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Ohio high school football predictions, Akron-area Week 3 breakdowns

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Key Points

Breaking down Week 3 games with predictions of who will win.

A showdown of state powers highlights the Week 3 schedule.

Week 3 of the [Ohio high school football season](#) kicks off Friday, Sept. 4, and Greater Akron teams will play in a number of interesting games before the week wraps up with four games on Saturday, Sept. 5.

The big game of the week pits [Walsh Jesuit \(2-0\)](#), coming off [a forfeit win over Clark County Springfield](#), against Toledo Central Catholic, a Division III state finalist a season ago. The teams played last year, with the Warriors winning 17-14, and this year the game in in Cuyahoga Falls.

Other key games include [Nardon \(2-0\)](#) hosting Cleveland VASJ, [Woodridge \(2-0\)](#) entertaining [Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy \(1-1\)](#) and [Wadsworth \(2-0\)](#) traveling to Jackson (1-1).

Who will win? Keep reading and see which teams the Beacon Journal staff thinks have the upper hand.

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Friday's high school football games in the Greater Akron area

Walsh Jesuit (2-0) vs. Toledo Central Catholic (2-0)

What to watch: The Warriors traveled to the Fighting Irish last season and beat them 17-14 in the schools' only other meeting. ... Walsh is first in Division II, Region 5. Central Catholic is second in Division II, Region 6. ... The Warriors picked up a forfeit over Clark County Springfield, which couldn't play last week because of a teamwide illness. ... They played one of the most impressive games in Week 1 with a 34-0 win over two-time reigning Division II regional finalist Highland. ... The defense only gave up 69 yards and forced three turnovers. Mason Rodgers (11 carries, 87 yards, TD) and Dom Courtad (14 carries, 68 yards, TD) led the Warriors' rushing attack. David Ternosky was 8-for-13 passing for 158 yards. His main target was Cayden LeVert (three receptions, 94 yards). ... The Irish are led by Division I prospect Jeremiah Fuller (218 yards, four TDs) at running back. Lincoln Sellers was 5-for-12 passing for 119 yards and two scores in a Week 1 win over Trotwood-Madison, but Kasyn Bitmyer (5-for-6 passing, 48 yards) came in for him last week in a 24-14 win over Portage Central, Mich. ... Fuller runs behind Cincinnati commit Jalen Webb (6-foot-5, 300 pounds) and Division I prospect Max Kobak (6-4, 315). ... Safety Keyon Robinson is a Miami of Ohio commit, and the quarterbacks have a Division I star in 6-2, 185-pound wide receiver Amari Eliano, who has offers from Syracuse, Bowling Green, Eastern Michigan, Western Michigan, Miami of Ohio and Toledo.

Who will win: Walsh 35-24

CVCA (1-1) at Woodridge (2-0)

What to watch: This backyard rivalry game should be a test to see how both sides are progressing, as both teams are coming off wins in Week 2. ... Woodridge is 2-0 for the first time in a decade. ... The Bulldogs exploded for

55 points in Week 2 vs. Brookside. QB Blake Pumper has a field day, throwing for 417 yards and a school record seven TDs. ... Jonathan Tyree is the engine of the Bulldogs offense. The running back accounted for four TDs and 272 all-purpose yards in the win over Brookside. ... Carter Maxa and Andrew Stull will be Pumper's primary targets in the passing game. ... CVCA bounced back from its first regular-season loss since 2024 with a dominant win over Canton South in Week 2. ... CVCA's rushing attack got back on track against the Wildcats, led by Tommy Kopec (191 yards, 3 TDs) and Zac Anderson (153 yards, 3 TDs). If CVCA can establish the run early, it will be difficult to beat. ... This game could be decided in the trenches, where Woodridge has an advantage in experience. ... Woodridge will look to avenge last year's 49-0 loss at CVCA.

Who will win: Woodridge 28-21

Wadsworth (2-0) at Jackson (1-1)

What to watch: This is the first meeting between the two schools, according to Fourseasonsfootball.com. ... The Grizzlies are second in Division II, Region 5. The Polar Bears are 11th in Division I, Region 1. ... Wadsworth quarterback Brysen Hall needs just 63 yards to surpass Trey Schaeffer (5,152) as the school's all-time leader in career passing yards. The junior has averaged 204.0 yards in his 25 starts. He's 4,721 yards away from the Medina County record (Danny Stoddard, 4,721 yards). ... Hall is 47-for-75 passing this season for 588 yards, five touchdowns and no interceptions. His primary receivers are Jay'len King (16 catches, 246 yards, three TDs) and Kolbey Ostervich (10 catches, 118 yards, TD). Noah Ries (25 carries, 149 yards, TD) is the primary receiver, but Wadsworth can go to Gavin Miller (13 carries, 65 yards, three TDs) in a pinch on an offense that averages 414 yards. ... Jackson is led by quarterback Carter Muhleman (36-for-61 passing, 421 yards, six TDs). His main targets are Micah Regimbal (11 catches, 125 yards) and Quinn Snyder (six catches, 42 yards, two TDs). ... Chase Maurer (43 carries, 343 yards, three TDs) is the workhorse on the ground. ... Jackson averages 435.0 yards.

Who will win: Wadsworth 42-34

Cleveland VASJ (1-1) at Nordonia (2-0)

What to watch: This game pits Nordonia coach Scott Barwidi against VASJ coach Jeff Rotsky. Barwidi was a member of Rotsky's staff at Maple Heights more than 20 years ago. This will be a battle between two coaches who hate to take a step backward. ... Nordonia is led by QB Steven Fakult, who ran for a TD and threw for another in Week 2 against East. ... The Knights has a plethora of weapons at wide receiver. Dominick Jackson, Karsen Fisher, Collin Atha, Grant Kaminski and Brock Barwidi all could play as a top wide receiver in most programs. ... CJ Mayes, who rushed for two TDs in Week 2, gives Nordonia another weapon at running back. ... Villa Angela-St. Joseph lost 44-41 to Sandusky Perkins in triple overtime in Week 1, but rebounded in Week 2 with a 47-6 win over Cincinnati Taft.

Who will win: Nordonia 35-28

Parma Heights Valley Forge (0-2) at Revere (1-1)

What to watch: Valley Forge enters Week 3 after being shut out 33-0 by North Royalton in Week 1 and Eastlake North 42-0 in Week 2. ... Revere defeated Garfield 28-12 on Aug. 29 at Kenmore Stadium after opening the season with a 25-14 loss to Woodridge. ... Revere's Lane Shenigo ran for 108 yards and two TDs on 17 carries in the win over Garfield. TJ Meech and Brady Hajdu also ran for a TD against Garfield. Carter Hajdu completed 8 of 13 passes for 83 yards with two interceptions. ... Revere recorded four interceptions versus Garfield, with Davis Hajdu and Marco Geise each with two. Brayden Archer, Jackson Farrow and Teagan Klein are also solid defenders for the Minutemen. ... Junior Brady Hajdu and Carter Hajdu are twin brothers, and senior Davis Hajdu is their older brother.

Who will win: Revere 35-7

East (1-1) at Canton South (0-2)

What to watch: East scored 12 points in each of its games this season, winning 12-7 over Bedford in Week 1 and losing 46-12 to Nordonina in Week 2. ... Dragons QB Naseer Williams-Clay threw a TD pass to Emmanuel Jefferson and Marcus Council ran for a TD against Bedford. Williams-Clay connected with Terrel Karim Jr. and Lawrence Cherry on TD passes versus Nordonina. ... Canton South lost 20-6 to Garaway and 49-7 to CVCA to open the season. CVCA rushed for 410 yards (its entire offensive yards output). The Wildcats totaled 211 yards offensively and turned the ball over five times against the Royals.

Who will win: East 24-14

Garfield (0-2) at Copley (2-0)

What to watch: Garfield is seeking its first win after losing 49-7 to Norton in Week 1 and 28-12 to Revere in Week 2. ... Golden Rams QB Darius Sales threw a TD pass to Ja'Von Jackson against Norton. Sales connected with Jordan Spaulding on a TD pass against Revere and Xavier Ward returned an interception for a TD. ... Sales completed 19 of 37 passes against Revere for 208 yards, a TD and four interceptions. Sales also grabbed an interception as a cornerback. Kemonte Harrison is a WR-CB to watch for Garfield after having nine catches for 94 yards versus Revere. ... Copley beat Streetsboro 28-20 in Week 1 and Firestone 56-6 in Week 2. ... Copley QB Dane Wininger is off to a fast start. He completed 11 of 19 passes for 166 yards and three TDs against Streetsboro, and was 11 of 13 for 191 yards and four TDs versus Firestone. ... Jalen Owens, Breylen Stanford and Mason Chapman caught a TD pass in Week 1, and Owens added 14 carries for 106 yards and a TD. ... Noah Slattery had five catches for 119 yards and three TDs in Week 2, Jacob Kuczkowski caught one TD pass and Owens returned a punt for a TD and contributed five carries for 100 yards and a TD. Michael Garden Jr. and Grayson Pavlovich added rushing TDs against the Falcons.

Who will win: Copley 35-14

Kent Roosevelt (1-1) at Ellet (0-2)

What to watch: Kent won 22-19 over Twinsburg in Week 1 and lost 34-13 to Willoughby South in Week 2. ... Kingston Bryant completed 12 of 20 passes for 234 yards and three TDs against Twinsburg. Tyler Ellington, Zac Coleman and Sevn Jones caught TD passes in Week 1. Makhi Jones ran for 100 yards on 16 carries against Twinsburg and Sevn Jones also had an interception and a forced fumble. Coleman had five catches for 102 yards and intercepted a pass, Brock Catalucci forced a fumble and Cyler Foreman recovered a fumble in the Week 1 win. ... Ellet lost 21-0 to Tallmadge in Week 1 and 30-20 to Field in Week 2. ... Ellet's Syncere West and Jayden Cooper each ran for a TD against Field. Maurice Smith caught 60-yard TD pass from Demetrius Halsell.

Who will win: Kent Roosevelt 28-14

Elyria (0-2) at Barberton (1-1)

What to watch: This is the first time in 30 years the two will play, with the Pioneers holding a 7-5-1 edge in the series. ... Barberton is tied for 12th in Division II, Region 6. Elyria is tied for 14th in Division I, Region 1. ... The Pioneers have sputtered out of the gate behind quarterback Zach Fury and running back Aaron Ensign with just three offensive touchdowns this season. ... Barberton has a standout in quarterback Jack Hanlin (18-for-28 passing, 455 yards, six TDs). ... He's thrown two touchdowns each to Mareon Peters and Noah Wright.

Who will win: Barberton 28-14

Avon Lake (0-2) at Highland (1-1)

What to watch: The Hornets hold a 4-1 all-time record against the Shoremen and have won those game by an average of 28-13. ... Highland is seventh in Division II, Region 5. Avon Lake is tied for 15th in Division II, Region 6. ... Anthony DePompei (22 carries, 101 yards, TD), Johnny Prucha

(12-of-20 passing, 254 yards, TD) and Ben Radigan (four catches, 96 yards, TD) lead the Hornets. ... The Shoremen started Dawson TenBrink at quarterback in a Week 1 24-22 loss to Strongsville but opted for Michael Ambrose in a Week 2 14-13 loss to Lake Catholic. ... Chris Gaulding is Avon Lake's primary receiver.

Who will win: Highland 21, Avon Lake 20

Solon (1-1) at Twinsburg (0-2)

What to watch: Twinsburg will look for some consistency after suffering another close loss to Bedford in Week 2. For the second straight week the Tigers held the lead heading into the fourth quarter, only to see the Bearcats rally for the win. ... Tigers receiver Kyle Anello scored two TDs vs. the Bearcats ... Solon has been involved in two low-scoring games to start the season. After losing in Week 1 to Kenston, the Comets beat Shaker Heights 19-9 in Week 2.

Who will win: Twinsburg 21-20

Tallmadge (1-1) at Aurora (1-1)

What to watch: The [Greenmen](#) won all 11 of their games against the Blue Devils when both were in the Suburban League's American Division, the last three by 30-plus points. That said, don't be surprised if this year's game is far tougher as [Tallmadge](#) has added premium talent. Key additions include running back Angelo Gotto, who returned to his hometown after previously playing for his father at Barberton, and linebacker James Robinson, who missed most of last year because of injury. Gotto already demonstrated his ability to make a difference when he ran for 158 yards in the Blue Devils' opening victory over Ellet. That will be a key area to watch as Aurora has yielded 6.7 yards per carry over its first two games. The Greenmen will lean on Aidan Samelko, who has taken their lion's share of carries thus far.

Last meeting: Aurora 37-0 (2025)

Who will win: Aurora 28-14

Archbishop Hoban (0-2) vs. Brooklyn Eagle Academy (N.Y., 0-1)

What to watch: Hoban is seeking its first win after losing 28-24 to Winter Garden West Orange (Florida) and 28-13 to NFL Academy (United Kingdom). Eagle Academy won 14-12 last week over Friendship Collegiate, a school based in Washington, D.C. ... Hoban is led QB Israel "Major" Cribbs, RB-DB Jaiden Daniels, RB-DB Kahlil Diming, WR-DB John Johnson, OL Caleb Williams, OL Rylee Pickering, DE Devanaire Riley, DB Diggy Williams DL Kiren Green and WR-LB Dominic Daetwyler. ... Daniels is a Ball State recruit, Johnson is a Bowling Green recruit and Williams is a Buffalo recruit. ... Eagle Academy features LB-DE Sincere Hester, LB-DE Chase Hyacinth, WR Juvens Harold Lindor, LB-RB Beyty Doiuf, WR-SS Josiah Brown, DE Johnathan Stephenson, RB-WR Tyler Grayson, RB Zy'Eare Schulters, OL Kylin Anthony and LB Nathaniel Ellis. ... Hester is committed to Temple and Hyacinth has pledged to Delaware.

Who will win: Hoban 21-14

St. Vincent-St. Mary (0-2) at Hudson (2-0)

What to watch: The Explorers and Irish have started the season going in opposite directions ... Hudson's offense has been humming, as the Explorers put up 55 points in a Week 2 win over Jackson. ... Running back Reno Ferri is having a great start to the season. He ran for 149 yards and four TDs on 22 carries and caught two TD passes against Jackson. ... QB Hayden Lipinski has been efficient as Hudson's signal caller, as he went 22-of-29 passing for 265 yards and two TDs against Jackson. ... STVM has struggled in coach Marcus Wattley's return. The Irish were shut out 41-0 in Week 2 by Perry.

Who will win: 42-7

Cuyahoga Falls (1-1) at Southeast (0-2)

What to watch: The [Pirates](#) hope to snap a five-game skid that stretches

back to last season. The Black Tigers just snapped their own nine-game losing streak last week when they shut out North. [Waseem Mustafa](#) had four touchdowns (two passing, two rushing) in the win over the Vikings. Moreover, Cuyahoga Falls held North to 30 rushing yards. Can the Black Tigers stage a repeat against a dangerous three-headed monster in the Pirates' Bruce Nelson, Alaunte Massrock and Tyler Shaw?

Who will win: Southeast 29-28

Norton (2-0) at Marlinton (1-1)

What to watch: This is the first meeting between the two schools, according to [Fourseasonsfootball.com](#). ... The Panthers are tied for seventh in Division IV, Region 13. The Dukes are 10th. ... Trey Kersten (25-for-35 passing, 353 yards, five TDs) and Jason Beverly (six rushing TDs) make for a great one-two punch for Norton. Alex Meinen has caught four touchdowns for the Panthers. ... Marlinton quarterback Tyler Walder (33-for-54 passing, 392 yards, three TDs) has solid receivers in Cameron Evanich (10 catches, 127 yards, TD) and Cole Jones (10 catches, 127 yards). Jacob Rose (20 carries, 104 yards, two TDs) leads the run game.

Who will win: Norton 35-7

Springfield (0-2) at Coventry (0-2)

What to watch: It's been a rough start to the season for both the Comets and Spartans. Although this is no longer a league game, it is still a backyard rivalry game. ... Although Springfield reached the end zone in Week 2 against Minerva, that was the lone bright spot in the loss. ... Coventry has faced the tougher schedule of the two. The Comets have yet to score this season against Girard and Rittman, both of whom are undefeated.

Who will win: Coventry 14-10

Streetsboro (1-1) at Alliance (1-1)

What to watch: The [Rockets](#) narrowly avoided their first 0-2 start since

2018 when they edged Manchester by a point. Now, it's the fourth straight year of Alliance-Streetsboro, with the Rockets winning their first two meetings and the Aviators running away with their last one. Both teams boast dangerous dual-threat quarterbacks in Alliance's Caydan Sanders (161 passing yards, 133 rushing yards) and Streetsboro's Colton Cox (221 passing yards, 117 rushing yards). Also watch for breakout star Logan Fincham, who has rushed for 140-plus yards in each of the Rockets' first two games.

Who will win: Streetsboro 35-28

Lake (2-0) at Rocky River (2-0)

What to watch: To improve to 3-0, the Blue Streaks will have to beat "the best team we've seen to date," according to Lake coach Dan DeGeorge. And, he adds, Rocky River has a player who "might be one of the best players we see all year." That would be senior Tristin Hughes, a Kentucky commit at wide receiver. ... Lake got the best of Hughes and Rocky River last season when the Blue Streaks held on for a [34-28 win](#) at home. Hughes caught six passes for 150 yards and a touchdown in that game. ... Lake lost Ty DeGeorge five plays into last year's game to an ankle injury that cost him most of his junior season. DeGeorge, the coach's son, now is healthy and putting together a great senior season. He's run for 266 yards at 6.0 a carry and five TDs as the epicenter of Lake's offense. ... Hughes, who will move to running back at times and play free safety on defense, accounted for 267 yards from scrimmage and two TDs in a 28-7 Week 1 win at Manchester. "He's the real deal," Dan DeGeorge said. The Pirates torched John Marshall 63-0 last week. ... Lake junior QB Wyatt Jones is 13-for-24 passing for 190 yards, two touchdowns and no picks this season. Senior LB Shannon Billiter leads Lake with 18 tackles. DL Aaron Mitchell is another impact player on a Blue Streak defense coming off its first shutout since a 2024 first-round playoff game. The Blue Streaks picked off three passes last week, two of them by Mitch Wise and one by Marquel Skillern.

Who will win: Lake 28-27

North Olmsted (0-2) at Green (1-1)

What to watch: Green answered a rough Week 1 by beating Tallmadge 28-7 last week. Senior Kam Worner scored all four Bulldogs touchdowns (three rushing, one receiving) while averaging 41.3 yards a punt and making two tackles for loss. He rushed for 79 yards on 11 carries. Green limited Tallmadge to 99 yards of offense and six first downs. Senior LB Luke Schaal had a team-high nine tackles, including 1.5 sacks. ... First-year Green starting QB Chase Herbert was 8-of-11 passing for 144 yards, a TD and no interceptions last week. He added 86 yards rushing as the Bulldogs totaled 193 as a team. ... North Olmsted couldn't hold a 20-7 lead early in the third quarter last week and lost 28-26 at Midview. The Eagles forced six turnovers, four of them in the first half, but still lost. They lost 51-17 at home to Eastlake North in their opener. ... Ameer Silmi (5-9, 178) is back after a 1,000-yard rushing season as a sophomore for North Olmsted, which went 4-6 last year with a very young squad. Sophomore Koen Beasley (5-10, 192) is another returning starter at running back, while Will Macpherson (5-9, 172) returns at quarterback.

Who will win: Green 35-7

Columbia (2-0) at Manchester (0-2)

What to watch: This is the first meeting between the two schools, according to Fourseasonsfootball.com. ... The Raiders are ninth in Division VI, Region 21. ... The Panthers are tied for 20th in Division V, Region 17. ... Manchester has developed a nice core attack with two-time All-Ohio running back Phil Partin, who has three rushing touchdowns; Noah Lance, who has two receiving touchdowns; and quarterback Greyson Swaino. ... Columbia will run all day with Xavier Hendon (31 carries, 331 yards, five TDs), Peyton Liedtke (nine carries, 146 yards, two TDs), Logan Menge (13 carries, 81 yards, two TDs) and Ambrose Beach (five carries, 67 yards, two TDs). If Menge (5-for-5 passing, 191 yards, two TDs) needs to throw, it will likely go to Beach (two

catches, 145 yards, two TDs).

Who will win: Manchester 21, Columbia 19

Dalton (0-2) at Mogadore (1-1)

What to watch: Both teams lost last week but this remains an intriguing clash between two of the top teams in Region 25 (Drew Pasteur's Fantastic 50 has the Bulldogs and Wildcats ranked fourth and fifth, respectively). For [Mogadore](#), this isn't just about shaking off a Week 2 loss to Canton Central Catholic. The Wildcats are also trying to avenge losses to the Bulldogs in each of the last three years. Limited to a late touchdown a week ago, Mogadore hopes to get back to [its offensive production of Week 1](#) against a Dalton team that is yielding 44 points a game (against very strong competition). Expect versatile runner and receiver [Kade Thomas](#), who's already up to four touchdowns this season, to be a spark for the Wildcats alongside quarterback [Maddox Smith](#). The Bulldogs have their own star quarterback in Carter Hignight alongside tight end/defensive lineman Jackson Oswald. All four players earned all-state honors a year ago.

Who will win: Mogadore 28-27

Northwest (2-0) at Canton Central Catholic (1-1)

What to watch: After facing Orrville in Week 3 the last two years, [Central Catholic](#) will meet a new PAC-7 opponent this season. This time it's [Northwest](#). ... Northwest returned just 10 lettermen this year, but coach John DeMarco's team is off to an impressive start behind a strong running game. Jakob Garber has rushed for 213 yards and three touchdowns in two games. Conner Stephenson has 128 yards and two TDs. With an average of almost 11 yards on 11 carries, quarterback Brayden Venables is a running threat, too. ... Stephenson and Garber also make a big impact on defense for Northwest. Stephenson leads the team in tackles with 30. He also has two sacks, a forced fumble and a defensive touchdown. ... Central broke into the win column last week by beating Mogadore 19-8. The Crusaders did not win

their first game in 2025 until Week 10, when they beat rival St. Thomas Aquinas. ... The Central defense turned things around against Mogadore after allowing 42 points and 284 rushing yards (9.5 a carry) in a [Week 1 loss to Perry](#). The Crusaders allowed 141 total yards last week. ... QB Brock Bourquin and WR Carter Competty have each had a hand in two of Central's four touchdowns this season. Bourquin and Kenny Stroud both rushed for more than 100 yards in the win over Mogadore.

Who will win: Northwest 28-21

Medina (0-2) at Brunswick (1-1)

What to watch: The Blue Devils hold a 33-19 advantage in the rivalry and have won the last two meetings, but the point differential is just a 20-15 average. ... Brunswick is fourth in Division I, Region 1. Medina is tied for 14th. ... The Blue Devils are led by Connor Jamison (42-for-68 passing, 518 yards, five TDs) and Adin Evert (11 catches, 218 yards, two TDs). ... The Bees go as Adam Barr (53-for-86 passing, 532 yards, 2 TDs) and Ashton Knowles (11 catches, 153 yards, TD) go. ... Defense has been a problem for both teams. Brunswick allows 500.5 yards per game and Medina gives up 295.5.

Who will win: Brunswick 35-7

Saturday's high school football games in the Greater Akron area

St. Francis Prep, N.Y. (1-0) at Stow (1-1), 3:30 p.m.

What to watch: This game will be played at Tom Benson Stadium in Canton as part of the Clash at the Classic weekend at the Pro Football Hall of Fame. ... Stow's offense has been rolling in both of its games, as the Bulldogs have scored a combined 78 points through two weeks. ... Stow QB Gideon Larlham has become a two-way threat. He went 9-of-13 passing for 166 yards and two TDs, while rushing for 63 yards and a TD in the Week 2 win over Barberton. ... Israel Purkiss had a solid game on the ground vs. Barberton, rushing for 106

yards and two TDs. ... Based out of Queens, N.Y., St. Francis Prep is the alma mater of Hall of Fame coach Vince Lombardi. ... The Terriers defeated Mount St. Michael Academy 26-19 in their opener Aug. 29.

Who will win: Stow 28-21

Firestone (0-2) at Cleveland Heights Lutheran East (0-2)

What to watch: The Falcons meet the Falcons. ... Firestone lost its first two games, 41-6 to Barberton and 56-6 to Copley. ... Donniven Younger and Kyrel El-Travis have each scored a TD for the Falcons. ... Lutheran East lost 14-7 to Ashtabula Lakeside and 42-14 to Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Maryland).

Who will win: Lutheran East 21-12

Mentor Lake Catholic (1-1) at Buchtel, 2 p.m. (0-2)

What to watch: [Buchtel has its home opener at Tim Flossie Stadium, which was renovated before this season via a \\$2.5 million construction project with Beaver Constructors.](#) ... A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for 10:40 a.m. at the stadium at 1040 Copley Road before the game. ... These upgrades come after [Buchtel received a synthetic turf field from the Cleveland Browns before the 2022 season.](#) ... Buchtel has lost 35-8 to North Canton Hoover and 42-12 to Gnadenhutten Indian Valley. ... Mentor Lake Catholic lost 41-7 to Youngstown Cardinal Mooney in Week 1 and defeated Avon Lake 14-13 in Week 2.

Who will win: Buchtel 18-14

North (0-2) at Cleveland East Tech, noon (0-0)

What to watch: North is seeking its first win after losing 39-12 to Warren Champion in Week 1 and 50-0 to Cuyahoga Falls in Week 2. ... East Tech plays its season opener Saturday.

Who will win: East Technical 18-12

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