

County Football Week 11



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Standings

CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE			
School	W	L	PF
Buckeye	9-1	7-0	429 124
Picky River	6-4	5-2	272 102
North Olmsted	5-5	5-2	175 195
Bay	4-6	3-4	245 310
Valley Forge	4-6	2-5	242 303
Lakewood	3-7	5-1	181 315
Normandy	2-8	0-7	193 299
Westlake	1-9	5-5	150 154

GREATER CLEVELAND CONFERENCE			
School	W	L	PF
Mentor	10-0	6-0	433 100
Strongsville	9-1	7-0	301 86
Columbus	8-2	5-2	294 97
Clearview	8-2	5-2	294 97
Franklin	4-6	4-3	239 203
Black River	3-7	2-5	151 297
Brookside	3-7	2-5	151 297
Wellington	0-10	0-7	49 387
Oostburg	0-10	0-7	49 387

LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE			
School	W	L	PF
Kayston	9-1	7-0	301 86
Columbia	8-2	5-2	294 97
Clearview	8-2	5-2	294 97
Franklin	4-6	4-3	239 203
Black River	3-7	2-5	151 297
Brookside	3-7	2-5	151 297
Wellington	0-10	0-7	49 387
Oostburg	0-10	0-7	49 387

METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
School	W	L	PF
Streatsboro	10-0	7-0	523 56
Norton	9-1	6-1	418 196
Field	8-2	5-2	220 147
Cloverleaf	7-3	4-3	181 214
Ravenna	4-6	3-4	125 161
Windsor	3-7	2-5	123 173
Covert	3-7	2-5	123 173
Springfield	0-10	0-7	49 387

SUBURBAN LEAGUE			
School	W	L	PF
Highland	10-0	0-0	447 6.5
Aurora	9-1	6-1	433 100
Blmadge	8-2	5-2	294 97
Copley	5-5	4-3	293 286
Riverside	5-5	4-3	293 286
Barberton	2-8	2-5	158 340
Roosevelt	2-8	2-5	158 340
Cuyahoga Falls	2-8	0-7	89 422

National Conference			
School	W	L	PF
Wadsworth	9-1	6-1	418 196
North Royalton	8-2	5-2	294 97
Norcross	8-2	5-2	294 97
Hudson	5-5	4-3	293 286
Brookside	3-7	2-5	151 297
Solon	3-7	2-5	151 297
Stow	3-7	2-5	151 297
Twinsburg	3-7	1-6	188 315

Black River

PREVIEW: Second-seeded New Middletown Springfield is a power running team that uses a lot of formation and two tight ends to pound the ball to tailback Dante Gentile, who has 1,714 rushing yards and 20 touchdowns. No one else has more than 247 rushing yards, while Brayden Baird has thrown for only 495 yards and eight scores. A well-balanced defense that features Wyatt Kuboff (90 tackles, 6 for loss, 3 sacks) allows 13.8 points per game.

- The Tigers are 19-13 all time in the playoffs and were D-VI state runners-up in 2019 and 2020.



Graves

STAT PACK: Zane Bungard became just the ninth Black River player with at least six receptions in a game when he snared six for 77 yards and a touchdown last week at Columbia.

- Ryan Graves (10 tackles), Bryce Murray (7) and Owen Chapman (7) led the Pirates in tackling at Columbia. Bungard had the lone tackle for loss, while Lukas Steinbrenner forced a late fumble that was recovered by Colton Moskal.
- The 305 rushing yards allowed at Columbia are the most by a Black River defense since 317 against Firelands on Sept. 4, 2020.
- The Pirates have been successful on 11-of-15 two-point conversions this season.
- Black River has completed 61.9% of its passes this season, which is well on pace to be a school record.

LW: L, 30-35 at Columbia. **TW:** at New Middletown Springfield (8-2; 0-0 all time). **NW:** potentially at Toronto (7-3) or Wickliffe (7-3).

Buckeye

PREVIEW: While 15th-seeded Norwalk plays in the talented Sandusky Bay Conference Lake Division featuring Sandusky Perkins, Clyde and Sandusky — it has also played 10-0 Milan Edison and 8-2 Vermilion — the Trunkers have struggled mightily offensively with averages of 8.3 points and 163.6 yards. Their best weapon has been Tommy Vanderpool, who has five field goals.

- Seven of the nine all-time playoff games at Edwin Steingass Field have been decided by one possession.



D. Snyderburn

STAT PACK: Troy McCann needs seven points and two touchdowns to break the Buckeye season records of 176 and 29 by Trevor Thome in 2015.

- Travis Avallone led the defense last week at Lakewood with 11 tackles (sack). Nick Balaban added nine stops. Daken Martin broke up a fourth-down pass in the end zone. Derek Snyderburn and Braydon Sopko snatched interceptions and Curtis Gunkelman recorded 1½ sacks.
- The Bucks have allowed only 103 rushing yards over the last three games.
- Buckeye needs 140 rushing yards to become the sixth team in school history to reach 3,000.
- Liam Phillips, Roman Kretler and McCann are averaging a combined 30.1 yards on kickoff returns.

LW: W, 55-14 at Lakewood. **TW:** vs. Norwalk (2-8; 0-0 all time). **NW:** potentially vs. Padua Franciscan (5-5) or Midview (5-5).

County leaders

SCORING				
Player (School)	TD	FG	1x	Pts.
Myser (H)	33	0	0	198
McCann (Buc)	28	0	0	170
Gray (W)	15	0	0	90
Gaspari (BR)	15	0	0	90
Widomayr (Buc)	11	0	0	66
Lemp (W)	10	0	0	60
Kowza (W)	9	0	0	54
Burgard (BR)	8	0	0	48

RUSHING				
Player (School)	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
McCann (Buc)	197	1,008	5.1	20
Myser (H)	164	1,026	6.2	11
Gray (W)	170	1,326	7.8	17
Gaspari (BR)	163	1,036	6.3	11
Widomayr (Buc)	113	812	7.2	6
Madigan (H)	109	803	7.3	11
Joseficzky (M)	90	703	7.8	6
Burgard (BR)	61	388	6.4	5
Neel (BR)	73	378	5.2	6
Wilhelm (Buc)	39	376	9.6	4

RECEIVING				
Player (School)	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Myser (H)	32	570	17.8	1
Widomayr (Buc)	28	523	18.7	1
Widomayr (Buc)	19	463	24.4	4
E. Foust (H)	18	348	19.3	3
Gaspari (BR)	18	348	19.3	3
Smith (C)	23	342	14.9	3
Myser (H)	13	222	17.1	5
Madrox (W)	17	315	18.5	1
Hatway (W)	3	294	8.9	2

PASSING				
Player (School)	Co-AL	Pct.	Yds.	TD-1
Hoff (W)	112-185	60.5	1,853	20-7
Hora (H)	74-97	76.3	1,581	21-1
Barnett (BR)	128-246	52.0	1,434	5-7
DuBois (M)	155-311	49.8	1,410	10-8
Dolata (Buc)	53-86	61.6	925	13-3
Tomes (Buc)	43-88	48.3	873	3-6
Widomayr (Buc)	27-45	60.0	748	2-2
Burgard (BR)	45-68	66.2	338	1-5
Smith (C)	15-37	40.5	114	4-6
Vogrin (M)	7-25	28.0	141	1-1

KICKING				
Player (School)	FG	Pct.	XP	Pts.
Drivokov (W)	2-5	40.0	50	10
Kowza (H)	2-2	100.0	49	98
Kaplan (BR)	2-2	100.0	49	98
D'Elia (BR)	8-11	72.7	18	42
Bonnett (Buc)	3-3	100.0	29	58
Madrox (W)	3-3	100.0	29	58
Susteric (C)	3-4	75.0	18	42
Woolton (BR)	2-2	100.0	14	28
Kuzma (H)	0-0	0.0	4	4
Easa (BR)	0-0	0.0	2	2

TEAM STATISTICS				
Offense				
School	Rush	Pass	Total	Yds
Wadsworth	243.8	162.5	406.3	42.0
Highland	262.8	162.5	425.3	38.0
Buckeye	286.0	92.5	378.5	37.8
Black River	224.5	64.6	289.1	31.1
Cloverleaf	191.7	94.9	286.6	28.6
Medina	119.9	0.0	119.9	11.9
Brunswick	86.4	151.9	238.3	23.8

Defense				
School	Rush	Pass	Total	Yds
Highland	46.8	113.7	160.5	16.0
Black River	100.5	97.5	198.0	19.8
Buckeye	98.3	125.0	223.3	22.3
Wadsworth	125.1	61.2	186.3	18.6
Cloverleaf	207.7	97.0	304.7	30.4
Medina	167.4	172.6	340.0	34.0
Brunswick	204.4	137.3	341.7	34.1

Highland

PREVIEW: Fifteenth-seeded Fremont Ross' spread offense prefers to pass out of the trips formation with Karson Kayden (1,308 passing yards, 12 TDs) and Jadarian Brophy (26 catches, 505 yards, 6 TDs). The Little Giants' most famous alum is 1997 Heisman Trophy winner and Pro Football Hall of Fame cornerback Charles Woodson.

- Highland is 10-0 all time at home in the playoffs, including 8-0 at North Gateway Tire Field.



Phillips

STAT PACK: Junior Casey Myser needs 13 points and three touchdowns to break the school career records of 324 and 54 set by Lukas Stiles from 2020-22, while Dylan Borla has tied Bruce Kinsey's 2013 season record of 21 touchdown passes.

- Safety Garrett Phillips led the defense last week at Aurora with a season-high 12 tackles and two interceptions, including one in the end zone. Evan Foust added nine tackles, Jameson Gordon (11½ tackles for loss), Josh Arvanetes and Kallen Whittingley each broke up two passes and Ryan Zywiec and Kyle Williams added a tackle for loss apiece.
- In only nine games, Jonah Kowza has vaulted to a tie for seventh in school career history with 49 extra points. The season standard of 72 was set by Carson Kwiatkowski last season.
- Mike Gibbons joined Brunswick's Rich Nowak (2006, 2007, 2002, 1999, 1987) and Tom Fasko (1995, 1996), Wadsworth/Buckeye's Greg Dennison (1996, 2017) and Wadsworth's Justin Todd (2016, 2017) as the only Medina County coaches with multiple 10-0 regular seasons.

LW: W, 34-0 at Aurora. **TW:** vs. Fremont Ross (6-5; 1-0 all time). **NW:** Potentiality vs. Avon Lake (6-4) or Toledo St. Francis de Sales (7-3).

Brunswick

PREVIEW: Fourth-seeded Massillon Jackson has one of the smallest lines in Division I with a 234-pound average but still runs the ball well with Kristian Satterfield (1,047 rushing yards, 9 TDs). Lucas Ecrement has thrown for 1,463 yards and 11 TDs, with Noah Colando (35 catches, 702 yards, 6 TDs) the clear No. 1 receiver. The defense boasts a whopping 101 tackles for loss and is led by 22 apiece from linbackers Mitch Braucher (12 sacks) and Zac Saleh.

- The Blue Devils have lost eight of their last 10 playoff games.



Konopinski

STAT PACK: With three field goals last week at Strongsville, Vincenzo DiTodoro tied the school game record. Rob Cruise (Aug. 27, 1999 at Massillon Jackson), Don George (Aug. 30, 1991 at Parma) and Tony Minjark (Sept. 13, 1985 vs. Brookhaven) are the others.

- DiTodoro now has eight field goals, ranking third in school season history behind Cruise (10, 1999) and Minjark (9, 1985).
- Elijah Clement led the defense last week at Strongsville with eight tackles (1 for loss). Collin Kavulich forced a fumble, Brayden Miles and John Root recovered fumbles and Eli Nichols had a half-tackle for loss to maintain second place in Medina County with 14½ on the season.
- Clement has 19 tackles over the last two games.
- Aiden Konopinski had career highs of four catches and 60 yards against the Mustangs.
- Leading rusher Cooper Neel broke a collarbone at Strongsville and is done for the season.

LW: L, 9-19 at Strongsville. **TW:** at Massillon Jackson (7-3; 1-2 all time). **NW:** potentially at Canton McKinley (6-4) or Normandy (3-7).

Colts Cloverleaf

PREVIEW: Fifth-seeded Bay is a 1990-style conservative team that prefers to play with scores in the high teens or low 20s. The Rockets, who have won four of their last five games by an average of only 9.0 points, prefer to use tight end outs of the I-formation and shotgun with an emphasis on power running to tailback Rocco Ereditario (217 carries, 1,124 yards, 14 TDs). Bay averages 18.8 points on 221.0 yards total offense (36.5 passing).

- Adam Gray led the defense against Streetsboro with 11 tackles, followed by Logan Letner (9), Gage Grotz (6) and Ethan Gray (6). Brayden Beiler had a tackle for loss. Grotz and Letner combined for a sack and Ethan Martin forced a fumble that went out of bounds on the visiting sideline.



Susteric

STAT PACK: Austin Susteric's 47-yard field goal last week against Streetsboro was 1 yard off the school record set by Sean Mohney on Sept. 24, 2010 vs. Green.

- Isaac Smith became the fifth Cloverleaf player to catch 10 passes in a game when he finished with 10 for 95 yards and a touchdown vs. the Rockets. Smith is seventh in Medina County with 342 receiving yards despite spending significant time at quarterback this season.
- After leading Medina County through five weeks with 14 forced turnovers, the Colts have just two over the last five games.

LW: L, 15-63 vs. Streetsboro. **TW:** at Bay (6-4; 0-0 all time). **NW:** potentially at Clearview (8-2) or vs. Napoleon (5-5).

Medina

PREVIEW: Perrysburg has approximately 70/30 run-pass balance out of a spread offense against a fantastic 50 net strength of schedule rated 61st out of 71 Division I teams. Quarterback Josh Takats is a dual threat, while Nicolo Walkosky is the top running back and Dominick Woods (Butler offer) is the No. 1 receiver. Sophomore tackle Reed Gerken (6-foot-5, 290 pounds) already has five Mid-American Conference offers.

- The Bees are the first 2-8 Medina County team to qualify for the playoffs.
- Medina has a county-best 61.9 winning percentage (13-8) all time in the playoffs.



Hulvey

STAT PACK: Tallen Hulvey's interception on the 1-yard line last week against Detroit Cass Tech was the Medina County-record 23rd of his career, tying him for ninth in Ohio history. The state record of 33 was set by St. Ignatius' Brian Dowling from 1962-64, while the previous county standard was 20 by Buckeye's Scott DeMarco (1982-84).

- Cooper Joseficzky led the defense against Detroit Cass Tech with seven tackles (2 for loss, sack). Cliff Nicholson (sack), Dylan Pay and Nick Kaplack each added a tackle for loss, while Hulvey and Pay broke up passes.
- The Bees had a season-low one penalty for 10 yards against Cass Tech.
- Medina is averaging 26.7 rushing attempts, its highest since 2017 (33.9).
- Finn Kelps needs three extra points to reach 100 in his career.

LW: L, 0-40 vs. Detroit Cass Tech. **TW:** at Perrysburg (8-2; 0-0 all time). **NW:** potentially at Lorain (9-1) or Berea-Midpark (3-7).

Wadsworth

PREVIEW: North Royalton has won its last three games by seven, eight and seven points. The 12th-seeded Bears are led offensively by 230-pound left-hander Joe Kinney (1,676 passing yards, 20 TDs, 11 INTs), Mannix Wasco (582 rushing yards, 3 TDs), Joseph Calvo (28 catches, 620 yards, 9 TDs) and Nick Piazza (29, 467, 5). The defense allows 30.3 points per game.

- All seven of North Royalton's playoff appearances have come under 21st-year coach Nick Ciulli. Before Ciulli, the Bears had one winning season since going 6-4 in 1993.
- Wadsworth will be 7-2 while averaging 38.1 points all time at home in the playoffs.



Haller

STAT PACK: Brysen Hall became the sixth Wadsworth player to throw for 20 touchdowns in a season when he found Calix Lemp for a 50-yarder with 4:29 left last week against North Royalton.

- Cooper Gray is averaging 25 carries for 208.3 yards in four games since co-starter Gavin Madigan injured his ankle against Nordonia. With 1,326 yards on the season, the junior needs 262 to crack the Grizzlies top 10.
- Jacob Earnest led the defense against North Royalton with 10 tackles, followed by eight apiece from Jude Haller and Madigan. Lemp broke up two passes and Troy Myers forced a fumble recovered by Shawn Kincaid.
- Myers has overtaken Black River's Ryan Graves for the Medina County tackling lead among linemen with 62.

LW: L, 37-44 vs. North Royalton. **TW:** vs. North Royalton (5-5; 15-4 all time). **NW:** potentially at North Ridgeville (8-2) or vs. Toledo Start (7-3).

Gazette Pick-It Line

Overall	57-9	5
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