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Eight-man football league expands to seven schools

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With the late addition of Oriskany, Pulaski and Section IV's Seton Catholic to the eight-man football league already made up of South Lewis, Cooperstown, New York Mills and Bishop Grimes, Section III has released a new schedule for the new league.

Oriskany will host Cooperstown on Sept. 23 for week one, travel to New York Mills on Sept. 30 for week two, have a bye week on week three, travel to Seton Catholic on Oct. 14 for their week four, host South Lewis in week five and host Bishop Grimes for the regular season finale in week six.

Nov. 4 will be the date for the championship game for the eight-man league at a site and time to be announced.

For South Lewis, the Falcons will host Seton Catholic week one at 7 p.m. on Sept. 22 and host Pulaski in week two on Sept. 29. On Oct. 7, South Lewis will travel to Cooperstown for the week three contest, host New York Mills on Oct. 13 for week four, travel to Oriskany for week five and have a bye week in week six.

"Oriskany is appreciative of the Section III Football Committee's work to organize the 8-man football league," Oriskany athletic director Tom Meiss said in an e-mail this morning.

"With our current low participation numbers at the varsity level, the 8-man league allows us to sustain football as an opportunity for our student athletes."

Practices for the schools participating in the eight-man league begin on Monday.

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