



2019 IHSAA FOOTBALL FINALS CLASS 4A

Friday, Nov. 22, 2019 – 7 p.m.

VALLEY, W.D.M. (12-0) vs. DOWLING CATHOLIC, W.D.M. (11-1)



VALLEY Tigers (12-0)

Rankings – AP: 1; RI: 1; RPI: 1

Playoff Appearances – 35

Titles (Year) – 5 (2002, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2011)

Head coach – Gary Swenson, 44th season overall, 371-108

Scoring average – Offense: 47.0; Defense: 9.7

Notes – First finals appearance since 2011, first time facing Dowling Catholic in finals...Beat Dowling in Week 2 contest, 29-22...Responsible for four of Dowling's six losses since 2013...RBs Creighton Mitchell and Jayden Williams both went over 100 yards rushing in semis and have over 2,400 yards combined.

Pronunciation guide – N/A

PROBABLE STARTERS

OFFENSE			DEFENSE		
Pos	#	Name	Pos	#	Name
LT	78	Colby Christensen	DE	60	Nick Buttolph
LG	72	Mason Ayres	DE	99	Jake Grandquist
C	54	Zach Shaner	DT	44	Jake Coleman
RG	60	Nick Buttolph	DT	52	CJ Stillman
RT	79	Logan Mueller	LB	28	Carsen Shelton
WR	2	Matthew Mahoney	LB	29	Cael Sampson
WR	8	Jack Johnson	LB	21	Blake Underwood
WR	13	Ryan Neu	DB	6	Kedar Louis
QB	11	Braeden Katcher	DB	3	Trajen Thornton
RB	45	Nate Willcockson	DB	24	Drew Jirak
RB	9	Creighton Mitchell	DB	25	Clayton Adamson
P	13	Ryan Neu	PR	3	Trajen Thornton
K	1	Aiden Feldman	KR	9	Creighton Mitchell

DOWLING CATHOLIC Maroons (11-1)

Rankings – AP: 3; RI: 2; RPI: 3

Playoff Appearances – 42

Titles (Year) – 9 (2000, 2001, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)

Head coach – Tom Wilson, 28th season overall, 256-62

Scoring average – Offense: 40.0; Defense: 10.8

Notes – Six-time defending champ trying to become first team in Iowa prep football history to win seven consecutive titles...RB Gavin Williams has 1,122 yards and 16 TDs rushing in nine games, did not play in loss at Valley in Week 2...Holds 12-10 record vs. Valley in postseason all-time.

Pronunciation guide – Stein [Stine], Lentsch [Linch], Nyanti Gehrke [Ni-anty Ger-key], Keough [Keo], Himrich [Him-rick]

PROBABLE STARTERS

OFFENSE			DEFENSE		
Pos	#	Name	Pos	#	Name
LT	77	Charlie Nank	DE	91	Jackson Filer
LG	56	Joe Ryan	DE	67	Russell Pearson
C	53	Nolan Sinnott	DT	55	Jaylen Pettus
RG	72	Ryan Boles	DT	57	Theo Davis
RT	75	Tyler Stein	LB	42	Chris Ousley
WR	5	Matt Stilwill	LB	9	Nyanti Gehrke
WR	2	Louis Brooks	LB	30	Jake Meyer
TE	89	Andrew Lentsch	DB	3	Michael Keough
RB	31	Teagan Johnson	DB	22	Owen Schiltz
RB	21	Gavin Williams	DB	8	Austin Klein
QB	12	Hank Himrich	DB	7	Adam Brauch
P	9	Nyanti Gehrke	PR	5	Matt Stilwill
K	18	Jake Calvert	KR	21	Gavin Williams

MEDIA INFORMATION

STATISTICS

The IHSAA supplies box scores and keeps live stats online (State Playoff Central) for championship games. Season statistics are available on QuikStatsIowa.com. Rankings listed below through latest postings of Associated Press and Radio Iowa polls and final posting of IHSAA's RPI.

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INTERVIEWS

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