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# Football: Potterville looking to add to win streak

## Vikings host Dansville after upset win over Bath

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Potterville's Kolin Groom hands the ball to Luke Wood. / MATTHEW DAE SMITH / for LSJ

Written by **Dick Hoekstra**

Coach Mike Selzer has seen the highs and lows.

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In 2009, Potterville went 9-0 in the regular season and finished 10-1. The last two years, the Vikings went 0-9 and 1-8.

With two straight victories, Potterville appears to be on the way up again.

"It's small school football. There are going to be cycles to it," Selzer said. "Our kids were not discouraged. They keep on working, and we're working our way up."

After an 0-3 start, the Vikings blanked Saranac 42-0 and then surprised Bath 26-13 last week. They accomplished this even though they are

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Yoshonis and Schwarze went 22-6 and Hoekstra 20-8 in week 5 picks. Yoshonis has a 117-33 record, while Hoekstra and Schwarze are 110-10 over five weeks of picks.

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starting five sophomores from a 15-man roster that has grown to 18.

“At the beginning, we were very young and had low numbers,” Selzer said. “But we’ve been forced to have sophomores up (on varsity) the last couple of years. At first, the game moves so much faster at varsity than when they were freshmen. Now they are starting to play well, and we’re becoming a veteran squad.”

A week after defeating a Bath team that looked like it might finish third in the CMAC behind Division 7 third-ranked Pewamo-Westphalia and Division 8 No. 8 Fowler, Potterville hosts the next team that might wind up in that spot in Dansville (3-2).

With a win, perhaps the Vikings — who lost 33-8 to Pewamo-Westphalia a month ago — can challenge for third or maybe even higher as they close out their CMAC schedule at Laingsburg (1-4) and at Fowler (4-1).

Potterville would likely have to win out to return to the playoffs, and the Vikings finish the season with undefeated MSAC co-leader Carson City-Crystal (5-0).

But just the mention of playoffs shows Potterville is on the rise.

**OTHER GAMES:** Division 4 fifth-ranked Sexton (3-0, 5-0) plays at Holt (3-0, 3-2) for first place in the CAAC Blue, while East Lansing (2-1, 3-2) hosts Everett (2-1, 4-1) in a game where the winner is still alive for a title share but the loser likely will be eliminated from that chance.

Williamston (2-0, 4-1) plays at Division 5 No. 2 Portland (2-0, 5-0) for first place — and probably the league title — in the CAAC White.

Division 3 No. 9 Mason (2-1, 4-1) needs a win at home against Division 6 No. 2 Jackson Lumen Christi (3-0, 5-0) to move into a tie for first in the CAAC Gold.

Division 6 No. 1 Ithaca (4-0, 5-0) hosts Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary (4-0, 4-1) for first place in the TVC West.

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