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The Results Are In: CPTV Sports to Air Live UChoose High School Football Game Between Norwich Free Academy and New London on Thanksgiving Day

The Oldest High School Football Rivalry in the Country Will Be Showcased as NFA Takes On New London on Thanksgiving Morning, Nov. 27, at 10 a.m.

HARTFORD, Conn. (Nov. 25, 2014) – CPTV Sports, the state’s only 24-hour local sports channel, announces that the results are in for its UChoose high school football game. Over the past few weeks, CPTV Sports asked Connecticut high school football fans which game they would like to see aired live on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, Nov. 27. After collecting a whopping 16,025 votes from their fan bases, the New London Whalers and the Norwich Free Academy Wildcats were named the winners of the challenge.

This year’s contest between the long-standing rivals will be aired live on CPTV Sports from New London’s Cannamela Field at 10 a.m. on Nov. 27. It will also stream live at Youtube.com/CPTVSports. Rebroadcasts of the game will air on CPTV Sports on Thursday, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 28 at 9:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m.

“The fans have spoken, and on Thanksgiving Day, we will be proud to offer up the first treat of the day as we show live coverage of the oldest high school football rivalry in the nation, as the Whalers of New London host the Wildcats of Norwich Free Academy,” said Bob Yalen, director of CPTV Sports. “No Thanksgiving feast is complete without a serving of great high school football.”

The rivalry between the Whalers and the Wildcats has endured since 1875. With Norwich and New London located only about 15 miles apart, many exciting and memorable games have taken place between the two schools over the years.

Thursday’s contest will determine the Eastern Connecticut Conference Large Division champion. As the home team, the New London Whalers enter this matchup with a solid 7-2 record and can earn a class M playoff berth with a win. The NFA Wildcats have an impressive 6-2 mark and also have a 75-62-11 lead in the all-time series.

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More than 39,000 votes were cast in this year's UChoose Thanksgiving Day football game challenge. The NFA at New London game edged out the Bethel at Brookfield matchup by 417 votes. CPTV Sports thanks everyone who voted in this year's challenge.

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About CPTV Sports

A not-for-profit channel owned and managed by Connecticut Public Television (CPTV), CPTV Sports is Connecticut's only 24-hour local sports network broadcasting Connecticut high school, college and professional sports. CPTV Sports brings viewers games from the state's high schools, including live coverage of CIAC state championships, and coverage from Yale, Sacred Heart, CCSU and other state universities. Professional and semi-professional teams such as the Connecticut Sun (WNBA basketball), New Britain Rock Cats (MiLB baseball), CFC Azul (PDL soccer), and the Connecticut Wildcats (AMNRL rugby) give viewers a chance to see the best professional competition in the state, while coverage of unique events such as horse show jumping, Little League baseball, auto racing, roller derby, bowling, women's fast-pitch softball, dog shows, robotics, spelling bees, CSL soccer and the Nutmeg State Games provides a broad range of competitions throughout the state. For additional information, visit CPTVSports.org. CPTV is a media service of the Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network (CPBN). It is a locally and nationally recognized producer and presenter of quality public television programming, including original documentaries, public affairs shows and educational programming. CPTV has built a reputation as a leader in children's programming, including playing an historic role in bringing *Barney & Friends*[™], *Bob the Builder*[™] and *Thomas & Friends*[™] to public television. The station offers 11.5 hours of positive, nurturing children's programs each weekday, reaching 450,000 households each week. For more information, visit CPTV.org.

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