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Bayside will play Lincoln for the Public Schools Athletic League championship Saturday. Bayside defeated Jefferson, 28-12, and Lincoln beat Port Richmond, 34-8, yesterday.

Bayside, which finished the season undefeated, will try for its third consecutive title with a team that Anthony Yacovone, the Bayside coach, insists has been wrongly categorized.

"People think we're a Fancy Dan team," said Yacovone, after Bayside's victory. "This isn't a group that will finesse you. Unfortunately, we did a bit of that in the first half. Then we banged

Yacovone was referring to Jefferson's strong showing early in the game at Bayside when they scored first. Ricky Johnson ran 7 yards for the opening touchdown. The extra point try was blocked.

Bayside then scored after six straight running plays. Lonnie Bellamy got the touchdown on a 10-yard run. Ronnie Harmon kicked the extra point. Jefferson then went ahead after a series of running plays with Johnson leaping over his teammates from the 1-yard line to score.

Bayside had to punt on its next possession. But as Jefferson attempted its play on second down, a handoff from Curtis Morris, the quarterback, to Robert Bryant fell and was recovered by Kenny Alleyne, a Bayside guard.

That proved to be the turning point. Bayside drove 38 yards and scored as Kevin Harmon, unable to find an open man, lunged over the goal line from a yard out. His brother Ronnie kicked the extra point. At the half, the score was 14-12 Bayside.

In the second half, Jeff Tanner scored twice for Bayside, on runs of 38 and 15 yards. Bayside shut out Jefferson in the second half. After the second Tanner touchdown, Ronnie Harmon faked a kick and ran for a 2-point conversion.

"We had little defense in the second half, especially with that speed of theirs," said Moe Finkelstein, the Jefferson head coach. He coached Jefferson to divisional championships in 1971, 1974 and 1975. In 1978, his team beat Bayside in the semifinals but lost to South Shore in the final; in 1979, Bayside beat the Jeffs in the final.

Alleyne, the Bayside guard, talked about his key fumble recovery. "I was filling my hole," Alleyne said. "I saw their quarterback hand off and then the ball came out. I picked it up and I wasn't about to let it go."

Lonnie Bellamy, who led the team with 76 yards rushing, said that it was a hard-hitting game. "You can't mess around with Jefferson," he said. "We were messing up but came back."

Lincoln, in the other Division A playoff game, scored 20 points in the first quarter against Fort Richmond and won easily. Tony Brown gained 61 yards rushing and scored three touchdowns. Brown scored two touchdowns in the first quarter, one on offense, from I vard out, and another on defense when he recovered a fumble and ran 12 yards. His third-quarter score was on a 5-yard

Anthony Campagone, the Lincoln quarterback, threw for 150 yards and a 13-yard touchdown pass to Ellis Primus. Clive Harding, who made 11 rushes for 75 yards, scored in the second quarter by running 8 yards.

"Against Bayside, we're going to pitch and catch," said Charles Pravata, the Lincoln coach. "We're a small team, physically, but we're quick.''

Lincoln has not been to the P.S.A.L. final since the football program was re-organized in 1971.

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