



***Welcome to this week's edition of the New York Jets Community Relations press release. We're excited to share the latest initiatives and events that highlight our commitment to making a positive impact in our community. From growing youth football to providing opportunities for disadvantaged populations, the Jets are dedicated to fostering a spirit of unity and support. Stay tuned for inspiring stories and updates on how we're working together to create lasting change both on and off the field.***

## Abel Paul Named Jets High School Player of the Week Fueled by Gatorade



Each week during the 2025 high school football season, the New York Jets and Gatorade will recognize a player of the week from the tri-state area. All players will receive a \$1,000 donation from the Jets and Gatorade to support their high school football program. Along with the monetary award, each recipient will be invited to attend the Jets vs. Dolphins game on December 7<sup>th</sup>, where they will be honored on-field at MetLife Stadium.

This week's recipient is Abel Paul of Livingston High School in Livingston, NJ. In his first year playing running back for the Lancers, the junior averaged 174 rushing yards per game heading into the team's regular season finale. During a high-stakes matchup against Montclair, Paul turned in one of the best performances in New Jersey high school football history to clinch a home playoff game for Livingston. He rushed for a staggering 522 yards and seven touchdowns on 27 carries, leading the Lancers to a 49-39 victory. Paul and the Lancers will face Ridgewood in the first round of the NJ High School Football Playoffs this Friday, with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

## David Markowitch Named Jets High School Coach of the Week

David Markowitch of Manville High School in Manville, NJ, has been named this week's New York Jets High School Coach of the Week. Coach Markowitch will receive a \$1,000 donation to benefit the school's football program, and Manville will receive an automatic bid to compete in the 2026 New York Jets 11-ON Tournament.

Markowitch will be invited to attend the New York Jets vs. Miami Dolphins game on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, where he will be honored on-field at MetLife Stadium.

In its 30<sup>th</sup> year, the Jets High School Coach of the Week award is given to a coach in the tri-state area who serves the best interests of the game through the teaching of sound football fundamentals, the motivation of young players to achieve, and the promotion of youth football by way of dedication to their community, their school, and their student-athletes.

Coach Markowitch, a Manville native, graduated from Manville High School in 1999, where he was a member of the football team. After attending Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA, Markowitch returned to his hometown and alma mater in 2011 as a coach with Manville football. He has been with the program ever since, taking the lead as head coach in 2023.

Under Markowitch's leadership, the Mustangs have improved from 3-7 in his first season to 9-0 so far in 2025. Manville is one of four remaining undefeated teams in the Big Central Conference (BCC) and currently sits at the top of their division. Markowitch and the Mustangs will begin postseason play this Friday at 7 p.m., taking on Asbury Park in the quarterfinal round of the NJSIAA Central Jersey playoffs.

