

## Oct. 29 Football: 'Stars dimmed



*Nottingham's Jack Andrejcik buries a Rancocas Valley runner during today's icy contest in Mount Holly (Photo by Mary "Mom" Malone).*

### **Nottingham stifles RV offense but mistakes prove costly in loss**

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**Oct. 29:** The Nottingham High football team's playoff hopes were most likely dashed today as host Rancocas Valley scored 19 unanswered points for a 26-7 victory today.

The loss leaves the Northstars 4-3 and they entered the weekend ninth in Central Jersey Group III power points. Only the top eight qualify for the playoffs.

What makes this one so tough to take is that Nottingham (4-3), with the help of some brutal weather, held standout running back Deshawn Jones to just 24 rushing yards and limited the Red Devils (5-2) to just 111 yards in total offense.

But Nottingham allowed a special teams score, and an offense that gained 164 yards also provided RV with a score.

Rancocas Valley, which won its fifth straight, opened the game with a 93-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. The Northstars bounced right back in the first quarter when quarterback Esayah Obado scored on a 33-yard run.

But in the second quarter, Nottingham recovered a fumble in the endzone to take the lead for good. The Northstars committed four turnovers in a icy conditions (RV lost two fumbles), allowing the Devils some short fields. They capitalized in the second half on two touchdown runs by Kelvin White.

Obado was just 5-for-14 for 74 yards on a day that was not designed for passing. Luke Westerberg came in and was 2-for-8 for 10 yards. The Northstars rushed for just 80 yards on 33 carries, as Obado ran for 59.