

BAYSIDE TAKES THIRD P.S.A.L. CROWN IN ROW

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Bayside defeated Abraham Lincoln, 48-31, yesterday, to capture its third Public Schools Athletic League championship in a row. For the Commodores, now 10-0, it was the sixth P.S.A.L. title in the 11 years since the playoff system began. Bayside, which lost to St. John the Baptist in the Metro Bowl last season, will meet the Catholic school again in the citywide title game on Dec. 5. Called by Darkness

Today's game, played at Midwood Field, was called with 1 minute 43 seconds left to play because of darkness, just after Bayside's Kevin Harmon threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Ronnie Townsend.

That touchdown upset Charlie Pravata, the Lincoln coach. "He thought I was trying to run up the score on him by passing," said Tony Yacovone, the Bayside coach. "But I told him, I told the kid to hold the ball. He's a good athlete and he just got carried away, that's all." Yacovone apologized to Pravata at midfield after the game.

"They had the better football players," said Pravata. Bayside took an early lead and Lincoln never caught up. Harmon Brothers Excel

Bayside struck with its best weapons, Lonnie Bellamy, the running back, and the Harmon brothers, Kevin, the junior quarterback, and Ronnie, the senior running back.

Lincoln, whose only defeat this season came at the hands of Poly Prep, relied on Anthony Compagnone, its quarterback; Clive Harding, running back, and Ellis Primus, wide receiver.

When time ran out, Kevin Harmon had 6 completions in 8 attempts for 134 yards and threw touchdown passes of 48 and 25 yards. He also ran for two touchdowns, going 9 and 17 yards. Ronnie Harmon had 112 yards rushing and a pair of touchdowns. Bellamy had 69 yards rushing in 17 carries and three passes caught for another 86 yards and one touchdown.

Compagnone completed 14 of 29 for 185 yards and had only one pass intercepted. Harding scored four touchdowns - three on 1-yard plunges and one on a 6-yard run - and picked up 90 yards on 17 carries. Primus had five catches for 77 yards. A Key Run

"The touchdown by Ronnie Townsend was the last of the game, but I think the one I had just before that broke open the game," Kevin Harmon said of his 17-yard scamper down the left sideline. That put the Commodores up by 41-31 with 2:54 left to play. "They thought I got stopped and they just stood there," he said.

Kevin Harmon scored the first touchdown of the game with 6:24 left in the first period on a 9-yard run, and Jim Leible kicked the extra point.

Harding scored his first touchdown for Lincoln with 3:27 left in the period on a drive that was highlighted by a 30-yard Compagnone-to-Primus pass. The 2-point conversion pass attempt failed when Donnell Williams knocked down a pass intended for Fred Calloway. That left Bayside up by 7-6. Tanner Scores for Bayside

Jeff Tanner, who rushed for 59 yards on 13 attempts, plunged over from the 1 for the second Bayside touchdown with 9:49 left in the half. A running play for the conversion failed.

Lincoln and Bayside got a pair of touchdowns apiece in the third period. Leible hit two extra points and blocked one extra point attempt by Lincoln, so Bayside went into the fourth period leading by 34-25.

Harding's second 1-yard touchdown run led off the third period, and Leible blocked the conversion kick. That was followed by Bellamy's score on a 48-yard pass from Kevin Harmon. Lincoln scored again on a 5-yard run by Bert Renelique, with Maurice Chappell kicking the extra point. Ronnie Harmon countered with a 65-yard touchdown run. Lincoln Narrows Deficit

Compagnone opened the fourth quarter with a pair of pass completions to Fred Galloway and Primus, bringing Lincoln to the 1-yard line. Harding then scored, and after Chappell kicked the extra point, Lincoln trailed by 34-31.

Soon thereafter, Ronnie Harmon fumbled after being hit by Renelique, and Harding recovered. The Lincoln drive fizzled, however, and Kevin Harmon took over, picking up 26 yards on one option keeper and then going 22 yards for the score with 2:54 left.

"This was one of the best football games I've ever seen," said Yacavone. With championships in 1973, '76, '77, and the last three seasons, Bayside has now won twice as many P.S.A.L. titles as anyone else. But the Commodores have yet to win in their two Metro Bowl appearances.

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