

Rivalry Weekend brings the rain and close games

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Lexington Park, MD - Week 9 of Southern Maryland high school football was rivalry week, featuring three rivalry games—one in each county. Calvert had Huntingtown travel to Northern, St. Mary's saw Great Mills host Leonardtown, and Charles featured a Saturday afternoon presentation of The 301 Classic (Thomas Stone at Westlake). TheBayNet.com was able to attend both the Huntingtown/Northern game and the Stone/Westlake game. Great Mills and Leonardtown's contest will be covered in the full recap of last weekend.

Rain was forecast for Friday night and rain it did. The Calvert County rivalry was moved up from a 7 p.m. start time to 5 p.m., but the players still left the contest caked in mud and soaked to the bone. Huntingtown scored twice in the first half, once on a Clay Wargo (Jr.) run and another on an 18-yard pass from quarterback Hunter Bray (Sr.) to Evan Lively (Sr.). Those were the only touchdowns scored in the defense-intensive bout, giving Huntingtown the win, 14-0. The Hurricanes bounced back from a 21-7 loss to the Patriots last year. Both teams are already guaranteed to make the playoffs in the 3A-South along with St. Charles and Potomac. Huntingtown plays at home against St. Charles with kickoff at 7 p.m. Northern travels to Chopticon at 6 p.m.

The 301 Classic did not disappoint this year, both teams had go-ahead touchdowns in the fourth quarter, and the score went back and forth throughout the contest. Stone put points on the board first with a long 80-yard passing touchdown. Jaylen Kelley (Sr.) caught the pass from Cole Lucia (Sr.) uncovered and out ran the Wolverines to the end zone. Westlake's answer would come in the second half in the form of a 40-yard touchdown run. Before the half was finished, Thomas Stone scored on another 80-yard touchdown pass from Ronnie Carter (Sr.) this time to Kire Hines (Jr.). After a missed extra-point from the Cougars and an "almost" Hail Mary from the Wolverines, the score at the half was 13-7 with Stone on top. Westlake came out in the second half with a fire under them, taking the opening kickoff and then driving to the Cougars side of the field. The Wolverines went on to score a 44-yard rushing touchdown by Luquay Washington (Sr.) on the second half's opening drive. Thomas Stone's primary offensive weapon, running back Trent Gaskins (Sr.), was contained most of the game until he punched in a 19-yard touchdown run with 6:14 remaining in the contest. The Cougar's extra point attempt flipped end over end until it bounced off the crossbar, just short of putting Stone ahead by 7. Thomas Stone stopped Westlake on their ensuing possession but was stopped after going for it on fourth down from the Wolverine's 46-yard line. Westlake took advantage of the excellent field position and scored two plays later after a 39-yard pass and the 21-yard touchdown run. The Wolverines elected to go for two, and Luquay Washington (Sr.) trucked his way into the end zone for the score. Down 21-19 with 2:41 left in the game, Stone resorted to the pass and were able to get just past the 50 before Westlake's senior corner Devin Williams decided to play spoiler and intercepted Ronnie Carter (Sr.). Two kneels later, and Westlake was celebrating with the 301 Classic trophy in hand.

Thomas Stone's loss has eliminated them from the extremely close 2A South playoff hunt. The win for the Wolverines has left them in control of their destiny and the winner of their week ten match-up against Calvert will determine which team will be playing past this week. Westlake plays at Calvert at 7 p.m. Friday. Stone returns home for their last game against Patuxent at 7 p.m.

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