



Dunbar's Blackston leads Purple Foxes to the championship of the U.S. Marine Corps – Passing League Maryland

Purple Foxes beat the Destroyers, 29-18, in the title game for first-ever U.S. Marine Corps Passing League title

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BALTIMORE, MD - The U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting Station Baltimore crowned its first champion of the U.S. Marine Corps – Passing League Maryland on Saturday, July 23 at Woodlawn High School. Dunbar's Travis Blackston coached the Purple Foxes to a 29-18 win over the Destroyers in the championship game of the inaugural event. The Purple Foxes went 7-0 to win the event. The Edmonson-Westside's Dante Jones coached his Destroyers to a runner-up finish with a 6-1 record.

First-year Woodlawn head coach DaVaughn Mellerson coached his Wolfpack to a third-place finish with a 4-1 record. The Thunder, coached by Milford Mill Academy's Reggie White, finished fourth with a 3-2 mark.

Pool play determined the seeding for the eight-team single-elimination championship round. The Purple Foxes won Pool D with a 3-0 record. Other pool winners included: the Wolfpack (Pool A); Destroyers (Pool B); Bowie's Terry Hayes-coached Highlander (Pool C); and Glen Burnie's Mike Melton led the Lava Dogs to the title in Pool E.

Based on the total number of points scored in pool play, three at-large teams were selected to play in the championship-round, including: the Devil Dogs, coached by South River's Lance Clelland (78 points); the Thunder, led by Milford Mill's Reggie White (58 points); and the Nightmare, coached by Baltimore City College's Matt Wyskiel.

The United States Marine Corps – Passing League Maryland featured 19 teams and more than 350 student-athletes from throughout Maryland, playing in a single-day tournament event. The U.S. Marine Corps Passing League - Maryland is a traditional seven-on-seven non-contact passing league played on a shortened field with only passing plays from the line of scrimmage. The games feature quarterbacks, wide receivers, running backs, and defensive backs, giving these skill players an opportunity to sharpen their skills in a fun, competitive atmosphere.

In accordance with Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association rules regarding out of season practice and competition, the U.S. Marine Corps – Passing League Maryland assigned team names or monikers that are not connected with any specific public high school in the state. The U.S. Marine Corps – Passing League Maryland team names are all associated with regiments, battalions, air wings, etc., from the rich history of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Woodlawn High School is part of the Baltimore County Public Schools and is located at 1801 Woodlawn Drive in Baltimore. Woodlawn High School is committed to fostering an environment of high expectation and academic excellence accomplished through the ideals of teamwork, respect, and responsibility. Woodlawn High School is a four-year, public, comprehensive high school serving approximately 1,800 students. The school has received accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools by the Maryland Department of Education. Woodlawn High School is also a member of the College Entrance Examination Board and the National Association of College Admissions Counselors.

The U.S. Marine Corps is a branch of the United States armed forces responsible for providing power projection from the sea and serving as an amphibious force-in-readiness. For more information about become one of the few and the proud, go online to www.Marines.com.

"The Sports Flash" (TSF) Radio Network managed the U.S. Marine Corps – Passing League Maryland. In 2010, TSF Radio Network launched the Pennsylvania Passing League, which featured 32 teams playing in two divisions with more than 600 student-athletes participating. The National Football League's Pittsburgh Steelers invited the Pennsylvania Passing League's division winners to play an exhibition at halftime of their 2010 preseason opener at Heinz Field. The Pennsylvania Passing League held two tournaments in 2011 in Harrisburg and suburban Pittsburgh.

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