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Thanksgiving Stars of the Day

1. Greg Pierce, Beverly. Pierce carried the ball 30 times for 206 yards and two touchdowns in the Panthers' 28-14 win over Salem at Bertram Field. He also completed a 50-yard halfback option pass to Sean Deady that went for a touchdown. With his 206 rushing yards, Pierce became Beverly's single-season rushing leader with 1,648 yards, snapping the mark (1,498) set by Pat Bailey last year.

2. Derek Coppola, St. John's Prep. Coppola torched Xaverian's defense to the tune of 213 yards rushing on 31 carries in the Eagles' 21-17 win at Cronin Field in Danvers. He scored a pair of touchdowns, including the game-winner with one minute remaining.

3. Chris Splinter, Masconomet. Masco's sophomore quarterback connected on 11-of-12 passes for 158 yards and two touchdowns (5 and 29 yards, respectively) to help the Chieftains defeat North Andover, 42-14, in a Cape Ann League Large title-clinching win. Splinter also added a 13-yard touchdown run and an interception on defense.

4. Dan Kennedy, Bishop Fenwick. Kennedy was a star on both sides of the ball for Bishop Fenwick in its 28-16 triumph over Austin Prep. Kennedy got the Crusaders on the board in the first half with a 10-yard touchdown rush and finished with 50 yards on six carries. He made the biggest impact on defense, however, as he intercepted two passes. He returned one 60 yards for his second touchdown, and added a pretty one-hand grab to seal the game early in the fourth quarter.

5. Peter Kinchley, Swampscott. The Big Blue signal-caller threw three first half touchdowns (11, 59, and 14 yards) to lead Swampscott to a 42-16 win over Marblehead. Kinchley finished with 156 yards on a 10-for-14 passing performance. He also added a 15-yard rushing touchdown for the postseason-bound Big Blue.