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Two Northeast Ohio football teams claim top spots in AP state rankings

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High school football: Kirtland vs. Perry, September 5, 2025



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COLUMBUS, Ohio — St. Edward and Kirtland are Northeast Ohio’s two No. 1-ranked teams in the first Associated Press state poll, released Tuesday by that organization after a survey of writers across the state.

The Eagles (3-0) received seven-first place votes and are ahead of Cincinnati St. Xavier in the Division I rankings, which also feature undefeated Mentor as the No. 4 team.

Kirtland (3-0) is the only area team in the Division VI top 10. The Hornets also have seven first-place votes, ahead of Bluffton (3-0), Grandview Heights (3-0) and defending champion Coldwater (2-1), which received one first-place vote. Dalton (3-0) also is in the Division VI top 10 at No. 5.

To see how cleveland.com voted, [check out its state rankings that went up early Tuesday](#). A few notable differences include Division II, which sees Uniontown Lake (3-0) as the top-ranked team despite not receiving a vote from cleveland.com. Glenville (2-1), which is a heavy favorite in Division IV, is fourth in the AP poll after receiving three-first place votes. Shelby (3-0), which received only one first-place vote, is atop that poll with 64 total points. Cincinnati Taft (3-0) and defending champ Gnadenhutten Indian Valley (3-0) also are ahead of the Tarblooders.

Note, the AP has some teams listed in the wrong divisions of its initial poll. See the full results, by division, below:

Ohio High School Football Rankings

Division I - Week 3

Rank	School	Record	First-Place Votes	Total Points
1	Lakewood St. Edward	3-0	7	87
2	Cincinnati St. Xavier	3-0	1	62
3	Lewis Center Olentangy Orange	3-0	0	56
4	Mentor	3-0	0	54
5	Cincinnati Elder	3-0	0	48
6	Cincinnati Moeller	2-1	1	39
7	Middletown	3-0	0	37
8	Columbus Upper Arlington	3-0	0	33
9	Dublin Jerome	3-0	0	23
10	West Chester Lakota West	2-1	0	17

Others receiving votes: 11, Lebanon 13. 12, Pickerington North 8. 13, Pickerington Central 5. 14, Lewis Center Olentangy 4. 15, Cincinnati Princeton 2. 16, Berea-Midpark 2. 17, Springboro 2. 18, Toledo Whitmer 1. 19, Perrysburg 1. 20, Liberty Twp. Lakota East 1.

Ohio High School Football Rankings

Division II - Week 3

Rank	School	Record	First-Place Votes	Total Points
1	Uniontown Lake	3-0	2	56

2	Cincinnati Anderson	3-0	2	51
3	Canal Winchester	3-0	0	42
4	Wadsworth	3-0	0	41
5	Avon	2-1	1	39
6	Macedonia Nordonia	3-0	0	38
7	Medina Highland	3-0	0	30
8	Kings Mills Kings	3-0	1	29
9	Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit	3-0	1	27
10	Louisville	3-0	0	21

Others receiving votes: 11, Painesville Riverside 19. 12, Cincinnati La Salle 18. 13, Akron Hoban 16. 14, Ashland 10. 15, Cincinnati Withrow 9. 16, Twinsburg 8. 17, Trotwood-Madison 7. 18, Sunbury Big Walnut 6. 19, Cuyahoga Falls 6. 20, Garfield Heights 5. 21, Massillon Washington 5. 22, North Ridgeville 4. 23, Dublin Scioto 4. 24, Massillon Perry 2. 25, Austintown-Fitch 1. 26, Columbus St. Francis DeSales 1.

Ohio High School Football Rankings

Division III - Week 3

Rank	School	Record	First-Place Votes	Total Points
1	Columbus Bishop Watterson	3-0	4	60
2	Wapakoneta	3-0	0	53
3	Medina Buckeye	3-0	1	51
4	Gates Mills Hawken	3-0	1	40
5	Tipp City Tippecanoe	3-0	1	38
6	Canfield	3-0	0	35
7	London	3-0	0	27
8	Columbus Hamilton Township	3-0	0	22
9	Youngstown Ursuline	2-0	0	19
10	Hamilton Badin	3-0	1	18

Others receiving votes: 11, Grafton Midview 15. 12, Maple Heights 12. 13, Granville 10. 14, Toledo Central Catholic 8. 15, Geneva 7. 16, Delaware Buckeye Valley 5. 17, Oxford Talawanda 5. 18, Newark Licking Valley 4. 19, Dresden Tri-Valley 4. 20, Cleveland Villa Angela-St. Joseph 3. 21, Columbus Linden McKinley 2. 22, Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy 1. 23, Richfield Revere 1.

Ohio High School Football Rankings

Division IV - Week 3

Rank	School	Record	First-Place Votes	Total Points
1	Shelby	3-0	1	64
2	Cincinnati Taft	3-0	1	56
3	Gnadenhutten Indian Valley	3-0	2	38
4	Cleveland Glenville	2-1	3	36
5	Cincinnati Wyoming	3-0	0	34
6	Hubbard	3-0	0	31
7	New Lexington	3-0	1	28
8	Galion	3-0	0	27
9	Chardon Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin	3-0	0	25
10	Cincinnati Indian Hill	3-0	0	23

Others receiving votes: 11, Plain City Jonathan Alder 22. 12, Perry 14. 13, Vermilion 10. 14, Kettering Archbishop Alter 7. 15, Germantown Valley View 6. 16, Clarksville Clinton-Massie 5. 17, Chillicothe Unioto 3. 18, Norton 3. 19, Mentor Lake Catholic 3. 20, Urbana 2. 21, Millersburg West Holmes 1. 22, Bellefontaine Benjamin Logan 1. 23, Beloit West Branch 1.

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Division V - Week 3

Rank	School	Record	First-Place Votes	Total Points
1	Liberty Center	3-0	1	58

2	Oak Harbor	3-0	0	55
3	Poland Seminary	3-0	3	51
4	Ironton	3-0	4	49
5	Wheelersburg	3-0	0	44
6	Williamsburg	3-0	0	36
7	Barnesville	3-0	0	28
8	Findlay Liberty-Benton	3-0	0	23
9	Girard	3-0	0	19
10	Wooster Triway	3-0	0	13

Others receiving votes: 11, Versailles 12. 12, Cincinnati North College Hill 12. 13, Carlisle 7. 14, Milan Edison 7. 15, Akron Manchester 6. 16, Lima Bath 6. 17, St. Paris Graham 5. 18, Canal Winchester Harvest Prep 4. 19, Camden Preble Shawnee 2. 20, Richwood North Union 1. 21, Arcanum 1. 22, Cols. Africentric 1.

Ohio High School Football Rankings

Division VI - Week 3

Rank	School	Record	First-Place Votes	Total Points
1	Kirtland	3-0	7	79
2	Bluffton	3-0	0	59
3	Columbus Grandview Heights	3-0	0	45
4	Coldwater	2-1	1	42
5	Dalton	3-0	0	35
6	Smithville	3-0	0	30
7	Bascom Hopewell-Loudon	3-0	0	27
8	Cincinnati Deer Park	3-0	0	21
9	Sherwood Fairview	3-0	0	19
10	North Robinson Colonel Crawford	3-0	0	17

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Others receiving votes: 11, West Lafayette Ridgewood 16. 12, Hamler Patrick Henry 13. 13, West Jefferson 10. 14, Kansas Lakota 8. 15, Mechanicsburg 4. 16, Day. Christian 4. 17, Columbia Station Columbia 4. 18, Galion Northmor 2. 19, Anna 2. 20, Springfield Northeastern 2. 21, Wickliffe 1.

Ohio High School Football Rankings

Division VII - Week 3

Rank	School	Record	First-Place Votes	Total Points
1	Maria Stein Marion Local	3-0	8	80
2	Lima Central Catholic	3-0	0	51
3	McDonald	3-0	0	47
4	Jeromesville Hillsdale	3-0	0	43
5	New Bremen	3-0	0	30
6	Sycamore Mohawk	3-0	0	27
7	St. Henry	2-1	0	25
8	Beaver Eastern	3-0	0	22
9	Fairport Harbor Harding	3-0	0	19
10	Portsmouth Notre Dame	3-0	0	18

Others receiving votes: 11, Arlington 15. 12, Corning Miller 13. 13, Minster 9. 14, Crown City South Gallia 6. 15, New Madison Tri-Village 6. 16, North Baltimore 4. 17, East Palestine 4. 18, Malvern 4. 19, Strasburg-Franklin 3. 20, Sidney Lehman 3. 21, Ansonia 3. 22, East Canton 3. 23, Convoy Crestview 3. 24, Fort Recovery 2.

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