

County Football Week 8

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Standings

(Through Wednesday)

CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE

Buckeye	7-0	4-0	35.3	15.3
Rocky River	6-1	4-0	42.7	16.8
Bay	4-3	2-2	26.0	18.6
Lakewood	4-3	2-2	27.0	25.0
Valley Forge	3-4	2-2	22.0	31.6

GREAT EASTERN CONFERENCE

Normandy	1-6	0-4	8.1	41.0
GREATER CLEVELAND CONFERENCE				
School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Mentor	7-0	4-0	42.3	12.7
Strongsville	5-2	3-1	30.1	25.7
Brunswick	4-3	3-1	22.1	21.4
Euclid	3-4	2-2	21.9	20.7
Cleveland Heights	2-5	2-2	22.7	28.6
Medina	2-5	1-3	16.8	34.0
Lorain	2-5	1-3	19.1	32.4
Shaker Heights	1-6	0-4	11.3	35.4

LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE

Cleveland Heights	2-5	2-2	22.7	28.6
Medina	2-5	1-3	16.9	34.0
Lorain	2-5	1-3	19.1	32.4
Shaker Heights	1-6	0-4	11.4	18.4
LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE				
School	W	L	PF	PA

METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Finlandia	3-4	3-1	22.3	30.4
Black River	3-4	2-2	19.3	19.9
Cloverleaf	2-5	2-2	18.3	18.7
Wellington	3-4	1-3	15.7	24.1
Oberlin	2-5	0-4	11.6	38.0

SUBURBAN LEAGUE

School	W	L	T	PF	PA
Norton	6-0	4-0	43.3	5.5	14.2
Streetsboro	5-2	3-1	36.4	17.6	17.6
Cloverleaf	5-2	3-1	24.1	18.1	18.1
Woodbridge	4-3	3-1	22.8	28.0	28.0
Stark	3-3	2-2	22.8	28.0	28.0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Coventry	1-8	0-4	9.1	39.3
Springfield	1-6	0-1	8.6	42.6
SUBURBAN LEAGUE				
American Conference				
School	W	L	PF	PA
Wadsworth	7-0	4-0	44.0	8.1
Nordonia	6-1	3-1	40.7	23.0
Hudson	5-2	3-1	28.4	12.0
Brookside	4-3	2-2	21.6	25.0
North Royalton	3-4	3-2	28.0	25.4
Twinsburg	4-3	1-3	23.4	27.8
Solon	2-5	1-3	11.7	30.4
Stow	2-5	0-4	23.9	28.6

Schedule

TONIGHT

GREAT EASTERN CONFERENCE

BRUNSWICK at MEDINA

Strongsville at Lorain

Shaker Heights at Mentor

LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE

Brookside at Black River

Clearview at Oberlin

Columbus at Keystone

Wellington at Finlands

METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Field at Cloverleaf

Springfield at Covington

Woodridge at Norton

Stromberg at Ravenna

SUBURBAN LEAGUE

Highland at Roosevelt

Aurora at Tallmadge

Copely at Cuyahoga Falls

Revere at Barberton

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

WADSWORTH at Nordonia

Brookside at Hudson

North Royalton at Stow

Twinsburg at Solon

SATURDAY

GREAT EASTERN CONFERENCE

Euclid at Cleveland Heights

COUNTY LEADERS

(Through Wednesday)

SCORING

Player (School)	TD	FG	1x	2x	3x	PF
Myer (H)	13	0	0	0	0	78
Gray (W)	12	0	0	0	0	78
Bonnett (Buc)	11	0	0	0	0	68
Philips (Buc)	1	4	31	0	0	49
Philips (Buc)	8	0	0	0	0	26
Barnett (Buc)	7	0	0	0	0	44
Price (Q)	7	0	0	0	0	42
Sustutic (C)	0	4	19	0	0	31
Nickel (C)	1	0	25	0	0	31

RUSHING

Player (School)	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Gray (W)	87	753	8.7	12
Madigan (W)	68	674	9.9	11
Myer (H)	80	601	7.5	12
E. Gray (C)	78	429	5.5	3
Barnett (Buc)	83	403	4.9	7
Philips (Buc)	59	369	6.3	7
Gibb (H)	46	356	7.7	5
Price (Q)	68	350	5.1	5
Wilkins (Buc)	50	327	6.5	4
Nickel (Buc)	52	316	6.1	3

RECEIVING

Player (School)	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Lemp (W)	27	675	25.0	10
Bungard (Buc)	37	586	15.8	7
Hanshaw (Buc)	30	326	10.9	4
Talley (C)	17	317	18.6	2
Bonnett (Buc)	17	244	14.3	2



Black River

PREVIEW: Winless Brookside is averaging only 10.4 points and was without talented quarterback Mason Waechter (984 passing yards, 5 TDs) last week in a 41-6 loss to Clearview. Dominick Juchnik has rushed for 307 yards and a TD this season, while five players have at least 124 receiving yards. Juchnik and Colton Casey have returned kickoffs for touchdowns.

● The 13th-seeded Pirates must win out to have a 19% chance to qualify for the Division VI, Region 21 playoffs, according to fantastic50.net. The team for Pirates fans to follow is No. 10 Rootstown (at 6-1 Wickliffe, vs. 2-5 Chagrin Falls, vs. 7-0 Kirtland), which needs to lose out for Black River to sneak in as the No. 12 seed.

STAT PACK: With officially 104 rushing yards and 207 passing yards last week at Firelands, Dom Bell became the first Black River player with 100 and 200 in a game. Bell also moved his season passing total to 1,071, overtaking current coach Kyle Clark (1,041, 2002) for fifth place in school season history. Bell needs to average 244 yards over the next three games to break the school record of 1,803 set by Eric Groesser in 2022.

● With 37 catches for 586 yards and seven touchdowns, Zane Bungard needs 11, 159 and two to break the Black River season records of 47, 744 and eight.

● Hunter Varney led the defense last week at Firelands with three pass breakups, including a diving stop of a fourth-down pass attempt in the final minute that secured a 40-33 victory. Mason Koberna (10 tackles), Bungard (8) and Kage Petrucci (5) were the top tacklers, while Gabriel Negron had an early tackle for loss. Kicker Jackson Burkholder made a potential game-saving tackle at the Black River 48-yard line on the final kickoff.

LW: W 40-33 at Firelands. **TW:** vs. Brookside (0-7, 0-4; 17-5 all time). **NW:** vs. Wellington (3-4, 1-3).



Varney



Colts Cloverleaf

PREVIEW: Field is rebuilding, allows 35.0 points per game and has retooled the offense to a spread that features a 1-2 running punch of Victor Brown (79 carries, 516 yards, 5 TDs) and freshman quarterback Mason Fust (36 carries, 166 yards, 6 TDs; 40-for-68 passing, 474 yards, 2 TDs, 4 INTs), who did not play last week in a 37-7 win over Coventry. Nehemiah Moton stepped in and carried 16 times for 62 yards and three TDs. Braylan Rufner leads the defense with seven tackles for loss.

● According to fantastic50.net, Cloverleaf needs to win two of its final three games to have an 87% chance at a first-round home game in the Division IV, Region 14 playoffs. The Colts are still at 82% to qualify period if they lose out, though that appears unlikely considering they are favored against Field (2-5, 2-2) and Woodridge (4-3, 3-1).

STAT PACK: Ashton Gray led the defense last week against Norton with 11 tackles. Brayden Beier forced a fumble that was returned 11 yards by Kellen Price. David Hunter also forced a fumble. Elliot Jordan played one of the best games of his career with nine tackles and Jimmy Tolley also had nine tackles (1 for loss).

● Isaac Smith's 231 passing yards against Norton are the 11th most in school history. The junior also is tied for ninth in school career history with 11 passing touchdowns.

● Ethan Gray has at least 52 rushing yards in six consecutive games.

● Cloverleaf's 40 passing attempts against Norton — 38 by Smith and two by Price — are its most since 41 vs. Highland on Oct. 26, 2012.

LW: L, 21-48 vs. Norton. **TW:** at Field (2-5, 2-2; 6-4 all time). **NW:** at Woodridge (4-3, 3-1).



Hunter



Medina

PREVIEW: The Bees are looking to avoid their first losing streak against rival Brunswick in 10 years. ● Medina must win two of its final three games to have a strong shot at the Division I, Region 1 playoffs but would help its resume most with a victory tonight since Brunswick (4-3) has a better record than Euclid (3-4) and Cleveland Heights (2-5).

STAT PACK: Dylan Pay led the defense last week against Cleveland Heights with an interception at the 1-yard line to go with two pass breakups in the end zone and a tackle for loss. Jack Fletcher had three tackles for loss among nine total stops. Korde Carey had a career-high 10 tackles and two pass breakups. Donovan Delatte also had 10 tackles and Brayden Pidgeon, Jayden Tagalood and John Nagel recovered inside kicks.

● Pay's INT was Medina's second of the season.

● Carey had his first career rushing attempt last week, a 5-yarder on fourth-and-4.

● Nose tackle Jamari Powell recovered a punt that hit a Cleveland Heights blocker in the back, by rule giving him one return for 14 yards.

● Medina committed six fumbles against Cleveland Heights, including two mistimed shotgun snaps and two muffed kickoff returns.

● Brian Wucher joined Brennan Schramm (3) as the only Medina players with two receiving touchdowns of at least 80 yards in a career. Wucher also made his debut at punter and averaged 38.8 yards across four attempts.

LW: L, 28-42 vs. Cleveland Heights. **TW:** vs. Brunswick (4-3, 3-1; 19-32 all time). **NW:** at Euclid (3-4, 2-2).



Carey



Brunswick

PREVIEW: The Blue Devils are seeking their first winning streak over rival Medina in 10 years. ● Brunswick's Division I, Region 1 playoff chances received a massive boost with the 17-16 win over Euclid. According to fantastic50.net, the Blue Devils now have an 82% to qualify and could clinch this week with outside help coupled with a win over Medina tonight.

STAT PACK: Eli Nichols saved the game last week with a fourth-down tackle for loss on the 1-yard line, extending his Medina County season lead to 15. Drew Dempsey (8), Ajay Rebraca (7), Gavin Moore (6) and Devan Horay (6) were the top tacklers, Josh Albany and Landan Kirchner broke up passes and Logan Matousek added a tackle for loss.

● Over the last three games, Nichols has 35 carries for 219 yards and two touchdowns. The senior is now 10th in Medina County with 318 yards on the season.

● Brunswick has converted 7-of-8 fourth downs during its three-game winning streak.

● The run defense is allowing a respectable average of 116.3 yards over the last three games.

● The Blue Devils are averaging 208.2 rushing yards over the last five games.

● Opposing teams are averaging 82.9 penalty yards against Brunswick this season. The Blue Devils are only committing 46.4, continuing a multi-year trend.

LW: W, 17-16 vs. Euclid. **TW:** at Medina (2-5, 1-3; 32-19 all time). **NW:** at Cleveland Heights (2-5, 2-2).



Horay



Highland

PREVIEW: Roosevelt is having a decent turnaround season and boasts a spread offense averaging 30.4 points that is built around quarterback Gavin Peeps, who has completed 118-of-188 passes for 1,694 yards, 17 touchdowns and four interceptions while also rushing 54 times for 406 yards and eight scores. Tyler Ellington is the No. 1 target with 25 catches for 504 yards and four scores, while Ka'Shan Talbert (63 carries, 349 yards, 3 TDs) and Makhi Jones (54, 216, 4) have split time at running back.

STAT PACK: Casey Myser needs five total touchdowns to break the Medina County career record of 82 set by Black River's Andrew Vaughn (2010-13) and five rushing touchdowns to break Vaughn's 72. Myser is still a ways from Vaughn's scoring record, however, as Vaughn's 19 two-point conversions give him a 530-468 points edge.

● Nick Dobkowski's five interceptions are tied for eighth most in school season history. Mike Mostoller set the record of nine in 1990.

● Highland's 16-game regular-season winning streak is the longest in school history, but the Hornets also had a 16-0-1 stretch from 1968-69.

● The Hornets lead Medina County with 47 tackles for loss and 11 interceptions despite playing one fewer game than the six other schools.

● Highland's 43.3 scoring average is on pace to tie the school record set last season, while its 5.5 defensive scoring average is on track to break the standard of 7.3 set in the inaugural season of 1952.

LW: Bye. **TW:** at Roosevelt (4-3, 2-2; 7-2 all-time). **NW:** at Revere (5-1, 3-1).



Myser



Wadsworth

PREVIEW: Nordonia is facing a must-win scenario to stay in the Suburban League National Conference race after being upset 49-38 by North Royalton but still features an explosive, balanced spread offense that averages 40.7 points and 430.5 yards. Quarterback Steven Fakut (1,942 passing yards, 17 TDs, 2 INTs) is the centerpiece, Dominick Jackson (28 catches, 635 yards, 8 TDs), Grant Kaminski (24, 430, 3) and Collin Aha (27, 382, 2) are the top receivers and Connor Whapham (8 carries, 558 yards, 6 TDs) is the leading rusher.

● Wadsworth must win out to clinch the coveted second seed in the Division II, Region 6 playoffs behind Highland (6-0), which is a massive favorite to win out and clinch the top spot. In the OHSAA's new 12-team format, the higher seed hosts through the regional semifinals.

STAT PACK: Jacob Earnest led the defense last week at Hudson with 10 tackles (2 for loss). Jude Haller (9), Brad Watson (9, sack), Tommy Hohn (8) and Gavin Madigan (8, 2 for loss, sack) were next in line. Hohn had two pass breakups to extend his Medina County lead to seven. Brandon Dishawzi broke up a pass in the end zone and Colton Leavitt added a sack. Right guard Carter Raymond had three tackles covering punts.

● Nathan Shipley has 13 tackles over the last three games, a notable number for a nose tackle.

● Wadsworth leads the county with 29 pass breakups.

● The Grizzlies had twice as many punts against Hudson (6) than they had combined in the first six games (3), but Bryson Hall averaged a respectable 35.8 yards.

LW: W, 35-17 at Hudson. **TW:** at Nordonia (6-1, 3-1; 11-5 all time). **NW:** vs. Stow (2-5, 0-4).



Hohn