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Who's the best kicker, punter in NE Ohio football 2025? Our picks, your votes

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Archbishop Hoban's Jeremy Hammel kicks a field goal against Avon in an OHSAA Division II state semifinal Friday, Nov. 29, 2024, at University of Akron InfoCision Stadium









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 ${\it CLEVELAND, Ohio-Meet the top\ high\ school\ football\ players\ in\ the\ Greater\ Cleveland\ and\ Akron\ area.}$

Cleveland.com is presenting the top players at every position in a 13-part series, including kicker and punter.

Thirteen of the area's top players to watch at this position are presented below in alphabetical order, plus additional standouts to watch, from a seven-county area in Northeast Ohio. That includes Cuyahoga County and all counties that border it.

Read about the top kickers and punters and vote for who you think is the best in our poll below. It will be open until 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21.

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Luke Anzlovar, Maple Heights

Height, weight: 6-foot-2, 195 pounds

Year: Senior

About Anziovar: While he is best known as Maple's starting quarterback, that also makes him a dangerous punter with the threat to pass. He averaged 33.3 yards on 27 punts with a long of 58 yards and four inside the 20-yard line.

Brayden Bonnett, Buckeye

Height, weight: 6-0, 150

Year: Senior

About Bonnett: He missed most of last season because of injury. In addition to kicking, he will be a vital part to the Bucks, who won 10 games last year, on both sides of the football as a receiver and defensive back. Bonnett was the Great Lakes Conference specialist of the year as a sophomore and is rated four stars by Kohl's Kicking Camps.

Cy Christensen, Amherst

Height, weight: 6-3, 190

Year: Senior

About Christensen: While he is a third-year starting quarterback, his first season at Amherst after transferring to his home district from Clearview, Christensen's boot is just as potent as his arm. He averaged 42.2 yards per punt as a junior with the Clippers. Of 17 punts, 12 landed inside the 20-yard line. He had a long of 56 yards.

Ryan Cvitkovic, Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin

Height, weight: 5-9, 160

Year: Senior

About Cvitkovic: He earned All-Ohio second-team honors in Division IV last season for the Lions. He made all 42 of his extra points and connected on 5 of 6 field goals with a long of 49 yards. He also booted 42 touchbacks.

Vincenzo DiTeodoro, Brunswick

Height, weight: 6-1, 200

Year: Senior

About DiTeodoro: He made the All-Ohio third team in Division I for the Blue Devils. DiTeodoro connected on 9 of 12 field goals, including 9 of 9 on attempts within 48 yards. He also made 18 of 19 extra points, with the only miss coming on a block. Also, 29 of his 36 kickoffs went for touchbacks.

Riley Edgehouse, Nordonia

Height, weight: 5-11, 165

Year: Senior

About Edgehouse: Nordonia's tradition of strong kickers continues with Edgehouse, who made the All-Northeast Inland District second team in Division II. He made 12 of 14 field goals and 56 of 58 extra points for the Knights (10-3).

Jeremy Hammel, Archbishop Hoban

Height, weight: 5-10, 140

Year: Junior

About Hammel: He made some big kicks as a sophomore for Hoban (12-3), which reached the Division II state semifinals. He had kicks that exceeded 40 yards and also has qualified for state in tennis.

Finley Keller, North Ridgeville

Height, weight: 6-3, 220

Year: Senior

About Keller: A four-star kicker from the Kohl's Kicking Camps, Keller can do plenty for the Rangers. He also plays tight end and defensive end. As a junior, he had 23 punts. Six landed inside the 20. He also had a long of 55 yards and averaged 35.6 yards per punt. Keller also made all three of his extra points and had five touchbacks.

Jonah Kowza, Highland

Height, weight: 6-1, 168

Year: Junior

About Kowza: He is Ohio's top-rated junior, according to Kohl's Kicking Camps. He received All-Northeast Inland District honorable mention last season for Highland (13-1), which won the Suburban League American Conference and reached the Division II regional finals.

Grady Kucharson, Kenston

Height, weight: 5-10, 165

Year: Senior

About Kucharson: Also a member of Kenston's baseball team, Kucharson came up with big kicks to propel Kenston (7-4) to the Western Reserve Conference title. He connected on seven field goals and scored 59 points.

Oliver Nonno, Walsh Jesuit

Year: Sophomore

About Nonno: A soccer player for Hoban, Nonno competed at Kohl's Kicking Camps and earned a four-star rating. "Nonno achieved an overall kickoff score of 93.25, with his standout ball traveling 58 yards and hanging for 3.53 seconds," <u>according to Kohl's</u>. "His performance showcased his capabilities and potential for growth as a young specialist."

Vincent Roncone, Strongsville

Height, weight: 5-11, 162

Year: Junior

About Roncone: As a sophomore, Roncone made 4 of 5 field goals with a long of 37 yards. He made a 43-yarder in a preseason scrimmage. Additionally, Roncone had five touchbacks and made 36 of 37 extra points.

Caleb Zolkowski, Padua

Height, weight: 5-10, 150

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Year: Senior

About Zolkowski: He is considered a four-star kicker and a three-and-a-half star punter by Kohl's Kicking.

(Editor's note: Cleveland.com polls are intended to be fun. We do not allow votes that are generated by script, macro or other automated means. Cleveland.com reserves the right to adjust the voting based on irregularities.)

Thank you for voting!

Who is the top kicker or punter in Northeast Ohio?

- Jonah Kowza, Highland 30.77% (24 votes)
- Riley Edgehouse, Nordonia 24.36% (19 votes)
- Brayden Bonnett, Buckeye 7.69% (6 votes)
- Vincenzo DiTeodoro, Brunswick 7.69% (6 votes)
- Grady Kucharson, Kenston 7.69% (6 votes)
- Caleb Zolkowski, Padua 5.13% (4 votes)
- Ryan Cvitkovic, Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin 3.85% (3 votes)
- Finley Keller, North Ridgeville 3.85% (3 votes)
- Jeremy Hammel, Archbishop Hoban 2.56% (2 votes)
- Oliver Nonno, Walsh Jesuit 2.56% (2 votes)
- Luke Anzlovar, Maple Heights 1.28% (1 votes)
- Cy Christensen, Amherst 1.28% (1 votes)
- Vincent Roncone, Strongsville 1.28% (1 votes)

Total Votes: 78

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