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Glenville gets another shot at a NE Ohio power: Week 8 football games to watch south of Cleveland

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Hoban hands Walsh Jesuit its first loss



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CLEVELAND, Ohio — Both coming off bye weeks, Glenville and Archbishop Hoban clash Friday night in Akron at Dowd Field for football playoff points and a gauge of where they stand with their state championship hopes.

They have been regulars in Canton at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in recent years, but not last season.

Both fell in the state semifinals and both are now in position for first-round byes in this year's playoffs. Hoban (5-1) stands atop Region 5 in the Division II playoff standings. Glenville (4-2) sits in the No. 4 spot for the Division IV, Region 13 ratings.

Both have the talent to make returns to Canton, and their next game will feature three Ohio State commits and plenty more players who are headed to college football powerhouses.

Hoban, the No. 4-ranked team in the cleveland.com Top 25, is coming off a 19-14 win two weeks ago against rival Walsh Jesuit. The Knights handed Walsh its first loss of the season and coach Tim Tyrrell noted afterward that he purposely scheduled a bye in between that game and this

one Friday.

“That’s too much of an emotional game,” he said after the win against Walsh. “We got a lot of self-scouting to do, get our lungs back, get our legs back and do all those types of things and start looking at another great team in Glenville.”

Hoban closes the regular season with three more home games: first up are the Tarblooders, who are ranked sixth in Northeast Ohio regardless of division, followed undefeated Central York from Pennsylvania and then No. 2 St. Edward (6-1).

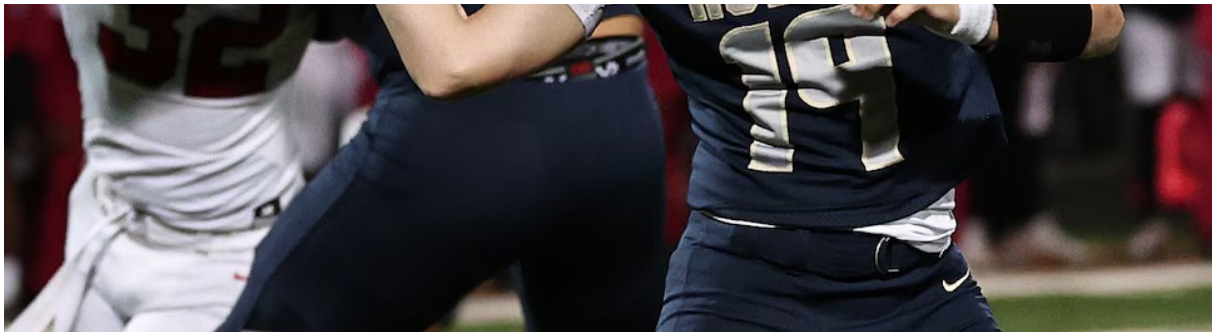
Glenville, which is ranked sixth in the area, had its Senate League game canceled last week vs. East Tech. Coach Ted Ginn Sr.’s Tarblooders load up their schedule outside of the city league and are 2-2 against the likes of No. 11 Massillon, Olentangy Liberty, No. 1 Avon and St. Edward. Their defense features reigning cleveland.com Defensive Player of the Year Cincere Johnson (51 tackles, 10 TFL, four sacks), an Ohio State commit at linebacker, with OSU-bound tackle Jamir Perez.

Both should find themselves matched up at moments Friday with Hoban offensive tackle and future teammate Sam Greer, whose team has won four straight games since an eye-opening loss in Maryland to Archbishop Spalding.

“That was definitely good for us losing,” Greer said. “It helped us grow, especially our secondary. That’s the most points Hoban has ever let up on defense ever, so it was a big learning experience.”

That secondary features another big prospect in USC commit Elbert “Rock” Hill IV, who helped the Knights to a 20-0 win last year in this game. Hill came up with a critical pass breakup against Walsh, while junior Jaiden Daniels had two interceptions.





High School Football: Glenville at Archbishop Hoban in a nonconference game, October 11, 2024

Four-star junior linebacker Brayton Feister has led the Hoban defense. Expect to see Feister (340 yards, nine TDs) and Jance Henry Jr. (484 yards, six TDs) to meet Johnson and the Glenville defense as Hoban's leading rushers, too. Glenville can lean on senior quarterback Arvell Nelson Jr. with Romell Phillips, sophomore Garry Pritchett and Newell at running back.

However, Nelson's top receivers — including Bowling Green commit Pauly Sadler, Joseph Saffold and Deanthony Crittenden — could test Hoban's secondary like Archbishop Spalding.

They highlight the Week 8 football games to watch south of Cleveland on the way to Akron and Canton. Here is look at them. All are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, unless noted:

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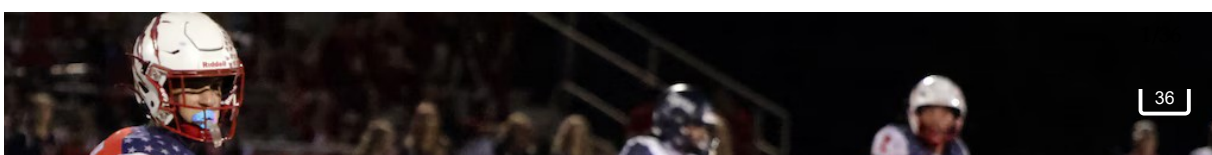
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Twinsburg HS at Wadsworth HS football, September 19, 2025

No. 7 Wadsworth (7-0) at No. 24 Nordonia (6-1)

Nordonia still has a chance at first place in the Suburban League's National Conference with defending champ Wadsworth heading to Boliantz Stadium in Macedonia.

The Knights edged Twinsburg last week on Riley Edgehouse's 20-yard field goal as time expired, bouncing back from an upset loss the previous week to North Royalton. Junior quarterback Steven Fakult (1,944 yards passing, 16 TDs) has been big for coach Jeff Fox, who also has seen receiver Dominick Jackson (635 yards, eight TDs on 27 receptions) and running back Connor Whapham (558 yards, six TDs) lead an offense that has complemented junior linebacker Karsen Fisher and the Knights' defense.

Wadsworth, meanwhile, has been relentless. Third-year starting linebacker Jacob Earnest and the Grizzlies have not let any opponent stay within fewer than three scores. Fellow seniors Gavin Madigan (153 yards, three TDs) and Cooper Gray (133 yards, one TD) paced the run game last week in their 35-17 win against Hudson, handing the Explorers their first loss in the conference. Gray has rushed for a team-high 744 yards and 12 TDs this season, while Madigan has 668 yards and 11 TDs.

Sophomore quarterback Brysen Hall has 1,527 yards and 18 TDs, while top target Calix Lemn is

sophomore quarterback Bryson Hall has 1,027 yards and 10 TDs, while top target Cam Kemp is at 680 yards and 10 TDs on 27 receptions.



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CVCA vs. Lake Catholic football, September 26, 2025

Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin (6-1) at No. 15 Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (6-0)

The winner of this game in Cuyahoga Falls will have the inside track at the North Coast Conference championship.

CVCA, which is in its first full year in the conference, is coming off its third shutout of the season, 35-0 against Holy Name, as sophomore Tommy Kopec rushed for 111 yards and two scores. Kopec and older brother, Rutgers linebacker commit Joey Kopec, are each averaging more than 7 yards per carry.

NDCL, under second-year coach Andre Griffin, has won three straight games. The Lions also shut out Holy Name two weeks ago and are coming off a 48-6 home victory last Friday against Padua. Big defensive end Brenan Hernan is leading their defense with nine sacks and 12 TFL. Quarterback Brady Canel has 985 yards and 14 TDs, but is a dual threat with 474 yards rushing

Quarterback Brady Carpenter has 200 yards and 11 TDs, but is a team threat with 12 yards rushing and four TDs. He has been complemented by Dylan Hoenigman (439 yards, six TDs) in the backfield.

If this game comes down to special teams, NDCL has one of the area's top kickers in Ryan Cvitkovic. He is 6-of-9 on field goals the season with a long of 36 yards.

Brunswick (4-3) at Medina (2-5)

These Medina County rivals are trending in opposite directions, but this game has Division I, Region 1 playoff implications at Ken Dukes Stadium. The host Bees are 13th in the region, looking to crack the top 12 for the postseason.

Medina has lost three straight, all in the Greater Cleveland Conference. Turnovers hurt the Bees last week in their 42-28 loss to Cleveland Heights, which came up with three interceptions. Medina coach Larry Laird's squad recovered three onside kicks and cut into the Tigers' lead as Beckett Vorgin took over at quarterback for junior River Blomquist, who was lost to an injury. Blomquist has 1,114 yards passing on the season with a talented receiving core that includes Kellen Hathaway (326 yards, four TDs on 30 receptions) and Sydney Lloyd (266 yards, one TD on 31 receptions). Brian Wuchter scored twice last week and finished with 106 yards on four receptions.

Brunswick, meanwhile, has won three straight games. That includes last week's 17-16 victory against Euclid that ended with a goal-line stand by Eli Nichols and the Blue Devils' defense. Senior quarterback Sean Barnett, who has sparked the offense during Brunswick's streak, rushed for 101 yards and a score.

Barnett has paced the Blue Devils with 649 yards passing, 403 yards rushing and 10 total TDs. Nichols has a team-high 5 ½ sacks and 15 TFL, while Ajay Rebraca (41 tackles) and Brayden Miles (40 tackles) have been big on defense with him.

No. 8 Highland (6-0) at Kent Roosevelt (4-3)

Coming off an unplanned bye, Highland looks to continue its quest to repeat as Suburban League American Conference champion. The Hornets had their homecoming game nixed last week with Barberton's cancellation. Now, they head on the road where Roosevelt looks to bounce back from its loss at Copley.

Senior running back Casey Myser has paced the Hornets with 631 yards rushing and 12 of his 13 TDs on the ground. Grady Gibb is completing 83% of his passes for 1,008 yards, while rushing for another 356 yards. Evan Foust is leading the defense with nine tackles for loss, while Cody

Bendau has 3 ½ sacks and Nick Dobkowski paces the secondary with five interceptions.

Woodridge (4-3) at No. 21 Norton (6-0)

Norton is in control of the Metro Athletic Conference, topping Streetsboro and Cloverleaf in the last two weeks with first place at stake. Woodridge, which is coming off its first loss last week to Streetsboro, could be the last line of defense between the Panthers and an outright MAC crown.

Norton's next two opponents are 1-6. The Panthers have gotten to this point with a potent machine that includes Buddy Willig's five touchdowns on special teams, including four on punt returns. He has led the defense with 53 tackles, including four TFL, while adding 380 yards and five TDs on 23 receptions, offensively. Jason Beverly (590 yards, nine TDs) and Markus Brown (501 yards, five TDs) have paced the ground game to complement quarterback Trey Kersten (865 yards, 14 TDs to two interceptions).

FULL WEEK 8 SCHEDULE

(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted.)

Thursday

Chagrin Valley Conference, Chagrin Division

Harvey at Perry

Chagrin Valley Conference, Lake Division

Madison at Jefferson Area

Cleveland West Conference

North Olmsted at Bay

Normandy at Buckeye

Lakewood vs. Valley Forge at Byers Field

Rocky River at Westlake

Mahoning Valley Athletic Conference

Waterloo at Berlin Center Western Reserve

Senate Athletic League

John Hay at East Tech, 3:30 p.m.

Rhodes at JFK, 3:30 p.m.

John Adams at Lincoln West, 3:30 p.m.

Western Reserve Conference

Eastlake North at Willoughby South

Nonconference

Warrensville Heights at Garfield Heights, 4:30 p.m.

Bedford at Maple Heights

Friday

Akron City Series

North at Ellet

Chagrin Valley Conference, Chagrin Division

Orange at Hawken

West Geauga at Lutheran West

Chagrin Valley Conference, Metro Division

Cuyahoga Heights at Beachwood

Independence at Fairview

Brooklyn vs. Trinity at Cuyahoga Heights

Chagrin Valley Conference, Valley Division

Kirtland at Chagrin Falls

Berkshire at Crestwood

Rootstown at Wickliffe

Greater Cleveland Conference

Strongsville at Lorain

Brunswick at Medina

Shaker Heights at Mentor

Lorain County League

Brookside at Black River

Wellington at Firelands

Columbia at Keystone

Clearview at Oberlin

Mahoning Valley Athletic Conference

Ravenna Southeast at Brookfield

Garrettsville Garfield at Newton Falls

Metro Athletic Conference

Field at Cloverleaf

Akron Springfield at Coventry

Woodridge at Norton

Streetsboro at Ravenna

North Coast Conference

Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin at Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy

Holy Name at Elyria Catholic

Lake Catholic at Padua

Northeastern Athletic Conference

Cardinal at Grand Valley

Andover Pymatuning Valley at Windham

Principals Athletic Conference

Manchester at Wooster Triway

Southwestern Conference

Avon at Amherst

North Ridgeville at Avon Lake

Olmsted Falls at Berea-Midpark

Elyria at Midview

Suburban League, American Conference

Revere at Barberton

Copley at Cuyahoga Falls

Highland at Kent Roosevelt

Aurora at Tallmadge

Suburban League, National Conference

Brecksville-Broadview Heights at Hudson

Wadsworth at Nordonia

Twinsburg at Solon

North Royalton at Stow-Munroe Falls

Western Reserve Conference

Riverside at Kenston

Chardon at Mayfield

Nonconference

Glenville at Archbishop Hoban

Shaw at Brush

St. Vincent-St. Mary at Canal Winchester Harvest Prep

John Marshall at Canfield

St. Ignatius at Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller

Benedictine at Erie Cathedral Prep (Pa.)

Steubenville Catholic Central at Fairport Harding

Villa Angela-St. Joseph at Gilmour Academy

Louisville at Green

Richmond Heights at Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas

Collinwood at Mogadore

Clarkson Football North (Ontario) vs. St. Edward at Lakewood

University School at Youngstown Chaney

Saturday

Akron City Series

East at Firestone, noon

Buchtel at Garfield, noon

Greater Cleveland Conference

Euclid at Cleveland Heights, 1 p.m.

Nonconference

Lutheran East at Cleveland Central Catholic, noon

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