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Ohio high school football 2024 | Akron-area rankings heading into Week 4

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If you paid attention to the scores from Week 3 you found out one thing: the top five teams in Greater Akron high school football have solidified themselves.

Those five teams won by a combined 231-14.

Who are they and how are they ranked are listed below along with three more teams in the latest area power poll:

1. Walsh Jesuit Warriors (3-0)

Previous ranking: 1

The Warriors opened their rivalry game with St. Vincent-St. Mary last week with a 91-yard kickoff return for a score by Aiden Henry. Walsh then preceded to score three straight touchdowns off turnovers after that and raced to a 52-0 win, its fourth straight victory over STVM. Keller Moten continues to be an explosive quarterback for coach Nick Alexander.

This week: St. Ignatius (1-2), 7 p.m. Friday

2. Hoban Knights (2-1)

Previous ranking: 2

The Knights forced 10 turnovers in a 56-0 win over Buchtel. Tanner Mintz and Eli Lee had pick sixes. Ace Brown and Nick Crawford each had scoop and scores. Elbert Hill IV and Payton Cook logged interceptions and Patrick Kinsell forced two fumbles in Hoban's first of two back-to-back games against City Series teams.

This week: at East (1-2), 7 p.m. Friday

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3. Wadsworth Grizzlies (3-0)

Last week: 3

The Grizzlies held Medina's offense scoreless for the first time since Mentor beat the Bees 49-10 on Sept. 28, 2018, in a 51-7 victory that snapped a six-game losing streak in the series. Gavin Madigan ran for 119 yards and two scores and had two interceptions to prep for Suburban League National Conference play, which begins this week.

This week: at Twinsburg (2-1), 7 p.m. Friday

4. Highland Hornets (3-0)

Last week: 4

The Hornets continued to flex their muscles on offense and added a doughnut on defense with a 37-0 win over Brunswick. Casey Myser ran for 120 yards and four TDs on 14 carries. In wins over Hudson, North Royalton and Brunswick, the Hornets have scored 118 points for an average of 37.3 points per game.

Week 4 matchup: Copley (1-2), 7 p.m. Friday

5. Nordonia Knights (3-0)

Last week: 5

Rocco DeLorenzo rushed for 110 yards and a score in a 35-7 win over Mayfield last week. The Knights rushed for 231 yards and four scores on 37 carries and averaged 6.3 yards per carry. The Wildcats only gained 74 yards on 43 plays and Nordonia held an opponent to a touchdown or less for the second time this season.

This week: at Solon (2-1), 7 p.m. Friday

6. Green Bulldogs (2-1)

Last week: 6

The Bulldogs have bounced back after a Week 1 loss with a seven-point win over Painesville Riverside and an eight-point victory over Tallmadge. Anthony Fortunato scored on a punt return and Anthony McMichael had a rushing touchdown to give Green the win in a matchup with its former Suburban League foe.

This week: at Hoover (2-1), 7 p.m. Friday

7. Revere Minutemen (3-0)

Last week: Not ranked

It's becoming harder and harder to ignore the Minutemen, who are 3-0 for the first time since 2018 and only the third time in 16 seasons. Revere is getting it done with defense with a 7-6 win over Woodridge, a 50-7 victory over Garfield and a 35-0 triumph over Ravenna.

This week: Aurora (3-0), 7 p.m. Friday

8. Tallmadge Blue Devils (2-1)

Last week: 8

Even though the Blue Devils lost, it's tough to take them out of the poll after a 14-6 defeat to Green. Tallmadge gave up just one offensive touchdown against its Federal League opponent, and the Blue Devils have been solid on defense all season, allowing a combined 21 points.

This week: at Barberton (0-3), 7 p.m. Friday

Out of this week's rankings: St. Vincent-St. Mary

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