

The final three weeks of the regular season certainly held mixed emotions for Simon Kenton, going 1-2 with a 38-21 victory over Campbell County, and two blowout losses to Ryle (43-13) and Cooper (55-29). Despite bright spots in the comfortable pocket presence of QB Grant Webb and the defensive leadership of LBs Brayden Schoborg and Tucker Ober, it has been the performances of Ryle and Cooper's star-studded offenses that have outshone the Pioneers. Ryle RB Jacob Savage (Indiana University commit) and Cooper QB Cam O'Hara (Western Kentucky University commit) were both able to sniff out the holes in the Pioneer defense, evidently having profound impacts on the offensive end.

Looking ahead to this Friday, the Pioneers (5-5) will take on the Oldham County Colonels (6-4) at home, kicking off at 7:30. Overall, these teams match up very evenly, with similar seasons and similar stats. Simon Kenton slightly edges out Oldham County in PPG, sitting at 24.9, with Oldham County trailing at 23.2. After being without CB Colton Farfsing and LB Kyle King, the Pioneers will hope to be at full strength against an Oldham County offense that has scored 25 points or more in nearly half of their games this season. Defensively, Oldham County has allowed an impressive 18.7 PPG to Simon Kenton's 30.9. With Oldham County having two shutout wins on the season, it appears the offensive firepower for Simon Kenton may be meeting a steel curtain in the Colonel Defense.

Should the Pioneers take down Oldham County on Friday night, they will head to Louisville to meet one of Kentucky's most historic high school football powerhouses in the Trinity Shamrocks. Trinity, sitting at 8-2, previously defeated Oldham County on October 24th with ease, 52-3. With statement wins over Louisville Saint Xavier (35-24) and Fredrick Douglass (37-0), the Pioneers could very well have their hands full with a nearly unstoppable Shamrock offense.

But- enough with all the negative talk. If we've learned anything about this Simon Kenton football season, it's that anyone can make a play that completely changes the momentum of a game. With three definite threats in the passing game in Grayson Harris, Christian Bounds, and Forest Hughes, along with a stout running game in Landon Brown and Jordan Pendleton, the Pioneer offense has all the necessary tools to make a run this postseason. In an even matchup that is set to be a war 'til the final buzzer sounds at Chlorine Menefee Stadium this season, the Pioneers and Colonels will be playing for their football lives.