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Akron-area football Week 9 recaps: Highland, Manchester, Streetsboro among winners

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[Highland](#) stunned previously undefeated [Wadsworth](#) as time expired, clinching at least a share of the Suburban League National Conference championship, to highlight [Akron-area teams](#) in Week 9 of the Ohio high school football regular season on Friday, Oct. 16.

[Manchester](#) also moved into a tie for first place in the Principals Athletic Conference, [Streetsboro](#) throttled [Woodridge](#) in a Metro Athletic Conference game and [Nordonia](#) clinched a home playoff game.

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Highland 29, Wadsworth 28: Colton Wadle throws game-winning TD pass to Jake Weber as time expires

Sophomore Colton Wadle threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to senior Jake Weber as time expired to lift the host Hornets (8-1, 6-0) to a win over the Grizzlies (8-1, 5-1) in the rain.

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"I just knew we wanted to take a shot and knew he was the man to get it

done," Wadle said.

Highland clinched at least a share of the Suburban League National Conference championship, moved to No. 1 in the Division II, Region 5 computer rankings, clinched a top-four seed in the playoffs that comes with a bye and a home game and snapped Wadsworth's 18-game regular-season win streak.

Wadsworth fell to No. 5 in Division II, Region 5 behind Highland, Walsh Jesuit, Nordonía and Mayfield. The Grizzlies have clinched a top-eight playoff spot and could earn a top-four seed with a Week 10 win. Highland is at Hudson next week and Wadsworth hosts Nordonía.

Wadle's game-winning TD pass to Weber was on a 4th-down play that started with two seconds on the clock. Wadle ran to his right and threw the ball to Weber, who dove to his left and caught the ball in the end zone. The TD set off a wild celebration on the field.

"I have all my faith in Wadle and I have my entire faith in the entire team for that matter," Weber said. "I just knew that he was going to give me a shot and I was just trying to get open to make it happen. After the fact, I don't even know what I was doing. I was running all over the place. I am happy to clinch at least a share in the league."

Wadle and Weber connected on a 27-yard TD pass with 4:28 to go in the first quarter and Jonah Kowza made his first of two PATs. Wadsworth outscored Highland 21-3 in the second quarter as Jude Haller ran for a 3-yard TD, Brysen Hall threw a 21-yard TD pass to Jay'len King and Braydan Todd ran for a 15-yard TD. Kowza made a 27-yard field goal in the second quarter.

Wadsworth led 21-10 at halftime and extended its lead to 28-10 with 5:49 left in the third quarter when Hall threw a 10-yard TD pass to Kolbey Ostervich and Braxton Wagner made his fourth PAT.

"We just kept fighting," Highland coach Mike Gibbons said. "Things didn't go our way early on. We faced a deficit at halftime and really just challenged the guys at halftime like 'Hey, it's pouring rain and Wadsworth, it looks like they are in a 7-on-7 right now. We were able to dial up some pressure, get after the quarterback and forced some huge turnovers there in the second half. Offensively, we made some big plays and were able to come out with a big win."

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Highland seniors Ben Radigan and Evan Foust and sophomore Isaac Demming each recorded an interception in the second half.

The Hornets scored the final 19 points of the game, all in the fourth quarter. as Wadle ran for two TDs from 1 and 12 yards out and threw the game-winning TD pass to Weber. Demming's interception came with 2:58 remaining and gave Highland the ball on the Wadsworth 40-yard line to set up the final TD.

Wadle finished 15-of-24 passing for 176 yards, and ran for 72 yards on 13 carries. Weber had eight catches for 106 yards. Anthony DePompei ran for 83 yards on 14 carries, had two catches for 11 yards and completed a 25-yard pass to Weber. Colton Winston ran for 45 yards on 10 carries.

Hall finished 19-of-36 passing for 238 yards, and ran for 72 yards on nine carries. King had eight catches for 113 yards. Kyle Schmeltzer had four catches for 51 yards and Ostervich added three catches for 25 yards. Haller ran for 20 yards on five carries.

Columbus Bishop Watterson 21, Walsh Jesuit 0: Defenses shine as Eagles win 38th consecutive game

The impenetrable force stayed that way with the fourth shutout of the season for the Eagles (8-0), who haven't given up more than 13 points in any game this season.

"They were a good team," Walsh linebacker Emmit Tobin said. "We prepared and there were some bright spots but we have to be quicker on some spots. We have to watch the film and get back after it so we can end the regular season on a bright spot against Trotwood Madison."

Some of that comes on the other side of the ball, where Walsh found out just how good Watterson's defense was.

The Warriors (6-2) came in averaging 323.2 yards through seven games. They picked up just 101 against Watterson, which extended its winning streak to 38 games.

Dom Courtad was the lone bright spot for Walsh with 60 yards on 16 carries. Warriors quarterback Kinzy Shea went 6-of-16 passing for 33 yards and an interception in his first career start.

"They're well coached," Walsh linebacker Caden Mariola said. "Give props to them. We have to be critical of ourselves. We gave them a game. Hopefully we get to see them again [in the state championship game]."

Caden Mangini (25 carries, 118 yards, two TDs) led the way for Watterson. Ben Uhlenhake (eight carries, 55 yards) also had a solid game, and Nate Henderson caught three passes for 67 yards.

Watterson scored two touchdowns off turnovers and another off a turnover on downs.

"We play with a lot of passion," Tobin said. "We try to pursue the football. Today, we succeeded a little bit but we have a lot to work on."

Manchester 19, Orrville 14: Panthers run down win behind Phillip Partin

Phillip Partin ran for 213 yards and two touchdowns on 36 carries as host Manchester (5-4, 5-1) moved into a tie atop the Principals Athletic Conference with Orrville (7-2, 5-1) and Triway (8-1, 5-1).

Partin put the Panthers on the scoreboard first with a 5-yard score with 4:12 left in the first quarter. Manchester's Lorenzo Donatelli ran for a 4-yard TD in the second quarter and Partin extended the lead to 19-7 with a 44-yard TD run with 1:42 to go in the second quarter.

Manchester didn't score in the second half, but its defense limited the Red Riders to just seven points in each half.

"We started off well before the big rain hit, and capitalized off some early momentum," Manchester coach Kevin Stacy said. "Our defense played fantastic, with an early interception by Bryce Mauger and we had some very nice contributions from our wide receiver corps in Noah Lance, Lorenzo Donatelli and Trent Vargo.

"Our offensive linemen Blaze Johnson, Gibson Eshbaugh, Brody Gindlesperger, Maverick Hull and Joe Bickett and our tight ends Logan Clites, Trent Hodgkinson and Eli Boyle had a nice bounce-back game. Phillip Partin rushed for over 200 yards against an Orrville defense that had been getting better as the season progressed."

Manchester quarterback Greyson Swaino completed 5 of 7 passes for 58 yards and ran for 18 yards on six carries.

Nordonia 38, Medina 13: Knights clinch home playoff game with win

Steven Fakult went 19-of-23 passing for 219 yards and touchdown passes to Collin Atha (six catches, 95 yards) and Dominick Jackson (four catches, 63 yards) to lift the Knights (8-1, 5-1) in Suburban League National Conference action.

CJ Mayes ran for 103 yards and two TDs on 19 carries for Nordonia, which had 467 yards of offense. Shawn Zivkovich also added a rushing TD and Jackson Neal made all five of his PATs and a 21-yard field goal. Brayden Tufts recorded an interception, Karsen Fisher added 2½ sacks, Luke Roth

had two sacks and Dominic Schiavone had 1½ sacks.

Adam Barr found Collin Gonzalez on a 68-yard touchdown pass and Kaden Patrick completed a 13-yard TD pass to Brayden Burch for the Bees (2-7, 2-4).

Streetsboro 30, Woodridge 0: Rockets run away from Bulldogs late

Dealing with driving rain, Streetsboro (7-2, 5-1) relied on its run game and pulled away late to defeat Woodridge (7-2, 4-2) in a Metro Athletic Conference game. The win kept the Rockets alive in the MAC race heading into Week 10.

Streetsboro's running game set the tone, as the Rockets won the rushing battle 279-31. Logan Fincham was the workhorse for Streetsboro, finishing with 111 yards and a TD on 28 carries.

The lone score in the first half, though, came on a 44-yard from Streetsboro quarterback Colton Cox to Noah Hodge. It was Cox's only completion on six attempts. Hodge had a huge night on the ground, rushing for 103 yards and two scores, including a 68-yard TD run on the game's final play.

Meanwhile, Woodridge's offense sputtered all night. Quarterback Blake Pumper went 9-of-25 passing for 91 yards with three interceptions.

Woodridge lost several of its top weapons, as tight end Carter Maxa left the game with an ankle injury and starting running back Johnathan Tyree was restricted to wide receiver duty after having been cleared to play only a day before.

Indianapolis Cathedral 38, Archbishop Hoban 16: Knights fall but aren't out of playoffs

The Knights (3-6) will spend Week 10 scoreboard watching with a game next week. They aren't out of the playoff hunt in Division II, Region 5 and

have a strong shot to make the postseason.

No details were provided in their game with Cathedral (6-3).

Aurora 40, Barberton 18: Magics eliminated from playoffs in loss

Vernon Reynolds starred for the Magics (2-6, 0-6) in a Suburban League American Conference loss to the Greenmen (4-5, 3-3). The standout opened with a 90-yard kick return for a touchdown and hauled in a 70-yard touchdown pass from Mareon Peters. Peters also had a 65-yard touchdown run.

Brecksville 36, Twinsburg 8: Tigers lose for third time in four games

Special teams stepped up with a safety in a loss for the Tigers (1-8, 1-5) against the Bees (5-3, 4-2).

Dylan Fantone threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Jack Boskelly, and Kyler Hoon made 10 tackles in the loss.

Revere 28, Kenston 12: Lane Shenigo powers Minutemen to win

Lane Shenigo ran for touchdowns of 14, 8 and 6 yards to power the host Minutemen (6-3, 4-2) to a win over the Bombers (4-5, 3-3) in a Suburban League American Conference game. Revere's Carter Hajdu threw a 67-yard TD pass to TJ Meech, and David Kennedy made all four of his PATs.

"Our defense played lights out," Revere coach Robert Nickol said. "Lane Shenigo, Michael Mark and Brady Hajdu led the defense. Braden Archer had a key interception. Our offense relied on the run game with Shenigo, but most importantly the offensive line led by Ryan Ferrara and Luca Mutersbaugh played great."

Mayfield 37, Copley 14: Wildcats improve to 9-0

Mayfield (9-0, 6-0) scored 23 consecutive points in the second half to roll to a win at Copley (6-3, 3-3) and remain atop the Suburban League American Conference standings. Mayfield's Ben Koret scored touchdowns on runs of 49, 41, 6 and 39 yards and Jaden Haynes contributed an 82-yard TD catch from Dario Dagostino.

Copley's Dane Wininger threw two TD passes, one apiece to Alex Teixeira and Noah Slattery.

Hudson 48, Stow 12: Explorers explode for 48 first-half points to rout Bulldogs

Host Hudson (7-2, 4-2) put up 48 unanswered points in the first half and coasted to a victory in the rain over Stow (2-7, 0-6 Suburban League National Conference).

Running back Reno Ferri was Hudson's top threat again with 106 yards and two TDs on just 13 carries. Hudson quarterback Hayden Lipinski opened the scoring with a 13-yard TD pass Anthony Paolucci, followed by a 36-yard rushing TD.

William Sutton scored Hudson's longest TD on a 51-yard run, and kicker Xavier Pallo nailed field goals of 42 and 19 yards, and made all six of his PATs.

Stow's Gideon Larlham was 1-of-3 passing for 2 yards with an interception. He also lost a fumble in the second quarter, which Hudson's Trent Smith returned 17 yards for a TD. Hudson's Jack Williams recorded an interception and Jacob Yovanovich also recovered a fumble.

Both of the Stow's TDs came off fumble recoveries in the third quarter. Caden Boyd returned one 54 yards for a TD, and Israel Purkiss returned another 36 yards for a TD.

CVCA 28, Padua 7: Royals run past Bruins to victory

Alex Mammone, Zac Anderson and Tommy Kopec each ran for a TD to lead the host Royals (5-4) past the Bruins (4-5). CVCA's Eli Walkley contributed a 40-yard punt return for a TD and Luke McQuillen made all four of his PATs.

Kopec finished with 181 rushing yards on 22 carries and recorded an interception. Anderson had 77 yards on 14 carries and Reed Jones added 22 yards on three carries.

Padua's Maks Karasek ran for 80 yards and a TD on 20 carries and had four catches for 44 yards.

"Their back [Karasek] had a 200-yard game last week against [Mentor] Lake Catholic [28-7 win]," CVCA coach Nick Cook said. "Our defense held him to 80 yards tonight. That was a key to the game. This is a really good win for our seniors on Senior Night. Our kids played with a lot of purpose and our defense came through numerous times in key moments. Linebacker Tommy Kopec, linebacker Zac Anderson and end Paul Tepley led our defense."

Young. Mooney 42, St. Vincent-St. Mary 6: Irish suffer fifth consecutive loss

The Irish (1-8) suffered their fifth consecutive loss, allowing 40-plus points in each, to visiting Cardinal Mooney (6-3).

The Cardinals had 326 total yards and held STVM to 42.

The bright spot for the Irish was Timothy Dickerson's 126 yards of kickoff returns, including an 85-yard touchdown in the third quarter.

St. Thomas Aquinas 18, Coventry 14: Comets fall to Knights

Carter Mattingly and Alex Eudy scored rushing TDs for the visiting Comets (1-8) against the Knights (3-6).

Kent Roosevelt 47, Cuyahoga Falls 3: Black Tigers suffer third consecutive loss

Cuyahoga Falls had no answer for Roosevelt's Makhi Jones, who ran for three TDs in the first half and helped send the Black Tigers to their third consecutive loss.

Falls' lone score came on a 31-yard field goal by Elijah Hayes just before halftime.

Norton 49, Springfield 0: Jason Beverly, Trey Kersten lead Panthers to win

Jason Beverly and Trey Kersten led the way again for the host Panthers (8-1, 5-1) in a shutout win over the Spartans (0-9, 0-6) in a Metro Athletic Conference game.

Kersten completed 7 of 10 passes for 109 yards and three TDs, and ran for a 14-yard TD. Beverly scored TDs on runs 57 yards and 56 yards, and caught a 34-yard TD pass from Kersten. Beverly finished with 124 rushing yards on four carries. Cortes Everett and Chase Bowman caught Trey Kersten's other TD passes. His younger brother, Cruz Kersten, contributed a 32-yard TD pass to Carter Brown.

Norton recorded seven sacks, led by Debari Johnson's 3½. Bowman added 2½ sacks and Parker Pearce had the other.

"Great win on Senior Night for our kids," Norton coach Glen Kruger said. "They've done a great job focusing on being 1-0 every week and have put themselves in a position to go play for a league title next week [at

Cloverleaf]."

Tallmadge 25, Field 6: Angelo Gotto leads Tallmadge to win

Angelo Gotto ran for three TDs and Aaron Hay contributed a rushing TD to lead visiting Tallmadge (5-4, 3-3) past Field (2-7, 1-5) in a MAC game.

"Eli Williams and Devin Bell both had an interception," said Tallmadge coach Mike Hay, who is Aaron's father. "Chase Clester had two sacks."

Hoover 17, Lake 14: Vikings sail past Blue Streaks

Quarterback Nolan Bonner ran for 194 yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries to lead the Vikings over the visiting Blue Streaks in a Federal League game.

Bonner attempted only three passes and didn't complete any of them. Joey Riedinger added a 22-yard field goal for Hoover (5-4, 2-3), which is 10th in Division II, Region 7 according to JoeEitel.com. Lake (4-5, 2-3) is 15th.

Wyatt Jones completed 12 of 20 passes for 188 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions for the Blue Streaks. He added 50 yards on 13 carries.

Cole Lanterman caught an 80-yard touchdown from Jones. Aaron Mitchell caught Lake's other TD on a 4-yard pass.

Perry 29, Green 13: Panthers rush past Bulldogs

Jonathan Lemon surpassed 200 yards rushing for Perry as the Panthers won for the second week in a row. Lemon was the catalyst for Perry, running for 227 yards and four touchdowns on 39 carries.

Perry recorded three sacks, including two by Mitchel Takacks, who also had two fumble recoveries.

Perry remains alive in Division II, Region 7 going into the final week

according to joeetel.com. The Panthers are in 13th place in the region with 10.6768 points. Green also remains alive. The Bulldogs are 11th with 11.4040 points. Neither team controls its own destiny heading into the final week.

Green QB Chase Herbert was 13-of-26 passing for 164 yards with a touchdown and an interception. He also led the Bulldogs in rushing with 63 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries.

Mogadore 33, Marlinton 15: Kade Thomas powers Wildcats past Dukes

The Wildcats took control early, outscoring the Dukes 13-0 in the second quarter en route to a 20-3 halftime lead.

Kade Thomas gave Mogadore the lead with a 20-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and Maddox Smith had two touchdown runs in the second quarter, including one from 26 yards out. Thomas added his second rushing touchdown to start the fourth quarter, and Quarvion Siggers-Greco capped the night with a 50-yard TD run.

Thomas finished with 140 yards on 15 carries and the Wildcats (7-2) totaled 296 yards on 32 attempts.

Fairless 24, Northwest 7: Kent State commit leads Fairless over Northwest

Peter Snavelly's interception return for a touchdown highlighted a big night for Fairless' defense as the Falcons kept their playoff hopes alive in Division V, Region 17, and handed Northwest its second consecutive loss.

A Kent State commit, Snavelly returned an interception 34 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter to give Fairless (5-4, 2-3) a 14-0 lead. The Falcons led 21-7 at halftime.

Ontrell Hunter and CJ Pumneo also had interceptions for Fairless.

Quarterback Mikey Ritterbeck ran for two touchdowns, and Jaymis Robinson kicked a 32-yard field goal for the Falcons. Ritterbeck finished with a game-high 120 rushing yards.

Northwest (7-2, 3-2) scored its only touchdown on Jakob Garber's 17-yard touchdown. Garber rushed for a team-best 72 yards.

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