

County Football Week 9



Standings

Table with columns for Conference, School, Overall Record, Conference Record, Points For, and Points Against. Includes sections for Cleveland West, Greater Cleveland, Lorain County League, Metro Athletic, and Suburban League.

Black River section header with team logo and mascot.

PREVIEW: Clearview boasts the best offense in the Lorain County League (32.0 ppg) behind a passing attack featuring three-year starter Cy Christensen (1,393 passing yards, 14 TDs, 2 INTs) slinging to J.G. Hill (26 catches, 390 yards, 4 TDs), Isaiah Garcia (18, 331, 2) and Tyler Chapman (13, 256, 3). Josiah Longo (424 rushing yards, 4 TDs), Tristin Lentile (564, 6) and Kameron Williams (257, 2) have combined for 1,055 rushing yards and 12 scores. Garcia also has 57 tackles and five interceptions.



Steinbrenner

Buckeye section header with team logo and mascot.

PREVIEW: Rocky River is led by dual-threat quarterback Ryan Taylor, who has thrown for 1,439 yards and 18 touchdowns while rushing for 479 yards and eight scores in seven games. Cameron Bulkowski (37 catches, 604 yards, 7 TDs) is the top receiver.

STAT PACK: Trey Widemeyer needs four receiving touchdowns to break the Medina County record for tight ends set by Wadsworth's Chris Brink (23, 1998-99), whose coach was current Buckeye boss Greg Denison.

Widemeyer has 403 of the team's 688 receiving yards. Liam Phillips is second with 62.

Homan Krettl continued his recent run of strong play last week against Normandy with seven tackles (2 for loss), saving a recovery of a fumble forced by Jacob Snyderburn. Derek Snyderburn had a strip and recovery on the first play from scrimmage, Ryan Wilhelm returned an interception 19 yards on the second, Widemeyer had 1½ sacks and Dalen Marti broke up a fourth-down pass.

With 13 passing touchdowns, Turner Dolata needs seven to break the school record set by Nathan Polidori in 2015.

Brayden Bonnett became the ninth Medina County player to reach 100 career extra points by going 8-for-8 at Normandy. With 11 field goals, the junior is one game out of the top 10.

LW: W, 59-13 at Normandy. TW: vs. Rocky River (7-1, 5-0; 5-3 all time). NW: at Lakewood (4-4, 2-3).

Brunswick section header with team logo and mascot.

PREVIEW: The Blue Devils and Walsh Jesuit play for the first time since 1994 tonight. The Warriors have won both all-time meetings, 35-7 in 1994 and 28-14 in 1993. This season's Warriors beat defending Division II state runner-up Archbishop Hoban 19-14 and feature potential Mr. Football candidate Keller Moten (89 carries, 797 yards, 12 TDs; 65-for-116, 1,121, 14 TDs). Wide receiver Milan Paris (16 catches, 485 yards, 7 TDs) has offers from Wisconsin and Purdue, while outside linebacker Caden Carter is the son of 2005 Ohio Mr. Football Delone Carter from Copley.



Barnett

STAT PACK: With 1,222 passing yards, Sean Barnett needs 404 to crack the Brunswick season top 10.

The Blue Devils are averaging 167.0 rushing yards in victories and 41.8 in losses this season.

Eli Nichols led the defense last week against Mentor with eight tackles. Collin Kavulic added seven. Brandon Gross had six. Alex Habbal returned an interception from the end zone and Landon Kirchner broke up a pass.

The Blue Devils are averaging a respectable 28.3 points over the last four games. LW: L, 14-45 vs. Mentor. TW: vs. Walsh Jesuit (8-0; 0-2 all time). NW: at Strongsville (5-3, 4-0).

Colts Cloverleaf section header with team logo and mascot.

PREVIEW: Woodridge has been the Metro Athletic Conference's most disappointing team but also has lost two games 7-6 (Revere, Norton) and took Field to the brink before falling 20-14. The Bulldogs, who feature All-MAC two-way tackle Nicholas Mull but were without All-MAC safety Gavin Lynch last week, are averaging only 9.1 points.

Cloverleaf is 12th in the Division IV, Region 14 computer rankings and can clinch a playoff berth with a victory tonight. Only 8-of-26 teams in the region enter tonight with winning records.

STAT PACK: Austin Sustersic's 39-yard field goal last week at Field is tied for 10th longest in school history.

Ethan Gray led the defense last week at Field with 14 tackles. Ashton Gray, Adam Gray and Eliot Jordan each added seven, while Logan Letner broke up a pass. The Colts did not have a tackle for loss.

Adam Gray now has an 80-74 lead on Medina linebacker Brayden Smigel atop the Medina County tackling leaderboard.

Left tackle Dominic Nau, pulling guard Dylan Wittman and running back Ethan Gray had the key blocks on Ashton Gray's first career penalty yards in Medina County this season with 232. They did not commit an infraction at Field.

LW: L, 10-37 at Field. TW: vs. Woodridge (2-6, 2-3; 3-6 all time). NW: vs. Streetsboro (8-0, 5-0).

County leaders

Table showing scoring leaders by school and conference.

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Table showing kicking leaders by school and conference.

Table showing team statistics for offense and defense.

Table showing defensive statistics.

Highland section header with team logo and mascot.

PREVIEW: Cuyahoga Falls has lost 33 straight Suburban League games and been outscored 271-21 in five this season.

The Hornets have won all three meetings against the Black Tigers by a combined 190-7 score.

Highland has clinched a Division II, Region 6 playoff berth and can drop no lower than fifth in the rankings.

STAT PACK: A video review had Casey Myser's rushing yards at 320 last week against Revere, ranking tied for seventh in Medina County history.

Myser is tied for ninth in county season history with a school-record 174 points. Only Medina's Jimmy Daw (246, 2016) and Black River's Andrew Vaughn (218, 2013) have surpassed 200.

Ryan Zywic remained unblockable against Revere with nine tackles (3 for loss, 1½ sacks) and now leads Medina County with 14 TDs and six sacks. Evan Foust added seven tackles, Carson Noonan had 1½ tackles for loss and Josh Arvanetes and Jameson Gordon broke up passes.

Highland is allowing 54.3 rushing yards per game, on pace to be just outside of the top five in county history.

The Hornets have scored in 63 consecutive games, the seventh-longest stretch in county lore.

LW: W, 41-0 vs. Revere. TW: at Cuyahoga Falls (2-6, 0-5; 3-0 all time). NW: at Aurora (8-0, 5-0).

Medina section header with team logo and mascot.

PREVIEW: Shaker Heights has been on a downward spiral since losing five-star Oregon recruit Trey McNutt to a leg injury in a stunning loss to Euclid, having been outscored 109-16 over the last four games. Running back Cornell Beard (829 rushing yards, 9 TDs), whose offers include Brown, Dartmouth and Temple, also did not play last week in a 50-0 loss to Strongsville.

Medina can officially clinch a Division I, Region 1 playoff berth with a win tonight. According to fantastic50.net, the Bees are a virtual lock regardless.

The Week 10 game against Detroit Cass Tech (5-2) does not count toward the computer rankings.

STAT PACK: The Bees' scoring streak ended at 87 games last week with a 44-0 loss to Cleveland Heights. The stretch is the fifth longest in Medina County history.

The loss to Cleveland Heights is Medina's worst while being shut out since 53-0 against North Olmsted on Oct. 12, 1956.

Medina will be looking to avoid being shut out in consecutive games for the first time since 1991 (34-0 at Brunswick, 11-0 vs. Brecksville).

Nick Kaplack started against Cleveland Heights with a career-high 10 tackles (1½ for loss). Bishop Burch added nine stops, Brayden Smigel had seven and Cliff Nicholson had six.

Quarterback Cason Dilullo has 13 carries for 85 yards over the last two games. LW: L, 0-44 vs. Cleveland Heights. TW: at Shaker Heights (2-6, 0-4; 8-4 all time). NW: vs. Detroit Cass Tech (5-2).

Wadsworth section header with team logo and mascot.

PREVIEW: Wadsworth's only meeting against Solon came in the 1996 Division II playoffs, when the Comets eliminated the undefeated Grizzlies 43-7 en route to the state semifinals. This season's Comets are struggling with six sophomores on offense and are coming off close losses to Twinsburg (27-21) and Brecksville (28-19). Sophomore quarterback Jack Sanders has rushed for 249 yards and thrown for 642, while Sean Richardson (8 tackles for loss) and Shae Springer (4 interceptions) have shined defensively.

Wadsworth has clinched a D-II, Region 6 playoff berth and can drop no lower than sixth in the rankings.

STAT PACK: Troy Myers and Brad Watson led the defense last week at Stow with 1½ sacks apiece, with Watson filling in after starting outside linebacker Boden Ballinger exited with a leg injury. Tommy Hohn broke up two passes, intercepted another and had five tackles. Jude Haller broke up a pass and Jack Dinwiddie recovered a surprise onside kick.

Dinwiddie needs seven points to become the first Medina County kicker to reach 200 in a career.

Over the last four games, Wadsworth has committed a mere 71 yards in penalties. That figure was a whopping 290 over the first four games of the season.

The Grizzlies have thrown for 100 yards in 19 consecutive games and 26 of the last 27.

Wadsworth has outscored opponents 91-14 in first quarters.

While Stow quarterback Jacob Harrington's 335 passing yards were padded against the backups, last week marked the first time since Wooster in the 2018 playoffs that the Grizzlies won while allowing 300 passing yards.

LW: W, 49-23 at Stow. TW: vs. Solon (2-6, 0-4; 0-1 all time). NW: vs. North Royalton (3-5, 3-1).

Gazette Pick-It Line section header with team logos.

Table showing pick-it line for various teams and matchups, including overall records and last week's results.