



County Football Week 4



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Standings

CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Rocky River	3-0	0-0	39.7	7.7
Lakewood	3-0	0-0	35.0	20.7
Westlake	1-2	0-0	26.3	25.3
Buckeye	0-3	0-0	18.7	29.3
North Olmsted	0-3	0-0	19.0	40.3
Bay	0-3	0-0	7.0	31.0
Valley Forge	0-3	0-0	2.7	40.3
Normandy	0-3	0-0	2.0	49.7

GREATER CLEVELAND CONFERENCE				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Mentor	2-1	0-0	25.3	32.7
Brunswick	2-1	0-0	32.7	40.0
Strongsville	1-2	0-0	24.0	30.3
Riverside	1-2	0-0	21.3	30.0
Eucclid	1-2	0-0	17.7	27.0
Shaker Heights	1-2	0-0	16.7	27.7
Lorain	1-2	0-0	28.7	42.0
Cleveland Heights	0-3	0-0	6.3	24.3

LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Columbia	3-0	0-0	43.3	14.7
Keystone	3-0	0-0	29.3	20.0
Firelands	2-1	0-0	19.0	16.0
Wellington	0-2	0-0	14.3	42.3
Black River	0-3	0-0	13.0	26.3
Brookside	0-3	0-0	38.7	59.0
Clearview	0-3	0-0	16.0	46.3

METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Norton	3-0	0-0	41.7	8.0
Woodridge	3-0	0-0	33.3	16.0
Ravenna	2-1	0-0	36.3	13.3
Cuyahoga Falls	2-1	0-0	26.0	18.3
Tallmadge	2-1	0-0	17.3	14.0
Cloverleaf	2-1	0-0	11.3	8.3
Strosborn	2-1	0-0	31.0	29.7
Rockswell	2-1	0-0	21.3	20.0
Field	1-2	0-0	12.3	32.3
Springfield	0-3	0-0	4.0	22.7

SUBURBAN LEAGUE National Conference				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Nordonia	3-0	0-0	45.3	19.3
Hudson	3-0	0-0	44.3	22.3
Wadsworth	3-0	0-0	26.7	10.3
North Royalton	3-0	0-0	37.7	16.0
Stow	2-1	0-0	37.7	18.3
Solon	2-1	0-0	17.3	15.7
Highland	2-1	0-0	28.7	27.0
Medina	0-3	0-0	19.0	29.7

Player (School)	RECEIVING			TD
	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	
King (W)	23	374	16.3	4
Evert (Bru)	16	262	16.4	2
Gamboia (Bru)	23	240	10.4	2
Radigan (H)	7	227	32.4	3
Knowles (M)	19	195	10.3	1
Sokolowski (M)	21	192	9.1	1
Talley (C)	13	191	14.7	1
Burch (M)	12	152	12.7	2
Varney (BR)	14	142	10.1	3
Porter (W)	11	141	12.8	2

RUSHING				
Player (School)	Att.	Yds.	Avd.	TD
Phillips (Buc)	91	433	4.8	2
D. Shevchenko (Buc)	34	289	8.5	5
Price (C)	42	231	5.5	2
Keller (W)	24	157	6.5	1
Ries (W)	24	147	6.1	1
Varney (BR)	14	129	9.2	0
Balok (Bru)	32	125	3.9	0
As. Gray (C)	24	118	4.9	0
Sopko (Bru)	13	111	8.5	0
DePompey (H)	29	91	3.1	1
Barr (M)	44	91	2.1	1

RECEIVING				
Player (School)	Rec.	Yds.	Avd.	TD
King (W)	20	163	8.2	4
Everett (Bru)	16	262	16.4	2
Gambos (Bru)	23	240	10.4	2
Radigan (H)	7	227	32.4	0
Knowles (M)	19	195	10.3	1
Sokolowski (M)	21	191	9.1	1
Talley (C)	13	191	14.7	1
Burch (M)	12	152	12.7	2
Varney (BR)	4	142	35.5	3
Porter (W)	11	141	12.8	2

PASSING				
Player (School)	Co-Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TD-I
Hall (W)	66-104	63.5	828	7-1
Jamison (Bru)	65-105	61.9	805	8-4
Barr (M)	77-122	63.1	753	4-3
Bel (BR)	39-69	56.5	390	3-2
Wade (H)	12-20	60.0	275	4-0
Prucha (H)	12-20	60.0	194	1-1
Smith (C)	8-17	47.1	145	8-3
Patrick (M)	15-24	62.5	120	2-1
Price (C)	8-14	57.1	96	0-1
DePompey (H)	3-11	27.3	60	0-0

KICKING				
Player (School)	FG	Pct.	XP	Pts.
Evans (Bru)	1-1	100.0	11-11	14
Kowza (H)	1-2	50.0	11-11	14
Sustarac (C)	2-5	40.0	4-4	10
Wagner (W)	0-0	0.0	4-4	4
Cusick (M)	0-0	0.0	5-6	0
Nadeau (W)	0-1	0.0	4-7	4
Burkholder (BR)	0-1	0.0	3-6	3
Wittes (Buc)	0-1	0.0	2-5	2

TEAM STATISTICS				
School	Rush	Pass	Total	
Wadsworth	157.0	91.0	248.0	
Medina	74.3	289.3	363.7	
Brunswick	64.0	266.3	330.3	
Buckeye	28.7	19.7	48.4	
Cloverleaf	178.0	99.0	277.0	
Highland	94.0	15.3	109.3	
Black River	82.7	144.7	227.3	

DEFENSE				
Player (School)	Tk	Solo	Asst.	
Foust (H)	36	25	11	
Ad. Gray (C)	34	16	18	
Hendershot (BR)	32	9	23	
Matousek (Bru)	28	10	18	
Rebraca (Bru)	28	9	19	
As. Gray (C)	27	11	16	
Phillips (Buc)	25	13	12	
Goga (Bru)	23	10	13	
D. Shevchenko (Buc)	23	6	17	
Leichtner (Bru)	22	10	12	
Todd (W)	22	10	12	
Bel (BR)	21	7	14	
Beer (C)	20	9	11	
Sokolowski (M)	20	12	8	
Delesky (BR)	19	9	10	

Tackles for loss: Stropka (M) 6, Foust (H) 5, G. Giffis (H) 4, Powell (M) 4, Johnson (C) 4, Delesky (BR) 3, Beer (C) 3, Arvantes (H) 3, Ad. Gray (C) 3, Trent (M) 3.



Black River

PREVIEW: Clearview was hit hard by graduation losses and is off to a rough start after losing to East Cleveland Shaw (40-30), Westlake (57-18) and Vermilion (42-0). The Clippers average only 199.3 yards and are led by Joseph Stephens (22-for-39, 204 yards, 3 TDs, 3 INTs; 20 carries, 144 yards, 2 TDs) and Christian Stevenson (26 carries, 182 yards, 2 TDs), who also has a team-leading 27 tackles.

STAT PACK: Hunter Varney's long touchdown run last week against Smithville officially covered 84 yards, putting it just outside the top 10 in school history. It is the Pirates' longest rush for a touchdown since Travis Sexton went a school-record 95 against Northwestern on Sept. 1, 2017.

● Varney is second in Medina County in scoring (30 points), sixth in rushing yards (129), ninth in receiving yards (142) and 12th in passing yards (44).

● Kayden Hendershot led the defense against Smithville with 10 tackles, including a ½ for loss. Trenton Delesky added six stops and 1½ TFL, while Will Flynn, Kage Petrucci, Colton Roberts and Varney also factored on TFLs.

● Delesky has 17 tackles (3½ for loss) in two games as a starting outside linebacker.

● The Pirates have forced only one turnover this season.

● Black River has converted 7-of-10 fourth downs this season.

● Interestingly, the Pirates have finished .500 or better after starting 0-3 in six consecutive instances. The 2022 team went 6-5, 2020 went 5-5, 2012 went 6-4, 2010 went 6-4, 2009 went 5-5 and 2008 went 5-5.

LW: L, 12-42 vs. Smithville. **TW:** vs. Clearview (0-3; 9-5 all time). **NW:** at Columbia (3-0).



Varney



Buckeye

PREVIEW: Like the Bucks, Bay is 0-3 but has faced a solid non-league schedule with losses to 3-0 Ashland (28-7), 2-1 University School (35-14) and 2-1 Firelands (30-0). The Rockets' offense revolves around Patrick Clearly, who has completed 38-of-79 passes for 478 yards, three touchdowns and nine interceptions. Brody Beggs has nine catches for 108 yards.

● Rocky River and Lakewood are 3-0, but the other six teams in the Cleveland West Conference are a combined 1-17.

● The game tonight will air live on WEOL.com.

STAT PACK: Liam Phillips led the defense at Keystone with nine tackles that included a forced fumble. Luke Whitehead had a sack on the Wildcats' first play from scrimmage, Brenden Murphy, Nick Prouza and Rees Perkins had other tackles for loss and Prouza broke up a pass.

● Tony Kobasuk's 79-yard kickoff return at Keystone was the 20th kickoff return for a TD in school history.

● Prouza had four punt returns for 46 yards, including a 31-yarder down the Bucks sideline.

● Buckeye has committed nine turnovers (4 fumbles, 5 interceptions) and forced only one (fumble recovery) this season.

● The Bucks have been outscored 60-21 in middle quarters.

● The kickoff team is allowing an average field position of the 39.7-yard line this season.

LW: L, 29-40 at Keystone. **TW:** vs. Bay (0-3; 3-0 all time). **NW:** at Lakewood (3-0).



Kobasuk



Highland

PREVIEW: Undeclared Nordonia is known for a high-flying offense piloted by dual-threat quarterback Steven Fackult, who has 729 yards and 10 touchdowns, and veteran receivers Dominick Jackson, Colin Athata and Grant Kaminski, while 6-foot-4, 230-pound tight end Karsen Fisher is committed to Toledo.

● Highland is ranked 12th in Division II by fantastic50.net, one spot ahead of Wadsworth.

STAT PACK: Colton Wade was 11-for-11 for 270 yards last week against Avon Lake, joining Dylan Borla as the only players in school history to complete at least 10 passes without a misfire. Borla was 13-for-13 for 232 yards in a 2024 playoff victory against Whitehouse Anthony Wayne.

● Jake Weber had a gigantic defensive effort against Avon Lake with four pass breakups, a 21-yard interception return for a touchdown and three tackles. Evan Foust remained on fire with 10 of his team-high 12 tackles in the first half — he also had two tackles for loss.

● Ryan Haney tipped a pass that Nate Painter returned 29 yards for a touchdown and Lukas Grills added 1½ tackles for loss. Isaac Demming posted two pass breakups.

● Weber also caught three passes for 33 yards and a touchdown and returned three punts for 15 yards.

● Jonah Kowza was 9-for-9 on touchbacks and averaged 47.5 yards on two punts last week.

● Highland has won 13 straight games when it throws for at least 200 yards.

LW: W, 55-20 vs. Avon Lake. **TW:** vs. Nordonia (3-0; 4-2 all time). **NW:** at Medina (0-3).



Weber

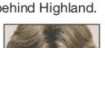


Wadsworth

PREVIEW: Solon had a remarkable 51-season streak of .500 or better records of 1969-2019 but is 18-40 since. The Comets lost starting quarterback Ethan Lawrence to a broken collarbone in a Week 1 loss to Kenston but are second to the Grizzlies in the Suburban League National Conference with a 15.7 defensive scoring average. Defensive end Brady Bush (6-foot-3, 250 pounds) is committed to Miami of Ohio.

● Wadsworth is ranked 13th in Division II by fantastic50.net, one spot behind Highland.

● The game was moved up from tonight to Thursday due to a religious holiday observed by Solon. A complete recap is located on the



Brunswick

PREVIEW: Mentor is coming off a 51-7 loss to St. Ignatius. Brogan Jones has thrown for 702 yards, four touchdowns and six interceptions, while Logan Berwald (21 catches, 396 yards, 3 TDs), Cameron Dietrick (13, 148) and Jeremiah Clardy (7, 126, 1) are the top receivers.

● The Blue Devils' lone win in 19 all-time meetings against Mentor was Sept. 14, 2021, when J.D. Serwatka caught a 41-yard Hail Mary from Ethan Fritz as time expired to give Brunswick a 18-14 stunner.

STAT PACK: The Blue Devils' 197 penalty yards last week against Medina crushed the school record of 155 against Normandy on Sept. 7, 1984. It also represented Brunswick's highest total since 110 at Parma on Oct. 10, 2003. Interestingly, the Blue Devils won all three games.

● Forced to deal with 100 plays from scrimmage, Brunswick put up huge defensive statistics with 101 tackles (7 for loss), a forced fumble, a fumble recovery, two interceptions and seven pass breakups. Wade Goga had a team-high 16 tackles, followed by Ajay Rebraca (13, forced fumble, fumble recovery), Logan Matousek (10), Noah Roksandich (10) and Carter Wickes (9, 2½ for loss, 2 sacks).

● Luke Leichter had an interception in the end zone and two pass breakups, while Anthony Gamboa returned a pick 27 yards.

● With 28 tackles on the season, Matousek is the only lineman in the Medina County top 15.

LW: W, 44-36 vs. Medina. **TW:** at Mentor (2-1; 1-18 all time). **NW:** vs. Shaker Heights (1-2).



Wickes



Colts Cloverleaf

PREVIEW: Waseem Mustafa will be the top priority for the Colts defense, as the Cuyahoga Falls quarterback has accounted for 761 of the Black Tigers' 881 yards total offense. The junior has completed 26-of-44 passes for 333 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions and has rushed 49 times for 428 yards and four scores.

● Cuyahoga Falls has lost 54 consecutive league games dating to a 44-31 Suburban League National Conference win over Brecksville on Sept. 21, 2018.

● Tonight is the first meeting between the schools.

STAT PACK: Cloverleaf already is the first Colts team since 2008 to win twice while scoring fewer than 15 points. In '08, Cloverleaf beat

Buckeye 10-6, Green 14-13 and Wadsworth 14-0.

● The defense continued to carry the load at Carrollton, led by Kellen Price's game-sealing interception and two pass breakups.

● Adam Gray (12 tackles, ½ sack) and Ashton Gray (10) were the top tacklers, Jamere Johnson posted 1½ sacks and Brystin Giaque had an important pass breakup in the fourth quarter.

● Linebacker Alden Giffert lined up at runnin' back and delivered a solid isolation block on Price's 1-yard touchdown run.

● Sophomore Chris Gilliland had a career-high 98 rushing yards last week.

● Cloverleaf has held opponents to fewer than 100 passing yards in six of the last seven games.

LW: W, 14-7 at Carrollton. **TW:** vs. Cuyahoga Falls (2-1; 0-0 all time). **NW:** at Springfield (0-3).



Ad. Gray



Medina

PREVIEW: Quarterback Gideon Larham, the son of first-year coach Dan Larham, will be the focus of

Sacks: Grills (H) 2½, Ad. Gray (C) 2½, Brewer (BR) 2, Wickes (Bru) 2, Arvanetis (H) 2, Sterpka (W) 2.
Interceptions: Price (C) 3, Close (W) 3, Carey (M) 2, Brown (M) 2.
Forced fumbles: Ad. Gray (C) 2, McCune (BR) 1, Lechitter (Bru) 1, Rebraca (Bru) 1, Goga (Bru) 1, Perkins (Bru) 1, Phillips (Bru) 1, Trent (C) 1, Capotosto (H) 1, Powell (M) 1, Kinser (W) 1, Todd (W) 1, Dishauzi (W) 1.
Fumble recoveries: Rebraca (Bru) 1, Lechitter (Bru) 1, Rolsandich (Bru) 1, Sopko (Bru) 1, Ad. Gray (C) 1, Beer (C) 1, Trent (C) 1, Jordan (C) 1, Radigan (H) 1, Lee (M) 1, Todd (W) 1.
Pass breakups: Weber (H) 5, Price (C) 3, Denning (H) 3, Bell (BR) 2, Rolsandich (Bru) 2, Williams (Bru) 2, Lechitter (Bru) 2, Garth (Bru) 2, Prouza (Bru) 2, Painter (H) 2, Pierce (W) 2, Haller (W) 2.
Editor's note: Offensive leaders compiled using a combination of Gazette box scores and video. All defensive statistics compiled by Albert Grindle using video.

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STAT PACK: Quarterback-turned-defensive end Braden Sterpka starred last week at Massillon Jackson with three tackles for loss (sack) among six stops overall. Other contributions came from everywhere. Reid Close picked off a pass, Brandon Dishauzi forced a fumble and broke up a pass, Nathan Shipley had a sack, Jude Haller added a tackle for loss and pass breakup, Anderson Tetzel posted a key tackle for loss and Carter Raymond and Landyn Provance combined for another. Braydan Todd contributed a team-high nine tackles.

- With 374 receiving yards already this season, Jay'len King had opened a 112-yard lead over second-place Adin Evert of Brunswick (262) in Medina County. King had at least 103 yards in each of the first three games.
 - Despite missing a game, Haller ranked fourth in the county with 157 rushing yards.
 - In what already has been a strange season, Wadsworth entered Thursday as the only area team averaging 100 yards apiece rushing and passing. The Grizzlies were third in rushing at 157.0 and second in passing at 271.0 for a county-best 428.0 total.
- LW:** W, 19-14 at Massillon Jackson. **TW:** vs. Solon (2-1, 2-1 all time). **NW:** at North Royalton (3-0).



Sterpka

