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Hoban tops Walsh; Hudson, Copley, Norton win in Week 6 Akron-area high school football

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Archbishop Hoban 19, Walsh Jesuit 14: Knights flip script from 2024 game with last-second score

When it comes to Walsh Jesuit and Hoban in football, fantastic finishes are expected.

On Friday, Sept. 26, there was yet another one as the Knights mustered some late-game magic to beat the Warriors 19-14.

Last year in the regular season, it was Walsh winning by that score with a drive late in the game.

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Fast forward to 2025 and Hoban went 77 yards in six plays and scored on a 3-yard touchdown by Brayton Feister to take the lead for good with 38 seconds left.

Feister (14 carries, 125 yards, two TDs) had a huge 18-yard run on second-and-1 from the Walsh 21 and scored one play later.

Jance Henry (20 carries, 82 yards), Nick Kinsey (10-of-16 passing, 142 yards) and Jackson Callaway (two catches, 58 yards) all were solid for Hoban. Payton Cook

added four catches for 37 yards.

Marty Tobin (14 carries, 87 yards, TD) was great for the Warriors (5-1) as was Milan Parris (five catches, 80 yards, TD). David Ternosky was 10-of-19 passing for 134 yards with the TD pass to Parris and an interception. Caleb Buckner recorded a sack and Freddie Marcell made two PATs.

Jaiden Daniels had two interceptions for Hoban (5-1), Patrick Kinsell recorded a sack and Jeremy Hammel made two field goals and a PAT.

Hudson 35, Twinsburg 0: Explorers claim fourth straight win as Twinsburg shut out for second straight week

Hudson (5-1, 3-0) took advantage of short fields all night, thanks to its defense and special teams. The Explorers held Twinsburg (4-2, 1-2) scoreless for the second straight week.

"A lot of these guys have played the last few years and we're starting to see it in special teams," Hudson coach Jeff Gough said. "They understand how important it is. We're trying to get the most yards we can out of it. I think [Anthony] Paolucci had a great game returning punts. All the blocks were set up perfectly."

Paolucci set up Hudson's first score with a punt return to the Tigers 20.

Quarterback Hayden Lipinski hit Nathan Judy with a 12-yard TD pass, and Hudson took a 14-0 lead at the end of one quarter when Brennan Funyak ran 34 yards for another TD.

Funyak and Judy were everywhere for Hudson. Judy spent a lot of time in Twinsburg's backfield, as he picked up a sack of Tiger QB Dylan Fantone and several tackles for loss.

Twinsburg conducted a 20-play drive to the Explorers 1, but the Tigers had to settle for a field goal try. Judy blocked Mason Boerner's 27-yard attempt with two seconds left in the half.

Hudson's special teams struck again in the second half when Funyak took the third-quarter kickoff and sprinted 83 yards for a touchdown to make it 28-0.

Funyak finished with 81 yards on nine rushes to lead Hudson to a 172-21 advantage on the ground.

Christopher Horner accounted for Hudson's other two TDs with scoring runs of 34 and 20 yards.

East 20, Ellet 7: Marlin Engram Jr. throws 3 TD passes for Dragons

Marlin Engram Jr. completed 19 of 25 passes for 322 yards and three touchdowns to lead East (4-2, 1-0) past host Ellet (1-5, 0-1) in the City Series opener for both teams.

Engram threw a 25- and a 60-yard TD passes to Emmanuel Jefferson and a 15-yard TD pass to Terrell Wharton Jr. Engram and Jefferson also connected on a two-point conversion.

Jefferson finished with four catches for 117 yards and Wharton had four catches for 92 yards. East's Donte Swain Jr. contributed seven catches for 77 yards and Terrel Karim Jr. had two catches for 58 yards. Lawrence Cherry ran for 86 yards on 10 carries.

Wharton and Swain each recorded an interception and Karim and Marcus Henderson II each had two tackles for loss for the Dragons.

Elyria Catholic 28, St. Vincent-St. Mary 14: Irish finally reach the end zone on offense

Janeal Baker scored the first offensive touchdown of the season for the Fighting Irish (0-6), and Jayden Pleasent added a 90-yard kick return TD.

Copley 21, Aurora 14: Bryce Martin's big night headlines win over Greenmen

Copley (4-2, 2-1) stayed in the Suburban League American Conference title talk with a win over the Greenmen (2-4, 1-2). Dane Wininger scored the game-winning TD on a 4-yard run with 1:09 left in the third quarter. Bryce Martin (24 carries, 104 yards, TD) highlighted Copley's running attack, which picked up 194 yards on 43 carries. Wide receiver Andrew McKnight (two catches, 40 yards) accounted for the other touchdown with a 30-yard pass from Wininger. Matthew Panzner made 3 of 3 PATs.

Revere 49, Cuyahoga Falls 6: Harrison Drvenkar leads Minutemen with three TDs

The host Minutemen (4-1, 2-1) led 49-0 through three quarters to dispatch the Black Tigers (1-5, 0-3) in a Suburban League American Conference game.

Revere's Harrison Drvenkar scored touchdowns on a 42-yard catch, a 65-yard punt return and a 23-yard run.

In addition to the pass to Drvenkar, Revere QB Chase Clifford also threw a 14-yard TD pass to T.J. Meech. Revere's James Perry ran for two TDs, Brady Hajdu added a rushing TD and David Kennedy made 7 of 7 PATs.

Gavanni Tuttle ran for a TD for Falls.

Highland 62, Tallmadge 0: Grady Gibb has game of his life in front of Browns QB Shedeur Sanders

With Browns QB Shedeur Sanders in attendance, Grady Gibb (8-of-9 passing, 165 yards; five rushes, 69 yards) accounted for five touchdowns for the Hornets (6-0, 3-0).

The senior quarterback threw touchdown passes to Lucas Gerding (four catches, 104 yards, two TDs), Casey Myser and Evan Foust. He also opened the scoring

against the Blue Devils (2-4, 1-2) with a 16-yard run.

Myser (10 carries, 104 yards) also had a rushing touchdown.

Tallmadge was held to minus-9 yards rushing and 64 yards of offense on 37 plays.

Wadsworth 49, Brecksville 12: Cooper Gray, Gavin Madigan run all over Bees

Cooper Gray rushed 16 times for 182 yards and three touchdowns to power the Grizzlies (6-0, 3-0) to a Suburban League National Conference win over the Bees (3-3, 1-2). Gavin Madigan added 115 yards and two scores on 12 carries, and Brysen Hall completed 13 of 16 passes for 232 yards and an 85-yard touchdown to Calix Lemp.

Solon 28, Stow 24: Late TD spoils rally for Bulldogs at Solon

In a back-and-forth game, Stow (2-4, 0-3) rallied from 14-0 down at half to take a 17-14 lead, only to see Solon pull out the win on its homecoming night.

The Bulldogs lost despite finishing with a 433-249 edge in total yards.

The loss spoiled a big game by Stow's Jake Harrington, who was 13-of-20 passing for 125 yards with one touchdown and one interception and rushed for 115 yards and a touchdown.

Stow running back Caden Boyd added 139 yards rushing, and Israel Purkiss contributed 52 yards rushing and a TD.

Noak Levick's field goal gave Stow a 17-14 lead with 11:42 left in the game. After Solon answered, Harrington connected with Jack Miller on a 19-yard TD pass to give Stow the lead back at 24-21.

However, Solon quarterback Brody Cowan threw a 21-yard TD pass with 2:26 left for the winning score.

Kent Roosevelt 33, Barberton 29: Rough Riders rally to beat Magics for first time in Suburban American

The Rough Riders rallied from a 22-14 halftime deficit to top the Magics for the first time since joining the Suburban American.

Gavin Peeps completed two-thirds of his passes for 268 yards and two touchdowns, tacking on another two scores on the ground.

Tyler Ellington had a great connection with Peeps all evening, with seven catches for 207 yards and both of Peeps' passing touchdowns.

Makhi Jones added 16 carries for 51 yards on the ground while Brock Catalucci had six tackles and a sack and Max Froman added four tackles (one for loss).

North Royalton 48, Nordonia 37: Knights suffer first loss despite Steven Fakult's 518 yards passing

Serpentini Stadium in North Royalton has been a tough place for Nordonia (5-1, 2-1) to play over the years. The Knights' struggles against Royalton continued in their first loss of the season.

Nordonia lost despite another huge game by QB Steven Fakult, who finished 34-of-49 passing for 518 yards and three TDs.

Dominick Jackson (158 yards, two TDs), Grant Kaminski (125 yards, TD) and Collin Atha (106 yards) all had more than 100 yards receiving for Nordonia.

However, the Knights defense had no answer for Bears running back Rory Hannah, who ran for 219 yards and three scores on 36 carries. North Royalton outrushed Nordonia 254-60.

McKinley 21, Green 3: McKinley defense shines in Federal League win over Green

McKinley recorded six sacks and held Green to just 94 total yards in a Federal League win at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium. McKinley quarterback Trent Hayden threw touchdown passes to Darius Hill and Legacy Lee, and finished 14 of 21 for 122 yards. Kyelin West also scored his sixth rushing TD for McKinley (5-1, 3-0).

Green quarterback Tyson Hunka passed for 126 yards, and his 35-yard completion to Aiden Rice set up Logan Noirot's 27-yard field goal on the final play of the first half for Green's only points.

Lake 13, Northwest 10: Blue Streaks rally to stay undefeated

Zach Novak caught two passes for 80 yards and a touchdown and ran six times for 50 yards and another score as Lake rallied to stay unbeaten. The Blue Streaks trailed 10-7 until Novak's 25-yard TD run with 5:41 to play. Lake quarterback Alex Quior was 8-of-15 passing for 137 yards and a touchdown and also ran for 78 yards on 12 carries. Davis Matson led Lake with 81 yards on 23 carries.

Joey Medure scored the lone touchdown for Northwest (3-2). Conner Stephenson had 14 carries for 91 yards and Ty Lipkins caught four passes for 100 yards.

Manchester 28, Tuslaw 21: Tyler Pappas, Phil Partin guide Panthers to victory

Phil Partin returned to the lineup and the host Panthers (5-1, 2-0) topped the Mustangs (2-4, 0-3) in a Principals Athletic Conference game.

Partin ran for 80 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries after being sidelined with an injury the first five weeks.

Manchester QB Tyler Pappas completed 17 of 28 passes for 288 yards and two TD passes — a 13-yarder to Malachi Cintron and a 78-yarder to Noah Lance.

Ayden Meade ran for 35 yards and a TD on eight carries and Hayden Higgins made 4 of 4 PATs.

Manchester led 28-7 through three quarters.

CVCA 28, Mentor Lake Catholic 21: Royals win first game in North Coast Conference

CVCA's first game in the North Coast Conference was also its biggest test of the season.

The Royals (5-0, 1-0) passed it, handing Lake Catholic (4-1, 0-1) its first loss 28-21 at Jerome T. Osborne Stadium in Mentor.

Joey Kopec gave CVCA the lead with TD runs of 41 and two yards, giving the Royals a 28-14 lead after three quarters. The Cougars pulled to within a TD with 5:17 left in the game, but got no closer.

Kopec finished with 103 yards on 16 carries, anchoring the Royals' rushing attack that rolled up 299 yards.

CVCA QB Charley Levak passed only three times. One was picked off, but the other two were TD tosses to Brayden Harris in the first quarter. Levak found Harris with a 3-yard TD pass, followed by way 59-yard bomb for a score.

Wesley Keeler added 89 yards rushing on nine carries for CVCA.

Woodridge 20, Coventry 7: John Tyree leads Bulldogs to MAC win over Comets

John Tyree ran 14 times for 131 yards and scored a touchdown to lead the Bulldogs (4-2, 3-0) to a Metro Athletic Conference win over the Comets (1-5, 0-3). Carter Maxa (11-of-19, 158 yards) threw a touchdown to Andrew Stull (seven catches, 89 yards). Everitt Norton led the defense with two sacks and a fumble recovery.

Field 54, Springfield 0: Victor Brown helps Falcons coach James Dutched earn first win

Falcons coach James Dutched picked up his first win as a head coach, helped by senior Victor Brown's three rushing touchdowns. Andrew Phillip tallied two more rushing scores and Neo Moton added another.

Casey Tate added a pick six for the Falcons (1-5, 1-2 Metro Athletic Conference).

Norton 23, Streetsboro 13: Undefeated Panthers impress in MAC battle with Rockets

Norton stayed undefeated behind a highly impressive second half, breaking open a tie game midway through the third quarter en route to a Metro Athletic Conference win over Streetsboro 23-13.

Jack Terzic provided a huge momentum play for the Panthers (5-0, 3-0) when he blocked a punt for a safety midway through the third quarter.

Jason Beverly (20 carries, 153 yards) and Markus Brown (21 carries, 119 yards) led the offensively way for Norton, which held the Rockets to minus-one yard of total offense in the second half.

Marcus Council led Streetsboro with 86 rushing yards in his return from injury. In his first game since Week 1, the Rockets junior made the highlight reel when he took a pitch right, made a defender miss in the backfield with a beautiful cut in off the sideline, then raced down the field for a 70-yard touchdown for Streetsboro's lone lead of the night.

Mogadore 34, Cleveland Central Catholic 18: Maddox Smith throws 3 first-half TD passes to power Wildcats

Maddox Smith tossed three first-half touchdown passes to help lift the Wildcats (5-1) to an early 21-0 lead. After Smith threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Conner Lehner for the game's first score, the junior quarterback added touchdown tosses of

31 and 34 yards to Kade Thomas to stake Mogadore to a 21-0 lead. Lehner later had two touchdown runs to help cement the win for the Wildcats.

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