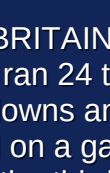




CLASS SS



DANIEL HAND 37



KILLINGLY 13

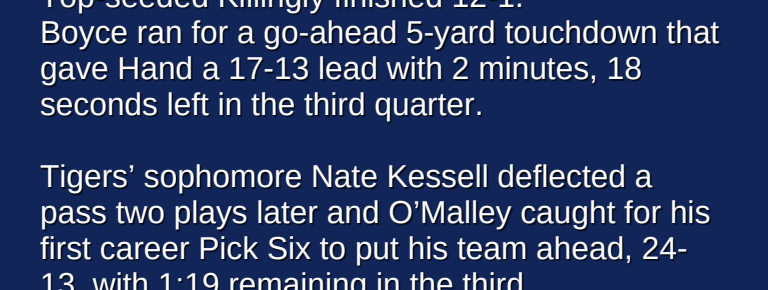
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NEW BRITAIN, Dec. 13, 2025 — Junior Lucca Boyce ran 24 times for 177 yards and two touchdowns and senior lineman Tim O'Malley scored on a game-changing interception return late in the third quarter as second-seeded Hand beat defending champion Killingly, 37-13, to win Saturday's CIAC Class SS championship at Veterans Stadium.

It was the 15th state championship for the Tigers (12-1). It happened 50 years after they won their first state title in 1976 in the CIAC's first postseason.



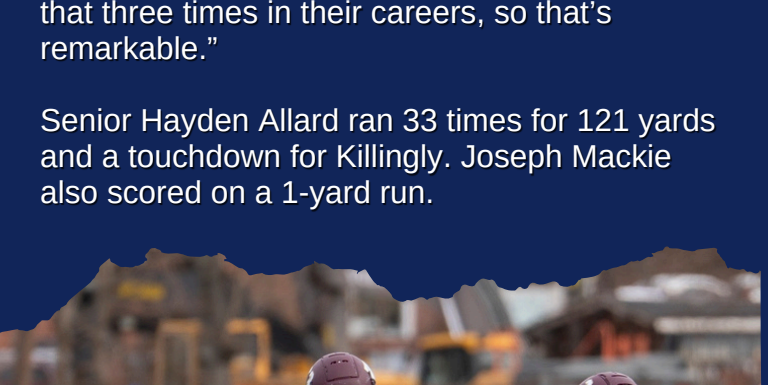
Top-seeded Killingly finished 12-1. Boyce ran for a go-ahead 5-yard touchdown that gave Hand a 17-13 lead with 2 minutes, 18 seconds left in the third quarter.

Tigers' sophomore Nate Kessell deflected a pass two plays later and O'Malley caught for his first career Pick Six to put his team ahead, 24-13, with 1:19 remaining in the third.

"Oh, my God," said O'Malley, who has committed to play at Lehigh. "Nate Kesel went up there and tipped it for me. It was just BBQ chicken from there."

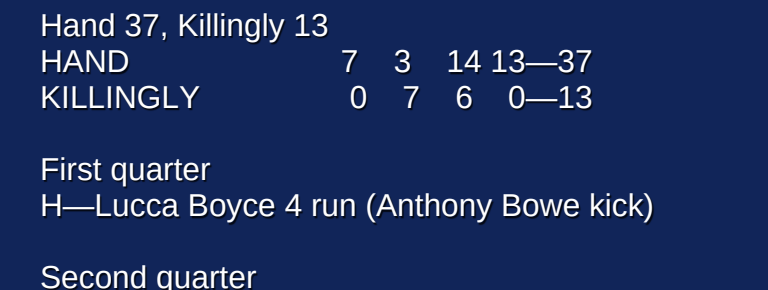
Junior Diego Portley scored on runs of 55 and 17 yards for Hand and senior Anthony Bowe added a 26-yard field goal.

Killingly had won a state-best 25 straight games. "I told the kids after the game this hurts right now," Trailblazers head coach Chad Neal said, "but when you look back, this journey together is what you're going to remember and all those special moments. The bus rides, the team dinners, the practices and all the games.



"There's not many teams or many kids in high school that get to play the last Saturday of the season in December. These seniors got to do that three times in their careers, so that's remarkable."

Senior Hayden Allard ran 33 times for 121 yards and a touchdown for Killingly. Joseph Mackie also scored on a 1-yard run.



Hand 37, Killingly 13				
HAND	7	3	14	13—37
KILLINGLY	0	7	6	0—13
First quarter				
H—Lucca Boyce 4 run (Anthony Bowe kick)				
Second quarter				
K—Joseph Mackie 1 run (Cooper Logee kick)				
H—Anthony Bowe 26 field goal				
Third quarter				
K—Hayden Allard 5 run (kick failed)				
H—Boyce 5 run (Bowe kick)				
H—Tim O'Malley 20 interception return (Bowe kick)				
Fourth quarter				
H—Diego Portley 55 run (pass failed)				
H—Portley 17 run (Bowe kick)				
RUSHING: Hand — Lucca Boyce 24-177, Diego Portley 2-72, Cole Preskar 2-14, Stone Leckey 2-5, Bobby Reh 2-2, Conor Casagrande 1-9, Wilson Walker 1-8, Team 1-(-8). Killingly — Hayden Allard 33-121; Joseph Mackie 8-21, Hunter Allard 2-(-5), Joseph Gould 1-1, Quinn Sumner 1-(-8).				
PASSING: Hand — Bobby Reh 5-10-53. Killingly — Quinn Sumner 7-10-1-127.				
RECEIVING: Hand — Brendan Riodan 3-45, Finn Barry 1-5, Lucca Boyce 1-3. Killingly— Hayden Allard 2-13, Joseph Mackie 1-53, Payton Wallace 1-22, Aidan LaMotte 1-19, Hunter Allard 1-16, Callan Senecal 1-4. Records: Hand 12-1; Killingly 12-1.				

