

St. Mary's wraps up regular season at Northwood-Lena Thursday

**St. Mary's Tigers (6-2, 2-1 3-1A) at Northwood-Lena (1-8, 0-8 3-1A) – Week 9
Thursday, Nov. 2 | 7 p.m. CT | Lena, La**

Last Meeting: SMH 55, Northwood-Lena 12 (Nov. 3, 2022 - at Northwood)

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LENA, La. – The Division IV Select third-ranked St. Mary's Tigers take on the Northwood-Lena Gators Thursday night on the road in the regular season finale at 7 p.m.

St. Mary's (6-2, 2-1 3-1A) is coming off a tough loss at home to Logansport (8-1, 3-0 3-1A), 20-3, which gave LHS control of the district. With a win this week against Montgomery Friday night, Logansport will claim the district 3-1A title.

“We can pull positives and negatives from Thursday (against Logansport),” said SMH head football coach Aaron York. “We did a better job of coming out with more energy than we did a couple of weeks ago against Peabody. I thought our defense played fairly well throughout the entire ballgame. Offensively, I thought there were spurts but we didn't win the battle of the trenches. As we progress in the playoffs, we have to find a way to win the line of scrimmage battle and when we can figure that out, we will be pretty good.”

Senior Drake Griffin continues to shine for the Tigers on the defensive end. The linebacker is seventh in the state in tackles with 110. SMH's Ethan Busby leads the district in receiving with 511 yards and has caught six touchdown passes.

Northwood-Lena (1-8, 0-3 3-1A) has had a tough road as they have lost four in a row and have been outscored by their opponents 356-128 this season.

“Our challenge this week to our kids is to finish the regular season strong,” said York. “We need to take care of business Thursday night and then we will give ourselves a chance to have a pretty good seed going into the postseason.”

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.