Valley High on Collision Course with Beach at Can-Ams

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Despite the fact Canada was going to be represented in the Division A final no matter the outcome, Valley High figured they would leave no doubt they wanted to defend their title Can-Am 7s title. With only the Bayside Breezers standing between them and the final, Valley High took care of business 47-12.

Bayside would be the first to crack the scoreboard off the initial kickoff, but back Kurtis Appledorn would quickly counter with his first of two scores on the day to get Valley High back in the game. From there Valley High seemed to score whenever they had the ball due to a lackluster defense by Bayside. A total of five different Valley High players put points up on the board.

At halftime, Valley High hadn't looked they had even broken a sweat leading 26-7 and only looking for more time to do what they had been doing for the last seven minutes. When the second half had gotten under way, it was just another repeat of the first. Two different players fought through Bayside tacklers for scores, one of which was a 40-meter run while breaking three Bayside tacklers.

Appledorn iced the game with his second score of the game after stealing the ball off the kickoff with less than two minutes to play and Bayside would get another score in before the final whistle. When it was all said and done, Valley High gained as much momentum as possible going into the game and looked confident to defend their title.

"We are the defending championships of this tournament, so all we want is another shot at keeping the title in Canada," Valley High head coach Pat Kearney said. "These guys are really well structured by themselves and have a lot of experience in tournaments like this so there's not a whole lot that needs to be said, they know what they need to do to win this thing.