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The hard charging Ram back was in Saddle Brook General Hospital today with a knee injury and possibly torn ligaments to both legs. Hospital authorities last night said that Verlingo had been admitted to the hospital Thursday and would be detained for several days. There were, however, no broken bones, they added.

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Here are this week's Top 20 picks and schedule by NJ.com's high school football staff:

1-St. Peter's Prep (6-2) at 3-St. Joseph (Mont.) (6-2), Saturday at 1

By Week 9, we should have a pretty good idea of matchups and picking winners should, theoretically, be easier than it was in Week 1. To put it simply, that logic just does not apply in what continues to be one of the wildest years on record. This Sunday, St. Peter's moved back to No. 1, but it's supremacy is instantly at stake against a St. Joseph team that also held the top spot...for just seven days. We could go on about St. Joseph's running game or the play of St. Peter's QB Maasai Maynor, but if we've learned anything this year, it is this: Picking winners in these games is about as easy as winning the lottery. One interesting note is that with a win, St. Peter's will its first United Red Division title. Lets say the Jersey City school gets it done. **St. Peter's Prep 28, St. Joseph (Mont.) 27**