



County Football Week 2



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Standings

CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Lakewood	1-0	0-0	38.0	0.0
Rocky River	1-0	0-0	28.0	7.0
Buckeye	0-1	0-0	6.0	10.0
Westlake	0-1	0-0	14.0	34.0
Bay	0-1	0-0	7.0	28.0
Valley Forge	0-1	0-0	0.0	33.0
North Olmsted	0-1	0-0	17.0	51.0
Normandy	0-1	0-0	6.0	52.0

GREATER CLEVELAND CONFERENCE				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Mentor	1-0	0-0	38.0	17.0
Euclid	1-0	0-0	14.0	6.0
Shaker Heights	1-0	0-0	28.0	21.0
Brunswick	1-0	0-0	47.0	42.0
Strongsville	1-0	0-0	24.0	22.0
Lorain	0-1	0-0	28.0	48.0
Riverside	0-1	0-0	14.0	35.0
Cleveland Heights	0-1	0-0	6.0	28.0

LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Columbia	1-0	0-0	56.0	7.0
Keystone	1-0	0-0	36.0	21.0
Frederick	1-0	0-0	21.0	7.0
Cleavon	0-1	0-0	30.0	40.0
Black River	0-1	0-0	20.0	34.0
Brookside	0-1	0-0	42.0	64.0
Wellington	0-1	0-0	34.0	35.0

METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Norton	1-0	0-0	49.0	7.0
Tallmadge	1-0	0-0	21.0	0.0
Ravenna	1-0	0-0	28.0	7.0
Woodridge	1-0	0-0	25.0	14.0
Cloverleaf	1-0	0-0	10.0	6.0
Roosevelt	1-0	0-0	22.0	19.0
Springfield	0-1	0-0	3.0	8.0
Storrsboro	0-1	0-0	20.0	28.0
Field	0-1	0-0	7.0	28.0
Cuyahoga Falls	0-1	0-0	0.0	34.0

SUBURBAN LEAGUE				
National Conference				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Nordonia	1-0	0-0	49.0	7.0
North Royalton	1-0	0-0	33.0	0.0
Wadsworth	1-0	0-0	28.0	6.0
Hudson	1-0	0-0	24.0	19.0
Stow	0-1	0-0	34.0	5.0
Medina	0-1	0-0	7.0	27.0
Solon	0-1	0-0	9.0	26.0
Highland	0-1	0-0	0.0	34.0

County leaders

SCORING				
Player (School)	TD	FG	1x	2x
Varney (BR)	2	0	0	0
Ever (Bru)	2	0	0	12
Salon (Bru)	2	0	0	12
King (W)	2	0	0	12
Bel (BR)	1	0	0	6
Gambos (Bru)	1	0	0	6
Tamosunas (Bru)	1	0	0	6
Jamison (Bru)	1	0	0	6
Shevchenko (Bru)	1	0	0	6
Tolley (C)	1	0	0	6
Knowles (M)	1	0	0	6
Ostervich (W)	1	0	0	6
Ries (W)	1	0	0	6

RUSHING				
Player (School)	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Philips (Bru)	23	16	90	5.6
Ries (W)	13	73	5.6	0
Balok (Bru)	13	73	5.6	0
As. Gray (C)	13	67	5.2	0
Sopko (Bru)	7	58	8.3	0
Smith (C)	7	58	8.3	0
Shevchenko (Bru)	6	43	7.2	1
Haller (W)	6	43	7.2	1
Price (C)	10	33	3.3	0
Bel (BR)	11	28	2.5	1

RECEIVING				
Player (School)	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Ever (Bru)	9	143	20.4	2
King (W)	4	115	28.8	1
Tolley (C)	11	91	8.3	0
Gambos (Bru)	2	86	43.0	1
Sokolowski (M)	8	85	10.6	0
McCune (BR)	6	67	11.2	0
Varney (BR)	5	66	13.2	2
Knowles (M)	2	22	11.0	1
Ostervich (W)	4	49	12.3	1

PASSING				
Player (School)	Co-Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TD
Jamison (Bru)	30-46	65.2	407	5-1
Barr (M)	30-47	63.8	290	1-2
Hall (W)	22-29	75.9	271	3-0
Bel (BR)	16-32	50.0	195	2-4
Smith (C)	6-14	42.9	130	1-0
Geyer (Bru)	4-5	80.0	38	0-0
DeHoupe (H)	2-2	100.0	28	0-0
Prucha (H)	5-10	50.0	18	0-1
Price (C)	1-11	9.1	7	0-0

KICKING				
Player (School)	FG	Pct.	XP	PTS
Evans (Bru)	0-3	.000	5-5	5
Sustier (C)	1-2	.500	1-1	4
Wagner (W)	0-0	.000	2-2	0
Burkholder (BR)	0-0	.000	2-3	2
Cusick (M)	0-0	.000	1-1	1
Watos (Bru)	0-0	.000	0-1	0

TEAM STATISTICS				
Offense				
School	Rush	Pass	Total	
Lakewood	98.0	407.0	505.0	
Wadsworth	143.0	271.0	414.0	
Medina	59.0	290.0	349.0	
Cloverleaf	157.0	138.0	295.0	
Buckeye	252.0	38.0	290.0	
Black River	51.0	195.5	246.5	
Highland	18.0	46.0	64.0	
Defense				
School	Rush	Pass	Total	
Cloverleaf	232.0	37.0	269.0	
Buckeye	157.0	137.0	294.0	
Wadsworth	115.0	158.0	273.0	
Highland	190.0	158.0	348.0	
Black River	148.0	221.0	369.0	
Medina	232.0	212.0	444.0	
Brunswick	151.0	347.0	498.0	

DEFENSE				
Player (School)	Tkls	Solo	Asst.	
Foust (W)	9	5	5	
D. Shevchenko (Bru)	13	6	7	
Bel (BR)	13	3	10	
Owings (W)	12	2	5	
Hendershot (BR)	12	3	9	
Ad. Gray (C)	11	5	6	
Matousek (Bru)	9	4	5	
Philips (Bru)	9	4	5	
As. Gray (C)	9	4	5	
Haller (W)	9	3	6	
Heilman (Bru)	9	2	7	
Sopko (Bru)	8	4	4	
Beier (C)	8	4	4	
Philips (H)	8	4	4	
Rebraca (Bru)	8	3	3	
Murphy (Bru)	8	1	7	
M. Shevchenko (Bru)	7	4	3	
Lechtrier (Bru)	7	4	3	



Black River

PREVIEW: Northwestern is coming off an impressive 51-14 blowout of Crestview in which it led 28-0 after one quarter. Scrambling specialist Leonardo Guidetti completed 7-of-8 passes for 178 yards and four touchdowns, Grant Koch had five receptions for 110 yards and two scores, while Jesse Henshaw rushed five times for 115 yards and a TD. The defense was led by Koch's three tackles for loss (2 sacks).

• This will be the 22nd consecutive season Black River and Northwestern have battled. The Huskies own a 14-7 advantage during that timeframe, though the Pirates have won five of the last seven.

• Five of the last six meetings at Northwestern have been decided by eight points or fewer.

STAT PACK: Dom Bell surpassed 2,000 career passing yards with a 195 effort last week against Hillsdale. The sophomore now has 2,066, putting him 730 behind the school record of 2,796 set by Eric Groesser (2020-23). Bell also needs five passing TDs to match Groesser's 29.

• After switching from cornerback to free safety, Bell led the defense against Hillsdale with 13 tackles (1 for loss) and a 7-yard interception return. Kayden Hendershot added 11 tackles, while Hunter Varney and Jack Vanconey combined for a tackle for loss.

• Freshman Colton McCune had an active debut, catching five passes for a team-high 67 yards, returning four kickoffs for 47 yards and adding five tackles (3 solo) at cornerback.

LW: L, 20-34 at Hillsdale. **TW:** at Northwestern (1-0; 14-20 all time). **NW:** vs. Smithville (1-0).



Hendershot



Buckeye

PREVIEW: Amherst scored the final 21 points to pull away from Sandusky 42-16 in the season opener. Ethan Layne rushed 29 times for 200 yards and three touchdowns, while Anthony Passerello added 14 carries for 135 yards while also completing 7-of-11 passes for 80 yards out of the Comets' spread offense that features a lot of zone run blocking. The 3-4 defense got two sacks from Andy Malloy.

• Buckeye is looking to avoid its first 0-2 start since 2014, when the Bucks rallied to rattle off eight straight wins, win the Patriot Athletic Conference Stars Division and qualify for the Division III playoffs.

STAT PACK: Denis Shevchenko starred defensively last week against Cloverleaf with 13 tackles. Liam Phillips (9), Brayden Sopko (8), Brenden Murphy (8) and Mark Shevchenko (8) were next in line. Tre Beck added a sack, Rees Perkins forced a fumble recovered by Sopko and Sopko, Murphy and Nick Prouza broke up passes.

• Buckeye had a Phillips 80-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and a 23-yard Chase Geyer pass to Denis Shevchenko for a score called back due to holding penalties last week. The latter was on fourth-and-4.

• The Bucks have surpassed 100 penalties yards three times in the last 11 games. They had 109 last week.

• Buckeye has failed to reach 100 passing yards in six of the last seven games. The Bucks had 38 against Cloverleaf, including 0 through three quarters.

LW: L, 6-10 vs. Cloverleaf. **TW:** at Amherst (1-0; 3-1 all time). **NW:** at Keystone (1-0).



M. Shevchenko



Highland

PREVIEW: Strongsville built a 24-0 halftime lead but had to hang for dear life to edge Avon Lake 24-22 in the season opener. Coached by former Browns linebacker Jason Trusnik, the Mustangs got a 47-yard Vincent Rancone field goal and a 69-yard pick-six from George Majernik. The offense starts multiple sophomores and features running back Austin Talutinski behind a ton of inside zone blocking — All-Ohioan Kendrick Boddie did not play — while the passing game has been inconsistent. The 4-3 defense likes to create confusion with line stunts.

• Tonight marks the first meeting between the schools.

• The Hornets are looking to avoid their first 0-2 start since 2019 (0-5).

STAT PACK: Evan Foust had another standout game last week against Walsh Jesuit with 14 tackles (2 for loss). Chatham Phillips added eight, Lukas Grillis had a sack and Jake Weber broke up a pass in the end zone.

• Highland's 64 yards total offense against Walsh Jesuit are its fewest since 52 against Black River on Sept. 18, 1992.

• The Hornets' 18 rushing yards against Walsh Jesuit are their fewest since 0 against Black River on Sept. 10, 1999. The performance also snapped a streak of 61 games with at least 100 yards.

• Seven of Highland's 21 rushing attempts lost yardage.

• Foust averaged 37.3 yards in his return as starting punter. The All-Ohio linebacker averaged 35.4 as a sophomore before giving way to Landon Kuzma last season.

LW: L, 0-34 vs. Walsh Jesuit. **TW:** at Strongsville (1-0; 0-0 all time). **NW:** vs. Avon Lake (0-1).



Grillis



Brunswick

PREVIEW: Olmsted Falls was known locally for its flexbone triple-option offense but has switched to a modern pistol featuring plenty of RPOs. The Bulldogs, who lost to Mentor 38-17 in the season opener despite forcing four turnovers, saw Keegan Smith score twice and pick off two passes.

• The Blue Devils have lost 6-of-7 meetings against Olmsted Falls. The exception was 28-21 on Aug. 27, 2021.

STAT PACK: Connor Jamison broke school records for passing yards (407), completions (30) and passing touchdowns (5) last week in a 47-42 epic comeback victory at Berea-Midpark. The previous record for yardage was 390 by Sean Bedevelsky against Toledo Whitmer on Nov. 10, 2007, while Steven Ficyk had 27 completions against Mentor on Oct. 10, 2014.

• Anthony Gamboa had a standout opener as well. The speedy junior rushed 10 times for 24 yards and a score to go with 11 receptions for 91 yards.

• The 498 yards total offense allowed against Berea-Midpark rank 10th in school history.

• The veterans led the defense. Logan Matousek had 10 tackles (1½ for loss) and a key sack late in the fourth quarter. Ben Heilman had nine tackles, Ajay Rebraca added eight (1 for loss), Wade Goga forced a fumble that was returned 13 yards by Luke Leichter and Adin Evert had the game-sealing interception.

LW: W, 47-42 at Berea-Midpark. **TW:** vs. Olmsted Falls (0-1; 1-6 all time).

NW: vs. Medina (0-1).



Matousek



Colts Cloverleaf

PREVIEW: Lorain County League contender Keystone is coming off an impressive 36-21 upset of two-time reigning Wayne County Athletic League champion Norwayne. High-scoring basketball player Colt Cowling completed 16-of-22 passes for 239 yards and three touchdowns, while LCL Offensive Player of the Year candidate Wyatt McKee rushed 14 times for 121 yards and two scores while also catching five passes for 109 yards and another score.

• The game tonight will air live on WEOL.com's YouTube page.

STAT PACK: The Colts' 124 penalty yards last week at Buckeye are their most under 12th-year coach Justin Vorhies. The total is the highest overall since 154 against Tallmadge on Sept. 19, 2003, a game Cloverleaf still won 21-14.

• Jimmy Tolley hauled in a 54-yard reception that was the seventh TD catch of his career. That ties him with Shawn Yoder (1994) for ninth place in school history.

• Adam Gray led the defense at Buckeye with 11 tackles (1½ for loss) and a strip-sack that was recovered by Elliot Jordan. Zayne Trent added a textbook strip-recovery on a 52-yard run by the Bucks' Liam Phillips, while Brayden Beier, Jordan and Jamere Johnson each had a tackle for loss.

• Austin Sustersic's made his ninth career field goal at Buckeye, breaking a four-way tie with Chris Matejka (2008), Steve Kuzyk (2004-05) and Ross Brunello (1988-89) for first place in school history.

LW: W, 10-6 at Buckeye. **TW:** vs. Keystone (1-0; 7-4 all time). **NW:** at Carrollton (0-1).



Trent



Medina

PREVIEW: Hoover has posted eight straight seasons of 5-5 or better and is coming off a 35-8 win over Buchtel in which Nolan Bonner rushed for three touchdowns and Michael Lamlein added 122 yards on the ground. The Vikings, who defeated the Bees 42-17 last season, graduated six players who were first- or second-team All-Northeast Inland District.

• Medina is looking to avoid just its second 0-2 start since 2008 (2020).

STAT PACK: Adam Barr's 290 passing yards last week at Findlay were Medina's most in 23 games. The Bees had 386 vs. Stow on Aug. 23, 2024.

• Safety Marshal Owings led the defense against Findlay with 12 tackles and a leaping interception over the middle. Cooper Sokolowski added seven tackles, while Korde Carey also picked off a pass. Nicholas Morano had two tackles for loss, James Hilvert and Max Hilvert combined for another and Darian Smith broke up a pass. A Medina County-high 24 players had at least one tackle.

• Sokolowski was everywhere Friday, rushing twice for 18 yards, catching eight passes for 85 yards, returning a punt 43 yards and tallying the aforementioned seven tackles.

• The Bees had only three penalties for 15 yards.

• Medina converted 5-of-14 third downs and 2-of-5 fourth downs.

LW: L, 7-27 at Findlay.

Goga (Bru) 7 3 4
Sokolowski (M) 7 3 4
Tackles for loss: Foust (H) 2, Morano (M) 2, Kinser (W) 2, Matousek (Bru) 1½, Ad, Gray (C) 1½, 12 players with 1.
Sacks: Matousek (Bru) 1, Beck (Buc) 1, Grills (H) 1, Ad, Gray (C) 1, Kinser (W) 1, Sterpka (W) 1, Alnajjar (W) 1.
Interceptions: Close (W) 2, Bell (BR) 1, Evert (Bru) 1, Owings (M) 1, Carey (M) 1.
Forced fumbles: Goga (Bru) 1, Perkins (Buc) 1, Trent (C) 1, Ad, Gray (C) 1.
Fumble recoveries: Leichter (Bru) 1, Sopko (Buc) 1, Trent (C) 1, Jordan (C) 1.
Pass breakups: Pierce (W) 2, Williams (Bru) 1, Sopko (Buc) 1, Murphy (Buc) 1, Proza (Buc) 1, Jordan (C) 1, Weber (H) 1, J. Painter (H) 1, Smith (M) 1, Todd (W) 1, Haller (W) 1, Neville (W) 1.
Editor's note: Offensive leaders compiled using a combination of Gazette box scores and video. All defensive statistics compiled by Albert Grindie using video.

seventh Medina County player to surpass 5,000 in a career.
● Reid Close led the defense last week at Cleveland Heights with two interceptions that he returned 37 yards. Jude Haller was the top tackler with nine, Luke Kinser had a sack among two tackles for loss, Karim Alnajjar and Braden Sterpka also posted sacks and Cal Pierce broke up two passes. Karsen Cardwell saved a touchdown with a shoe-string tackle on a kickoff return.
● Close was the only county player with two interceptions in Week 1, while Pierce was the only one with two pass breakups.
● Wadsworth has scored at least 20 points in 13 straight games, tied for the eighth-longest active streak in Ohio.
● The Grizzlies have put up 414, 456, 386 and 382 yards and 28, 55, 42 and 49 points in their last four season openers.
● Wadsworth has rushed for at least 100 yards in 39 consecutive regular-season games.
LW: W, 28-6 at Cleveland Heights. **TW:** at Hilliard Davidson (1-0; 0-0 all time). **NW:** at Massillon Jackson (1-0).



Close

						
						
						
						
						
						