



County Football Week 12



Albert Grindle

Standings

CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Buckeye	10-0	7-0	36.6	14.8
Rocky River	9-2	6-1	38.2	14.4
Bay	6-5	4-3	28.0	20.4
Valley Forge	5-6	4-3	25.1	29.2
North Olmsted	4-6	4-3	18.1	26.7
Lakewood	4-6	2-5	24.4	31.5
Westlake	3-7	1-6	25.0	36.9
Normandy	1-9	0-7	8.3	39.4

GREATER CLEVELAND CONFERENCE				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Mentor	10-0	7-0	41.4	9.5
Strongsville	8-3	6-1	29.1	20.8
Cleveland Heights	5-6	5-2	24.1	26.5
Brussard	5-6	4-3	21.4	26.8
Euclid	4-6	3-4	20.8	27.9
Medina	4-7	2-5	18.2	32.3
Lorain	2-8	1-6	18.4	34.1
Shaker Heights	1-9	0-7	8.0	22.2

LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Columbia	9-1	6-1	33.5	10.3
Black River	6-4	5-2	27.1	15.2
Keystone	6-4	5-2	25.2	15.3
Clevesville	5-6	5-2	20.2	21.5
Firelands	4-6	4-3	23.9	29.5
Brookside	2-8	2-5	12.9	36.9
Wilmington	3-7	1-6	14.2	37.1
Obertown	2-8	0-7	12.1	38.0

METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Norton	10-1	7-0	33.1	10.3
Streetsboro	9-2	6-1	37.5	14.5
Woodridge	6-4	5-2	23.4	26.6
Cloverleaf	7-4	4-3	24.5	20.4
Field	3-7	3-4	20.1	33.2
Ravenna	3-7	2-5	20.7	24.4
Conover	2-8	1-6	9.4	33.0
Springfield	1-9	0-7	6.0	43.7

SUBURBAN LEAGUE				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Highland	10-0	7-0	47.7	5.2
Revere	8-2	5-2	26.2	18.2
Copley	7-4	5-2	34.9	19.5
Aurora	6-4	5-2	27.4	19.2
Rocksvale	5-5	3-4	25.1	29.2
Tallmadge	3-7	2-5	12.0	27.5
Barberton	1-9	0-7	16.1	35.7
Cuyahoga Falls	1-9	0-7	6.7	41.0

National Conference				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Wadsworth	10-0	7-0	47.0	11.9
Madison	9-2	6-1	39.2	10.5
Noradonia	8-3	4-3	36.5	27.5
Brecksville	7-4	4-3	23.2	20.9
Twinsburg	6-5	3-4	22.7	22.5
North Royalton	4-6	3-4	23.2	25.7
Solon	2-8	1-6	10.6	44.8
Stow	2-8	0-7	22.2	29.9

County leaders

Player (School)	TD	FG	1x	2x	Pts.
Myer (H)	21	0	0	0	126
Madigan (W)	21	0	0	0	126
Gray (W)	17	0	0	0	102
Bungard (BR)	14	0	0	0	84
Lemp (W)	14	0	0	1	86
Bonnett (Buc)	1	4	48	0	66
Barnett (Buc)	11	0	0	0	66
Wilhelm (Buc)	10	0	0	0	60
Phillips (Buc)	10	0	0	0	60
Price (C)	10	0	0	0	60
Nichols (Buc)	8	0	0	1	50
E. Gray (C)	7	0	0	1	50
Kowza (H)	0	3	37	0	46
D. Theodore (Buc)	0	5	29	0	44
Sustensic (C)	0	4	31	0	43
D. Hendrighot (BR)	7	0	0	0	42
Sopho (Buc)	7	0	0	0	42
Gibb (H)	7	0	0	0	42
Tolley (C)	6	0	0	1	38
Wucher (M)	6	0	2	0	38
McNeil (W)	6	0	0	0	36
Kretzler (Buc)	6	0	0	0	36
D. Snyderburn (Buc)	6	0	0	0	36
Lazar (H)	6	0	0	0	36
Gerdling (H)	6	0	0	0	36
Cusick (M)	0	4	22	0	34
Varney (BR)	5	0	0	1	32
Lloyd (M)	5	0	0	1	32
Lazzarotti (W)	0	1	28	0	31
Bel (BR)	5	0	0	0	30
Murray (BR)	5	0	0	0	30
Veber (H)	5	0	0	0	30
Hathaway (M)	5	0	0	0	30
Burkholder (BR)	5	0	0	0	30
Steid (BR)	4	0	0	0	24
Preuza (Buc)	4	0	0	0	24
As. Gray (C)	4	0	0	0	24
Foust (H)	4	0	0	0	24
King (W)	4	0	0	0	24

RUSHING				
Player (School)	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Madigan (W)	94	1,024	10.9	20
Gray (W)	112	1,021	9.1	16
Myer (H)	110	958	8.7	19
E. Gray (C)	194	830	4.3	19
Wilhelm (Buc)	82	527	6.4	10
Nichols (Buc)	100	596	6.0	8
Phillips (Buc)	73	561	7.7	9
Barnett (Buc)	134	522	3.9	11
Gibb (H)	59	512	8.7	7
D. Hendrighot (BR)	81	473	5.8	7

RECEIVING				
Player (School)	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Bungard (BR)	32	818	25.6	13
Lemp (W)	36	467	13.0	5
Wucher (M)	31	419	13.5	1
Moore (Buc)	39	400	10.3	6
Murray (BR)	30	393	13.1	5
Gerdling (H)	22	380	17.3	4
Tolley (C)	24	390	16.3	5
Lloyd (M)	29	350	12.1	2
Price (C)	27	314	11.6	2



Buckeye

PREVIEW: Located near the banks of Grand Lake St. Marys, once the largest man-made lake in the world, and about 30 minutes east of the Indiana border, St. Marys Memorial is a throwback team with a smashmouth offense that is a mixture of wing-T and T-formation. Fullback Caleb Schmidt has rushed 288 times for 1,837 yards and 28 touchdowns — the Roughriders average 320.5 rushing yards and have thrown just 57 passes — while Bradley Triplett has a 49-yarder among nine field goals. The defense is a 3-2 scheme similar to Wadsworth but has struggled lately, allowing 26.0 ppg over its last five games.

STAT PACK: The Bucks' 439 rushing yards two weeks ago against Lakewood are the sixth most in school history. Six of the top 11 efforts have come under ninth-year coach Greg Dennison.

● Ryan Wilhelm's 207 rushing yards against Lakewood represented the 29th 200-yard individual game in school history.

● Turner Dolata needs 45 passing yards to join former teammate Casey Murray (1,605, 1,706, 2022-23), Tim Devericks (1,266, 1,249; 1995-96) and Don Van Dri (1,090, 1,093, 1990-91) as Buckeye players with back-to-back seasons of at least 1,000.

● Logan Letner led the defense at Lakewood with 11 tackles and an interception. Denis Shevchenko added 10 stops, Jacob Snyderburn had 2½ tackles for loss (sack) and Wilhelm and Lam Phillips broke up passes.

● Buckeye has converted 8-of-9 fourth downs this season.

● Six of Roman Kretzler's 37 rushing attempts have resulted in touchdowns.

LW: Bye. **TW:** vs. St. Marys Memorial (8-3; 0-0 all-time), Division II, Region 10 quarterfinal. **NW:** Potential semifinal vs. Revere (8-2) or Rocky River (9-2).



Phillips



Highland

PREVIEW: Brecksville is a defense-first team that has forced 24 turnovers (19 interceptions) and is complemented by a conservative offense that averages 23.2 points. Jacob Eterovich has rushed for 1,158 yards and 17 touchdowns, Nathan Henegar has thrown for 1,016 yards, nine TDs and 10 interceptions and Carson Zakbar has caught 31 passes for 358 yards and three scores.

● The Hornets have held opponents to fewer than 10 points in eight straight games, tied with Cincinnati Taft for the longest active streak in Ohio.

● Highland has scored at least 49 points in four straight games for the first time in school history.

STAT PACK: The Hornets allowed minus-11 yards total offense two weeks ago against Cuyahoga Falls, breaking the school record of minus-6 at Revere on Sept. 25, 1987. The minus-18 rushing yards are tied for fifth.

● Casey Myer needs 15 points to break the county career record of 530 set by Black River's Andrew Vaughn from 2010-13.

● Jonah Kowza needs five extra points to break the school career record of 111 set by Luke Allen from 2013-14.

● Lukas Grills led the defense against Cuyahoga Falls with five tackles. Cooper Zielinski had a fumble recovery and interception, while Nathan Painter also picked off a pass and Thomas Trausch added a sack.

● A whopping 18 players have scored this season. Grayson Heldreth and Kallen Whitting joined the list against Cuyahoga Falls.

LW: Bye. **TW:** vs. Brecksville (7-4; 0-0 all-time), Division II, Region 6 quarterfinal.

NW: Potential semifinal vs. North Ridgeville (9-1) or Whitehouse Anthony Wayne (7-4).



Kowza



Wadsworth

PREVIEW: Toledo St. Francis de Sales played a brutal regular-season schedule in the Detroit-based Catholic High School League and boasts ultra-physical two-way lineman Jeremiah Polk, a Rutgers recruit. Eli Beal (149 carries, 949 yards, 9 TDs) and Jayden Houston (40 catches, 574 yards, 12 TDs) are the top offensive threats, while K.J. Collins-Walker (72-for-96, 969 yards, 15 TDs) and Brayden Gonzalez (42-for-65, 526, 2 TDs) have formed a highly efficient rotation at quarterback. The 3-4 defense will mix coverages and boasts all-league players Polk (DE, 6-foot-3, 250 pounds), Tyrrell Lawrence (DT, 6-0, 240) and Demetrius Higgins (LB, 5-8, 180) and Kingston Berry (CB, 6-1, 180).

● Wadsworth has won 10 straight games by double digits, tied for the second-longest streak in Ohio behind Findlay Liberty-Benton (11).

STAT PACK: Sophomore Brysen Hall needs six touchdown passes to break the school career record of 52 set by Mike Hoover from 1997-99.

● With 1,578 career receiving yards, Calix Lemp needs 115 to crack the county top 10.

● Gavin Madigan and Cooper Gray joined Will Stack and Kyle Figury (2023) as the only Wadsworth players to each have 1,000 rushing yards in the same season.

● Madigan led the defense two weeks ago against Solon with nine tackles and a forced fumble in less than a half of action. Jude Haller returned the fumble 35 yards for a touchdown and combined with Brad Watson for a tackle for loss, while Logan Pearson (5 tackles, ½ for loss) starred in the second half.

LW: Bye. **TW:** vs. Toledo St. Francis de Sales (7-4; 0-0 all-time), Division II, Region 6 quarterfinal. **NW:** Potential semifinal vs. Napoleon (8-2) or Sandusky Perkins (8-3).



Madigan



Colts Cloverleaf

PREVIEW: Gallion's lone loss was 45-34 to Division IV state title contender Shelby. The Tigers are led by All-Ohioms Zach Sallee (OT/DE) and Jacob Chambers (WR/S) and have allowed only 33 points in six games since falling to Shelby. The Tigers operate mostly out of a spread offense centered around quarterback Ayden Schmidt (105-for-183, 1,792 yards, 20 TDs, 7 INTs), while Kyle Early and Dominic Capretta lead the other side of the ball with eight sacks apiece.

STAT PACK: The Colts have won 21 consecutive games in which they allow fewer than 100 rushing yards. Bay had 54 last week.

● Ethan Gray has a whopping 116 carries for 401 yards (3.5 average) over the last four games. The senior's 89-yard kickoff return for a touchdown at Bay was the seventh longest in school history.

● Elliot Jordan led a balanced defensive effort against Bay with an interception, fumble recovery and combined sack with Jimmy Tolley. Adam Gray (10 tackles) and Ethan Gray (9) were the top tacklers, Zayne Trent had an interception and two pass breakups, Marzell Davis forced the fumble recovered by Jordan and David Hunter and Kellen Price also broke up passes.

● Jordan has five catches for 96 yards and two touchdowns over the last three games.

● Smith needs one passing touchdown to tie the school record of 16 set by current coach Justin Vorhies in 2000.

LW: W, 42-35 at Bay. Division IV, Region 14 first round. **TW:** at Gallion (9-1; 0-0 all-time), regional quarterfinal. **NW:** Potential semifinal vs. Napoleon (8-2) or Sandusky Perkins (8-3).



Davis



Medina

PREVIEW: McKinley has played in five games decided by 10 or fewer points (3-2 record) and is coming off a 21-14 loss to ancient rival Massillon in the 136th meeting between the schools. The Bulldogs boast a fast, well-balanced defense that allows only 206.0 yards per game and is led by Antonio Stevens (14 TFL), Colin Hinkle (14, 5½ sacks), Amare Mitchell (11, 4), Isaac Brooks (10), Detryk Daniels (10) and Chris Cook (4 INTs, 114 return yards). The offense maintains a 60/40 run-pass balance and features Kylin West (196 carries, 1,183 yards, 11 TDs), Trent Hayden (131-for-211, 1,518 yards, 15 TDs, 8 INTs), DeLay Britt (39 catches, 606 yards, 5 TDs) and Darius Hill (46, 530, 6).

● The Bees' only meeting at Canton McKinley was one of the most epic playoff games in county history, as Medina rallied from a 21-0 deficit to win 31-28 on Nov. 6, 2010.

STAT PACK: Dylan Pay's 76-yard interception return for a touchdown last week at Strongsville is tied for the fourth longest in school history.

● Cliff Nicholson had the best game of his career at Strongsville with 12 tackles. Jack Fletcher (3 for loss) and Max Hilvert each had 10 tackles and Bishop Burch knocked down the game-ending Hail Mary in the end zone.

● Brian Wucher became the eighth Medina player — all since 2019 — to have at least 11 receptions in a game last week.

LW: W, 28-25 at Strongsville, Division I, Region 1 first round. **TW:** at Canton McKinley (8-2; 1-0 all-time), regional quarterfinal. **NW:** Potential semifinal against Mentor (10-0) or Massillon Jackson (6-5).



Burch



Gazette Pick-It Line



Albert Grindle Chad Grant Rick Wland John Urchek

	Overall	60-9	59-10	59-10	59-10
Last week	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2
Buckeye vs. S.M. Memorial					
Cloverleaf at Gallion					
Highland vs. Brecksville					
Medina at McKinley					
Wadsworth vs. Tol. St. Francis					