



CLASS S

BLOOMFIELD 42

CROMWELL/PORTLAND 20

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EAST HARTFORD, Dec. 9, 2023 - Davien Kerr scored three touchdowns and his twin brother Davion Kerry had a pair of touchdowns to lead No. 2 seed Bloomfield to a 42-20 win over No. 4 seed Cromwell/Portland in the CIAC Class S championship game at Rentschler Field. Cromwell struck first on a 20-yard touchdown pass from Jess Elfeich to Emeka Yearwood before Darrien Foster connected with Davien Kerr on touchdown passes of 10 and 24 yards.

Cromwell tied the game on Elfeich's 15-yard TD pass to Jack Nolan. Bloomfield scored on the final play of the first half after a 32-yard pass from Foster to Davion Kerr and a defensive pass interference penalty set up Davien Kerr's 1-yard run to make it 20-14 at halftime.



"We came into this game saying we got this," Davien Kerr said. "They scored first, I knew they were going to punch us in the mouth first but if we fight together, we are going to win this game. Two stops changed the whole game."

Two plays after Emeka Yearwood had a 62-yard run, his brother Osi Yearwood had a 2-yard scoring run to tie the game at 20. Davion Kerr, who ran for 173 yards, had a 16-yard touchdown catch and added a 22-yard scoring run. He nearly had a third score but his fumble as he was on the way in for a touchdown was recovered by Za'kwi Kimber.

"Bloomfield is a great team," Cromwell/Portland coach Randell Bennett said. "We were just outmatched, they have more guns than we have."



Jayden Johnson had a pair of interceptions to lead the defense for Bloomfield (11-1).

"We play as a team and when you play as a team you win championships, defense wins championship," Johnson said. "Defense wins championships."

It was the 10th state title for Bloomfield. The Warhawks had lost their last three state finals and that included a 21-6 loss to Cromwell/Portland in 2021.

"Last week our defense stepped up in the second half and (Notre Dame) doesn't score another point and that is what wins championships," Bloomfield coach Ty Outlaw said.

Bloomfield 42, Cromwell/Portland 20

(at East Hartford)

Cromwell/Portland 8 6 6 0-20

Bloomfield 8 12 22 0-42

First Quarter

C-Emeka Yearwood 20 pass from Jess Elfeich (Matt Gish pass from Elfeich) 8:05

B-Davien Kerr 10 pass from Darrien Foster (Davien Kerr run) 5:39

Second Quarter

B-Davien Kerr 24 pass from Foster (pass failed) 11:14

C-Jack Nolan 15 pass from Elfeich (run failed) 0:45

B-Davien Kerr 1 run (pass failed) 0:00

Third Quarter

C-Osi Yearwood 2 run (pass failed) 10:53

B-Davion Kerr 22 run (Davien Kerr run) 10:13

B-Za'kwi Kimber recovered fumble in the end zone (pass failed) 3:49

Fourth Quarter

B-Davion Kerr 1 run (Davien Kerr pass from Foster) 11:03



Rushing

Cromwell/Portland - Emeka Yearwood 6-78, Tyler Cippoll 4-42;

Bloomfield - Davion Kerr 21-173, Davien Kerr 9-45

Passing

Cromwell-Portland - Jess Elfeich 11-17-1 129, Michael Sitaro 3-7-116;

Bloomfield - Darrien Foster 10-17-0 167

Receiving

Cromwell-Portland - Tyler Cippolla 7-51, Jack Nolan 3-75, Emeka

Yearwood 2-13; Bloomfield - Davien Kerr 5-89

Records: Cromwell-Portland 10-3; Bloomfield 11-1