



St. Mary's Looks to Remain Undefeated, Hosts DeQuincy Thursday

DeQuincy Tigers (0-3) at St. Mary's Tigers (3-0) – Week 4
Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 | 7 p.m. CT | Natchitoches, La | Turpin Stadium
Last Meeting: SMH 42, DeQuincy 14 (Sept. 23, 2022 at DeQuincy)
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NATCHITOCHEs, La. – The St. Mary's Tigers football team seeks to remain undefeated in the 2023 season as it takes on the DeQuincy Tigers Thursday night at Turpin Stadium at 7 p.m. in non-district action.

The Tigers (3-0), under sixth-year head coach Aaron York, are on the heels of a 26-13 win over Holy Savior Menard Friday night. SMH fell behind 7-0 midway through the first quarter but scored 26 unanswered points highlighted by two interceptions for touchdowns by Ben Bienvenu and Ethan Busby. Drake Griffin had another monster game defensive tallying 15 tackles, two for a loss.

“I think defensively we probably played our best game of the year,” said York. “I thought we controlled the game on that side of the ball all night long and I can’t say enough about the defense. Offensively, Menard did a good job of taking away our pass game by dropping back more than usual and when we figured that out, we relied more on our run game. I thought our offensive line and running backs did an excellent job of helping us control the clock for much of the game.”

DeQuincy (0-3) is in a transition phase under rookie head coach Tate Woodard. The Tigers finished 2-8 in 2022 including a 42-14 loss to St. Mary’s at home in Week 4.

“Dequincy is learning a new system with the new coach,” said York. “But they are a big and physical team, and we know that are going to have our hands full with it being a short week for us.”

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 as well at the Inside Natchitoches Sports Facebook page.