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Revere, Walsh, Hoban, CVCA among Week 10 winners in Akron-area high school football

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Revere 24, Copley 21: Chase Clifford, James Perry, David Kennedy lead Minutemen to win, OHSAA playoffs

The 75th meeting between host Revere and Copley ended with David Kennedy making a 36-yard field goal as time expired to lift the Minutemen (8-2, 5-2) to a win in a Suburban League American Conference game.

"I treated it as any normal kick," Kennedy said. "It's no different. Nothing really goes through my head. Just look at the ball and keep your head down."

Revere coach Bobby Nickol said Kennedy has been "bothered by a leg injury most of the year."

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"He has been accurate," Nickol said. "... We trust him."

Revere outscored Copley 17-0 in the second half to erase a 21-7 halftime deficit to win "The Bell."

"It is just resiliency with these kids," Nickol said. "These guys have played a lot of

football. We have got [senior] guys that have played [varsity] since they were sophomores. ... We had a couple of broken plays and defense played lights out in the second half."

Revere clinched a top four seed, a bye in the first round and a home game in the second round in Division III, Region 10. Copley is also headed to the playoffs in the same region.

Revere QB Chase Clifford ran for a 26-yard touchdown in the third quarter. He completed 12 of 24 passes for 149 yards, and finished with 62 yards on nine carries.

"It took a team effort," Clifford said. "I am pretty sure I messed up the one play when I scrambled for the long run [of 22 yards with 17 seconds remaining]. I didn't hand the ball off. I just took off and it was open. ... The legendary DK, David Kennedy. The best kicker in the state. I love this team."

Revere's James Perry ran for a 5-yard TD in the first quarter and a 3-yard TD in the fourth quarter, and finished with 96 yards on 23 carries.

"This is an amazing feeling," said Perry, who also had a sack. "This is going to be one of the best memories I'll ever have with my brothers. These guys are my family, but we are still hungry. We are looking to make a playoff push."

Nickol said he was pleased with the blocking up front from offensive linemen Jackson Farrow, Ryan Ferrara, Toby Mullen, Luca Mutersbaugh and Joe Rozak, tight end Michael Mark and fullback Sam Childs.

Anderson Madden started at QB for Copley (7-3, 5-2) in place of injured Dane Wininger, and played well with two touchdown passes and a TD run in the first half. Madden completed 15 of 21 passes for 163 yards. He ran for 74 yards on 14 carries, but was also sacked four times for negative-26 yards.

Madden connected with Jacob Kuczkowski on a 44-yard TD pass and Andrew

McKnight on a 17-yard TD pass. Kuczkowski finished with five catches for 63 yards and McKnight had four catches for 54 yards. Copley's Jalen Owens recorded an interception, ran for 53 yards on 12 carries and had four catches for 33 yards. James Cruz recovered a fumble. Bryce Martin ran for 26 yards on seven carries in the first quarter and then did not return because of an injury.

Revere's Uriah Pulliam had four catches for 72 yards and Nicholas Hall had three catches for 36 yards. Harrison Drvenkar ran for 32 yards on six carries and caught three passes for 17 yards. Revere's defensive leaders were Elijah Sedor (1.5 sacks), Joel Caipen (1.5 sacks), Davis Hajdu (interception), Mario Brienza, Rozak and Mark.

"In my four years, we have never come back from a deficit like this," Sedor said.

Walsh Jesuit 31, Trotwood-Madison 14: Warriors win gritty game over Rams

It was not always pretty, but Walsh Jesuit (8-1) did what it needed to beat Trotwood-Madison (6-3) at Conway Memorial Stadium.

Despite two first-half interceptions, one of which negated a long TD pass, the Warriors never trailed. Walsh opened the scoring with a 1-yard TD leap by Carlos Smith, and a 30-yard field goal by Freddie Marcell made it 10-0 at the half.

The Rams opened the third quarter with a 12-yard TD run by Daylon Dennis, but Walsh responded when Kian McHugh grabbed the ensuing kickoff and returned it 75 yards for a score to make it 17-6 through three quarters.

A fumble by David Ternosky set up quarterback Dallas Shehee's 1-yard TD run for Trotwood-Madison's next score.

However, Ternosky atoned on the next drive, hitting Milan Parris with a 40-yard TD pass to stretch the lead, and Marty Tobin put the exclamation point on the win with a 12-yard TD run with 36 seconds left. Tobin finished with 186 of the

Warriors' 254 rushing yards.

Hoban 24, St. Edward 20: Knights use four interceptions to beat Eagles

St. Edward quarterback Jonny Evanchick came into the Week 10 game against Archbishop Hoban with two interceptions all season.

He'll go into the postseason with six after Hoban intercepted him four times in a win by the Knights that gave them two consecutive victories over the Eagles. It was the fourth win for Hoban by five points or less this season.

The hammer came when Jackson Callaway jumped a route with Patrick Kinsell and Brydon Feister crashing in. Callaway took it 38 yards for a touchdown to give Hoban a 24-14 lead late in the fourth quarter.

The pick made a 28-yard Hail Mary pass to Joe Moore as time expired a non-factor.

Elbert Hill had two picks and Brydon Feister accounted for the other for the Knights (8-1).

With Jance Henry on the sideline, Hoban's La'Near Folk ran for a game-high 113 yards on 15 carries and Brayton Feister added 94 yards and touchdown on 18 carries. Payton Cook, who started at quarterback, was 4-of-8 passing for 21 yards with two interceptions. He also ran nine times for 34 yards with a score.

Evanchick finished 9-of-18 passing for 183 yards and touchdowns passes to Moore and Brandon White (five catches, 117 yards). White also had 53 yards rushing on 15 carries for the Eagles (8-2).

East 32, Garfield 12: Lawrence Cherry Jr. leads Dragons to City Series title, OHSA playoffs

Lawrence Cherry Jr. ran for 181 yards and three touchdowns on 13 carries to

guide East (8-2, 5-0) to an outright City Series championship and a playoff berth in Division III, Region 9.

"We are top eight according to JoeEitel.com," Hayes said. "It looks like we will either be the sixth seed or the seventh seed, depending on what happens in Saturday's games.

"It's a great feeling to win the City Series championship. We have been putting in a lot of work all year long. I think our guys deserve this. They bust their tails. To have three straight league titles, even though two were shared, is telling to the work they put in every year."

East QB Marlin Engram Jr. threw TD passes to Emmanuel Jefferson and Terrel Karim Jr., and had 92 yards passing. Jefferson finished with seven carries for 62 yards, three tackles and two interceptions. Tarrell Robinson had nine tackles, Jon Jeffries added six tackles and Lavance Bratton had three tackles and one interception.

"Offensive linemen Sean Echols, Nasir West, Julius Vickers, Marcus Henderson, John Isom and King Arthur Love run-blocked superb today," Hayes said. "They opened up some great holes for our backfield runners."

Darius Sales threw two touchdown passes in the second half for Garfield (4-6, 2-3), one apiece to Jordan Spaulding and Timothy Tate.

Highland 62, Cuyahoga Falls 0: Hornets win going away, unofficially grab top seed in Division II, Region 6

Casey Myser rushed for 97 yards and a touchdown and Grady Gibb threw a touchdown pass and ran for another score to lead Hornets (10-0, 7-0) to a perfect season. Highland finished tied with Wadsworth for the top spot in Division II, Region 6 but unofficially should get the No. 1 seed on the fourth tiebreaker, which is opponents' total wins (45-43).

Defense ruled for the Hornets, who held the Black Tigers (1-9, 0-7) to minus-11 yards of total offense.

“It’s a tough region, so we’re excited to start this next phase of the season,” Hornets coach Mike Gibbons said. “We’re looking forward to all the challenges coming up and playing some really good teams.”

Aurora 35, Barberton 0: Greenmen win fourth consecutive game, but miss playoffs

Aurora (6-4, 4-3) might miss the playoffs for the first time in years, but the Greenmen concluded their season on a four-game win streak with a shutout at Barberton.

Aurora finishes with a 332-39 edge in total yards, and each team committed three turnovers.

Luke McGovern led Aurora with 88 yards rushing and two touchdowns, and Aidan Samelko added two rushing TDs.

Nordonia 34, Stow 14: Knights clinch home playoff game with win over Bulldogs

Nordonia (7-3, 4-3) shook off a two-game losing streak and cruised to a home win over Stow (2-8, 0-7).

Nordonia quarterback Steve Fakult has another solid game, going 19-of-30 passing for 289 yards and three TDs. Nordonia’s highlight was a 73-yard TD pass from Fakult to Collin Atha in the first quarter. Atha finished with six catches for 125 yards. Karsen Fisher and Dominick Jackson also caught a TD pass.

John Koran capped the win with a 27-yard TD run in the fourth quarter, and Riley Edgehouse nailed two 32-yard field goals. Jamiere Davis contributed two interceptions.

Stow had some success on offense, but hurt itself with four turnovers and 147 yards of penalties.

Quarterback Jake Harrington led Stow with 67 yard rushing and two TDs, and also finished 17-of-27 passing for 220 yards, but threw two interceptions.

Wadsworth 50, Solon 21: Grizzlies finish regular season undefeated for the first time in seven years

Gavin Madigan rushed for 111 yards and two touchdowns on six carries to help the Grizzlies (10-0, 7-0) complete their first undefeated regular season since 2018. The win put Wadsworth in a tie atop Division II, Region 6 with Highland (10-0, 7-0), but the Hornets won on the fourth tiebreaker. Cooper Gray rushed for 54 yards and a score on three carries.

Wadsworth quarterback Brysen Hall was 2-of-3 passing for 46 yards and a touchdown. Braden Sterpka was 8-of-10 passing for 98 yards and scored on a 2-yard run for the Grizzlies.

“I think it’s a testament to the kids and the coaches to the work they put in year-round to go undefeated,” Wadsworth coach Justin Todd said. “It’s a culmination of hard work and being challenged week in and week out. It’s special.”

Hudson 37, North Royalton 0: Explorers notch fifth shutout of season

Hudson (8-2, 6-1) roared into the playoffs with its fifth shutout of the season, routing North Royalton on the road. Hudson almost doubled North Royalton’s offensive output, finishing with a 398-203 edge in total yards.

Quarterback Hayden Lipinski led the way for the Explorers, finishing 11-of-16 passing for 201 yards and three TDs. Nathan Judy was Lipinski’s favorite target with four receptions for 89 yards, including two second-quarter touchdowns. Reno Ferri caught the other TD pass. Christopher Horner had two catches for 52

yards.

Brennan Funyak (21 yards) and Ethan Hall (3 yards) added second-half rushing TDs. Anthony Paolucci recorded an interception.

Brecksville 17, Twinsburg 14: Tigers fall short, but clinch playoff berth

The Tigers (6-4, 3-4) drove to midfield but turned the ball over on downs with 3:39 left in a Suburban League National Conference loss to the Bees (6-4, 4-3). Dylan Fantone threw for 180 yards, including a 40-yard touchdown to Sam Collins and a 45-yard score to Rob Herndon.

Twinsburg clinched a Division II, Region 5 playoff berth despite the loss. The Tigers will unofficially finish in either ninth or 10th spot in the region.

Green 34, Lake 27 (OT): Bulldogs rally for OT win over Blue Streaks, qualify for playoffs

Green stretched its win streak to four games by rallying past Lake and clinched an [OHSAA playoff](#) berth in Division II, Region 5, according to [joeetel.com](#). The website has the Bulldogs (5-5) locked in as the No. 11 seed and playing at Garfield Heights next week.

"They put pressure on themselves, but just the experience of the season, to be able come back after starting 1-5 just shows a lot," Green coach Mark Geis said. "They do deserve to go on."

Four of Green's five losses were by seven points or less. After a 21-3 loss to McKinley in Week 6, the Bulldogs responded with wins over GlenOak, Louisville, Perry and Lake.

Quarterback Tyson Hunka scored the go-ahead touchdown in overtime for the Bulldogs on a 1-yard keeper. Lake drove to the 5 on its overtime possession, and Alex Quior completed a pass to Ty DeGeorge on fourth down but Green kept him

out of the end zone.

Reed had a monster night with 211 yards and two touchdowns on 30 carries, and Hunka added 65 yards and two scores on 15 carries. As a team, the Bulldogs rolled up 281 yards.

Davis Matson rushed for 100 yards and two touchdowns for Lake.

Manchester 21, Northwest 7: Phil Partin's three TDs lead Panthers

Junior running back Phil Partin ran for 288 yards and three touchdown on 18 carries to help Manchester (7-3, 4-3) snap a two-game skid with a Principals Athletic Conference victory. Partin scored on runs of 51 and 69 yards in the first quarter. He then added a 65-yard score with 2:49 left in the fourth quarter.

CVCA 49, Elyria Catholic 14: Royals run to first undefeated regular season in school history

The Royals (9-0, 5-0) wrapped up their first undefeated regular season in the 30-year history of the program and claimed the outright North Coast Conference with an easy win. Joey Kopec (11 carries, 149 yards, three TDs) led the way against the Panthers (3-7, 1-4).

CVCA picked up 366 yards on 43 carries and scored six rushing touchdowns. Wesley Keeler ran for 91 yards and two scores on eight carries, and Zac Anderson had 67 yards and a touchdown on six carries.

"It's incredible," Royals coach Nick Cook said. "This is Team 30, and it's the first time. We take our seniors through some leadership training and a goal-setting process. They work on their own mission statement to make it visible to their teammates.

"This team back in March crystalized it as a goal for the regular season. It's very gratifying to see those guys through that process. Seeing it all the way through is

pretty remarkable.”

Norton 56, Coventry 0: Trey Kersten guides Panthers to MAC title, OHSAA playoffs

Trey Kersten threw four touchdown passes and Jason Beverly ran for two touchdowns to guide the Panthers (9-1, 7-0) over the host Comets (2-8, 1-6) and to perfection in the Metro Athletic Conference.

Alex Meinen caught two TD passes, Isaac Hunter and Buddy Willig each caught one TD pass and Markus Brown and Willig added TD runs. Blake Kaminski made four PATs, Noah Heffelman made two and Willig had a 2-point run.

"A great response to adversity that the guys had to face this week," Norton coach Glen Kruger said. "We received a ton of support from our administration, parents and fans, which certainly helped as well. The silver lining of the poor decision that the OHSAA made is that they gave our kids a little extra motivation. But again, our seniors stepped up and took on the leadership we needed to push through a tough week and be Metro Athletic champions.

"On top of that, we were able to cap off an undefeated regular season, despite what some down in Columbus want to claim. Panther Nation knows what we did on the field this year. Just super proud of each and every young man on our football team, as well as the leadership of a top notch coaching staff. I am blessed to be around such great people."

Cle. Benedictine 34, St. Vincent-St. Mary 13: Irish limp to finish of winless season

The host Bengals closed out a winless season for the Irish in a game that ended early because of multiple unsportsmanlike penalties. STVM (0-9) blocked a punt with 3:40 left in the game and returned it for touchdown. With 1:10 left to play, and 90 yards in penalties for each team, the referees called the game.

Kent Roosevelt 17, Tallmadge 10: Rough Riders earn conference win over Blue Devils

Kent Roosevelt (5-5, 3-4) edged Tallmadge (3-7, 2-5) in a Suburban League American Conference game to finish with a .500 record but did not qualify for the state playoffs. No details were provided.

Woodridge 48, Springfield 0: Bulldogs blank Spartans

Woodridge (6-4, 5-2) was eliminated from the state playoffs despite a lopsided Metro Athletic Conference win over Springfield (1-9, 0-7). No details were provided.

Streetsboro 35, Cloverleaf 7: Rockets soar over Colts in MAC game

Streetsboro (8-2, 6-1) routed Cloverleaf (6-4, 4-3) in a Metro Athletic Conference game and will go into the Division IV, Region 13 playoffs with momentum. No details were provided.

Mogadore 42, Richmond Heights 22: Wildcats cruise into state playoffs

Mogadore (9-1) won its seventh consecutive game and will have a bye before beginning play in the Division VII, Region 25 playoffs. No details were provided.

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