Akron-area high school football Week 5 recaps: Wadsworth, Highland, Walsh, CVCA win again

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Highland 42, Copley 9: Casey Myser, Grady Gibb lead undefeated Hornets

Casey Myser, Grady Gibb and several other Hornets (5-0, 2-0) only played two quarters in a win at Copley (3-2, 1-1) in a Suburban League American Conference game. Gibb completed his first 10 passes and finished 13 of 16 for 175 yards and two touchdowns as Highland built a 42-0 lead. Casey Myser ran for 117 yards and three touchdowns on eight carries.

"We will hammer the ball down their throats with Casey Myser," said Gibb, who also ran for 22 yards on three carries. "It allows us to open up pass plays and gives opportunities for everyone else."

Gibb threw TD passes of 39 yards and 13 yards to Jake Weber. Myser's TD runs were 6, 63 and 6 yards.

"We are improving every day and every week," Weber said.

Highland's Dylan Lazar contributed a 6-yard TD run, Jonah Kowza made 4 of 4 PATs, Landon Kuzma made 2 of 2 PATs and Kallen Whitling recorded an interception. Dan Miller, Cody Bendau and Evan Foust were also disruptive defensively.

"We are getting a lot more comfortable with each other and we are learning each other's play styles a lot better," Myser said.

Said Foust: "We had another great defensive game today and our offense played really well. It was great to see that we got the younger guys to come in."

Miller contributed a 32-yard catch, Lucas Gerding had two catches for 34 yards and Ben Radigan had two catches for 30 yards.

"We came out and performed really well," Highland coach Mike Gibbons said. "I am really proud of the guys. They put a lot of preparation into this week. Copley has got some really good athletes over there. We knew we had to come out and play hard, and the kids certainly did that."

Copley scored nine points in the third quarter with a safety, a 1-yard TD run by Dane Wininger and a PAT kick by Matthew Panzer. The safety took place after an errant snap on a Highland punt attempt.

Wininger completed 6 of 17 passes for 80 yards and ran for 42 yards on seven carries. Andrew McKnight had three catches for 44 yards.

"They are performing at a high level," Copley coach John Kromalic said of Highland. "They are a really good football team. What Gibbons has done there, I think he has done a fantastic job. It has become a system now and it is feeding all the way through, which is exactly what we want to get to. There are not a ton of holes over there. They have done a fantastic job. They have a great amount of depth."