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Sports

McCoy, Lovett starred in holiday grid games

Athletes of the Week

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It's the football players who took center stage this Thanksgiving week, and a pair of heroes from their respective rivalry games are the Times' Athletes of the Week.

East Providence High's Sam Lovett's foot and Bishop Feehan High quarterback John McCoy's arm each helped lead their teams to victory this past week. Lovett booted four extra points on Thanksgiving Day, the final of which clinched EP's stirring 28-27 win over La Salle Academy in overtime.

La Salle had scored first in overtime on Liam Coen's 10-yard pass to Ryan Boehm, but kicker Dan Coffland was wide left on the extra-point attempt. That left the door open for EP. Sean Arlan scored on a four-yard run to tie the game, the Lovett, a converted soccer player, nailed the extra point to clinch the Division 1 regular season title for the Townies.

Lovett wound up booting 39 extra points as well as a 30-yard field goal this season for 42 total points.

In Feehan's second annual "Battle of the Border" with St. Ray's at McCoy Stadium on Wednesday night, McCoy completed 9 of 16 passes for 195 yards and a pair of touchdowns. The first was a 4-yard scoring aerial to Matt Doherty (preceded by a 44-yard hook-up with Nick Messinger), and the second was a 76-yard bomb to Ron Conway that sealed the Saints' fate in the fourth quarter.

McCoy, a senior from North Attleboro, wound up as the Times leading passer this season, completing 74 of 130 passes for 16 touchdowns, 1,285 yards and just two interceptions.

Here are some other Thanksgiving football heroes from the local area:

Matt Paradis, Lincoln football -- Multi-talented Lion senior threw for over 100 yards and a pair of touchdowns and also rushed for two scores in a 29-6 win over Central High on Saturday. On Thanksgiving, Paradis completed 5 of 6 passes for 129 yards and a pair of TDs and also rushed for a score while playing just one half of the Lions' 27-12 win over North Smithfield High.

Ron Conway, Bishop Feehan football -- Shamrocks' talented receiver/kicker star accounted for half of his team's points in its 24-0 rout of SRA on Wednesday evening. Conway booted a 38-yard field goal to begin the night's scoring and capped it with a 76-yard scoring reception. He also kicked three extra points and wound up with 116 receiving yards on three catches.

Scott Desper, Cumberland football -- Clippers' star rushed for 98 yards and a touchdown on just seven carries and also hauled in a 37-yard scoring pass in a 27-13 Thanksgiving Day win over Woonsocket High.

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Khalil Kallimullah, East Providence football -- Townies' stud receiver nabbed seven passes for 103 yards and a touchdown in EP's thrilling, 28-27 overtime win over La Salle Academy on Thanksgiving. Kallimullah wound up as the Times area's leading receiver this season with 23 catches for 314 yards and five TDs.


Jesse Britto, Shea football -- His passing (6 of 13, 96 yards, TD) and punting (8 for a 32.4-yard average) were the keys to a 14-7 Turkey Day win over rival Tolman High.

Jeff Costa, Tolman football -- Completed 14 of 27 passes for 152 yards and a touchdown in Tigers' Thanksgiving Day loss to Shea.

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