



St. Mary's hosts Logansport for battle of district control

Logansport Tigers (7-1, 2-0 3-1A) at St. Mary's Tigers (6-1, 2-0 3-1A) – Week 9

Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023 | 7 p.m. CT | Natchitoches, La | Turpin Stadium

Last Meeting: SMH 24, Logansport 8 (Oct. 27, 2022 at Logansport)

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NATCHITOCHEES, La. – The Division IV Select top-ranked St. Mary's Tigers' football team faces off against the Logansport Tigers in a crucial district 3-1A matchup Thursday night at Turpin Stadium at 7 p.m.

St. Mary's (6-1, 2-0 3-1A) is coming off a 49-0-win last Friday night over Montgomery on the road. SMH had a 13-game regular season winning streak snapped the week before at Peabody but had little trouble bouncing back. The Tigers jumped out to a 35-0 halftime lead against MHS capped off by a 95-yard interception return for a touchdown by Nathan Slaughter just before the half.

“I think apart from one series, we played as well as we could have,” said SMH head football coach Aaron York. “Once we made the adjustments from that sequence where we made a few penalties, we were really good the rest of the game.”

SMH continues to be led by senior quarterback Mixon Bankston who leads the district with 15 total touchdowns (8 passing, 7 rushing). Senior wide receiver Ethan Busby has 504 receiving yards to lead the league as well for the Tigers. Defensively, SMH is paced by senior linebackers Drake Griffin and Ben Bienvenu who are first and second in the league in tackles, respectively, with 92 and 64.

Logansport (7-1, 2-0 3-1A) enters Thursday ranked number two in Division IV Non-Select. LHS has won seven straight games following a season opening loss to Calvary, including a win over Peabody 34-6 in Week 3. Since the loss to Calvary, Logansport has outscored opponents 308-91 in the current seven-game win streak.

“They’re going to be a big and physical football team,” said York. “I expect both teams to come out ready to go and give each other their best shot. They know us and we know them so there’s no big secrets here.”

Logansport and St. Mary’s have split the last two games with SMH winning last season, 24-8, while LHS won in 2021, 50-23.

Fans can tune into Thursday’s game by listening live at 100.7 KZBL locally. The game will also be available for those out of the listening area at kzbl.com/listen.html. Live updates will be available at well at the Inside Natchitoches Sports Facebook page.