



## **Salem News High School Football Player of the Week:Greg Pierce, Beverly**

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Normally a backup running back for the Panthers, Pierce was thrust into a starting role last Saturday and responded with a performance he'll remember the rest of his life. The junior back ran for a career-high 248 yards on 21 carries, scored three touchdowns on the ground and caught another TD pass as Beverly knocked out Danvers at home, 35-14. Pierce had a 25-yard scoring run in the first quarter, then caught a screen pass from quarterback Nick Tanzella and turned it into a 14-yard TD reception on the final play of the first half, giving his team a 14-7 edge at the break. For good measure, he added scoring runs of 67 and 54 yards to finish off a brilliant afternoon. His big day pushed his season stats up to 452 yards on 47 carries (a 9.6-yard average per carry) to go along with seven touchdowns.

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