

County Football Week 9

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Standings

CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE				
School	W	L	T	PF
Buckeye	5-0	0	0	261
Rocky River	7-1	0	0	428
Day	5-2	3	0	263
Valley Forge	4-4	3	0	263
Lakewood	4-4	3	0	279
North Olmsted	4-4	3	0	154
Weslake	2-6	0	0	240
Norwood	1-7	0	0	100
GREATER CLEVELAND CONFERENCE				
School	W	L	T	PF
Medina	6-0	0	0	431
Strongsville	6-0	0	0	318
Brunswick	5-3	4	1	238
Cleveland Heights	3-2	3	2	246
Frostburg	3-2	3	2	229
Medina	2-6	1	0	158
Lorain	2-6	1	0	185
Shaker Heights	1-7	0	0	100
LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE				
School	W	L	T	PF
Columbia	5-0	0	0	340
Kentwood	5-3	4	1	250
Findlay	4-4	3	0	272
Black River	4-4	3	0	221
Clearview	3-5	3	0	210
Wellington	3-5	3	0	146
Coburn	2-6	0	0	110
Brookside	2-6	0	0	81
METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
School	W	L	T	PF
North	7-0	0	0	561
Shenandoah	6-2	4	0	380
Cleveland	6-2	4	0	238
Woodridge	4-4	3	0	206
Field	4-4	3	0	227
Ravenna	2-6	1	0	191
Covington	2-6	1	0	118
Springfield	1-7	0	0	75
SOUTHERN LEAGUE				
School	W	L	T	PF
Highland	8-0	0	0	346
Revere	6-1	4	1	293
Copley	6-0	4	1	359
Aurora	4-4	3	0	236
Roosevelt	4-4	3	0	275
Talmadge	3-5	3	0	185
Barberton	1-7	0	0	100
Cuyahoga Falls	1-7	0	0	75
National Conference				
School	W	L	T	PF
Wadsworth	8-0	0	0	346
Hudson	8-2	4	1	283
Noronia	6-3	3	0	283
North Royalton	4-4	3	0	236
Yamhill	3-5	3	0	239
Blackburn	4-4	3	0	185
Spion	2-6	0	0	100
Stow	2-6	0	0	235



Black River

PREVIEW: Wellington has been riddled by injuries and averages only 14.6 points and 210.5 yards. Gavin Wacker has thrown for 733 yards and six touchdowns, Connor Kinsler has caught 19 passes for 428 yards and three scores and reigning Lorain County League Defensive Player of the Year Trey Moore has rushed for 315 yards.

● The Pirates have won nine of the last 10 meetings against the Ducks.

● Black River's Division VI, Region 21 playoff hopes remain unchanged. The only realistic path is for Rostown (8-2) to lose to Chagrin Falls (2-6) tonight along with the Pirates winning out.

STAT PACK: Hunter Varney (333 rushing yards), Dozier Hendershot (248), Dom Bell (175) and Bryce Murray (126) have 882 of the team's 858 rushing yards. Two other players, five QBs and one back snap have combined to lose 24 yards.

● Mason Koberna played hot to lead the defense against Brookside with 11 tackles (1 for loss, half-sack). Zane Bungard added 10 stops (1 for loss) and a pass breakup on fourth down and Jack Vancouper remained cool with five tackles (1 for loss).

● Vancouper has 24 tackles (3 for loss) and a fumble recovery over the last four games.

● Black River has fumbled only four times this season, losing two.

● The 8-0 middle school team outscored opponents 226-0. **LW:** W, 42-0 vs. Brookside. **TW:** vs. Wellington (3-5, 1-4; 17-6 all time). **NW:** at Oberlin (2-5, 0-5).



Brunswick

PREVIEW: Cleveland Heights has disappointed this season but still boasts a stellar three-pronged attack of future Division I college skill players. WVDB Henry Farrymond is a three-star recruit with 20 offers, quarterback LaMarques Greenwood has offers from Cornell, Colgate and Youngstown State and sophomore running back Elijah Harris boasts offers from Bowling Green and Kentucky.

● Win or lose, Brunswick likely will clinch a Division I, Region 1 playoff berth tonight. The Blue Devils must win out to host in the first round, however.

STAT PACK: Brunswick had its most productive offensive game in years last week at Medina with 10 tackles for loss (7 sacks), an interception, two fumble recoveries and a whopping 11 pass breakups.

● Landon Kirchner returned with six tackles (1 for loss), a 22-yard interception return and four pass breakups, including two in the end zone. Eli Nichols had 1½ sacks and a forced fumble recovered by Andrew Hayes (1½ TFL, sack), while Logan Matousek's strip-sack was recovered by Jamarie Garth. Drew Dempsey added 10 tackles.

● Nichols (7 sacks), Matousek (4) and Garth (2½) rank first, third and tied for seventh in Medina County for sacks.

● Gavin Moore panned a defender 40 yards downfield on Nichols' 70-yard touchdown run against Medina.

● A 4-yard touchdown rush by Nichols was incorrectly attributed in The Gazette on Saturday. **LW:** W, 35-7 at Medina. **TW:** at Cleveland Heights (3-5, 3-2; 6-5 all time). **NW:** vs. Strongsville (5-2, 4-1).



Colts Cloverleaf

PREVIEW: Woodridge is rebuilding under first-year coach John Daraio with five sophomore starters on offense and three, plus a freshman, on defense. Rory Johnston has thrown for 517 yards in three games at quarterback. John Tyree has rushed for 779 yards and eight touchdowns and Kellen More has 356 receiving yards.

● Tonight is huge for Division IV, Region 14 playoff positioning because Cloverleaf can clinch a berth and all but see up a first-round home game with a win. The Colts are currently fifth but have four teams rearing on their heels.

STAT PACK: Cloverleaf has held at least four opponents to fewer than 100 total yards for the first time since 1972. The record of five was set in the inaugural season of 1960, which also holds the Medina County record for fewest yards per game allowed at 77.4.

● Allowing 16.6 points per game, the Colts are on pace for their lowest effort in the category since Kyle Juszczyk's 2008 team (13.9).

● Jimmy Tolley had another big game defensively against Field with six tackles (2 for loss) and a forced fumble. Ashton Gray added two forced fumbles and Jamarie Johnson had one, while Adam Gray and Eliot Jordan recovered fumbles, with Jordan's covering 22 yards for a touchdown.

● Austin Sustenic jumped three positions into fourth place in school history with 43 career extra points. The junior needs two to pass Scott Gasper (45, 1991-93) for third behind Griffin Petrocki (66, 2022-23) and Logan Tierney (125, 2017-2020). **LW:** W, 36-6 vs. Field. **TW:** at Woodridge (4-4, 3-2, 4-6 all time). **NW:** at Streetsboro (6-2, 4-1).



Medina

PREVIEW: Euclid has been much more competitive this season and features incredibly thirty-four star wide receiver/quarterback Kai Shivan Telfair, whose 21 Division I offers include Miami (Fla.), USC, Ole Miss and Indiana.

● Medina will need outside help to reach the Division I, Region 1 playoffs but still can significantly affect its odds. According to fantasize50.net, the Boos' chances are 83% with a win tonight, 47% with a loss followed by a win over Lorain, 86% if they win out and 0% if they lose out.

STAT PACK: Jack Fletcher led the defense last week against Brunswick with 2½ sacks for loss among eight total stops, while Cliff Nicholson had his most productive game of the season with eight tackles (1½ for loss) and a forced fumble. Marshall Owens took advantage of increased playing time with eight tackles and a strip/recovery, while Bishop Brown posted a team-high 11 tackles and Donovan Delatte added nine.

● Burch's effort bumped him to a tie for 15th in Medina County with 46 tackles on the season.

● Medina has reached 30 rushing attempts in three consecutive games for the first time since 2017.

● Despite missing last week with an injury, quarterback River Biomquist still leads the county with 118 rushing attempts. Cloverleaf running back Ethan Gray is second with 105.

● Medina's 159 completions this season have covered an average of 5.8 yards in the air, down from 7.6 two seasons ago.

LW: L, 7-35 vs. Brunswick. **TW:** at Euclid (3-5, 2-3; 6-5 all time). **NW:** vs. Lorain (2-6, 1-4).



Gazette Pick-It Line

	Overall	47-5	47-5	45-7	45-7
Last week	9-0	5-1	6-0	5-1	
Black River vs. Wellington					
Brunswick at Cleveland Hts.					
Buckeye at Rocky River					
Cloverleaf at Woodridge					
Highland at Revere					
Medina at Euclid					
Wadsworth vs. Stow					

Tonight's schedule

CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE

BUCKEYE at Rocky River
Day at Lakewood

Norwood at Westlake
North Olmsted at Valley Forge

GREATER CLEVELAND CONFERENCE

Brunswick at Cleveland Heights
Medina at Euclid

Shaker Heights at Strongsville

LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE

Wellington at Black River
Clearview at Columbia

Findlay at Kentwood

METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Cloverleaf at Woodridge
Covington at Ravenna

Field at Shenandoah
Springfield at North

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Highland at Revere
Roosevelt at Aurora

Barberton at Copley
Talmadge at Cuyahoga Falls

National Conference

Stow at Wadsworth
Solon at Shaker Heights

Noronia at Hudson
North Royalton at Twinsburg

County leaders

SCORING

Player (School) TD FG 1s 2s Pts

Meyer (H) 19 0 0 0 108

Marling (H) 16 0 0 0 96

Lemp (H) 14 0 0 0 84

Gray (W) 13 0 0 0 78

Dunlap (H) 10 0 0 0 60

Phelps (B) 10 0 0 0 60

Price (C) 10 0 0 0 60

Barnett (B) 9 0 0 0 54

McNeil (H) 9 0 0 0 54

Whitling (B) 7 0 0 0 42

RUSHING

Player (School) Rec. Yds. Avg. TD

Gray (W) 97 788 8.1 12

Madigan (H) 90 752 8.4 10

Meyer (H) 90 752 8.4 10

Phelps (B) 73 567 7.7 9

G. Gray (D) 100 742 7.4 10

Gibb (H) 52 441 8.5 8

Nichols (B) 49 418 8.5 9

Barnett (B) 49 418 8.5 9

Price (C) 72 563 7.8 7

Whitling (B) 53 332 6.3 5

RECEIVING

Player (School) Rec. Yds. Avg. TD

Lemp (H) 32 548 17.1 13

Barnett (B) 29 454 15.7 10

Hardaway (H) 35 509 14.5 4

Talley (C) 19 264 13.9 2

Lloyd (H) 34 518 15.2 4

Giering (H) 18 318 17.7 3

Doakwood (H) 11 171 15.6 1

Murray (H) 23 356 15.5 2

D. Brynker (B) 19 284 15.0 2

Moore (B) 19 284 15.0 2

PASSING

Player (School) Co-Att. Pct. Yds. TD-Int

Hul (H) 88-128 68.1 1,548 22-3

Bel (H) 88-128 68.1 1,548 22-3

Gibb (H) 60-79 76.1 1,123 15-2

Bromm (H) 118-206 57.3 1,111 6-9

Doakwood (H) 53-92 57.6 883 11-3

Barnett (H) 70-125 56.0 854 6-9

Smith (C) 58-113 51.3 751 11-5

Vogrin (H) 34-83 41.0 401 3-2

Phelps (B) 1-11 0.0 88 1-0

Canelli (H) 3-5 60.0 53 1-0

KICKING

Player (School) FG Pct. XP Pts

Born (B) 4-5 80.0 27 39

Sustenic (H) 4-7 57.1 28 39

O'Donnell (B) 4-7 57.1 28 39

Kozma (H) 2-4 50.0 33 33

McNeil (H) 0-0 0.0 29 29

Cook (H) 4-4 100.0 17 20

Lazzarini (H) 0-0 0.0 17 17

Burns (H) 0-0 0.0 15 15

Kozma (H) 0-0 0.0 8 8

Harrell (H) 0-0 0.0 2 2

Kewenig (H) 0-0 0.0 2 2

TEAM STATISTICS

School Rush Pass Total

Wadsworth 221.5 232.5 454.0

Highland 260.0 177.4 437.4

Buckeye 200.0 118.9 318.9

Brunswick 175.0 109.3 284.3

Black River 107.3 162.1 269.4

Cloverleaf 161.0 80.4 241.4

Medina 57.0 204.0 261.0

School Rush Pass Total

Highland 58.0 112.4 170.4

Cleveland 87.8 94.6 182.4

Wadsworth 89.0 132.9 221.9

Black River 32.3 168.4 200.7

Medina 177.8 143.5 321.3

Brunswick 140.1 141.4 281.5



Buckeye

PREVIEW: Rocky River is built around quarterback Ryan Taylor, who has rushed for 380 yards, thrown for 1,419 and accounted for 23 touchdowns. The top receivers are Tristin Hughes (36 catches, 748 yards, 12 TDs), Rowan Kennedy (22, 523, 7) and Danny Berg (22, 509, 5).

● The Bucks have clinched a Division III, Region 10 playoff berth and are all but a lock to earn a first-round bye. Whether Buckeye can avoid heavy regional favorite Toledo Central Catholic in the quarterfinals remains the question, as the Fighting Irish (5-3), whose losses are to Detroit Cass Tech (7-0), Detroit Catholic Central (7-0) and Orchard Lake State, Mich. (5-1), are currently 10th but are expected to move up.

STAT PACK: Six of eight end Derek Snyderburn's last seven receptions have resulted in touchdowns.

● Turner Dolata needs 22 passing yards to become the ninth Buckeye player to reach 2,000.

● Ryan Wilhelm had a gigantic game defensively against