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Clairton wins the Pennsylvania Passing League – West @ Baldwin High School on June 16

PPL-WEST event is the first of three Pennsylvania Passing League events in Keystone State

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HARRISBURG, PA – Clairton won the 3rd Annual Pennsylvania Passing League (PPL) West Division title at Baldwin High School on Saturday, June 16, besting a field of 17 teams from throughout western Pennsylvania. Clairton completed an unbeaten run in the event with a win over Washington in the title game. After scoring 78 points in three pool play games, Clairton earned the top-seed for the single-elimination championship round. Clairton knocked off Latrobe, Bishop Canevin, and Ringgold to advance to the title game.

The PPL-West was the first of three PPL events in 2012 with the PPL-CENTRAL in Harrisburg at Susquehanna Township on July 15 and the PPL-EAST in Philadelphia at Wissahickon High School on July 21. Each PPL event is a single-day tournament in which each teams is guaranteed to play four games with three pool play games and at least one-game in the single-elimination championship round.

Here's the field for the 2012 PPL-West at Baldwin High School on June 16:

Ambridge
Avonworth
Baldwin
Bishop Canevin Catholic
Clairton
Chartiers Valley
Elizabeth Forward
Greater Latrobe Area
Imani Christian Academy
Laurel Highlands
McGuffey
Montour
Perry Traditional Academy
Ringgold
South Allegheny
South Park
Washington
West Mifflin

The Pennsylvania Passing League (PPL) is a seven-on-seven passing league featuring high school football teams from throughout the Keystone State. The PPL is an opportunity for high school football teams to engage in a leadership-developing, team-building, skill-enhancing competition during the summer. The U.S. Army's sponsorship of the Pennsylvania Passing League ensures that teams will not be charged to participate in the event.



PPL events are single-day seven-on-seven passing tournaments that feature high school football players from throughout the Keystone State. Each participating team is guaranteed to play four games with three games in pool play to determine the seeding for the single-elimination championship round. The official rules of play for PPL events, entry forms, and participant release forms are available for download at www.TheSportsFlash.com/PPL.htm.

Since 2010, the Pennsylvania Passing League has hosted 64 teams and as many as 1,280 student-athletes at events at Gateway High School and Susquehanna Township High School. In 2011, at the PPL-WEST Division event at Gateway High School, the Clairton Bears knocked off Montour, 18-7, for the PPL-WEST title. Nineteen teams competed in the 2011 event at Gateway.

Teams that are interested in participating in the 2012 PPL-WEST event should contact Mike Sinnott at (517) 927-4570 or via e-mail at TheSportsFlash@aol.com or mike@TheSportsFlash.com.

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The United States Passing League (USPL) will manage the North Carolina Passing League for the U.S. Army Asheville Recruiting Company. Since 2010, the USPL has managed passing league campaigns in Maryland; North Carolina; Pennsylvania; and South Carolina. The USPL is a marketing platform managed by "The Sports Flash" (TSF) Radio Network. TSF Radio Network provides local, customized sports updates to 179 network affiliates in 13 different states while managing unique sports marketing campaigns for many organizations. For more information about the USPL, NCPL, or other marketing campaigns managed by TSF Radio Network, contact Mike Sinnott at (517) 927-4570.

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