

Hatcher, Kretz lead Amityville past Mount Sinai

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Amityville's normal air attack was grounded by wind and occasional heavy rain Saturday, but Da'rell Hatcher and Gavin Kretz found room on the ground to lead the third-seeded host Warriors past No. 5 Mount Sinai, 21-0, in the Suffolk Division IV semifinals.

During the regular season, Amityville (8-2) attempted 25 passes in a 14-point win over Mount Sinai (6-4), but the conditions Saturday limited the Warriors to four pass attempts in the rematch.

Kretz, a senior quarterback and Hatcher, a sophomore halfback, led the rushing attack. Hatcher ran for a career-high 136 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries. Kretz had 138 yards and a 42-yard touchdown on 12 carries.

"We planned to throw," Amityville coach [Chris Taylor](#) said, "but the weather was a big issue. We had some heavy wind and rain to start the game, and the field was pretty soft."

Hatcher scored from 31 yards on the Warriors' second drive and added a 5-yard run to make it 21-0 on the first drive of the fourth quarter.

"He was excellent," Taylor said of Hatcher. "Him and Gavin ran really well downhill, didn't try to make a lot of cuts on the wet grass and broke a few big ones."

Mount Sinai, meanwhile, wasn't able to get its offense going. Amityville kept the Mustangs out of the red zone. Linebacker Chris Derrick had seven tackles, three for loss, and a sack. Defensive end Martel Harris had five stops, two for a loss.

Amityville will play top-seeded Glenn for the Division IV title at 7 p.m. Thursday at [Stony Brook University](#). Glenn beat Amityville 29-12 on Oct. 3.

"They're a great team," Taylor said of Glenn. "They're very good on the offensive and defensive lines, and have skill guys. Their linebacker, Jack Moorehead, is one of the better kids in the county. They handled us pretty good in the regular season."