

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: Glendora's Sierra farewell convincing, 34-20

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Glendora quarterback Chad Jeffries (15) runs for a first down in the first quarter during a football between Ayala High School and Glendora High School at Citrus College on Thursday, November 12, 2009, in Glendora. (SGVN/Staff Photo by Keith Birmingham)

**GLENDORA** - There was a real playoff atmosphere Thursday night at Citrus College, and for good reason. Glendora High School's Sierra League finale against Ayala was a real playoff.

"If we lose, we're out, and if we win we're league champs," Tartans quarterback Chad Jeffries explained. "It's kind of a weird situation we're in."

Jeffries made sense of the deal by completing 16 of 24 passes for 225 yards and a touchdown and running for 93 yards and another score as Glendora claimed a share of its third successive league crown with a 34-20 victory that wasn't certain until the final 67 seconds.

The Tartans (7-3 overall, 4-1 league), who will move to the Baseline League next season, are tied atop the standings with Damien (5-5, 4-1). Chino Hills (7-2, 3-1) will join them if, as expected, it beats Diamond Bar (1-8, 1-3) tonight.

A coin flip this morning at Damien will determine the order of the league's representatives in the CIF- Southern Section's Central Division playoffs. If Diamond Bar pulls off the upset, Damien would be the league's top representative, thanks to a 21-0 win over Glendora on Oct. 23, and the Tartans would be the No. 2 team.

Ayala (6-4, 2-3) would have claimed a playoff berth with a victory, and it's still eligible for the division's lone at-large berth, but there's little hope it'll beat the Baseline's No. 4 team for the spot.

"Neither of us (were going to) get the wild card, we knew that," Ayala coach Tom Inglima said. "Upland deserves it. At 8-2, sure. That's hard to believe, 8-2 and a wild card."

The Bulldogs, who shared last year's league title with Glendora and Chino Hills, engineered long drives for touchdowns on their first two

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possessions and pulled even, 20-20, at the start of the fourth quarter on Michael Trujillo's second touchdown run.

Matt Kerman missed a field goal on Glendora's next possession, but Jeffries and Duwani Bankhead made certain the final five minutes belonged to the Tartans.

Starting at the Tartans' 45 with 4:38 to go, Jeffries completed passes to Aaron Stockham for

6 yards, to J.T. Riley for 19 and to Stockham for 15, then pitched to Bankhead, who ran the final 17 yards for a 27-20 lead.

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Ayala's hopes to force overtime went awry when Chad Lindsay intercepted Ryan Orozco at the Bulldogs' 41 with 1:07 to play, and Jeffries sprinted 39 yards for an insurance score two plays later.

"I was proud of the way our kids played," Glendora coach Mark Pasquarella said. "We've

got a lot of momentum going into the playoffs. We beat Chino Hills (two weeks ago) and Ayala - two good football teams - so hopefully we'll get a good coin flip tomorrow and be a one or a two."

Bankhead ran for two touchdowns, intercepted two passes and blocked an extra point.

Jeffries, who completed his first seven passes as Glendora scored on its first two possessions, hit Stockham six times for 75 yards and Riley four times for 85 yards.

Trujillo rushed for 142 yards on 19 carries.

Glendora won the 2007 league title outright.

"We're leaving the Sierra League with at least a part of three of them in a row," Pasquarella boasted.

"Maybe that's the reason we're leaving, you know what I mean?"

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