



County Football Week 6



Standings

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Table with columns: Player (School), TD, FG, 1x, 2x, Pts. Rows include Myser (H), McCann (Buc), Madigan (W).

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Tackles for loss: Noonan (H) 7, Ponic (Buc) 6, Chapman (Bru) 5, Nichols (Bru) 5, Aronowicz (Bru) 5, Foust (H) 5, Polczak (Bru) 5, Barnes (Bru) 4, Jozefczyk (M) 4, Gatchell Jr. 4, Zwick (H) 4, Chapman (Bru) 3, Polczak (W) 3, Kretzler (Bru) 2, Ester (M) 2, Stibrenner (Bru) 2, Interceptions: K. Price 4, Hulvey (M) 2, Schmidt (Bru) 2, Zwick (H) 2, Sekowski (M) 2, Miedzi (Bru) 2. Forced fumbles: Combs (C) 3, Ad. Gray (C) 2, Brooks (C) 2. Fumble recoveries: Ad. Gray (C) 3, D. Herdendorf (Bru) 2, Kretzler (Bru) 2, Gurewian (Bru) 2. Pass breakups: Madigan (W) 5, Bungard (Bru) 3, Hubbel (Bru) 3, Polczak (W) 3, Bogucki (C) 3, Dobkowski (H) 3, Whitting (H) 3, Sekowski (M) 3, Lemp (W) 3. Editor's note: Offensive leaders compiled using a combination of Gazette box scores and video. All defensive statistics compiled by Albert Grindle using video.



Black River

PREVIEW: Keystone is coming off a huge 20-7 win over defending Lorain County League champion Columbia and features the circuit's most high-powered rushing duo in quarterback Zach Shackelford (33 carries, 376 yards, 5 TDs; 31-for-49, 594 yards, 6 TDs) and Wyatt McKee (56 carries, 412 yards, 2 TDs). Grady Whitacre has 16 catches for 350 yards and five scores. The game tonight will air live on WEOL.com, Stream 3. STAT PACK: Alex Woolf will be the only Medina County player with a touchdown, two-point conversion, field goal and extra point this season. ● Kayden Hendershot led the defense against Firelands with 10 tackles, followed by Ryan Graves (8, 1/2 for loss), Seth Gaspan (7), Alex Woolf (6) and Owen Chapman (6, 1/2 for loss). Austin Pamer had a tackle for loss and Bryce Murray broke up a pass. ● Of Zane Bungard's 100 passing yards against Firelands, 138 yards came after the catch. All but one of his 10 completions were caught behind the line of scrimmage. ● Black River has only forced five turnovers, and four came in a 44-0 victory over Brooklyn. ● The Pirates have only 70 penalty yards over the last three games. ● Black River has allowed just seven points in three quarters this season. LW: L, 16-32 vs. Firelands. TW: at Keystone (3-1, 1-0; 26-22 all time). NW: vs. Oberlin (0-5, 0-2).



K. Hendershot



Buckeye

PREVIEW: The Bucks will face the unique challenge of stopping a high-powered wing-T offense, as Valley Forge averages 300.2 rushing yards. The balanced Patriots are led by speedy fullback Cam Wadsworth (67 carries, 456 yards, 5 TDs), Evan Tate (36, 262, 2) and Lucas Schilling (43, 179, 5) and have attempted only 35 passes. ● Valley Forge is averaging 275.8 rushing yards in five all-time meetings against Buckeye. STAT PACK: Trey Widemeyer needs three receiving touchdowns to break the school record of 17 set by James Farley from 1989-91. ● Outside linebacker Roman Kretzler had one of the most well-rounded performances of the Medina County season against Bay with seven tackles, 2 1/2 sacks, a fumble recovery and a pass breakup. Travis Avalone (13 tackles, 2 1/2 for loss), Widemeyer (6, sack, forced fumble), Landon Porec (2 sacks), Liam Phillips (2 pass breakups), Danny Beckett (fumble recovery) and Ryan Wilhelm (1 1/2 TFL) also had impact plays. ● Avallone (45 tackles), Nick Balaban (34) and Kretzler (32) are fifth, seventh and eighth on the county tackling leaderboard. ● The kickoff coverage team continued to be solid, as the Rockets' average starting field position was the 23.3-yard line. ● Over the last three games, Buckeye has allowed 153 rushing yards on 75 attempts (2.0 average). LW: W, 31-0 vs. Bay. TW: vs. Valley Forge (2-3, 2-0; 4-1 all time). NW: at Westlake (2-3, 0-2).



Widemeyer



Highland

PREVIEW: Barborton was hit hard by graduation and transfer losses and fell to Tallmadge 40-13 two weeks ago. The offense had been heavily run-based out of the pistol until the Magics went old school with a power I in a 17-3 win over Roosevelt last week, while the defense is a 3-4. STAT PACK: Dylan Boria's 282 passing yards last week at Tallmadge — all in the first half — rank third in school history. ● Boria is averaging 22.0 yards per completion and 16.8 per attempt this season. Of his 42 completions, 29 have resulted in first downs. ● Kallen Whitting led the defense at Tallmadge with five tackles (1 for loss) average starting field position was the 19.9-yard line. ● The kickoff coverage team continued to be solid, as the Rockets' average starting field position was the 23.3-yard line. ● Over the last three games, Buckeye has allowed 153 rushing yards on 75 attempts (2.0 average). LW: W, 49-0 at Tallmadge. TW: at Barborton (1-4, 1-1; 10-5 all time). NW: vs. Roosevelt (2-3, 1-1).



Whitting

Wadsworth

PREVIEW: Hudson has rebounded from an 0-2 start and features one of the top sophomores in the Suburban League National Conference in running back Reno Ferri III (73 carries, 512 yards, 9 TDs), the son of the University of Akron associate head coach of the same name. Physical quarterback Nathan Judy has thrown for 390 yards in four games, while the defense has forced 10 turnovers. STAT PACK: Wadsworth has scored 50 points in three consecutive games for the first time since 2017, when it beat Cuyahoga Falls (59-0), North Royalton (61-28) and Twinsburg (54-20). ● Tommy Hohn led the defense last week at Brecksville with an interception and forced fumble recovered by Luke Maddox. Shawn Kincaid had seven tackles, Gavin Madigan and Calix Lemp broke up passes and Adam Heckel had two tackles for loss in the second half. ● The Grizzlies boast eight players with at least 12 points. Cloverleaf is next in Medina County with five. ● Averaging 262.4 rushing yards and 206.8 passing yards, Wadsworth is on pace to become just the third team in school history to average 200 a game. The 2017 team put up 203.0 rushing and 271.8 passing, while 2019 was at 218.5 and 215.0. ● Wadsworth has rushed for at least 200 yards in 11 of the last 12 games and has thrown for at least 100 in 16 straight. ● The Grizzlies have not punctured in two straight games. LW: W, 56-14 at Brecksville. TW: vs. Hudson (3-2, 2-0; 15-13 all time). NW: vs. Nordonia (5-0, 2-0).



Hohn



Brunswick

PREVIEW: Shaker Heights boasts the top-rated safety in the country, Oregon recruit Trey McNutt, but the senior was injured running an end around in a Week 4 upset loss to Euclid and did not play in a 39-7 defeat against Benedictine last week. The Red Raiders still have running back Cornell Beard (102 carries, 563 yards, 9 TDs), whose offers include Temple, Dartmouth and Brown. ● The last five meetings against Shaker Heights have been decided by five (L, 34-39), three (W, 21-28), eight (L, 6-14), two (W, 28-26) and five (L, 34-39) points. STAT PACK: Brayden Miles had a career-high nine tackles and a pass breakup to lead the defense against Medina. Jacob Barnes also had nine tackles (1 for loss, pass breakup). Cohen Easa broke up two passes, Eli Nichols had 1 1/2 tackles for loss and Alex Hubbell, Brandon Gross and Collin Kavulich recorded interceptions. ● Brunswick had season highs for solo tackles (26), tackles for loss (7), sacks (2), interceptions (3) and pass breakups (7) against Medina. ● Nichols has recorded at least one tackle for loss in four consecutive games. The junior is tied for fourth in Medina County with 5 1/2 on the season. ● Brunswick's 141 rushing yards against Medina were more than the previous five games combined (135). ● The Blue Devils have won four straight games when they allow fewer than 100 rushing yards. Medina had 91 last week. LW: W, OT, 27-21 vs. Medina. TW: at Shaker Heights (2-3, 0-2; 4-4 all time). NW: vs. Euclid (2-3, 1-1).



Nichols



Colts Cloverleaf

PREVIEW: Ravenna has not scored in four consecutive games but was competitive last week during a 13-0 loss to Woodridge. The Ravens boast 6-foot-5, 220-pound All-Metro Athletic Conference defensive end Bobby Metzger, along with second-team choices Jaxon Kelly (OLB) and Bryant Thompson (FS). ● The Colts have won three of the last four meetings against the Ravens after losing the first six. STAT PACK: Adam Gray continued his rapid improvement last week against Coventry with a career-high 16 tackles (2 for loss), Kellen Price, Gage Grotz and Ashton Gray had interceptions, Jimmy Tolley broke up two passes and Dylan Wittman had 1 1/2 tackles for loss and a pass breakup. ● Cloverleaf has three players among the Medina County top 10 in rushing. Clay Combs (375 yards) is seventh, followed by Ethan Gray (8th, 366) and Price (10th, 258). ● The Colts are starting to gain some consistency running the ball, putting up 267, 252 and 292 yards over the last three games. ● Quarterback Isaac Smith and wide receiver Price threw heads-up blocks that helped Ethan Gray cut back for a 70-yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage against Coventry. ● Cloverleaf has won 11 straight games in which it allows fewer than 250 yards total offense. Coventry had 129 last week. LW: W, 28-6 vs. Coventry. TW: vs. Ravenna (1-4, 0-2; 3-7 all time). NW: at Norton (3-2, 2-0).



Ad. Gray



Medina

PREVIEW: Euclid has shown improvement under first-year coach Brandon Creel and snapped a 16-game Greater Cleveland Conference losing streak with a mid upset of Shaker Heights. Quarterback Kylan Steubal is playing with a cast on his non-throwing (left) hand, while running back Dante Darby Jr. is another player to watch. ● With the Week 10 game against Detroit Cass Tech not counting toward the computer ratings, the Bees need to win their next four games to have a realistic shot at a Division I, Region 1 first-round home game. STAT PACK: Brian Wuchter has seven catches for 206 yards and four touchdowns over the last two games. The junior now leads Medina County with 421 yards and is second to teammate Sydney Lloyd (28) with 27 receptions. ● Cooper Jozefczyk led the defense against Brunswick with 15 tackles (1 1/2 for loss). Brayden Smigal added 12 stops and Dylan Forster had a career-high nine, while Camden Sokolowski (2 TFL) and Tallen Hulvey recorded interceptions and Chad Gatchell Jr. posted 1 1/2 tackles for loss. ● Over the last four games, Medina is averaging 9.6 yards per completion and 4.1 per attempt. Last season those figures were 14.1 and 8.9. ● Jozefczyk is the lone Bees player with a rushing attempt of more than 17 yards. ● Non-seniors have accounted for 1,028 of Medina's 1,038 receiving yards this season. LW: L, OT, 21-27 at Brunswick. TW: at Euclid (2-3, 1-1; 4-5 all time). NW: vs. Strongsville (2-3, 1-0).



Forster

Gazette Pick-It Line

Overall and Last week pick-it line for various matchups including Black River at Keystone, Brunswick at Shaker Hts., Buckeye vs. Valley Forge, Cloverleaf vs. Ravenna, Highland at Barborton, Medina at Euclid, Wadsworth vs. Hudson.