

Ohio high school football 2025 | Greater Akron rankings heading into Week 6

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Key Points AI-assisted summary ⓘ

- Two new teams have entered the Greater Akron high school football power rankings heading into Week 6.
 - Walsh Jesuit, Wadsworth, Highland, Hoban, and Nardon remain the top five undefeated or one-loss teams.
 - A key matchup features No. 1 Walsh Jesuit facing No. 4 Hoban in a highly anticipated game.
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The chaos predicted has already started with two teams exciting the Greater Akron high school power rankings this week.

With No. 1 playing No. 4 this week and two other teams playing schools with just one loss, [the rise and fall in the polls will probably continue](#).

Here's where things are heading into Week 6:

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1. Walsh Jesuit Warriors (5-0)

Previous ranking: 1

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Last week: 38-0 win over Canisius, N.Y.

Why Walsh: [The Warriors](#) have won 18 consecutive regular-season games. The last time Walsh lost in the regular season came on the very field they're playing on Friday and against the same team. Week 6 for Walsh isn't just the game of the week in Summit County, it's arguably the biggest game in Northeast Ohio.

This week: at No. 4 Hoban (4-1)

2. Wadsworth Grizzlies (5-0, 2-0)

Previous ranking: 2

Last week: 39-0 win over Twinsburg

Why Wadsworth: [The Grizzlies](#) have yet to play a game that hasn't included a running clock. Last week's win over the Tigers was strange but showed the resolve of Wadsworth, which gave up 20 first downs to Twinsburg. When it mattered most, however, the Grizzlies clamped down.

This week: vs. Brecksville (3-2, 1-1)

3. Highland Hornets (5-0, 2-0)

Previous ranking: 3

Last week: 42-9 win at Copley

Why Highland: Like the Grizzlies, [the Hornets](#) have yet to play a game in which there hasn't been a running clock. Highland has won 15 consecutive regular-season games and is a winner in 23 of its 24 regular-season games. The Hornets have outscored opponents 198-33 this season.

This week: vs. Tallmadge (2-3, 1-1)

4. Hoban Knights (4-1)

Previous ranking: 4

Last week: 45-7 win over Brush

Why Hoban: The Knights offense has kicked into gear the last two weeks as [Hoban](#) has outscored opponents 97-7. Friday's game against Walsh Jesuit is a rematch of the last two Division II, Region 5 finals. It's also a matchup between the Nos. 3 and 4 teams in the region this season.

This week: vs. No. 1 Walsh (5-0)

5. Nordonia Knights (5-0, 2-0)

Previous ranking: 5

Last week: 48-14 win over Solon

Why Nordonia: [The Knights](#) continue to crush the competition behind quarterback Steven Fakult. Nordonia is on the road three of the next four weeks and after this week will play at Twinsburg, home against Wadsworth and at Hudson. Those three teams are a combined 13-2. This week the Knights can't overlook North Royalton.

This week: at North Royalton (1-4, 0-2)

6. Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy Royals (4-0)

Previous ranking: 7

Last week: 42-10 win at Youngstown Boardman

Why CVCA: The Royals have won 12 of the last 13 regular-season games as they roll into Mentor this week. CVCA hasn't scored less than 42 points in any game this season and are outscoring opponents 191-24 in four games. The next three weeks will show exactly who the Royals are as Lake Catholic, Holy Name and Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin are a combined 12-3.

This week: at Lake Catholic (4-1)

7: Hudson Explorers (4-1, 2-0)

Last week: Not ranked

Why Hudson: [The Explorers](#) have righted the ship after a 25-point loss to Highland in Week 2 when they were shut out. They've outscored opponents 119-3 in three games since. The next four weeks bring opponents that are a combined 17-3. This week is a battle of two teams tied for third in Division II, Region 5.

This week: at Twinsburg (4-1, 1-1)

8: Norton Panthers (5-0, 2-0)

Previous ranking: Not ranked

Last week: 69-0 win over Field

Why Norton: The Panthers have taken off since their first game in Week 2 and haven't scored less than 53 points in any game this season. They're averaging 58.0 points and have flourished with Trey Kersten at quarterback. Week 6 brings a huge test. A win would go a long way in the Metro Athletic Conference.

This week: at Streetsboro (4-1, 2-0)

Out: Twinsburg (4-1, 1-1), Manchester (4-1)

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