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# SPORTS

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**Did you know?**

Delaware Valley College has converted 12 of 19 fourth downs this season and is averaging 29.5 points and 423.8 yards per game.

## Mirror image awaits DelVal

St. John Fisher has much in common with the Aggies

By Ed Kracz  
The Intelligencer

It all starts after center Damien Cieciszewski snaps the ball. That's when the ball reaches quarterback Adam Knoblauch's hands. That's when Delaware Valley College's offense comes alive. And what a creation it is.

"This is a good, a very good, offensive football team," said Paul Vosburgh, "and it starts with their quarterback."

Vosburgh is the coach of St. John Fisher (N.Y.), the team charged with trying to become the first one to topple the Aggies in a long, long time. He brings his Cardinals to DelVal's James Work Stadium today (noon) for a second-round playoff game in the NCAA Division III tournament. Sixteen teams remain in a field that began with 28 teams.

There are many reasons DelVal hasn't lost this season, hasn't lost since Nov. 8, 2003. The offense is at the top of the list.

With Knoblauch at the controls, and coach G.A. Mangus drawing up plays like the game is being played in a neighbor's backyard, the Aggies have scored more than 20 points in nine of their 11 games and have gone over the 30-point mark on five occasions.

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### St. John Fisher at DelVal

**What:** NCAA Division III second-round game  
**When:** Today, noon  
**Where:** James Work Memorial Stadium, Doylestown  
**Seeds, records:** No. 3 St. John Fisher (10-1), No. 2 DelVal (11-0)  
**Tickets:** \$8 for adults/\$4 for students

PIAA CLASS AA STATE QUARTERFINAL ♦ LANSDALE CATHOLIC 33, LAKELAND 0

## Two wins from title

LC, Lagomarsino rout Lakeland to bring state crown into focus

By Rick Woelfel  
The Intelligencer

AMBLER — They are still two steps from the top of the mountain. But the summit is clearly in view.

The Lansdale Catholic Cru-

### Nobody better

Staff writer Ed Kracz says that LC appears to be the best team left in the Class AA playoffs. Page C 3

saders looked an awful lot like a state championship football team against Lakeland on Friday night.

R.C. Lagomarsino led the climb with 197 rushing yards and two touchdowns as the Crusaders dismantled Lakeland, 33-0, in the PIAA Class AA state quarterfinals in front of a standing-room-only crowd

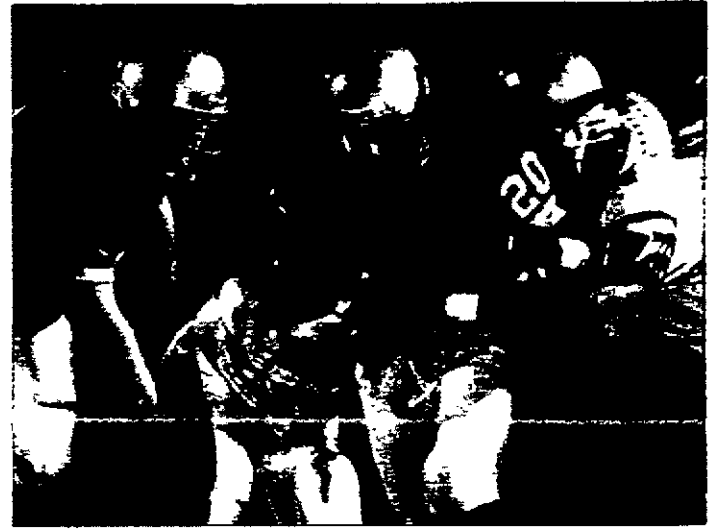
at Wissahickon High.

The Crusaders (12-1) earned a date in the semifinals next weekend against either District Three champion Littlestown or District Four champ Athens, who meet today at Hershey in another quarterfinal.

The Chiefs, who won the District Two title, went home for the year at 12-1.

The Crusaders jumped on their opponent before most of the fans had gotten settled. Lagomarsino broke off a 69-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage, and

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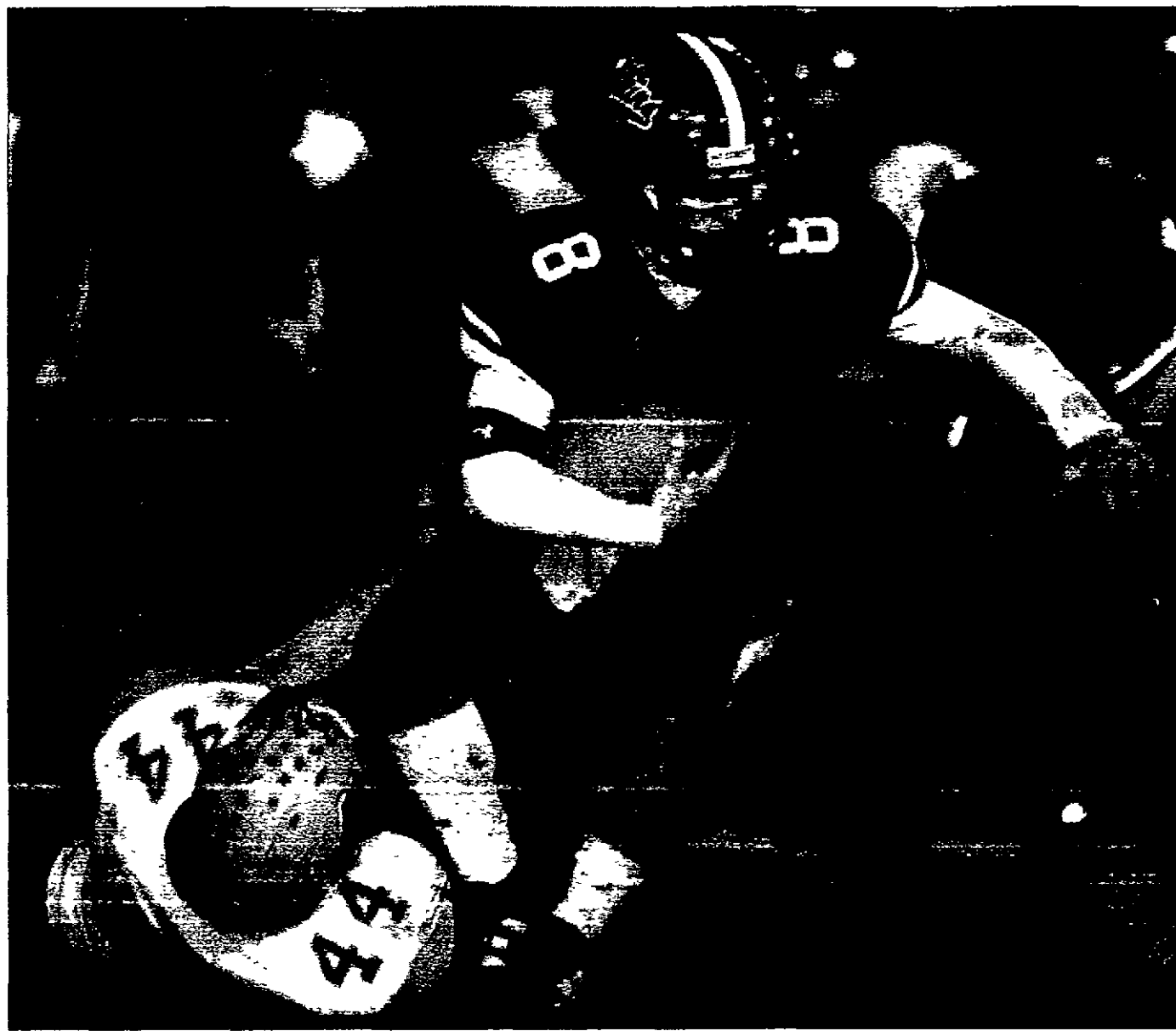
LC senior R.C. Lagomarsino, who rushed for 197 yards, tries to run through a tackle during the Crusaders' win.

DISTRICT ONE CLASS AAAA CHAMPIONSHIP ♦ NESHAMINY 51, NORTH PENN 34

## Knights out

Neshaminy ends NP season with fourth-quarter surge

By Todd Thorpe  
The Intelligencer



Joe Dixon/The Intelligencer

North Penn's Alex Johnson brings down Neshaminy quarterback Andrew Fogel for a sack. However, Neshaminy, for the most part, had its way against the North Penn defense.

LANGHORNE — Certainly, it was a mere formality.

The PIAA District One Class AAAA title would be Neshaminy's when Friday night was concluded.

North Penn, the defending Class AAAA state champion, had been decimated by the suspension of eight players in recent weeks, tied to a July brawl in the parking lot at Central Bucks West High School. Without those eight, and especially the four that played last week against Pennridge but were now ineligible, the Knights didn't stand a chance at Harry E. Franks Stadium.

Well, Neshaminy won, but it wasn't the rout many might have thought it would be, as North Penn showed it still had plenty of firepower and heart before being out-run by the fifth-seeded Redskins, 51-34.

"Everyone played hard," said NP senior halfback Shane Gallagher. "I think it was just out of our hands. The other team outplayed us, but say nothing bad about our team. We came out, we played hard, we just didn't come out with the win."

It might have been the end of the road for the Knights (10-3), but Friday night showed that despite all of the adversity, the

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### A year too early

Staff writer Drew Markol writes that North Penn looks like a title contender in 2005. Page C 3

## Eagles prepare for the other Manning

By Reuben Frank  
The Intelligencer

PHILADELPHIA — He has the Manning name, he has the ability, he has the bloodlines. All he's missing is the experience.

The Eagles won't face the hottest quarterback in the NFL, they'll face his kid brother. Eli Manning, 23 years old, makes his second pro start Sunday at 1 p.m., when the Eagles face the Giants at the Meadowlands.

Manning last week replaced former NFL Most Valuable Player Kurt Warner as the Giants' starting quarterback

### Eagles at Giants

**When:** Sunday, 1 p.m.  
**Where:** Giants Stadium  
**On the air:** Fox; 94.1 WYSP-FM  
**Records:** Eagles (9-1); Giants (5-5)  
**Line:** Eagles by 7

and went 17-for-37 for 162 yards with two interceptions, one touchdown and a 45.1 passer rating in the Giants' 14-10 loss to the Falcons.

"It looks to me like he made some good throws and he made some bad throws," Eagles safety Brian Dawkins said. "The

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AP photo

Allen Iverson celebrates with Sixers fans after he scored the winning basket with 0.2 seconds left in overtime.

## Iverson's swipe helps steal a win

By Stuart London  
The Intelligencer

PHILADELPHIA — When the game was almost over, Allen Iverson went into the stands of the Wachovia Center, but his reasons were far more positive than Ron Artest's.

After letting the lead slip through their fingers at the end of regulation, the 76ers were tied with the Washington Wizards with 3.9 seconds left in overtime and the Wizards had the ball.

### Making strides

After falling behind in most of their games early in the season, the Sixers haven't had to play from behind lately. Page C 4

On the right sideline, Jarvis Hayes tried to inbound to Gilbert Arenas, who was coming back to the ball.

However, Iverson came back even quicker, stepped in front of Arenas for the steal and deposited a layup with 0.2 seconds left to give the Sixers a 116-114 overtime win Friday afternoon.

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