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## Amherst, Tri-County pumped for Madison

### Game of the Week

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Neither Tri-County nor Amherst will be a part of the WIAA State Football Championships at Camp Randall Stadium in November.

This Saturday, however, the Penguins and Falcons will have the opportunity to play in Madison as part of the 2005 Wisconsin Football Coaches Association's Badger Classic. Kickoff for the game 12:30 p.m.

"The kids are obviously excited," Amherst coach Brian Toelle said. "We've had a great week of practice, and the attitude and spirits have been very high. We're all looking forward to chance to play at Camp Randall."

The opportunity is a welcome one for both teams, who have had little to be excited about this season in the bottom half of the Central Wisconsin Conference Large Division.

The Falcons are 0-6 (0-4 conference), and have been outscored 168-8 this season. Coming into the contest, Amherst hasn't scored in four straight games.

The Penguins haven't had much more success, going 1-5 (0-4 conference). T-C has been outscored 211-30 over that stretch, and have scored just six points in the past four games.

"It's been a pretty long stretch for us, no doubt about it," T-C coach John Sherman said. "We have a team that I think we can play with this week, so hopefully we'll have things go a little more our way."

The Penguins' biggest success this season has come through the air offensively, as the team is currently third in the CWC Large with 356 passing yards.

Dylan Goodwin is the third-leading passer in the conference, completing 29 of 66 passes for 362 yards, but he hasn't thrown for a touchdown this season while being picked off seven times.

Brad Knights (10 catches, 150 yards), Josh Knights (8/103) and Jacob Schwartzman (7/89) have all benefited from that passing attack, and are ranked third-fifth in the conference in receiving.

"That seems to have been one of the few things that has gone our way this season," Sherman said. "It hasn't gotten our running game going, but we have shown that we can have some success through the air."

The Falcons, meanwhile, haven't had as many high points offensively. Through four conference games, Amherst has accounted for just 218 yards, including 66 on the ground, and 10 first downs.

"We're going back to basics this week working on fundamentals, and the extra day of

preparation will help us," Toelle said. "We have to deal with how effective Tri-County can be throwing the ball, and we need to be able to move the ball and score points."