

SMAC Football Week 10: Last second wins and heartbreak

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Lexington Park, MD - The 2018 regular SMAC football season has come to a close and with it the seasons of many Southern Maryland football teams. Six teams were guaranteed to make the playoffs: North Point in the 4A East Region, Huntingtown, St. Charles, and Northern in the 3A South, either Westlake or Calvert in the 2A South, and Lackey in the 1A South.

In what could likely be a preview of the 3A South Regional Championship, Huntingtown and St. Charles clashed in an epic defensive battle. After kicking a field goal in the first half, Huntingtown was unable to move the ball much on the Spartans defense. The exception was when Senior quarterback Hunter Bray drove the Hurricanes down the field through the air. The drive spanning the length of the field contributed to Bray's 13 of 22 passing for 203 yards. After getting to the two-yard-line with time winding down, Huntingtown was unable to stop the clock and elected to run the ball from the right hash. The runner was tackled for a loss and the points left on the board for the 'Canes would prove to be detrimental in the low-scoring affair.

The game remained in Huntingtown's favor, as they held a 3-0 lead with both teams suffocating the other's offense. With under two minutes remaining, St. Charles swapped quarterbacks and put in senior, Maryland-commit Kameron Blount. Blount drove the Spartans 84-yards, completing the go-ahead touchdown pass to Shane Wood (Jr.), his only catch of the game, with 41.7 seconds left in the game. Blount then completed the two-point conversion to his younger brother Konner Blount-Foster (Jr.). Trailing for the first time in the game, 3-8, the Hurricanes looked as if they may have a chance to score on a Hail-Mary, until Frank Owens (Sr.) for St. Charles batted the ball away.

St. Charles secured the one seed in the 3A South playoff race and Huntingtown fell to number two. The Spartans will face fourth seed Northern Friday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. and the Hurricanes will face three seed Potomac Saturday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m.

In our game of the week for week 10, Westlake traveled to Calvert for what was probably the most exciting game of 2018. The stakes were high, and both teams showed up to play for this win and in, battle to get into the playoffs.

A Calvert win would mean they'd secure the three seed in the 2A South and Westlake would be more than likely knocked out of the playoffs, and a win by Westlake would give them the two seed and certainly knock Calvert out.

The game began with two back-to-back touchdowns — Westlake's Devin Williams (Sr.) ran the opening kickoff in for a touchdown, and Calvert's Duke Marlowe (Sr.) caught a long touchdown pass from Michael Floria (Jr.) on their subsequent offensive play. Both teams continually traded scores, with one team tying the other up until the third quarter when Calvert took a seven-point lead, up 27-20. Westlake's answer wouldn't come until the fourth quarter, and following a failed two-point conversion attempt, Calvert retained their lead 27-26.

The Cavaliers relied on senior running back Dre Mackall, as they have all season, who was able to rush for 261 yards on 30 carries for two touchdowns. When needed, junior Michael Floria was able to move the ball efficiently through the air, completing 5 of 7 passes for 125 yards.

Calvert's run-heavy approach was countered by Westlake's pass-dominated offense. The Wolverine aerial attack was led by senior Jalon Spencer who completed 20 of 33 passes for 287 yards and three touchdowns. Spencer's arm was able to drive Westlake down the field to win the game as they scored with 10 seconds remaining in the game when Nate Tyler (Sr.) caught a pass from Spencer and broke several tackles on his way to the end zone.

Calvert was unable to pull off any miracles, and Westlake went on to win, punching their ticket into the playoffs. Special teams were the main Achilles heel for the Cavaliers in their 32-27 loss, giving up two touchdown returns on kickoff — one from an onside kick. The Wolverines will host three seed River Hill Saturday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m.

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