Is Holy Cross football blessed with power from on high?

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of two Patriot League games, including the 33-7 Georgetown rout played out on that same South Worcester turf less than a month ago.

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There is reason for concern, as kickoff time approaches. Last year, when the purple pigskin pageant defeated Georgetown and Towson, their perfect record was ru

ized in one disastrous afternoon at the Yale Bowl, when an early run of blunders resulted in a 19-point deficit at the half (the Crusaders then rallied back but fell short, los

ing 33-27). It was the 8th consecutive win over Holy Cross for a team that, in the last two years, has been ranked #1 in defense in the Ivy League.

But that was last year. Last year, our team finished in 2nd place, and so far it’s UNDEFEATED. How have we done it? Let’s take a look:

The Georgetown Game

We opened the season with a win because we always win against Georgetown. Or at least, Georgetown never beats us. We beat them last year, and we beat ourselves the two years before that, on five interceptions in ’99. This is all the evidence necessary to state with conviction that we own Georgetown (as any Senior will tell you, Holy Cross history prior to 1998 is inadmissible evidence). We own Georgetown. Eleven drunken chimpanzees in purple T-shirts could beat Georgetown. The halftime Pop

Warner kids, provided they were introduced as “Holy Cross Class of 2014,” could beat Georgetown.

The Harvard Game

The Crimson humbled us two years ago when, after taunting us with bad jokes at halftime, they came from behind to secure a road victory. Last year, revenge was sweet when the Purple Caravan cheered on a Crusader upset in Allston. It would have been nice to see Harvard beat again (their taunting was that awful), but a cancellation at least preserved the UNDEFEATED record.

The Towson Game

While your correspondent was unable to make the trip to Maryland to witness this game in person, he is assured that victory was achieved thanks to a combination of defense, passing, rushing, and special teams.

The Yale Game

We will win against Yale. We will win because we have never won a home game against Yale, and therefore we are “due.” We will win because our offense has already scored 50 points, and Yale’s has only scored 9. Never mind that we have played twice as many games – it just makes us twice as UNDEFEATED.

What other team that we’ve faced so far has a Jesuit priest, “in full uniform,” on the field? What other team puts silver crosses on the back of its helmets? What other team has hordes of churchgoing Catholics yelling out, full-volume, “God’s on Our Side?” None, of course. Towson doesn’t have a two-level chapel. Harvard wasn’t founded by the bishop of Boston. And Georgetown, while ostensibly Catholic, re

moved crucifixes from their classroom walls. The Big Guy doesn’t like that kind of behavior, and He finds his own mysterious ways of punishing it. Further proof that The Big Guy watches Division I-AA football.

So what do we have to fear from Yale? God’s On Our Side.