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# Ohio high school football scores | Hudson vs. Highland recap, highlights

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MEDINA — Led by Evan Foust (three tackles for loss, two third down stops, forced fumbles) and a defense that forced two interceptions, Highland rolled to a 32-0 win over Hudson on Friday, Aug. 29.

Casey Myser did Myser things and ran for 100 yards and two scores on 18 carries.

Lucas Gerding rushed for 42 yards and a score on six carries and Grady Gibb was 4-of-8 passing with an interception for the Hornets (2-o).

Mired by four turnovers, the Explorers (1-1) didn't find much of answer on offense.

Dan Miller, Luckas Grillis and Jameson Gordon each had a sack for the Hornets.

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Gordon and Nick Dobkowski had interceptions in the win.

"We made that the statement that no matter what we're going to be here," Foust said. "We're ready to play every single game and we're going to get better every game and every week."

Hudson gained just 195 yards on 51 plays.

Reno Ferri (12 carries, 34 yards, two catches, 33 yards) led the way in the loss.

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#### Highland opens the fourth quarter with a touchdown

Dylan Lazar went in from a yard out and a bad snap on the extra point forced Grady Gibb to roll out. He found Jameson Gordon in the end zone for the two-point conversion. It's 29-0 Highland with 11:57 left.

#### Highland makes it a running clock

A 34-yard field goal by Johan Kowza makes it 32-0 with 2:34 left.

## Third quarter ends with Highland up big

Highland has it second-and-goal on the 1. It's 21-0 Hornets heading to the fourth.

#### Hudson stalls on downs in the third quarter

The Explorers moved to the Highland 38, but stalled on downs. Highland has it first-and-10 on the Highland 36 with 5:29. The Hornets are up 21-0.

#### Highland goes up three scores vs. Hudson

Lucas Gerding took a jet sweep from 17 yards out to the house. It's 21-0 Highland with 10:22 left in the third quarter.

#### Highland opens second half with a pick

Linebacker Jameson Gordon played possom and then picked Hudson quarterback Hayden Lipinski to set up first-and-10 on the Hudson 30 with 11:09 left in the third. Hornets up 14-0.

## **Halftime statistics from Highland Hudson**

Category	Hudson	Highland
First downs	7	12
Rushing attempts/Yards	17/28	23/101

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Completions/attempts	8/12	4/6
Yards	93	83
Total plays/yards	25/121	29/189
Penalties/yards	1/10	2/25
Intercepted by	1	O
Fumbles/lost	2/2	o/o

Highland leads 14-0.

#### **Individual leaders**

Hudson: Hayden Lipinski 8-12-93-0, Reno Ferri 7 carries, 21 yards, 2 catches, 33 yards

Highland: Grady Bigg 4-6-83-1, Casey Myser 14 carries, 65 yards, 2 TDs; Ethan Dobkowski 2 catches, 45 yards, Lucas Gerging 2 catches, 38 yards

## Highland winning the turnover battle, leading Hudson

A fumble recovery by Cooper Zielinski gave Highland the ball first-and-10 on the Highland 28 with 2:59 left before the break. A 35-yard pass to Nick Dobkowski highlighted a five-play, 52-yard drive with Casey Myser scoring from 5 yards out.

It's Highland 14, Hudson o with 52 seconds left in the second quarter.

## Highland scores first, takes advantage of Hudson mistake

Casey Myser capped off a five-play, 38-yard drive with a 1-yard score. It's Highland 7, Hudson o with 5:06 left.

## **Turnover gives Highland great field position**

Hudson converted a fourth-and-1 at midfield, but Evan Foust obliterated Evan Foust, forcing a fumble that Dan Miller recovered. Highland has it first-and-10 on the Hudson 38 with 7:25 to go in the second.

#### Hudson defense comes up strong again

Highland stalled on its initial drive to start the second quarter. It's first-and-10 on the Hudson 20 for the Explorers. It's scoreless 9:59 before the break.

## Hudson facing fourth-and-3 to start the second quarter

A stop by Evan Foust caused a 1-yard loss by Reno Ferri. It's scoreless 12 minutes before the half. They decided to punt. Lucas Gerding returned it to the Highland 41. Hornets first-and-10 with 11:42 left in the second.

#### Highland stalls near midfield late in the first

The Hornets drove to the Hudson 41, but a hold and sack by Beckham Ickes ended things. Hudson has the ball on its own 17 with 1:11 left in the first of a scoreless game.

## **Turnover stops Highland drive**

The Hornets looked almost unstoppable on the opening drive, gaining five first downs to the Hudson 22, but Anthony Paolucci jumped a slant route and picked off Grady Gibb on the 5-yard. Hudson started on its own 29, but went three-and-out. It's scoreless. Highland has the ball on its own 21 with 6:29 left in the first quarter. Where can I watch the Highland-Hudson football game?

Highland livestreams all of its games. It can be seen on hls.media.

## What is the recent history of Highland-Hudson?

Casey Myser scored two TDs in the final 6:24 and rushed for 159 yards to lift Highland over Hudson 31-24 last season. ... This will be the rubber match for the senior classes as the Explorers opened the 2023 season with a 35-21 win over the Hornets

#### Who were the stars for Hudson in Week 1?

The Explorers defeated 2024 regional semifinalist Austintown Fitch 28-14 in Hayden Lipinski's debut as the starting quarterback despite being outgained 414-298. Reno Ferri led Hudson with 133 yards on 20 carries and scored a touchdown and Lipinski was 11-of-15 passing for 117 yards with a TD pass to Christopher Horner. ... Nathan Judy returned to linebacker for the Explorers and finished with 17 tackles, two fourth-down stops and an interception.

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## Who were the stars for Highland in Week 1?

The Hornets traveled to Pennsylvania to take on perennial power McDowell and it was over early in a 49-10 rout by Highland. The Hornets set a school record for yards from scrimmage with 672 and had 514 of them by halftime for an average of 13.4 yards per play. Myser rushed for 153 yards and two scores on 11 carries and had two catches for 42 yards. Grady Gibb was 7-of-7 passing for 226 yards and a TD pass to Nick Dobkowski in his debut as a starter. Highland finished with 402 yards rushing.

#### **Projected starters for Hudson**

Number	Name	Position
Offense		
18	Hayden Lipinski	QB
44	Reno Ferri	RB
6	Louie Castellarin	WR
3	Anthony Paolucci	WR
13	Christopher Horner	TE
16	Nathan Judy	TE
19	Blake Bakonyi	LT
75	Alec Cope	LG
56	Garrett Markey	C
64	Andrew Lanham	RG
73	Otto Grill	RT
Defense		
40	Drake Keown	DE
35	Ted Pawelec	DT
63	Andrew Lanham	DT
19	Blake Bakonyi	DE
16	Nathan Judy	OLB
32	Joe Cavalcanti	MLB
28	Aiden Rengers	OLB
12	Evan Wolenski	CB
6	Louie Castellarin	CB
26	'Brennan Funyak	FS
3	Anthony Paolucci	SS
Special Teams		
83	Ian Katz	K
83	Ian Katz	P

## **Projected starters for Highland**

Number	Name	Position
Offense		
16	Grady Gibb	QB
25	Casey Myser	RB
6	Nick Dobkowski	WR
3	Lucas Gerding	WR
5	Evan Foust	НВ
2	Jameson Gordon	TE
61	Josh Messina	LT
77	Wyatt Sitz	LG
58	Spencer Marquis	C
65	Cody Bendau	RG
52	Thomas Fearn	RT
Defense		

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85	Dan Miller	DE
65	Cody Bendau	DT
8	Ryan Zahir	DT
61	Josh Messina	DE
2	Jameson Gordon	OLB
5	Evan Foust	MLB
20	Kallen Whitling	OLB
11	Chris Metzger	CB
21	Liam Zielinski	CB
6	Nick Dobkowski	FS
15	Cooper Zielinski	SS
Special teams		
40	Jonah Kowza	K
13	Landon Kuzma	P

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