

Apopka Youth Football Team Advances to Semifinals of Pop Warner Super Bowl at Disney

The **Apopka Blue Darters** are among several Florida teams competing in the 2016 Pop Warner Super Bowl at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, Dec. 3-10.

The Apopka squad, entered in the unlimited division, is among a field of 64 top youth football teams battling for a national championship.

Additionally, the **St. Petersburg Silver Raiders program**, whose Jr. Midget team won the Pop Warner Super Bowl last year, is back again this year with a team competing in the Unlimited Division.

After winning their respective quarterfinal games, the Apopka and St. Petersburg teams face each other on Tuesday at 3:15 p.m. in the Unlimited Division semifinals.

National champions will be crowned in five divisions based on age and weight – Jr. Pee Wee (ages 8-11), Pee Wee (ages 9- 12), Jr. Varsity (ages 10-13), Varsity (ages 12-15) and Unlimited (11-14, 105-lb. minimum).

More than 70 percent of active NFL players got their starts competing on Pop Warner teams across the country, including Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning (Denver Broncos) and eight-time Pro Bowl wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald (Arizona Cardinals).

In the quarterfinals, the Apopka Blue Darters beat the Lees Summit Broncos 28-13 and the St. Pete Silver Raiders defeated the New Haven Steelers 34-6.

For scores and info during the 2016 Pop Warner Super Bowl, visit <http://www.popwarnersb.com>. You can also follow the Pop Warner Super Bowl on Twitter @Pop_Warner, @ESPNWWOS, and on www.facebook.com/espnwwos. For more information on Disney Sports, visit www.disneysportsnews.com

ESPN3 is offering live video streaming of all Pop Warner Super Bowl Games on Field 17 throughout the week on WatchESPN.com and the WatchESPN application.

Video highlights will be available for download at box.com using

- **Username:** webupdate@popwarner.com
- **Password:** popwarner2016

For photos and team updates: amedeiros@ctpboston.com or bheffron@ctpboston.com.