

Ohio high school football predictions, Akron-area Week 7 breakdowns

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Key Points

Breaking down Week 7 games with predictions of who will win.

It's Week 7 of [Ohio high school football](#), and 22 games featuring Akron-area teams will kick off Friday, Oct. 2. The weekend will conclude with two games between City Series teams on Saturday, Oct. 3.

Top games Friday include [Wadsworth](#) (6-0), one of only two area teams still undefeated, traveling to [Stow](#) (2-4); [Copley](#) (5-1, 2-1) playing at Brecksville (3-3, 2-1); [Nardon](#) (5-1, 3-0) traveling to Solon (3-3, 1-2); and [Woodridge](#) (5-1, 2-1) hosting [Tallmadge](#) (4-2, 2-1).

Who will win? Keep reading to see which teams the Beacon Journal staff thinks will prevail.

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Wadsworth (6-0, 3-0) at Stow (2-4, 0-3)

What to watch: The Grizzlies hold a 15-5 edge in the rivalry and have won the last eight games by an average score of 45-18. Stow coaches Dick Fortner (2-0-1, 1960-62) and Mark Nori (3-1, 2010-17) are the only coaches to finish with a winning record against their Medina County foe. ... The Bulldogs' record is deceiving as Medina beat them 46-40 in overtime and Solon won 24-21 on a field goal as time expired. ... Wadsworth is third in Division II, Region 5. Stow is 13th in Division I, Region 1. ... The Grizzlies are coming off a 42-7 win over Medina and have won 16 consecutive regular-season games. They are led by Brysen Hall (121-for-175 passing, 1,322 yards, 18 TDs, one interception). Hall went over the 6,000-yard mark for his career last week. His 6,249 yards are already a school record.

The junior trails only Medina's Danny Stoddard (9,713 yards, 2021-23) and Drew Allar (9,103 yards, 2019-21) in Medina County history. His main targets are Jay'len King (36 catches, 630 yards, nine TDs), who has caught a touchdown in every game so far, and Kobey Ostervich (24 catches, 282 yards, TD). ... Braxton Wagner (19 for 19 on extra points, 1 for 1 on field goals) is perfect kicking this season. ... Stow has a budding star in junior Gideon Larlham, who is 64-for-119 passing for 857 yards and 11 touchdowns. Larlham has thrown touchdown passes to seven different receivers this season. Israel Purkess (68 carries, 433 yards, two TDs) and Caden Boyd (11 carries, 315 yards, four TDs) carry the rushing load for the Bulldogs.

Who will win: Wadsworth 42-7

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Copley (5-1, 2-1) at Brecksville (3-3, 2-1)

What to watch: This is the first meeting between the two schools, according to [fourseasonsfootball.com](#). ... Copley is third in Division III, Region 10. Brecksville is ninth in Division II, Region 5. ... Copley is led by Dane Wininger (82-for-131 passing, 1,286 yards, 17 TDs; 48 carries, 208 yards, six TDs). His main receiver is Noah Slattery (35 catches, 637 yards, nine TDs). Jalen Owens (107 carries, 835 yards, 11 TDs) controls the running game. ... "I am proud of the kids and the amount of hard work they have put in this season," Copley coach John Kromalic said. "Our kids have done a great job embracing our 'Going 1-0' motto each week. I look forward to watching us continue to improve each week." ... Brecksville has played almost every game close to the vest and has won by an average score of 15-11. That includes a 26-13 loss to high-scoring Berea-Midpark, which remains the highwater mark for points allowed this season. ... Quarterback Alex Henegar, running back Tyler Soeder and wide receiver Peyton Williams are the players to watch for the Bees.

Who will win: Brecksville 21-20

Nordonia (5-1, 3-0) at Solon (3-3, 1-2)

What to watch: Nordonia's offense continues to be one of the most prolific in Greater Akron. The Knights are scoring more than 35 points a game. ... The Knights enter Week 7 ranked second in the Division II, Region 5 computer rankings, trailing only Walsh Jesuit. ... Nordonia QB Steven Fakult continues to be one of the area's best quarterbacks. ... Nordonia's wide receiving corps is becoming healthy again. After getting Dominick Jackson back, the Knights will look to get Collin Atha back on the field to join Brock

Barwidi, Grant Kaminski and Jamiere Davis. ... Solon will look to rebound from a 38-3 loss to Hudson in Week 6. The Comets have been up-and-down this season, having yet to score more than 24 points in a game.

Who will win: Nordon 35-14

Tallmadge (4-2, 2-1) at Woodridge (5-1, 2-1)

What to watch: Although the high schools are just a little more than 11 miles away from each other, this is the first time the two will play, according to fourseasonsfootball.com. ... The Bulldogs are fourth in Division IV, Region 13. The Blue Devils are 10th in Division III, Region 9. ... Woodridge lost its undefeated season 28-21 to Norton on a touchdown with three seconds left last week. ... The Bulldogs gain 381.5 yards per game. Blake Pumper (79-for-134 passing, 1,270 yards passing, 14 TDs) has been outstanding this season. His made targets have been Andrew Stull (27 catches, 396 yards, two TDs), Carter Maxa (16 catches, 361 yards, seven TDs), Johnathan Tyree (nine catches, 228 yards, four TDs) and Kai Jones (16 catches, 134 yards). Tyree, who was injured last week and is week to week, leads the rushing attack with 604 yards and nine touchdowns on 73 carries. Will Owens (42 carries, 317 yards, four TDs) is next in line. ... Woodridge gives up just 183.1 yards per game behind Sean Thompson (52 tackles, four for loss, two interceptions), Jones (46 tackles, two for loss, interception, forced fumble) and Freddie Petit (43 tackles, five for loss). ... Tallmadge is coming off a 31-6 win over Ravenna. Chase Waller (61-for-108 passing, 854 yards, nine TDs) has a solid No. 1 option in Brenden Conley (25 catches, 403 yards, seven TDs). Angelo Gotto (114 carries, 564 yards, three TDs; 12 catches, 146 yards, TD) has been a solid addition. ... Tallmadge gives up 257.8 yards per game behind Baxtor Sadowski (55 tackles, five for loss), Carter Loughry (50 tackles), Devin Bell (42 tackles, sack), James Robinson (40 tackles, three for loss, three sacks), Zay Caldwell (27 tackles, seven sacks) and Trenton Franklin (26 tackles, four for loss, three sacks). ... Ben Bucur is 16 for 16 on extra points and 3 for 5 on field goals.

Who will win: Woodridge 24-21

Buchtel (3-3, 1-0) vs. Firestone (1-5, 1-0) at Ellet

What to watch: Buchtel beat North 42-0 on Sept. 26 and Firestone defeated Ellet 14-7 on Sept. 25. ... Buchtel QB Arthur Thomas completed 6 of 13 passes for 219 yards and four touchdowns in the win over North. Trayvion Jones had three catches for 93 yards and two TDs (56 yards and 20 yards), Cyerre Ruggs caught a 50-yard TD pass and Tramir Jones caught a 45-yard TD pass. Julion Hicks blocked a punt and Auldryn Lovelace scooped up

the ball ran for a TD. Ernest Pitts added a rushing TD. Jerry Williams III, Steven Harris and Tramir Jones each had a two-point conversion catch from Thomas against North. ... "Defensively, we didn't record a sack, but we had 11 tackles for loss," Buchtel coach Bryan Williams said. "Raseam Weems had three, Auldryn Lovelace had two, Braylon Solomon had two and Julion Hicks, Steven Harris, Samir Brown and Richard Varner each had one." ... Kyrel El-Travis continues to be a playmaker for Firestone coach RayShaun Nevins. El-Travis ran for 118 yards and two TDs to lead Firestone to the win over Ellet. Donniven Younger threw a two-point conversion pass to Lennox Wells, Elyjah Milbry had three pass breakups and a tackle for loss, Jaylen Croff contributed a tackle for loss and Me'khi Young added a sack. ... Firestone's other players to watch are Nae'than Milliner, Anwar Haslam, James Boyer, Cory Griffith and Carleon Smart.

Who will win: Buchtel 28-14

St. Vincent-St. Mary (1-5) at Walsh Jesuit (4-1)

What to watch: The Warriors have won the last five games and hold a 26-21 edge in the rivalry. Walsh is first in Division II, Region 5. STVM is 20th in Division III, Region 10. ... The Irish are coming off a 41-13 loss to Villa Angela-St. Joseph. Damiere Avery (76 carries, 277 yards, three TDs) leads the rushing attack. Will Adamson (71-for-145 passing, 707 yards, six TDs) has been solid this season, with Quinn Hurley (32 catches, 353 yards, two TDs) and Dom Scott (13 catches, 125 yards, two TDs) as his main targets. ... Gabe Goshe (25 tackles, pass breakup), Xi'yer Cunningham (24 tackles, 4.5 for loss, sack) and Tremain Fields (24 tackles, one for loss, interception) lead the defense. ... Walsh is coming off a 30-0 loss to Archbishop Hoban. ... David Ternosky (43-for-85 passing, 618 yards, three TDs; 35 carries, 175 yards), Cayden LeVert (12 catches, 208 yards), Dominick Courtad (78 carries, 420 yards, six TDs) and Mason Rodgers (25 carries, 141 yards, TD) lead the offense. ... Emmitt Tobin (32 tackles, five for loss, six sacks, pass breakup) has been an absolute menace on defense as has Caden Mariola (32 tackles, two for loss, two sacks). Ben Biel (24 tackles, three for loss, two forced fumbles, four pass breakups, interception) and Drew Wollschleger (16 tackles, tackle for loss, two fumble recoveries, two pass breakups) lead the secondary.

Who will win: Walsh Jesuit 42-0

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Cincinnati Woodward (1-5) at Hoban (2-4)

What to watch: Hoban enters Week 7 riding a two-game win streak and is fresh off a

30-0 win over previously undefeated Walsh Jesuit. ... Major Cribbs ran for 137 yards and a TD on 18 carries and went 10-for-17 passing for 104 yards and a 20-yard TD to Malachi Cook in the dominant win over Walsh. Terrell Daniels ran for a 7-yard TD and Jeremy Hammel made a 37-yard field goal and three PATs. ... "Offensive linemen Caleb Williams and Riley Pickering had two really good games," Hoban coach Tim Tyrrell said.

"Defensively, we played very well. Jace Campbell, Kiren Green, Diggy Williams, Gavin Baluch, Jaiden Daniels, Maddox Burt, George Camuso and Giovonie Wyatt were very active." ... Hoban forced six turnovers against Walsh. ... Campbell returned an interception 12 yards for a touchdown, forced two fumbles and had three sacks. Green recovered two fumbles and recorded two sacks. Williams and Baluch also each had an interception, Jaiden Daniels recovered a fumble, Camuso contributed 12 tackles and a sack, Wyatt had 10 tackles (three for loss) and Burt added a sack. ... Woodward has lost two in a row — 32-6 to Cincinnati Gamble Montessori and 35-0 to Cincinnati Northwest. The Bulldogs defeated Dayton Thurgood Marshall 8-0 in Week 4 after opening the season with shutout losses to Belmont (29-0), Beavercreek (42-0) and Reading (48-0).

Who will win: Hoban 49-7

Aurora (2-4, 1-2) at Kenston (3-3, 2-1)

What to watch: A longtime rivalry resumes when the Bombers and Greenmen meet. Aurora and Kenston have a long history of matchups, including every year from 2005 through 2014, when both were in the Chagrin Valley Conference. During that final season together in the CVC, the Bombers and Greenmen actually played twice, with Kenston topping Aurora in Week 10 and the Greenmen getting revenge in Week 11. Now, they pick up their rivalry as Suburban American counterparts. ... Aurora is looking to earn its first road win after losses at Riverside (Week 2), Mayfield (Week 4) and Revere (Week 6). ... A week after battling Minutemen junior running back Lane Shenigo, the Greenmen will have to deal with powerful Bombers runners senior Will Hamm (119 carries, 585 yards, four TDs) and junior Jackson Ehrenbeit (57 carries, 357 yards, three TDs). ... Aurora counters with a growing aerial attack, as junior Mathew Huth (49-of-85 passing, 507 yards, three TDs, one INT), a first-year starting quarterback who took over for an injured Ryan Ziegler, has formed a nice connection with senior Luke Hilditch and junior Chase Peterson.

Who will win: Kenston 35-28

Barberton (2-4, 0-3) at Twinsburg (0-5, 0-3)

What to watch: Barberton and Twinsburg are both trying to snap losing streaks, with the Magics dropping their past three games and the Tigers losing their last six games so far. ... Barberton lost 30-26 last week to Copley. Twinsburg lost 42-14 to Kenston. ... Barberton's players to watch are Malachi Robinson, Vernon Reynolds, Mareon Peters, Cleophus Thompson and Michael Ellis. ... Twinsburg is led by Dylan Fantone, Kyle Anello, Kyler Hoon, Aiden Alonzo and Quentin Bailey.

Who will win: Barberton 28-21

Highland (5-1, 3-0) at North Royalton (3-3, 0-3)

What to watch: The Hornets hold a 15-11 edge in the rivalry and have won the last five meetings. ... Highland is fourth in Division II, Region 5. North Royalton is 12th. ... Highland comes in on a five-game winning streak, while North Royalton has lost the last three. ... The Hornets long have been a run-first, run-often offense, and 2026 is much of the same. Evan Foust (39 carries, 248 yards, five TDs), Anthony DePompei (49 carries, 212 yards, three TDs), Levi Clark (16 carries, 147 yards, two TDs), Colton Winston (28 carries, 124 yards, two TDs) and Colton Wadle (38 carries, 96 yards, two TDs) all have at least two rushing touchdowns. Wadle is 39-for-51 passing for 724 yards with seven touchdowns. Ben Radigan (13 catches, 338 yards, three TDs) is his main target. ... Kicker Jonah Kowza is 24 for 24 on extra points and 5 for 6 on field goals, with a long of 48 yards. ... Daniel Piper (80-for-124 passing, 989 yards, 10 TDs) has primary receivers in Ryan Kinney (23 catches, 348 yards, four TDs), Enzo Gajewski (17 catches, 249 yards, three TDs) and Lincoln Lee (22 catches, 205 yards, three TDs). ... Rory Hannah (68 carries, 257 yards, TD) and Bryce Defendorf (51 carries, 193 yards, TD) lead the rushing attack.

Who will win: Highland 42-14

Medina (1-5, 1-2) at Hudson (5-1, 2-1)

What to watch: Hudson bounced back from its first loss of the season, smashing Solon 38-3 in Week 3. The Explorers enter Week 7 ranked third in the Division I, Region 1 playoff rankings ... Running back Reno Ferri continues to be Hudson's workhorse. Against the Comets, Ferri ran for 148 yards and three TDs on just five carries. ... Hudson's defense recorded five interceptions in the win over Solon, with two each by Gavin Hitchcock and Jack Williams and another by Keswick Ritley. Hitchcock returned one of his interceptions 58 yards for a TD. ... Medina is reeling after losing its last two games to Highland and

Wadsworth by a combined score of 89-7.

Who will win: Hudson 42-7

Revere (4-2, 2-1) at Mayfield (6-0, 3-0)

What to watch: This will be the first meeting between Revere and Mayfield as Suburban League American Conference rivals ... Revere picked up its first win over Aurora in years, beating the Greenmen 24-14 in Week 6. ... The Minutemen will look for consistency on defense, having given up more than 25 points in their two losses. ... Lane Shenigo ran 72 yards for the clinching touchdown vs. the Greenmen. He also ran for a 4-yard TD and played a strong defensive game, forcing a fumble in the win. Carter Hajdu threw a 46-yard TD to Ryan Tompkins. ... Mayfield comes into the game undefeated. However, Revere will be the first team it has played with a record of better than .500 this season. ... The Wildcats' strength is their defense, giving up 6.5 points a game.

Who will win: Mayfield 14-7

Holy Name (3-2, 0-1) at CVCA (3-3, 0-1)

What to watch: CVCA looks to rebound after dropping its first North Coast Conference game to Lake Catholic in Week 6. ... The Royals' key statistic proved vital against the Cougars, as Lake Catholic won the rushing battle 168-119. CVCA QB Alex Mammone had a solid game against Lake Catholic, going 9-of-16 passing for 144 yards and TD with two interceptions. ... The Royals will look to get Tommy Kopec and Zac Anderson going, as the backfield duo was held to 46 total rushing yards in Week 6. ... Holy Name is coming off a 27-20 loss to Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin in Week 6.

Who will win: CVCA 14-10

Coventry (1-5) at Central Catholic (3-3)

What to watch: Coventry ended a two-game scoreless streak in last week's 42-6 loss to Northwest. The Comets were shut out in their other four losses and have been outscored 220-26 this season. ... The Crusaders are building momentum toward a successful end to the regular season. They have won two straight and three of their last five. ... Central erupted for a season-high 42 points in last week's win over Crestline. QB Brock Bourquin ran for four touchdowns and threw a TD pass. The only touchdown scored against the Crusaders came on a kickoff return. ... Bourquin is gaining 8.5 yards a carry and leads Central in rushing with 570 yards and eight TDs. Kenny Stroud also is a threat out of the backfield. He has rushed for 492 yards and four TDs.

Who will win: Central Catholic 42-7

Cuyahoga Falls (3-3, 1-2) at Norton (5-1, 2-1)

What to watch: Norton and Cuyahoga Falls have faced each other twice, and the Panthers beat the Black Tigers in 2017 and 2018. ... Norton is sixth in Division IV, Region 13. Cuyahoga Falls is 14th in Division II, Region 5. ... Waseem Mustafa is coming off another incredible game and is 35-of-75 passing for 429 yards and five TDs. He leads Falls with 677 yards and eight touchdowns on 71 carries. Josh Bell has 171 yards and a score on 24 carries. ... The Panthers have a dual-threat quarterback as well in Trey Kersten (85-of-124 passing, 1,071 yards, 12 TDs; 76 carries, 579 yards, seven TDs). Alex Meinen (47 catches, 628 yards, nine TDs) and Jaxon Ford (16 catches, 234 yards, two TDs) are his leading receivers. Jason Beverly (85 carries, 589 yards, 12 TDs) leads the rushing attack. ... Norton beat previously undefeated Woodridge 28-21 last week when Kersten threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Meinen with three seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. Kersten finished 10-of-17 passing for 120 yards and two TDs, one apiece to Cortes Everett and Meinen, against Woodridge. Kersten also ran for 55 yards and a TD on 17 carries. Beverly returned a kickoff 81 yards for a TD and ran for 113 yards on 15 carries.

Who will win: Norton 49-7

Kent Roosevelt (3-3, 1-2) at Springfield (0-6, 0-3)

What to watch: Springfield look looks to pick up its first win after a blowout loss to Cuyahoga Falls in Week 3. ... Kicker Dillan Lance made a 29-yard field goal against Cuyahoga Falls, which were the Spartans' first points since a safety in Week 3. ... Kent Roosevelt rolled to a 60-0 win over Field in Week 6.

Who will win: Kent Roosevelt 49-3

Streetsboro (4-2, 2-1) at Ravenna (3-3, 1-2)

What to watch: The [Ravens](#) and [Rockets](#) both look to shake off tough losses. Ravenna has lost two in a row, to Tallmadge and Woodridge. Streetsboro lost a back-and-forth heartbreaker to Cloverleaf last week. The Rockets now sit a game behind the Colts in the MAC standings. ... Streetsboro has scored 35-plus points in five straight weeks, led by a breakout season by Logan Fincham (151 carries, 921 yards, 15 TDs). Colton Cox (597 passing yards, 383 rushing yards) has added balance to the offense, developing a strong connection with Dallas Morris (14 catches, 197 yards, two TDs) and Kyle Giacomo (six catches, 164 yards, three TDs). ... Mark Miller has been a top-tier weapon for Ravenna all

season while Andrew Mladek delivered 66 rushing yards and a 5-yard touchdown catch last week against Tallmadge.

Who will win: Streetsboro 42-21

Pymatuning Valley (3-3) at Mogadore (4-2)

What to watch: The Lakers bounced back from a close Week 5 loss to St. John with a dominant effort against Leetonia. Now, the Wildcats hope to do the same after a heartbreaking one-point loss to The Linsly School last week. ... Pymatuning Valley's bounce-back win started with five rushing touchdowns, four by Kasen Bailey, who tallied 161 yards. ... Mogadore will counter with Maddox Smith (41-of-74 passing, 654 yards, eight TDs, two INT; 69 carries, 266 yards, four TDs), one of the area's top dual-threat quarterbacks. Of course, Smith and the Wildcats will have to watch out for Noah Dubic, who had two interceptions last week against the Bears. ... Mogadore and Pymatuning Valley have met three times since 2020, with the Wildcats winning all three. They topped the Lakers 35-7 last year along with wins in the 2020 and 2023 postseasons.

Who will win: Mogadore 28-14

Green (3-3, 1-2) at GlenOak (1-5, 0-3)

What to watch: Both of these teams need a win. The Bulldogs have lost two straight, and the Golden Eagles three in a row. ... GlenOak has dropped 15 consecutive Federal League games. ... Green has a dynamic threat at quarterback in senior Chase Herbert, a first-year starter who has thrown for 1,026 yards, eight TDs and one interception. A slippery runner, Herbert can extend plays and scramble for big gains with his quickness. ... Aiden Rice and Reed Liberatore are Green's top receivers. Rice has 18 catches for 388 yards and three TDs. Liberatore has 18 receptions for 241 yards and three TDs. ... GlenOak boasts some dangerous skill players on the perimeter. Senior WR Caydren Saunders leads the Stark County area with 552 yards on 42 receptions. Junior Timarien Patterson adds 265 yards on 23 catches. Patterson is tied for the area lead in interceptions with three while Saunders has two picks. ... Green RB-LB Kam Worner will impact the game in all three phases, including as a punter, with an average of 38.3 yards. ... GlenOak sophomore QB Jamel Hall has completed 63.1% of his passes for 1,014 yards, six touchdowns and six interceptions. ... Green beat GlenOak 51-20 last season. Rice caught three passes for 87 yards and two TDs in the win. The Bulldogs have won seven of the last eight matchups with GlenOak after the Golden Eagles won the first six meetings.

Who will win: Green 24-13

Lake (4-2, 2-0) at Jackson (4-2, 2-0)

What to watch: This is a matchup of two of the three remaining undefeated teams in the Federal League, along with 3-0 McKinley. ... Lake and Jackson enter this game with identical records, but they've achieved those records in much different fashions. Lake, coming off a [16-15 loss at Louisville](#), is a defensive-minded team that hasn't allowed more than 20 points in a game and relies on star Ty DeGeorge to produce much of its offense. Jackson, which has scored 34 points or more four times, is coming off a [554-yard performance](#) last week against Perry and has multiple impact players on offense led by QB Carter Muhleman and RB Chase Maurer. "They're very good offensively," Lake coach Dan DeGeorge said. "Very balanced. And they just have dudes, man. They have no one playing both ways because they just have so many more kids than we do. That's a luxury because your kids are so much fresher on both sides of the ball." ... Muhleman [leads the league](#) in passing (1,191 yards) while Maurer leads the league in rushing (1,029 yards). Muhleman's 336 passing yards last week were a career high and the most in the Stark County area this season. He's accounted for 18 touchdowns combined throwing and running. Maurer has surpassed 100 yards rushing in each game this season. ... The versatile Ty DeGeorge has 615 yards rushing, 204 yards receiving and 12 touchdowns scored — including a 95-yard interception return for a TD last week. ... DeGeorge has two interceptions this season, and CB Mitch Wise has three for Lake. Senior LB Shannon Billiter leads Lake in tackles with 43, while junior DE Simon Humphrey has 7.5 TFLs. "They're an aggressive, physical defense," Jackson coach Jay Rohr said. "They get after you and cause major problems." ... A key matchup will be Jackson's offensive line of AJ Ramsey, Angel Martinez, Elijah Gordon, Liam Myers and Jackson Connelly against a Lake defensive front that includes Humphrey and senior standouts such as Aaron Mitchell and Zach Kutzera. Jackson opponents have not been able to pressure Muhleman much and veteran Lake defensive coordinator Ron Viscounte likes to bring heat. ... Jackson TE Quinn Snyder faces his former team after transferring from Lake. He is coming off his best game of the season, catching nine passes for 164 yards and two touchdowns vs. Perry. ... Jackson won a 40-37 shootout last year at Lake and leads the all-time series 20-18. Muhleman threw for 303 yards and two TDs in last year's game.

Who will win: Jackson 27-17

Fairless (3-3, 1-2) at Manchester (3-3, 3-0)

What to watch: After an 0-3 start, Manchester has turned things around since beginning Principals Athletic Conference play, winning three straight, including back-to-

back games in blowouts. ... Running back Phil Partin ran for 226 yards and four TDs in the win over Tuslaw in Week 6. It was part of a 426-127 advantage in total yards for the Panthers. ... Freshman QB Greyson Swaino has grown into the role, and threw two TD passes vs. Tuslaw. ... Fairless has lost its last two games, including 36-7 to Triway in Week 6.

Who will win: Manchester 35-21

Northwest (6-0, 2-0) at Orrville (5-1, 3-0)

What to watch: First place will be on the line in the PAC-7's game of the week. Northwest will try to keep its unbeaten run going. Orrville hopes to take a big step toward its first conference championship since 2022 when it shared the PAC-7 title with Northwest and three others. ... Northwest hopes to establish a running game that has been difficult for opponents to contain. Coach John DeMarco's team averages 212.5 rushing yards at 5.4 yards per carry. ... Conner Stephenson has been a force on both sides of the ball. He leads Northwest in rushing with 412 yards and six TDs. Defensively, he is the team's top tackler. ... RB Jakob Garber and QB Brayden Venables also lead Northwest's offense. Venables has averaged almost 8 yards on 40 carries. He also has thrown six touchdown passes. ... Orrville has passed almost every test. The Red Riders survived close battles with Wooster, Tuslaw and Fairless this season. Last week they enjoyed a comfortable 41-14 win over Canton South. ... RB Parker Hostetler and QB Mark Lorson helped power Orrville's offense. Hostetler is an All-Ohioan who rushed for 1,318 yards last season.

Who will win: Northwest 28-24

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East (5-1, 1-0) at Ellet (1-5, 0-1), noon

What to watch: East defeated Garfield 36-6 on Sept. 26 and Ellet lost 14-7 to Firestone on Sept. 25. ... Emmanuel Jefferson, Lawrence Cherry Jr., Rahmel Taylor, Elijah Grice, Naseer Williams-Clay and Marcus Council Jr. are playmakers to watch for East. ... Jefferson caught a 13-yard TD pass from Williams-Clay and ran for a 5-yard TD in the win over Garfield. Cherry Jr. ran for an 8-yard TD, Taylor had a 36-yard interception return for a TD and Grice contributed an 80-yard interception return for a TD. Cherry added two two-point conversion runs. ... "Those two interceptions that were returned for touchdowns by Rahmel Taylor and Elijah Grice stood out in the victory [over Garfield]," East coach Marques Hayes said. ... Ellet's Dae'zhaun Winters ran for a touchdown and

Ayden Bunn kicked a PAT against Firestone. ... Ellet's other players to watch are Jayden Cooper, Cody Lutz, Brandon Guest and Jordan Robinson.

Who will win: East 35-14

North (1-5, 0-1) vs. Garfield (0-6, 0-1), noon, at Kenmore Stadium

What to watch: North enters Week 7 after losing to Buchtel 42-0 on Sept. 26. ... Brieon Hargrove, Deon Williams, Von Whittington, Jeffrey Williams and Mykavion King are players to watch for North. ... Williams has 43 tackles and scored two TDs, King has scored two TDs and Hargrove has three sacks. ... Vikings coach DeMonte Powell said six different players have lined up at QB this season. ... Garfield lost 36-6 to East on Sept. 26. QB Darius Sales threw a TD pass to Kemonte Harrison. ... The Golden Rams also feature Xavier Ward, Rami Sommerville, Sheldon Corley and Jordan Spaulding.

Who will win: Garfield 28-7

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