

Ohio high school football 2025, Greater Akron rankings heading into OHSAA Week 9

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Key Points AI-assisted summary ⓘ

State powers and undefeated teams lead the Greater Akron high school football power rankings.

With two weeks left in the regular season, multiple teams have already clinched playoff spots.

The [Week 9](#) Greater Akron high school football [power rankings](#) are here and, you guessed it, there's movement.

One area team makes its debut, another falls out and there are changes near the bottom.

Here's where things stand with just two weeks left in the [2025 regular season](#):

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1. Hoban Knights (6-1)

Previous ranking: 1

Last week: 12-9 win over Glenville

Why Hoban: The answer is simple — great teams always find a way. The Tarblooders gave the Knights all they could handle last week, and Hoban still won. Brayton Feister (187 yards, TD) was outstanding. Glenville's defense matched the Hoban's defense in allowing under 200 yards, but when the Knights needed a big stop or even bigger offensive play, they found it to beat yet another squad used to deep runs in the playoffs.

[Hoban has already clinched a playoff spot in Division II, Region 5.](#)

This week: vs. Central York, Pa. (8-0)

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2. Wadsworth Grizzlies (8-0, 5-0)

Previous ranking: 2

Last week: 62-21 win at Nordononia

Why Wadsworth: The Grizzlies have won 18 of their last 19 regular-season games and played with a running clock seven of eight games this season. Last week's win over the Knights was the third time in four weeks Wadsworth beat a team with one loss or less (Twinsburg, Hudson, Nordononia). A third consecutive Suburban League National Conference title seems like it's on the horizon this week. Wadsworth has clinched a top-eight playoff spot in Division II, Region 6.

This week: vs. Stow (2-6, 0-5)

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3. Highland Hornets (8-0, 5-0)

Previous ranking: 3

Last week: 58-7 win at Kent Roosevelt

Why Highland: The Hornets picked up another win when their canceled game with Barberton became a forfeit. Highland showed very little rust after a Week 7 week off when it went into Rough Riders territory and played in a running clock game for the seventh time. Casey Myser set a Medina Country record with his 83rd career touchdown and Highland held an opponent to 10 points or less for the eighth time this season. Highland has clinched a top-eight playoff spot in Division II, Region 6.

This week: at No. 8 Revere (6-1, 4-1).

4. Walsh Jesuit Warriors (6-1)

Previous ranking: 4

Last week: Bye

Why Walsh: The Warriors did not play last week because of [Youngstown Ursuline canceling its season last month](#) and are excited to be playing a [rivalry game with St. Vincent-St. Mary this weekend](#). Although coach Nick Alexander certainly didn't want the bye in Week 8, it gave the Warriors a chance to rest up and heal some nagging injuries as they prepare for the stretch run. Walsh can clinch a playoff spot with a win Oct. 17.

This week: at STVM (0-6)

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5. CVCA Royals (7-0, 3-0)

Previous ranking: 5

Last week: 35-7 win over Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin

Why CVCA: The Royals sandwiched wins over two one-loss teams (Lake Catholic and NDCL) around a two-loss team (Holy Name) in the last three weeks to prove just how strong they are in the newly minted North Coast Conference. In doing so, the Royals have clinched a top-eight playoff spot in Division III, Region 9. They can clinch an outright league title Oct. 17 when they return to Parma for a game against Padua.

This week: at Padua (1-7, 0-3)

6. Norton Panthers (7-0, 5-0)

Previous ranking: 6

Last week: 48-7 win over Woodridge

Why Norton: It's Week 9 and there are still six undefeated teams in Greater Akron. The Panthers have played in six running clock games, with only a 23-13 win at Streetsboro in Week 6 as their only competitive game. Norton rolls into Week 9 on an 11-game regular-season winning streak. The Panthers have also clinched a playoff spot in Division IV, Region 13.

This week: vs. Springfield (1-7, 0-5)

7. Hudson Explorers (6-2, 4-1)

Previous ranking: 8

Last week: 27-0 win over Brecksville

Why Hudson: The Explorers might have one of the most overlooked defenses in the area. Hudson has logged four shutouts in the last six weeks and held Solon to three points in Week 4. It's the only team this season to not go to a running clock against Wadsworth in a 35-17 loss. There's another test this week with two-loss Nordonia visiting Hudson. A win Oct. 17 puts the Explorers in the Division II, Region 5 playoffs.

This week: vs. Nordonia (6-2, 3-2)

8. Revere Minutemen (6-1, 4-1)

Previous ranking: Not ranked

Last week: 38-21 win at Barberton

Why Revere: The Minutemen make their top-eight debut and can skyrocket up the rankings with games against undefeated Highland and two-loss Copley remaining on the

schedule. Revere has been incredibly consistent on defense, with last week's 21-point showing by the Magics the high-point total allowed by the Minutemen. If Revere wins this week, it puts itself in a great position to make the Division III, Region 10 playoffs.

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Out: Nordonia (6-2, 3-2)

Also considered: Copley (6-2, 4-1), Manchester (6-2, 3-1)

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