*His grueling schedule isn't for everyone, but Jackson likes it.*

*"I'm enjoying the summer," Jackson said. "I hate it when I have down time. I get so bored. I love sports."*

*As a junior, Jackson rushed for 925 yards and 20 touchdowns for the St. Joseph football team, placed third in the Division 2 state wrestling tournament at 189 pounds, and led off and played left field for the Bears' regional championship baseball team.*

*The time he puts in during the summer has been a big reason for his success.*

*"It helps me a lot," Jackson said. "One of the best parts is I just feel more comfortable in my sports."*

*A typical summer day for Jackson would include a morning weightlifting session with the football team, followed by a full day at work and then a Legion baseball game. He also participated in several football camps and a 7-on-7 passing league, and the Northern Exposure wrestling tournament in St. Ignace.*

*Are there times when it gets to be too much?*

*"Absolutely," Jackson said, "I've gotten banged up over the road. You've got to stay focused and keep working hard."*

*As busy as he has been Jackson hasn't even been able to compete in every event he has wanted to over the summer, as they often conflict.*

*He said that football comes first, which isn't surprising given his family background. His father Larry Jackson, played football for Michigan State and was an assistant coach at St. Joseph under Elliot Uzelac for the past three seasons before becoming head coach at Benton Harbor.*

*"It helps a lot," Jackson said. "Coach Uzelac also knows a lot. It's basically just double time. Coming home, you get that much extra from the home support."*

*Jackson also did office work with his mother Rhonda, at KMG Prestige, a property management company, through Michigan Works. He said the work was an enjoyable change of pace from all the sports.*

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## 2009 FOOTBALL OUTLOOK: EAST GRAND RAPIDS

- *Head coach: Peter Stuursma, 10th year*
- *Assistants: Brian Clay (quarterbacks), Bill Kowal (offensive coordinator), Jim Voss, (defensive coordinator), Robb Hurt (defensive line), Matt Putnam (defensive backs), John Vandenberg (linebackers), Adam Brush (JV coach), Dave Mehney (freshman coach), Courtney VandeWege (trainer), Don Gerken (video coordinator).*
- *Last year: 4-1 O-K White, 13-1 overall (Division 3 state champions)*
- *Starters back: (5 offense, 5 defense) Fullback/defensive back Josh Drummond, running back Kirk Spencer, offensive lineman Alex Staal, tight end/defensive end Colin Voss, wide receiver/defensive back A.J. McEwen, defensive lineman Scott Bourne and linebacker Josh Laarman.*
- *Key departures: Graduates Robert Bell, a defensive end who had 30 solo tackles and four sacks, and running back Joe Glendening, who rushed for 2,598 yards and 40 touchdowns and was named the Division 3-4 Player of the Year.*
- *Key 2008 statistics: The Pioneers beat Inkster 43-24 to claim their third consecutive Division 3 state championship. They have won five state titles in the past seven seasons.*
- *Strengths: The Pioneers, who have exceptionally good team speed this season, are known for their defense, so expect them to be tough to score upon.*
- *Concerns: The offensive and defensive lines are young this season, so their ability to learn and adapt quickly will be critical.*
- *Coach speak: "We will need to grow and develop quickly during two-a-days as we open with Orchard Lake St. Mary's." - Peter Stuursma*
- *Player speak: "If we keep working hard we will be pretty good. We'll be a well-rounded team, but we'll have a real good defense." - A.J. McEwen.*
- *Overview: Robert Bell, the rock of EGR's defense in recent years, has graduated, but with Colin Voss at defensive end and A.J. McEwen at defensive back, the trademark EGR defense will again be strong. Joe Glendening is gone from the backfield, but Josh Drummond is an accomplished runner who has been waiting for his chance.*
- *Circle this date: Aug. 27. The Pioneers celebrate the opening of the new Memorial Field with a game against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.*
- *Fast fact: The Pioneers will play six home games in their new stadium this season.*
- *Stadium: Memorial Field, 2211 Lake Drive*
- *Web site: egrps.org.*



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## *BIG 16 WEST PREVIEW*

The Lakeshore Lancers finished 11-2 a year ago and reached the Division 3 state semifinals before falling to eventual state champion East Grand Rapids.

But veteran coach Denny Dock has plenty of holes to fill from graduation losses, notably quarterback Zak Wasserman and running back Coco Johnson.

"It's going to be difficult to follow last year," admits Dock, whose 221 career wins is 29th on the all-time state list. "We lost a lot of good players. Last year's team came around. It just took a while. Every team has issues and this year we're small as heck, especially on defense. And we're paper thin at running back. But the ones we have are good."

Lakeshore does return four veterans on offense in linemen Tyler Humes (5-10, 185) and Luke Mierau (5-10, 240), tight end Jordan Kauffman (6-4, 210) and fullback Adam Miller (5-9, 150). Kauffman was one of the top Lancer receivers last year, catching 23 passes for 275 yards and two scores.

Eric Lemon (6-4, 220), who Dock says "is a big strong kid who can throw it," takes over at quarterback. And Devon Bailey and Nick Adams hope to provide the running attack.

On defense, Lakeshore welcomes back end Nick Humes (5-10, 170), linebackers Drew Bancraft and Brett Buckley, cornerback Caleb Nitz and linebacker Zane Metz, who is moving to safety.

Dock sees a very competitive West Division in the new revamped two-division SMAC. Kalamazoo Loy Norrix, Portage Northern and Portage Central move over from the Central.

Defending division champ **St. Joseph** will likely be Lakeshore's biggest competition. The Bears are 28-7 in three seasons under Elliott Uzelac and do have some key skill players back from a 10-1 squad.

Quarterback Sean Guinane (6-5, 216), tight end Michael Carter, (6-4, 227), tackle Derek Worley (6-3, 255) and tailback Jamaal Jackson (5-10, 193) return offensively. Jackson, a three-sport standout for the Bears, gained just under 1,000 yards in six games a year ago.

However, St. Joe must replace its entire receiving corps.

Five veterans are back on defense in linemen Andrew Keppeler (6-3, 218), Jason Gambrell (6-2, 210), linebacker Tyler Curtis (6-0, 200) and defensive backs Chrys Killebrew (6-1, 170) and Devonte Jones (5-10, 170).

Larry Jackson takes over at Benton Harbor where the Tigers have suffered through consecutive 0-9 seasons. He's counting heavily on quarterback Demetric Haynes and linemen Mark Turner and Leron Patton.

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## EXCITING FINAL

### ST. JOSEPH EDGES LAKESHORE FOR DIV. 3 DISTRICT TITLE

Al Arend - Herald Palladium

ST. JOSEPH - The excitement of a close playoff football game doesn't get any better than it did Friday night at Dickinson Stadium, especially for St. Joseph fans.

In a hard fought, see-saw battle for the Division 3 district championship, the Bears gained a measure of revenge, nipping neighborhood rival Lakeshore 19-16 before some 5,500 fans at Dickinson Stadium.

"That was a great hard-hitting football game," said a relieved St. Joseph coach Elliot Uzelac, whose squad fell to the Lancers 39-28 three weeks ago. "I don't know how many (players) we have left for our next game."

St. Joseph (9-2) takes on undefeated and top-ranked East Grand Rapids (11-0) next weekend for the regional championship. East beat Byron Center 37-14 to win its district crown.

Trailing 16-12 with 6:56 left, St. Joseph marched 84 yards in nine plays capped by quarterback Sean Guinane's 13-yard pass to fullback Tyler Curtis on fourth-and-11. It was the second fourth and long play converted by the Bears in the drive that began with tailback Jamaal Jackson ripping off tackle for 59 yards to the Lancer 25.

"They hit a long one (Jackson's run) there, and we had three chances to stop them, but they converted two fourth downs," said a disappointed Lakeshore coach Denny Dock. "It was a tough game. Good luck to them. They have a nice football team."

On the winning TD pass flanker Devonte Jones was put in motion running behind the line of scrimmage to the left. Guinane dropped back, looked Jones' way, then suddenly turned the other way and flipped a pass to a wide open Curtis on the right sideline.

"I thought I'd better catch it," Curtis said. "I had a feeling he was going to call that play before, and I was ready for it. I saw a cutback lane. I took it and just happened to get in the end zone."

"We wanted to get a bought formation to the strong side, and then throw it back to the fullback on the weak side. That was a huge play," added Uzelac. "Our defense played great to hold (Lakeshore) to 16 points, and our offense did just enough to win it."

The Bears took the opening kickoff and drove to the Lancer 12-yard line before fumbling the ball away on a bad handoff exchange. On its first play, Lakeshore's Adam Miller took a nifty pitch from quarterback Eric Lemon and ran untouched down the sideline 88 yards to pay dirt and Ian Armstrong's PAT boot made it 7-0.

Two possessions later, St. Joe felt it had the game tied when Michael Carter grabbed a wide open 2-yard scoring strike from Guinane. But the Bears were flagged for having an illegal receiver down field and settled for a Josh Akins 25-yard field goal.

Both teams tacked on field goals in the second quarter, Akins' from 40 yards out, and the Lancers' Armstrong from 38 into the wind to keep Lakeshore on top 10-6 at intermission. Armstrong's field goal appeared to sail wide left, and was hotly disputed by Uzelac.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Bears took a 12-10 lead early in the fourth on a 3-yard run by Jackson. The point-after failed, hitting the cross bar.

But Lakeshore countered on its next possession, driving 66 yards in seven plays, capped by a 28-yard scamper by Zane Metz after taking another great pitch from Lemon as he was being tackled. The 2-point conversion pass failed and Lakeshore led 16-12 with 7:02 remaining.

"We ran the option very well, but we didn't have a great game throwing it tonight," noted Dock. Lemon completed just one of 17 pass attempts for five yards with one interception.

"We were really putting the pressure on (Lemon) and he got hit hard a lot," said Uzelac.

St. Joseph outgained Lakeshore 270 yards to 221, as the Bears rushed for 200 and passed for 70. Jackson gained 156 yards on the ground on 27 carries.

Guinane completed 9 of 15 passes, including the game-winning TD toss, with one interception. Joel Bergman led Bear receivers with two grabs for 33 yards, as Guinane connected with six different receivers.

Lakeshore (8-3) rushed for 216 yards, including 102 on just four totes by Miller. Nick Adams, who had gained 144 yards in Lakeshore's regular season victory over the Bears, was held to 42 yards on nine lugs.

Lakeshore	7	3	0	6-16
St. Joseph	3	3	0	13-19

LL - Adam Miller 88 run (Ian Armstrong kick)

SJ - Josh Akins 25 field goal

SJ - Akins 40 field goal

LL - Armstrong 38 field goal

SJ - Jamaal Jackson 3 run (kick failed)

LL - Zane Metz 28 run (pass failed)

SJ - Tyler Curtis 13 pass from Sean Guinane (Akins kick)



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## St. Joe stops Lancers

John VandenHeede - South Bend Tribune

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph quarterback Sean Guinane threw the winning touchdown pass on a misdirection play with 2:54 left to defeat arch-rival Lakeshore 19-16 Friday night.

Guinane took the snap and rolled left with most of his teammates, before throwing back right to fullback Tyler Curtis, who rambled 13 yards into the end zone.

"It was a screen weak," commented St. Joseph coach Elliot Uzelac. "It was a huge play for us. It won the game."

The victory in the Division 3 district football title game lifted 9-2 St. Joseph into the regional championship game next Saturday at East Grand Rapids. East Grand Rapids advanced Friday night by defeating Byron Center 37-14.

"We have won the conference championship three years in a row," noted Uzelac. "We hadn't done that since 1986, 87 and 88, and tonight we won the district championship. So you know what, we have had a great year."

Friday night's game at Dickinson Stadium marked the fourth straight season that St. Joseph and Lakeshore have met in the district title game.

Lakeshore won last year and also defeated the Bears earlier this season by a 39-28 score.

Guinane and Jamaal Jackson led the way for St. Joseph, which won its first district title since 2007.

Guinane connected on 10 of 15 passes for 84 yards, including the winning touchdown toss.

Jackson rushed for a game-high 156 yards on 26 carries, including St. Joseph's other touchdown on a 3-yard run in the fourth quarter.

St. Joseph finished with 288 yards in total offense, while Lakeshore had 225. But the Lancers had just five yards passing as quarterback Eric Lemon completed just one of 16 pass attempts.

"It was a tough game...it really was," said Lakeshore coach Denny Dock. "We weren't very good in the air. We didn't have a great game throwing it."

"Our defense played great," added Uzelac. "To hold this team to 16 points is a hell of an accomplishment. We hit."

Lakeshore (8-3) scored on its first play of the game, an 88-yard run by Adam Miller.

The only other scoring until the decisive fourth quarter came on three field goals. Josh Akins kicked field goals of 25 and 40 yards for St. Joseph and Ian Armstrong booted a 38-yarder for Lakeshore to leave the Lancers with a 10-6 lead going into the final period.

Jackson's touchdown put St. Joe ahead 12-10 early in the fourth quarter.

Lakeshore answered on its next possession by marching 66-yards for the go-ahead touchdown. Zane Metz took a pitch and went around left end on a 27-yard touchdown run to put Lakeshore on top 16-12.

But St. Joseph then went 85 yards for the winning touchdown. Jackson's 60-yard run was the biggest play of the drive, before Guinane's winning touchdown toss.



## Strong second half carries East Grand Rapids past Byron Center for Division 3 district title Kelly Hill - Grand Rapids Press

EAST GRAND RAPIDS -- Byron Center pushed around three-time defending Division 3 state champion East Grand Rapids in the first half Friday night at Memorial Field, but the Pioneers pushed back in the second half and won the district championship 37-14.

The Bulldogs (9-2) played even with East Grand Rapids (11-0) until the final moments of the first half. But in the second half, the Pioneers defense responded by shutting out Byron Center.

"In the first half, they came out and punched us in the mouth a little bit," EGR senior defensive back A.J. McEwen said. "We knew they were a very physical football team and we had to match that. Power football, that's what they play. We knew what they like to do, and we had to step up and stop it."

McEwen and his defensive mates, including senior linebacker Kyle Wollet -- who stepped in when senior Josh Laarman was injured on the first series of the game -- allowed the Bulldogs into EGR territory only once in the second half, and that Byron Center drive ended with a McEwen interception.

"We gave them a touchdown early, but they moved the ball on us," EGR coach Peter Stuursma said. "They wanted to control the ball and work the clock. But Kyle Wollet stepped up big time, too, and you've got to have guys step up in games like this."

McEwen also stepped in at running back for senior Kirk Spencer, who Stuursma sat out in the first quarter.

"We dealt with a team issue, and now, we're moving on," Stuursma said. "A.J. stepped up big time. He's only about 165 pounds, but he was running between the tackles and he was able to make people miss."

"A big part of that was our offensive line, though. We challenged our offensive line this week to give our runners some room, because we knew our defense would hold it if we could get a lead."

EGR advances to the regional finals against St. Joseph, which defeated Stevensville Lakeshore on Friday. The Division 3 regional game is 1 p.m. next Saturday at Memorial Field.

"We made some fundamental mistakes, and a team like that is going to take it and score," Byron Center coach Marc Cisco said. "They turn a little mistake into a touchdown. Stopping the run was key, and we had opportunities to do that but we didn't."

"I am as proud as I could be of this team, though. Our seniors were great leaders and they did everything we asked of them, and more."

McEwen opened the scoring with a 48-yard touchdown run on the third play of the game, but the Bulldogs responded with a 2-yard Derek Sievers touchdown run late in the first quarter after the Pioneers fumbled inside their own 25.

After Spencer entered the game in the second quarter, he scored from a yard out to give EGR a 14-6 lead, but the Bulldogs tied the game on a 41-yard romp by senior Derek Ansley, who also rushed in the 2-point conversion.

Spencer, who finished the game with 203 yards on 27 carries, scored from two yards out with 2:44 left in the second quarter to give the Pioneers a 21-14 halftime lead.

Spencer scored on a 5-yard run early in the third quarter, then senior fullback Josh Drummond scored from one yard out late in the third for a 34-14 lead. Junior Bobby Aardema booted a 24-yard field goal to end the scoring midway through the fourth quarter.

Byron Center	6	8	0	0	-	14
East Grand Rapids	7	14	16	0	-	37

EGR-- A.J. McEwen 48 run (Bobby Aardema kick)  
BCT-- Derek Sievers 2 run (kick failed)  
EGR-- Kirk Spencer 1 run (Bobby Aardema kick)  
BCT-- Derek Ansley 41 run (Ansley Ansley run)  
EGR-- Spencer 2 run (Bobby Aardema kick)  
EGR-- Spencer 5 run (Bobby Aardema kick)  
EGR-- Josh Drummond 1 run (kick failed)  
EGR-- Bobby Aardema 24 field goal



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## *HISTORY LESSON FOR ST. JOSEPH*

*Bears looking to avoid rerun of turnovers in regional final.*

*Bob Oppenheim - South Bend Tribune*

*The St. Joseph High School football team can't afford to live in the past when it visits No. 1-ranked East Grand Rapids in a Division 3 regional final on Saturday.*

*Two years ago, six St. Joseph turnovers contributed heavily to a 28-7 East Grand Rapids win over the Bears in a Division 3 state semifinal game.*

*"We can't turn the ball over," said Bears football coach Elliot Uzelac, whose team stands at 9-2. "I was disappointed in our play."*

*Soon after that loss, Uzelac did some studying on East Grand Rapids and is hoping that work pays off this Saturday.*

*"We have better knowledge on them now," Uzelac said. "We'll file that and be ready to go."*

*The three-time defending state champion Pioneers improved to 11-0 last Friday after beating Byron Center, 37-14, in a district final. East Grand Rapids running back Kirk Spencer rushed for 203 yards on 27 carries. Spencer has 1,588 yards rushing on the season.*

*The Pioneers, who have won five state titles in the past seven years, have scored 433 points and allowed only 95 on the year.*

*"(East Grand Rapids) hasn't changed that much," Uzelac said. "They just have new parts offensively and defensively. They're really, really good. They might have more talent this year than the past two years."*

*St. Joseph, which is coming off of a 19-16 district final win over Lakeshore, has been led offensively this year by quarterback Sean Guinane and running back Jamaal Jackson.*

*Guinane has completed 67 of 97 passes for 1,020 yards with 10 touchdowns, while Jackson has rushed for 1,511 yards on 230 carries with 22 touchdowns.*