

# **Crucial Varsity 1 Game Thursday**

The Stamford Hornets' 42-30 victory over the A. N. Myer Marauders last week in Varsity 1 football sets up a crucial game Thursday under the lights at the Home for Girls Soccer in Niagara Falls.

The Hornets (4-1) will host the Holy Cross Raiders (5-0) in a game with many playoff implications.

"This game could decide first through third, depending on coin toss or whatever," Hornets coach Brad Martin said.

If the Raiders win and the Sir Winston Churchill Bulldogs (5-0) do the expected and beat St. Francis Friday, the two teams would be involved in a coin toss to determine who would be the first seed.

If Stamford wins, the Hornets would be the third seed at worst, depending on the outcome of the A. N. Myer (3-2) at Beamsville (4-1) game Friday at 3 p. m. If Beamsville and Stamford win, a coin toss will be needed to decide the second seed in the playoffs.

How important home-field advantage is in the playoffs is debatable.

"Well, considering the past two years the home team has lost the championship game, I don't know," Martin said. "But I think it's important for schools to get a couple home playoff games, because it gets their fans into it and it's good for the kids."

In the victory over A. N. Myer, Robbie Farquharson scored four TDs for Stamford and Cam Brockwell and Zach Allen added single scores.

Brandon Murray scored all four majors for A. N. Myer.

## **POWER POLL**

### VARSITY 1

1. Sir Winston Churchill (5-0): Bulldogs looked mortal in last week's win over Beamsville. Penalty problems continue to plague defending champs.
2. Holy Cross (5-0): Raiders continue to roll. Stamford game Thursday night will be good test.
3. Beamsville (4-1): Bucs defence showed its mettle in tough game against Churchill.
4. Stamford (4-1): Hornets have already clinched first in Eastern Division.
5. Westlane (3-2): Spartans should end season with victory over Ridley College Thursday.
6. A. N. Myer (3-2): Myer would love to beat Beamsville Friday to improve first-round playoff matchup.

7. Centennial (1-4): Cougars can keep mathematical playoff hopes alive with win over Governor Simcoe Friday.

8. Governor Simcoe (2-3): A win and they're in the playoffs. A loss and they're likely on wrong end of playoff tie-breaker.

9. Eden (2-3): A win over Grimsby Friday guarantees a playoff spot for the Flyers in their return to Varsity 1.

10. St. Francis (1-4): Phoenix in tough Friday hosting Churchill.

11. Ridley College (0-5): So close to recording first win of year last week against Eden. Will have to play best game of year to beat Westlane Thursday.

12. Grimsby (0-5): All that's left for Eagles is to be playoff spoiler for Eden.