

County Football Week 6



Albert Grindle

Standings

CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE			
School	W-L	PF	PA
Buckeye	5-0	248	143
Rocky River	4-1	210	143
Bay	3-1	184	148
Lakewood	3-1	202	238
Valley Forge	3-1	184	148
North Olmsted	1-4	124	276
Weslake	2-2	172	210

GREATER CLEVELAND CONFERENCE			
School	W-L	PF	PA
Shaker	5-0	248	143
Storkeville	4-1	210	143
Bay	3-1	184	148
Weslake	2-2	172	210
Cleveland Heights	1-4	124	276
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METRO ATHLETIC LEAGUE			
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Shaker	5-0	248	143
Storkeville	4-1	210	143
Bay	3-1	184	148
Weslake	2-2	172	210
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SUBURBAN LEAGUE			
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Shaker	5-0	248	143
Storkeville	4-1	210	143
Bay	3-1	184	148
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE			
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE			
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Black River

PREVIEW: With standout running back Wyatt McKee (40 carries, 339 yards, 3 TDs) out for the last two games, freshman Jaden Coleman got the bulk of the carries last week for KeyStone in a 35-26 win over Brookside with 19 for 80 yards and two TDs. Calk Cowling has thrown for 468 yards, three TDs and five INTs on the season, while versatile Shane Ohi was a 2024 first-team All-Lorain County league section alongside McKee.

● The Pirates' Division VI, Region 21 playoff chances have improved over the last two weeks, according to fantastic50.net. They now have a 98% chance to qualify at 7-3 and 37% at 6-4.

STAT PACK: Kayden Hendricks remained on fire with a career-high 18 tackles last week against Columbia. Kage Petrucci (11 tackles) and Zane Bungard (10, 2½ for loss) were next in line — Petrucci also recovered a fourth-down fumble — while Don Bell recorded 1½ tackles for loss. The Raiders converted 8-15 third downs and 2-of-6 fourth downs, leading to 87 Black River tackles.

● Bryce Murray had a career-high five catches against Columbia. ● The Pirates are averaging 52.0 rushing yards, on pace to be their lowest since 1989 (64.3). However, the 138.2 passing average is on pace to be second best in school history (164.5, 2022). ● Bell ranks first in Medina County in punting average (41.8), fourth in passing yards (360) and tied for seventh in tackles for loss (5½).

LW: L, 0-14 vs. Columbia. **TW:** at Keystone (2-3, 2-2; 26-23 all time). **NW:** at Finlands (2-3, 2-0).

Buckeye

PREVIEW: A below-average defense has contributed heavily to Valley Forge's 1-4 start, as the Patriots allow 35.0 points to offset another solid wing-T offense. Daymon Watts is the centerpiece with 96 carries for 647 yards and six scores and five catches for 142 yards and three TDs, while Sean Frank has thrown for 492 yards and seven scores.

STAT PACK: The Bucks' impressive defensive balance continued at Bay, led by 1½ tackles for loss appeal from Denis Shevchenko (1½ sacks), Jacob Snyderburn and Ryan Wilhelm. Jacob Snyderburn, Derek Snyderburn and Braydon Bonnett picked off Patrick Clardy. Bonnett broke up two other passes and Shane Metter posted eight tackles.

● With 142 career extra points, Bonnett needs seven to break the school record of 148 set by Clay Gundrum from 2017-19. The senior also needs seven career points to become the seventh Bucks to reach 200 and four field goals to break the county record of 18 held by three players.

● Buckeye leads Medina County by a wide margin with 18 pass breakups. ● The Bucks have yet to recover a fumble despite the opposition coughing up the ball 12 times. ● Buckeye has outscored opponents 66-7 in second quarters this season.

LW: W, 34-26 at Bay. **TW:** at Valley Forge (2-3, 1-1; 5-1 all time). **NW:** vs. Westlake (2-3, 0-2).

Highland

PREVIEW: Tallmadge is rebuilding in its final season before joining the Metro Athletic Conference and is averaging only 13.0 points. Eliot transfer Braxton Denke has thrown for 561 yards and four touchdowns, while Sonny Cova has 359 rushing yards, four touchdowns and four tackles for loss.

● The Hornets have won 27 of their last 28 Suburban League American Conference games, including nine straight by an average score of 45.8-4.1. It is not the best league stretch in school history, as Highland went 31-0-2 over its first 33 Inland Conference games from 1989-70.

STAT PACK: Luke Grillis led the defense last week at Coplay with two tackles for loss while also tying Evan Foust (2 pass breakups) for the team lead with five tackles overall. Dan Miller had 1½ TFL and a pass breakup. Kellen Whiting picked off Dane Winger. Cody Benda had a sack and Liam Zielinski posted a pass breakup.

● With 91 career extra points, Jonah Kovacs needs six to join the Medina County top 10. The junior has 19 touchdowns on 27 kickoffs this season. ● Highland has outscored opponents 153-7 in first halves this season.

● Four of Jake Weber's six interceptions have resulted in touchdowns, tying him for second on the team with Kovacs with 24 points.

● Casey Meyer needs six rushing touchdowns and seven total touchdowns to break the Medina County record of 72 and 82 set by Black River's Andrew Vaughn from 2010-13.

LW: W, 42-9 at Coplay. **TW:** at Tallmadge (2-3, 1-1; 17-17 all time). **NW:** vs. Baraborton (2-1, 1-1).

Wadsworth

PREVIEW: After going 3-7 last season, Brecksville has shown improvement with a quality win over Aurora (21-17) and a near upset of Nordonia (23-13). Running back Jacob Erenovich (102 carries, 481 yards, 7 TDs) is the offensive centerpiece, while Nathan Henegar (747 passing yards, 8 TDs, 8 INTs) and Carson Zakkar (18 catches, 239 yards, 3 TDs) are others to watch. The 3-5 defense is inexperienced and undersized but has been solid with a 22.0 scoring average.

STAT PACK: Caleb Smith's 99-yard interception return for a touchdown last week against Treubung — the first pick of his career — is the second longest in school history behind Rod Lowrey's 102-yarder on Oct. 5, 1990 at Hudson. Lempi's return is tied for fourth in Medina County lore.

● Gavin Madigan was everywhere against Twinsburg with a career-high 20 tackles as the Grizzlies racked up a Medina County season-high 101 overall. Will Rice (13), Jacob Earnest (13, 1 for loss, pass breakup), Jude Heller (11, 2 pass breakups) and Brad Watson (10) also hit double digits, while Colton Lowrey had the only sack, which was set up by pressure from Earnest.

● Rice had 10 solo tackles vs. Twinsburg, putting him in second place in Medina County to Highland's Evan Foust (22) with 21 on the season. ● With three more touchdown passes vs. Twinsburg, Bryson Hall tied former Grizzlies star Clint Cochran (37, 2001-03) for ninth in county career history with 37.

● Jay-Len King has three catches for touchdowns of 60, 45 and 37 yards this season. ● With 2,274 career rushing yards, Cooper Gray needs 241 to crack the Wadsworth top 10.

LW: W, 39-0 vs. Twinsburg. **TW:** vs. Brecksville (3-2, 1-1;