



# County Football Week 3



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## Standings

| CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE |      |       |      |      |
|---------------------------|------|-------|------|------|
| School                    | Ovr. | Conf. | PF   | PA   |
| Ricky River               | 2-0  | 0-0   | 45.5 | 3.5  |
| Lakewood                  | 2-0  | 0-0   | 31.5 | 13.0 |
| Westlake                  | 1-1  | 0-0   | 35.5 | 26.0 |
| Buckeye                   | 0-2  | 0-0   | 13.5 | 24.0 |
| Bay                       | 0-2  | 0-0   | 10.5 | 31.5 |
| North Olmsted             | 0-2  | 0-0   | 21.5 | 39.5 |
| Valley Forge              | 0-2  | 0-0   | 0.0  | 37.5 |
| Normandy                  | 0-2  | 0-0   | 3.0  | 53.5 |

| GREATER CLEVELAND CONFERENCE |      |       |      |      |
|------------------------------|------|-------|------|------|
| School                       | Ovr. | Conf. | PF   | PA   |
| Mentor                       | 2-0  | 0-0   | 34.5 | 23.5 |
| Riverside                    | 1-1  | 0-0   | 27.0 | 24.0 |
| Lorain                       | 1-1  | 0-0   | 35.0 | 35.0 |
| Strongsville                 | 1-1  | 0-0   | 25.5 | 26.5 |
| Euclyd                       | 1-1  | 0-0   | 23.5 | 24.5 |
| Shaker Heights               | 1-1  | 0-0   | 18.5 | 20.0 |
| Brunswick                    | 1-1  | 0-0   | 27.0 | 42.0 |
| Cleveland Heights            | 0-2  | 0-0   | 6.5  | 26.5 |

| LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE |      |       |      |      |
|----------------------|------|-------|------|------|
| School               | Ovr. | Conf. | PF   | PA   |
| Columbia             | 2-0  | 0-0   | 48.0 | 6.5  |
| Keystone             | 2-0  | 0-0   | 24.0 | 15.5 |
| Finlands             | 1-1  | 0-0   | 14.0 | 24.0 |
| Black River          | 0-2  | 0-0   | 14.5 | 21.5 |
| Clearview            | 0-2  | 0-0   | 24.0 | 43.5 |
| Wellington           | 0-2  | 0-0   | 14.5 | 42.5 |
| Brookside            | 0-2  | 0-0   | 31.0 | 59.5 |

| METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE |      |       |      |      |
|---------------------------|------|-------|------|------|
| School                    | Ovr. | Conf. | PF   | PA   |
| Norton                    | 2-0  | 0-0   | 41.5 | 7.0  |
| Ravenna                   | 2-0  | 0-0   | 40.0 | 17.0 |
| Woodridge                 | 2-0  | 0-0   | 40.0 | 17.0 |
| Cuyahoga Falls            | 1-1  | 0-0   | 25.0 | 1.0  |
| Cloverleaf                | 1-1  | 0-0   | 10.0 | 9.0  |
| Tallmadge                 | 1-1  | 0-0   | 14.0 | 14.0 |
| Streetsboro               | 1-1  | 0-0   | 28.0 | 31.0 |
| Field                     | 1-1  | 0-0   | 18.5 | 24.0 |
| Roosevelt                 | 1-1  | 0-0   | 17.5 | 26.5 |
| Springfield               | 0-2  | 0-0   | 3.0  | 24.0 |

| SUBURBAN LEAGUE     |      |       |      |      |
|---------------------|------|-------|------|------|
| National Conference |      |       |      |      |
| School              | Ovr. | Conf. | PF   | PA   |
| Nordonia            | 2-0  | 0-0   | 47.5 | 9.5  |
| Wadsworth           | 2-0  | 0-0   | 30.5 | 7.0  |
| North Royalton      | 2-0  | 0-0   | 21.5 | 3.0  |
| Hudson              | 2-0  | 0-0   | 39.0 | 24.5 |
| Stow                | 1-1  | 0-0   | 39.0 | 24.5 |
| Solon               | 1-1  | 0-0   | 14.0 | 17.5 |
| Highland            | 1-1  | 0-0   | 15.5 | 30.5 |
| Medina              | 0-2  | 0-0   | 10.5 | 22.5 |

## County leaders

| SCORING             |    |    |    |    |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Player (School)     | TD | FG | 1x | 2x |
| Varney (BR)         | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| D. Shevchenko (Buc) | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| King (W)            | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Miller (W)          | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Ever (BR)           | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Balok (Bru)         | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Foust (H)           | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Phillips (Buc)      | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Sustersic (C)       | 0  | 2  | 2  | 0  |
| Kowza (H)           | 0  | 1  | 3  | 0  |

| RUSHING             |      |      |      |    |
|---------------------|------|------|------|----|
| Player (School)     | Yds. | Att. | Avg. | TD |
| Phillips (Buc)      | 55   | 316  | 7.2  | 0  |
| D. Shevchenko (Buc) | 20   | 158  | 7.9  | 3  |
| Rees (W)            | 25   | 149  | 6.0  | 1  |
| Sopko (Bru)         | 17   | 91   | 5.4  | 0  |
| DePompei (H)        | 23   | 77   | 3.3  | 1  |
| Balok (Bru)         | 21   | 73   | 3.0  | 7  |
| Price (C)           | 19   | 72   | 3.8  | 0  |
| As. Gray (C)        | 13   | 65   | 5.0  | 3  |
| Miller (W)          | 13   | 65   | 5.0  | 3  |
| Smith (C)           | 17   | 64   | 3.8  | 0  |

| RECEIVING       |      |      |      |    |
|-----------------|------|------|------|----|
| Player (School) | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TD |
| King (W)        | 16   | 149  | 15.4 | 3  |
| Ever (Bru)      | 11   | 218  | 19.9 | 2  |
| Knowles (M)     | 7    | 153  | 21.9 | 7  |
| Varney (BR)     | 14   | 142  | 10.1 | 3  |
| Tolley (C)      | 8    | 130  | 16.3 | 1  |
| Gambao (Bru)    | 16   | 121  | 7.6  | 0  |
| Ostervich (W)   | 10   | 118  | 11.8 | 1  |
| Sokolowski (M)  | 13   | 116  | 8.9  | 0  |
| Radigan (H)     | 4    | 99   | 24.8 | 1  |
| McCune (BR)     | 8    | 96   | 12.0 | 0  |

| PASSING         |        |      |      |      |
|-----------------|--------|------|------|------|
| Player (School) | Co-Al. | Pct. | Yds. | TD-1 |
| Hall (W)        | 47-75  | 62.7 | 588  | 5-1  |
| Barr (M)        | 53-84  | 63.1 | 533  | 2-2  |
| Jamison (Bru)   | 42-68  | 61.8 | 518  | 5-2  |
| Bell (BR)       | 39-69  | 56.5 | 390  | 3-2  |
| Prucha (H)      | 12-20  | 60.0 | 194  | 1-1  |
| Smith (C)       | 9-17   | 52.9 | 145  | 0-0  |
| DePompei (H)    | 3-31   | 10.0 | 60   | 0-0  |
| Trent (C)       | 7-16   | 43.8 | 56   | 0-1  |
| Geyer (Buc)     | 4-8    | 50.0 | 37   | 0-0  |
| Price (C)       | 1-2    | 50.0 | 7    | 0-1  |

| KICKING         |     |      |     |     |
|-----------------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| Player (School) | FG  | Pct. | XP  | PTS |
| Sustersic (C)   | 2-3 | 66.7 | 2   | 6   |
| Kowza (H)       | 1-2 | 50.0 | 3   | 7   |
| Evans (Bru)     | 0-0 | 0.0  | 6-6 | 6   |
| Wagner (W)      | 0-0 | 0.0  | 4-4 | 4   |
| Cusick (M)      | 0-0 | 0.0  | 3-3 | 3   |
| Burkholder (BR) | 0-1 | 0.0  | 3-4 | 3   |
| Nazareu (W)     | 0-0 | 0.0  | 2-2 | 2   |
| Waltos (C)      | 0-0 | 0.0  | 1-3 | 0   |

| TEAM STATISTICS |       |       |       |      |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Offense         |       |       |       |      |
| School          | Rush  | Pass  | Total | Yds. |
| Wadsworth       | 143.0 | 294.0 | 437.0 |      |
| Brunswick       | 66.0  | 259.0 | 325.0 |      |
| Medina          | 54.5  | 266.5 | 321.0 |      |
| Buckeye         | 293.0 | 20.0  | 313.0 |      |
| Cloverleaf      | 123.5 | 104.0 | 227.5 |      |
| Black River     | 29.0  | 195.0 | 224.0 |      |
| Highland        | 78.0  | 129.5 | 207.5 |      |
| Defense         |       |       |       |      |
| School          | Rush  | Pass  | Total | Yds. |
| Wadsworth       | 95.0  | 134.5 | 229.5 |      |
| Cloverleaf      | 211.0 | 57.5  | 268.5 |      |
| Buckeye         | 171.0 | 123.5 | 294.5 |      |
| Black River     | 140.0 | 169.0 | 309.0 |      |
| Highland        | 176.0 | 134.0 | 310.0 |      |
| Medina          | 222.0 | 168.0 | 390.0 |      |
| Brunswick       | 205.5 | 156.5 | 362.0 |      |

| DEFENSE             |      |      |       |    |
|---------------------|------|------|-------|----|
| Player (School)     | Tkls | Solo | Asst. |    |
| Foust (H)           | 23   | 24   | 18    | 6  |
| Ad. Gray (C)        | 11   | 11   | 11    | 11 |
| Hendershot (BR)     | 22   | 7    | 15    | 16 |
| Bell (BR)           | 21   | 7    | 14    | 14 |
| Sokolowski (M)      | 20   | 12   | 8     | 8  |
| Matousek (Bru)      | 18   | 5    | 13    | 13 |
| As. Gray (C)        | 17   | 8    | 9     | 9  |
| Phillips (Buc)      | 16   | 9    | 7     | 7  |
| Beier (C)           | 16   | 9    | 7     | 7  |
| Sopko (Bru)         | 16   | 9    | 7     | 7  |
| D. Shevchenko (Buc) | 16   | 6    | 10    | 10 |
| Rabura (Bru)        | 15   | 4    | 11    | 11 |
| Delesky (BR)        | 13   | 7    | 6     | 6  |
| Todd (W)            | 13   | 6    | 7     | 7  |
| Owings (M)          | 12   | 5    | 7     | 7  |
| Carey (M)           | 12   | 5    | 7     | 7  |
| Painter (H)         | 12   | 5    | 7     | 7  |

Tackles for loss: Riser 12, 31% Sharek



## Black River

**PREVIEW:** Smithville edged Massillon Tuslaw 21-14 before blowing out Galion Northmor 59-15 last week. The Smithies' spread offense features speedy Isaiah Lee, who had six catches for 83 yards in last season's meeting against the Pirates, dual-threat quarterback Brady Sidle and running back Ben Beichler. The defense is a traditional 3-4.

**STAT PACK:** Dom Bell broke the school record for completions in a game with 23 last week at Northwestern, besting the 21 he had against Wellington last season. Bell, who also had a 63-yard punt roll dead at the 7-yard line, is the only player in school history with 20 in a game.

● Hunter Varney had nine receptions against Northwestern, placing him third in school lore behind Zane Bungard (11 vs. Wellington, Oct. 17, 2025) and Francis Stuart Jr. (10 vs. Cloverleaf, Oct. 13, 1961).

● Kage Petruzzi had a 29-yard reception on fourth down to set up the Pirates' touchdown against Northwestern. The senior finished with five grabs for 42 yards.

● Making his first career start at outside linebacker, former end Trenton Delesky led the defense at Northwestern with 11 tackles (2 for loss). Kayden Hendershot added 10 stops (1½ for loss, sack), while Jackson Brewer had a pass of fourth-down sacks. Colton McCune forced a fumble and Bell broke up two passes.

● Black River is the only Medina County school with two players boasting at least 20 tackles, as Hendershot has 22 and Bell 21.

LW: L, 7-9 at Northwestern. TW: vs. Smithville (2-0; 0-1 all time). NW: vs. Clearview (0-2).



Delesky



## Buckeye

**PREVIEW:** Keystone boasts the two of the best skill players in the Lorain County League. Ultra-physical and fast running back Wyatt McKee has 30 carries for 215 yards and six catches for 103 yards, while quarterback Colt Covington has completed 22-of-41 passes for 317 yards, four touchdowns and five interceptions.

● Keystone and Buckeye were members of the Inland Conference together from 1961-88 and the Patriot Athletic Conference State Division from 2005-18. The Bucks have won 11 of the previous 12 meetings, with the lone loss 15-14 on Oct. 19, 2012.

**STAT PACK:** Eight of Denis Shevchenko's first nine carries last week at Amherst resulted in first downs. The fullback had 115 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries.

● Brayden Sopko led the defense at Amherst with eight tackles, followed by Liam Phillips (7) and Rees Perkins (5), who had the team's lone tackle for loss. Tony Kobasuk and Eddie Hondrodakis broke up passes, with the latter coming at the goal line.

● Colton Hornchik had a 43-yard punt against Amherst.

● Liam Phillips (316 yards), Shevchenko (158) and Brayden Sopko (91) rank first, second and fourth in Medina County in rushing yards.

● Buckeye is averaging 293.0 rushing yards, which leads the area by a whopping 150.0 over second-place Wadsworth (143.0). Conversely, the Bucks are last at 20.0 passing yards, 84.0 behind sixth-place Cloverleaf (104.0).

LW: L, 21-38 at Amherst. TW: at Keystone (1-0; 31-6-1 all time). NW: vs. Bay (0-2).



Sopko



## Highland

**PREVIEW:** Dawson Tenbrink will be the key man for the Hornets' defense tonight, as the dual-threat Avon Lake quarterback is expected to play after missing last week's 14-13 loss to Mentor Lake Catholic. The 6-foot, 193-pound runner has a 4.59 40-yard dash and leads a very balanced attack. The Shoremen very well could be 2-0, as they also lost Strongsville 24-22 in the season opener.

**STAT PACK:** Anthony DePompei is quickly establishing himself as one of the most versatile all-purpose players in the county. Last week at Strongsville, the senior had 13 carries for 72 yards, three catches for 74 yards, a 32-yard completion to Jake Weber and a kickoff return for 26 yards.

● Evan Foust again led the defense with 10 tackles (1 for loss) at Strongsville. Nathan Capotosto and Nate Painter each added seven stops — Capotosto also blocked a 45-yard field goal attempt. Jacob Arvanetes had two sacks and Lukas Grillis posted 1½, including one on fourth down that sealed the victory. Isaac Deming and Painter broke up passes and Ben Radigan recovered a muffed punt that bounced squarely off a Strongsville player's helmet.

● Highland averaged 23.7 yards per completion last week.

● All-Ohio Jonah Kowza made his debut at punter vs. Strongsville.

● The Hornets did not convert a third down until the fourth quarter against Strongsville.

LW: W, 31-27 at Strongsville. TW: vs. Avon Lake (0-2; 4-1 all time). NW: vs. Nordonia (2-0).



DePompei



## Brunswick

**PREVIEW:** Brunswick is seeking its fifth three-game winning streak in the rivalry against Medina. The Blue Devils won four in a row from 1975-85 — the schools didn't play from 1978-84 — 11 from 2000-09 and four from 2012-15.

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

**STAT PACK:** Drew Dempsey made his season debut and forced a fumble that was recovered by Noah Roksandich on Olmsted Falls' first play from scrimmage last week. Dempsey had eight tackles total. Logan Matousek (8 tackles, ½ for loss), Carter Wickes (7), Ajay Rebraca (7) and Gavin Balok (7, ½ for loss, pass breakup) were the other top tacklers, while Roksandich also broke up a pass and blocked a field goal. C.J. Williams and Tyler Burk had other pass breakups.

● Matousek leads Medina County linemen and is sixth among all players with 18 tackles.

● Freshman Maxx Eicher saw significant playing time at slot receiver against Olmsted Falls, rushing for an 11-yard touchdown on a jet sweep and catching three passes for 21 yards.

● Opposing teams have completed 27-of-39 passes for 513 yards, seven touchdowns, one interception and a 140.8 NFL rating this season.

● Anthony Gamboa is tied with Wadsworth's Jaylen King for the county lead in players with 16.

● New kicker Logan Evans has made 6-of-6 extra points. He also has three touchbacks.

LW: W, 42-7 vs. Olmsted Falls. TW: vs. Medina (0-2; 33-19 all time). NW: at Mentor (2-0).



Dempsey



## Colts Cloverleaf

**PREVIEW:** A Division IV school whose city of approximately 3,000 people is the seat of Carroll County, Carrollton is coming off a 23-6 win over Richmond Edison. The Warriors' spread offense isn't complex and relies heavily on speedy left-handed quarterback Ja'Sean Gerber (29 carries, 179 yards, TD; 13 for 18, 130 yards, 0 TDs, 0 INTs) and running back Levi Kiko (23 carries, 100 yards, TD). The defense has posted an impressive 21 tackles for loss, led by four apiece from Nolan Dietrich and Jace Witham.

● The Colts are gunning for their fifth straight 2-1 start to a season.

**STAT PACK:** The defense had another sterling effort last week in a loss to Keystone with five turnovers, five tackles for loss (sack) and a pair of pass breakups. Brayden Beier had a big night with eight tackles (2½ for loss, sack) and a fumble recovery. Kellen Price intercepted two passes, Jimmy Tolley had an INT and Adam Gray posted 11 tackles (1 for loss, sack), forced a fumble and recovered a fumble.

● Adam Gray (T-2nd, 22 tackles), Ashton Gray (7th, 17) and Beier (T-8th, 16) are among Medina County's top tacklers this season.

● Cloverleaf and Keystone combined for 12 fumbles (3 lost) and five interceptions.

● Subtract six errant shotgun snaps and a low snap on a punt that combined to lose 93 yards and the Colts had 183 rushing yards on 40 attempts last week.

● With 10 career field goals, Austin Sustersic needs two to crack the Medina County top 10.

LW: L, 10-12 vs. Keystone. TW: at Carrollton (1-1; 1-0 all time). NW: vs. Cuyahoga Falls (1-1).



Price



## Medina

**PREVIEW:** The Bees have won six of the last 10 meetings against Brunswick but still trail the all-time series 33-19. They are seeking to avoid their first three-game losing streak against the Blue Devils since four from 2012-15.

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

**STAT PACK:** Cooper Sokolowski had another standout performance against Hoover, racking up a lot of early tackles en route to a team-high 13. Korde Carey added nine tackles and a 9-yard interception return, while tackle Jamari Powell stood out as well with two tackles for loss and a forced fumble among seven stops. Nicholas Morano and Evan Colan added seven tackles apiece, Noah Brown picked off a pass and Jayden Lee recovered a surprise onside kick.

● Adam Barr's final four rushes covered 7, 19, 16 and 8 yards last week, allowing him to get back into positive numbers after taking four sacks among his first 11 attempts.

● Landen Cusick has made 26-of-27 career extra point attempts. The lone exception was blocked.

(W) 3½, Foust (H) 3, Grills (H) 3, Todd (W) 3, Brewer (BR) 2½, Ad. Gray (C) 2½, Johnson (C) 2½, Arvanites (H) 2½, Kraser (W) 2½.  
**Sacks:** Grills (H) 2½, Brewer (BR) 2, Ad. Gray (C) 2, Arvanites (H) 2.  
**Interceptions:** Price (C) 2, Carey (M) 2, Close (W) 2, Bell (BR) 1, Evert (Bru) 1, Tolley (C) 1, Owings (M) 1, Brown (M) 1.  
**Forced fumbles:** Ad. Gray (C) 2, McCune (BR) 1, Dempsey (Bru) 1, Goga (Bru) 1, Perkins (Buc) 1, Trent (C) 1, Capriosto (H) 1, Powell (M) 1, Kinser (W) 1, Todd (W) 1.  
**Fumble recoveries:** Leichter (Bru) 1, Rokaandich (Bru) 1, Sapko (Buc) 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:** Bell (BR) 2, Rokaandich (Bru) 2, Williams (Bru) 2, Pierce (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.

Davidson to increase his career total to 5,196, breaking the previous standard of 5,152 set by Trey Shaffer from (2017-19).  
● Braydan Todd had arguably Medina County's most productive defensive game of the young season at Davidson with seven tackles (3 for loss), a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Ends Carter Raymond (2 tackles for loss), and Braden Sterpka (2½) starred up front, Blake Hoover added 1½ TFL and Luke Kinser forced a fumble.  
● Gavin Miller had touchdowns on three of his first seven carries at Davidson.  
● Wadsworth already has 18 tackles for loss to open big leads on second-place Highland (11) and third-place Black River (10) and Cloverleaf (10) in Medina County.  
● Two bizarre tidbits: No. 1, the Grizzlies have rushed for 143 yards in each of the first two games of the season. No. 2, Hall threw for 317 yards one year after he threw for 317 at New Albany.  
**LW:** W, 33-8 at Hilliard Davidson. **TW:** at Massillon Jackson (1-1; 0-0 all time).  
**NW:** vs. Solon (1-1).



Todd

| Last week                   | 5-2                                                                                 | 5-2                                                                                 | 4-3                                                                                 | 2-5                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Black River vs. Smithville  |  |  |  |  |
| Medina at Brunswick         |  |  |  |  |
| Buckeye at Keystone         |  |  |  |  |
| Cloverleaf at Carrollton    |  |  |  |  |
| Highland vs. Avon Lake      |  |  |  |  |
| Wadsworth vs. Mass. Jackson |  |  |  |  |