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Football Wednesday leaders, by the numbers and games to watch

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RUSHING

Player, SchoolAtt.Yds.TD

1. Trevor Lyons, H-W1221,22418
2. Nat Gaye, Peab.1481,12511
3. Will Quigley, Marb.1491,00114
4. Kenny Adinkra, Pingree7599417
5. Nick Valles, Danvers1369608
6. Jon Thomas, SJP14990012
7. Mike Walsh, Swamp.12287112
8. Rufus Rushins, Bp. Fen.1338628
9. Elliott Burr, H-W1648599
10. Kenny Pierce, Bev.9581311

PASSING

Player, SchoolPCPAYds.TD

1. Mike Walsh, Swamp.1472512,02825
2. Jerome Cappadonna, Ping.711361,38511
3. Ben. Panunzio, Masco.961621,30811

T4. Christian Dunston, Salem551177247

T4. Fran Hannon, Bp. Fen.341057247

RECEIVING

Player, SchoolRec.Yds.TD

1. Richard Sullivan, Swamp.336857

2. Johnny Spears, Ping.154794

3. A.J. Baker, Swamp.4344511

4. Jake Gillespie, Masco.204444

5. Nick Mennino, Swamp.234334

6. Nathan Silveira, Masco.284223

7. Nick Antenucci, Ping.273862

8. Mike Dainis, Bp. Fen133563

9. Luis Rodriguez, Ping.92933

10. Nick Ingham, Peab.92883

Note: Statistics are based on players from the Salem News coverage area only.

BY THE NUMBERS

What's the most amount of games in a row that each of our area teams have won against the current Thanksgiving opponents? Let's have a look:

TeamOpponentWins (Years)

PeabodySaugus17 (1989-2005)

SalemBeverly8 (1923-30)

EnglishClassical8 (1951-58)

MarbleheadSwampscott7 (1947-53)

GloucesterDanvers7 (1995-2001)

BeverlySalem6 (1950-55)

IpswichHam-Wen6 (1991-96)

Ham-WenIpswich6 (2000-05)

SwampscottMarblehead6 (1967-72)

St. John'sXaverian6 (1974-79)

ManchesterGeorgetown6 (1980-85)

ClassicalEnglish6 (1978-83)

SaugusPeabody5 (1956-60)

GeorgetownManchester5 (1969-73)

DanversGloucester3 (1971-73)

MasconometNo. Andover3 (2007-09)

Bp. FenwickAustin Prep2 (2006-07)

DID YOU KNOW?

In its last eight Thanksgiving wins dating back to 1998, Beverly has allowed single digit points against Salem in six of those matchups, and haven't surrendered more than 14 in victory during that stretch.

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Salem will be starting five sophomores on offense tomorrow morning, but just two seniors (cornerback Edwin Alcantara and left end Fernando Cabrera).

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Roughly one-third (34 of 105) of the contests played between Marblehead and Swampscott have been decided by seven points or less, including each of the last two seasons.

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Danvers has not won a Thanksgiving Day game at Newell Stadium in Gloucester since 1993, a span of eight games.

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Peabody quarterback Jason Hiou, starting his second Thanksgiving Day game, has 633 yards passing this fall. That's the most by a Tanners' QB since 2004, which was also the program's last non-losing season.

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Tomorrow marks the 37th straight year that Ipswich and Hamilton-Wenham have played on Thanksgiving; both teams head into this year's tilt with 18 holiday wins against their arch rivals.

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A Masconomet win tomorrow over North Andover would give them holiday victories in seven of the last 10 years — by far their greatest run of success against their arch rivals.

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Local players who could hit 1,000 yards rushing with big games: Danvers captain Nick Valles (needs 40 yards), Jon Thomas of St. John's Prep (needs 100), quarterback Mike Walsh of Swampscott (needs 129), freshman Rufus Rushins of Bishop Fenwick (needs 138), Hamilton-Wenham senior fullback Elliott Burr (needs 141) and junior wingback Kenny Pierce of Beverly (needs 187).

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The winning team in the St. John's Prep/Xaverian game has scored at least 20 points in 11 of the last 13 contests.

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Bishop Fenwick scored a combined 68 points in wins over Austin Prep in 2006 and '07, but only 20 points over the last three seasons in successive losses to the Cougars.

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North Shore Tech has given up 34, 52, 36 and 36 points, respectively, to Northeast Regional the last four times they have met on the holiday, dropping three of those four.

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