

FOOTBALL

Akron-area OHSAA Week 9 breakdowns, predictions in Ohio high school football

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It's [Week 9](#) of the Ohio [high school football](#) season, with 22 games featuring [Greater Akron](#) teams, as the start of the [state playoffs](#) approach.

The action gets started Thursday, Oct. 16, when [Twinsburg](#) hosts North Royalton. It continues Friday, Oct. 17, with 19 games, including 6-1 [Archbishop Hoban](#) entertaining 8-0 Central York (Pa.) and 8-0 [Highland](#) playing at 6-1 [Revere](#) in a Suburban League American Conference showdown.

The week wraps up with two games Saturday, Oct. 18, including 6-2 [East](#) traveling to 3-5 [Buchtel](#) for a battle of 3-0 City Series teams.

Keep reading to see who the Beacon Journal staff thinks will prevail in all of the [Week 9 games](#) this weekend. All games kick off at 7 p.m. unless noted.

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Thursday's high school football game in the Greater Akron area

North Royalton (4-4, 3-2) at [Twinsburg](#) (5-3, 2-3)

What to watch: This Suburban League National Conference matchup

features two teams whose seasons have gone in opposite directions. ... After starting 4-0, the Tigers have struggled in recent weeks, though they were able to end their losing streak with a 27-3 win over Solon. ... QB Dylan Fantone and the Tiger passing game have been the backbone of the offense. ... North Royalton started the season at 1-4, but has won three consecutive National Conference games. ... QB Nolan Klingbeil has emerged as a leader for the Bears.

Who will win: North Royalton 24-21

Friday's high school football games in the Greater Akron area

Firestone (0-8, 0-3) vs. North (1-7, 0-3), at Ellet

What to watch: Firestone is seeking its first win of the season and North is seeking its first win since Week 1's 23-6 victory over St. Thomas Aquinas. ... North lost 28-7 to Ellet on Oct. 10 with WR Nate Ruffin catching a 10-yard TD pass from QB Jair Bell. Vikings DL Deon Williams had three tackles for loss and DL Albert Sorey added a sack last week. ... Ruffin is also a key cornerback. North's other top players are DB Jihad Smith, WR-FS Jaden Wardlaw, RB-LB Jeffrey Williams and LB LaDanian Hughes. ... Firestone lost 43-7 to East on Oct. 11 after scoring on its first possession. Falcons RB Elijah Grice caught a 25-yard TD pass from QB Donniven Younger against the Dragons and Jason Chestnut made a PAT. Taiyear Mathis tipped a pass, recorded an interception and also had a sack against East. ... Firestone's other top players are RB-LB Mekhi Tatum, DB-WR Lamont Benson, FS-WR Chanse Bennett and SS-WR Rayden Cole.

Who will win: Firestone 21-14

Walsh Jesuit (6-1) at St. Vincent-St. Mary (0-6), 6 p.m.

What to watch: This is the 48th installment of the “victory bell” rivalry. The Warriors hold a 25-22 lead and have won the last four meetings. ... Both teams are coming off Week 8 byes, but the Fighting Irish haven’t played since

Week 6. ... Rylan Hurley (51 carries, 312 yards; 14 catches, 71 yards) and Brandon Nicholson (14 catches, 51 yards) lead STVM. ... Marty Tobin (81 carries, 827 yards, nine TDs), Milan Parris (29 catches, 543 yards, eight TDs) and David Ternosky (70-of-112 passing, 953 yards, 11 TDs) lead Walsh. ... The Warriors are third in Division II, Region 5 and clinch a playoff spot with a win. The Irish are tied for 26th.

Who will win: Walsh 49-0

Central York, Pa. (8-0) at Archbishop Hoban (6-1)

What to watch: Hoban is coming off a 12-9 win over Cleveland Glenville on Oct. 10. RB-LB Brayton Feister set a Hoban school record with a 99-yard touchdown run with 10:45 remaining in the fourth quarter. Feister finished with 18 carries for 187 rushing yards and the TD. ... Feister has run for 527 yards and 10 TDs on 67 carries this season. ... Glenville's defense limited Jance Henry to minus-5 yards on 14 carries and Nick Kinsey to 3-of-11 passing for 13 yards. ... Henry has 94 carries for 479 yards and six TDs this season and Kinsey is 57-of-114 passing for 640 yards and seven TDs ... Jackson Callaway is Hoban's leading receiver with 15 catches for 256 yards and two TDs. ... WR-DBs John Johnson, Payton Cook, Grady Falkenstein and Elbert Hill IV are other playmakers for Hoban. Johnson. ... The Knights topped the Tarblooders last week with impressive defense as Carlos Gordon recorded an interception and Ace Brown delivered a 13-yard sack to end Glenville's final possession. ... Brown has 13 sacks, 12 tackles for loss and forced two fumbles this season. ... Central York's eight wins are all over foes from Pennsylvania: Central Dauphin (23-9), Manheim Township (36-28), Delaware Valley (46-21), Spring Grove (50-13), South Western (56-17), Dallastown (63-7), Northeastern (61-7) and Red Lion (56-18). ... The Panthers are led by QB Brooklyn Nace, RB-LB Legend Johnson, RB-LB Ali "Deuce" Johnson Jr., WR-DB Brendyn Smith, WR-DB Demarcus Murray, TE-DE Colin Gurley, WR-DB Josh Bahr, LB-RB Jeremiha Hunter, DL-OL Quintin Dolly, DB-WR Dwayne Morgan, K Brady Burt and P-DB-QB Jamin Ilgenfritz.

... Nace has completed 124 of 161 passes for 1,920 yards with 25 touchdowns without an interceptions, and has run for 211 yards and two TDs on 38 carries. ... Johnson has run for 786 yards and 14 TDs on 91 carries, has a receiving TD and a kickoff return for a TD. ... Smith has 45 catches for 767 yards and 12 TDs and a punt return for a TD. ... Murray has 27 catches for 550 yards and six TDs. ... Gurley has 15 catches for 182 yards and two TDs, 27 solo tackles, 11 tackles for loss and four sacks. ... Bahr has eight catches for 193 yards and two TDs, 41 solo tackles, four tackles for loss and three interceptions. ... Hunter has nine tackles for loss and two sacks. Dolly has six tackles for loss. ... Morgan has four interceptions and four tackles for loss. ... Burt has made 38 of 40 PATs and his only field goal attempt, a 30-yarder. ... Hoban defeated host Central York 41-7 last year.

Who will win: Hoban 28-21

Ohio high school football rankings: [Greater Akron power rankings heading into OHSAA Week 9](#)

Barberton (1-7, 1-4) at Copley (6-2, 4-1)

What to watch: Copley beat Barberton 48-27 last season to snap a six-game losing streak to the Magics. ... Bryce Martin (144 carries, 1,057 yards, 14 TDs) continues to be a great back for Copley. Dane Wininger (86-of-154 passing, 1,373 yards, 15 TDs; 52 carries, 291 yards) is a solid dual-threat QB. Andrew McKnight (37 catches, 781 yards, 12 TDs) leads all receivers. ... Jackson Hanlin and Jalen Allen-Hosey had rushing TDs in a 38-21 loss to Revere last week for Barberton. Trent Dewitt, who leads Barberton receivers, had a pick six last week. ... Copley is sixth in Division III, Region 10 and can clinch a playoff spot with a win. Barberton is 26th in Division II, Region 6.

Who will win: Copley 28-7

Tallmadge (2-6, 1-4) at Cuyahoga Falls (1-7, 0-5)

What to watch: This Suburban League American Conference matchup

features two teams looking to end losing streaks. ... Falls will look to earn its first win at the new Lambert Stadium and find its offense. During a six-game losing streak, Falls has yet to break 10 points and has been shut out twice. ... The Blue Devils offense also has been missing since its 21-20 win over Barberton in Week 5, having scored just three points in the second half of the season.

Who will win: Tallmadge 21-7

Stow (2-6, 0-5) at Wadsworth (8-0, 5-0)

What to watch: Wadsworth has won the last seven meetings against Stow and is averaging a little over 45 points in those games. ... Gavin Madigan (79 carries, 782 yards, 15 TDs) and Cooper Gray (97 carries, 789 yards, 12 TDs) lead the rushing attack for Wadsworth. Brysen Hall (88-of-138 passing, 1,841 yards, 23 TDs) continues to lead the area in passing. Calix Lemp (32 catches, 848 yards, 13 TDs) is almost unguardable. ... Stow quarterback Jake Harrington (86-of-136 passing, 1,093 yards, 13 TDs; 91 carries, 469 yards, five TDs) and Daylon Keeling (27 catches, 482 yards, six TDs) continue to have a solid connection. In a 29-21 loss to North Royalton last week, Keeling made seven catches for 191 yards and scored two touchdowns. ... Wadsworth is first in Division II, Region 6 and has clinched a home game. Stow is 22nd in Division II, Region 5.

Who will win: Wadsworth 49-14

Ohio high school football rankings: [OHSA releases weekly computer ratings ahead of Week 9](#)

Highland (8-0, 5-0) at Revere (6-1, 4-1)

What to watch: The Hornets haven't lost to Revere since Sept. 25, 2009 (Revere 24, Highland 7). During the current 14-game winning streak, Highland has scored over 41 points six times. The Hornets have also shut out the Minutemen five times in the same span, including a 41-0 win in 2024 and

49-0 victory in 2022. ... James Perry (71 carries, 364 yards, 11 TDs) and Harrison Drvenkar (36 carries, 281 yards, three TDs) have filled Revere's running game after the loss of Johlil Blanchard (injured), who had 451 yards and three TDs on 63 yards. Chase Clifford (35-of-72, 554 yards, eight TDs) keeps defenses honest. Drvenkar (17 catches, 289 yards, five TDs) is his main receiver. ... Nick Hall (72 tackles, four for loss, two sacks, four interceptions, five pass breakups, fumble recovery, forced fumbles) continues to dominate at linebacker for the Minutemen. ... David Kennedy (24-of-25 PAT, field goal) is nearly automatic on special teams. ... Highland running back Casey Msyer broke the Medina County career touchdown record last week previously held by Black River's Andrew Vaughn and currently has 83. He's tied with Vaughn for the career rushing touchdown record (72). ... There's a four-headed attack on offense for Highland with Myser (90 carries, 756 yards, 16 TDs), Grady Gibb (60-of-70, 1,123 yards, 20 TDs; 51 carries, 441 yards, five TDs), Lucas Gerding (18 catches, 318 yards, three TDs) and Nick Dobkowski (11 catches, 270 yards, three TDs). ... The Hornets give up an average of 53.0 yards rushing per game and allow just 165.4 offensive yards per game. Highland is third in Division II, Region 6 and has clinched a playoff home game. The Hornets can clinch the Suburban League American Conference with a victory. Revere is fourth in Division III, Region 10 and can clinch a playoff berth with a win.

Who will win: Highland 42-14

Nordonia (6-2, 3-2) at Hudson (6-2, 4-1)

What to watch: This Suburban League National Conference game will have huge implications in the Division II, Region 5 playoff race. Heading into Week 9, Nordonia is fifth in the Region 5 with 17.5612 points, and Hudson is sixth with 16.2120. The winner could vault itself into a first-round playoff bye. ... This game pits strength vs. strength in Nordonia's offense vs. Hudson's defense. ... Led by QB Steven Fakult, the Knights offense is scoring better than 38 points a game. ... Nordonia will look rebound from a tough loss to

Wadsworth in Week 8. ... Hudson's defense, led by Nathan Judy and Brenna Funyak, is giving up up 10.5 points a game and has shut out four opponents. ... The Explorers shut out Brecksville 27-0 in Week 8.

Who will win: Hudson 28-21

Kent Roosevelt (4-4, 2-3) at Aurora (4-4, 3-2)

What to watch: In their final season in the Suburban League, the [Rough Riders](#) will try to record their first win over the Greenmen since joining the conference. Aurora is 8-0 against Roosevelt since 2015. ... This is a particularly big game for the [Greenmen](#), who still have a two percent shot at the postseason, per [Drew Pasteur](#), but need to win out. Aurora took one big step last week, topping Tallmadge 37-0 with a dominant performance in the trenches as the Greenmen outgained the Blue Devils 214-56 on the ground. Xavier Board ran for 166 yards and two touchdowns, and has 700 rushing yards for the season. ... Expect a great battle between Roosevelt's assortment of talented receivers, including Tyler Ellington, Teddy Maccarone and Jaiden Portis, and Aurora's athletic secondary, led by Luke McGovern and Ryan Slisz, who have three interceptions apiece this season.

Who will win: Aurora 35-21

Green (3-5, 1-3) at Perry (4-4, 1-3)

What to watch: The Bulldogs travel to Perry having won two consecutive games while the host Panthers have dropped four of their last five games after a 3-0 start. The Panthers are just 6-22 in Federal League play the last five seasons. ... Green QB Tyson Hunka has thrown a combined eight TD passes while running for 241 yards the last two weeks against GlenOak and Louisville. The senior leads the Federal League with 1,414 yards passing and ranks seventh in rushing with 613 yards. Hunka also leads the league in TD passes with 16. ... Senior Evan Reed has scored five touchdowns the last two games and leads Green with 11 TDs for the season. ... Perry WR Nasir Foster had a big night in last week's 35-21 loss at Hoover. The senior totaled 187

yards from scrimmage, catching nine passes for 98 yards and carrying the ball 11 times for 89 yards and a touchdown as a wildcat QB. Sophomore QB Cameron Treharn is coming off a season-high 193 yards on 19-of-31 passing with one interception for the Panthers, who haven't thrown a TD pass since Week 3. ... Perry has won the last two matchups with Green and leads the all-time series 7-2.

Who will win: Green 23-21

Hoover (7-1, 3-1) at Lake (6-2, 2-2)

What to watch: The Vikings still are alive for a piece of the Federal League title with McKinley. They need to beat Lake this week and Jackson next week and have Jackson knock off McKinley this week. ... Both Hoover and Lake are in good shape in terms of Division II playoff positioning. Hoover is sixth in Region 7. Lake, coming off two consecutive losses after a 6-0 start, is fourth in Region 5. ... Slowing Hoover starts with slowing senior Jack Andes, who has 13 catches for 256 yards and four TDs the last two weeks combined despite missing the second half of the McKinley game two weeks ago. Andes leads Stark County with 16 touchdowns overall. Senior QB John Collins' mobility continues to be limited by an ankle injury. But he's still thrown for five touchdowns the last two weeks and 13 for the season. ... Lake senior QB Alex Quior also has thrown 13 TD passes this season — at least one in each game. Senior Davis Matson has 670 yards and eight TDs rushing despite missing the first two games of the season because of an appendectomy. The Blue Streaks have three players — Quinn Snyder, Chase Fuller and Zach Novak — with at least 300 yards and two TDs receiving. ... Fuller and Hoover's Brycen Beyer each have returned a kickoff for a touchdown this season. ... It would not be impossible to see Ty DeGeorge on the field for Lake. The star junior suffered a broken ankle in Week 3 and is ahead of schedule in his rehab. ... Hoover won last year's Week 9 game vs. Lake 18-17, but it was Lake winning a first-round playoff rematch 28-0 at home. Hoover leads the all-time series 21-17.

Who will win: Hoover 24-21

Manchester (6-2, 3-1) at Orrville (5-3, 2-2)

What to watch: Manchester will look to rebound from a 49-7 loss at Triway on Oct. 10. The Titans scored the final 42 points, and held an edge in total offensive yards (350-87), passing yards (233-41) and rushing yards (117-46) over the Panthers. ... Manchester's Tyler Pappas threw a 15-yard TD pass to Phil Partin and Hayden Higgins made a PAT against Triway. Partin was limited to 36 rushing yards on 14 carries, Ayden Meade ran for 21 yards on five carries and Pappas completed 8 of 17 passes for 41 yards with two interceptions. ... Orrville defeated Worthington Christian 34-13 last week after losing to Canton South 51-33 and Northwest 28-14. The Red Riders opened the season 4-1 with wins over winless Wooster (56-23), winless Canton Central Catholic (28-7), Tuslaw (38-7) and Fairless (48-35) and a loss to West Holmes (28-20).

Who will win: Manchester 35-28

CVCA (7-0, 3-0) at Padua (1-7, 0-3)

What to watch: After a Week 8 win over Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, CVCA has the inside track to the North Coast Conference title ... CVCA's running game continues to be unstoppable, as the Royals rolled up 370 rushing yards in the win over NDCL. ... The Kopec brothers continue to make big plays on both sides of the ball for the Royals. Last week, that included a 61-yard TD run and 31-yard TD catch by Tommy Kopec, and Joey Kopec ran for an 80-yard score. ... Padua comes in on a four-game losing streak.

Who will win: CVCA 42-7

Northwest (5-2, 3-1) at Fairless (3-5, 0-4)

What to watch: A win wraps up at least a share of the Principals Athletic Conference title for Northwest. ... Coach John DeMarco's team has been battle tested this season. Two of Northwest's four PAC-7 wins have come by a combined four points, including last week's 13-2 win over Tuslaw. Joey

Medure rushed for 171 yards and a touchdown in the win over the Mustangs. ... Medure, quarterback Brayden Venables and receiver Logan Allman lead Northwest's offense. Venables has thrown for 834 yards and six touchdowns, including three to Allman. Medure has rushed for 607 yards and five TDs. ... Any hope of Fairless making the playoffs for a sixth consecutive year likely rests on the Falcons upsetting Northwest. The Falcons have lost four games in a row. Their three wins have come against teams that are a combined 2-22. ... Cam Carl leads Stark County-area receivers with 47 catches for 759 yards and seven touchdowns. Fairless quarterback Mikey Ritterbeck ranks among area passers with 1,633 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Who will win: Northwest 35-14

Cloverleaf (6-2, 4-1) at Woodridge (4-4, 3-2)

What to watch: Woodridge faces its third straight week of tough competition in the Metro Athletic Conference, and will look to arrest a two-game losing streak in its final home game. ... The Bulldogs are a bit more healthy with the return of QB Rory Johnson. ... Woodridge will look to get running back John Tyree rolling again, as he put up 240 yards and three TDs in the Bulldogs' Week 4 win over Field. ... The Colts rebounded from a loss to Norton last week, beating Field 38-6.

Who will win: Cloverleaf 28-14

Coventry (2-6, 1-4) at Ravenna (2-6, 1-4)

What to watch: Ravenna has won the last two meetings and five of the last seven. ... Lamar Taylor (160 carries, 852 yards, seven TDs) continues to be a star for the Comets. Brady McCracken (six catches, 169 yards, two TDs) and Jayden Stover (10 catches, 167 yards, TD) are Coventry's top receivers. ... Taylor ran for 143 yards and two TDs on 17 carries in Coventry's 30-0 win over Springfield on Oct. 10. Brad Little ran for 60 yards and a TD on two carries and Mason Dimeff threw a 45-yard TD pass to McCracken. Alex Eudy, Brennan Howley and McCracken each had a sack. Aaron Carter, Makai

Woolridge, Eudy and Howley had two tackles for loss apiece. The Ravens are averaging 12.0 points in their six losses. ... Mark Miller and Asygh Gaines provide a solid rushing game for Ravenna. ... Ravenna is 21st in Division IV, Region 13. Coventry is 22nd. Both teams are mathematically eliminated from the playoffs.

Who will win: Ravenna 17-9

Springfield (1-7, 0-5) at Norton (7-0, 5-0)

What to watch: The Panthers have won seven consecutive games over the Spartans by an average of nearly 39 points. ... Trey Kersten (64-of-97 passing, 1,081 yards, 17 TDs) sparks the passing attack for Norton. Buddy Willig (28 catches, 564 yards, seven TDs) is his main target. Jason Beverly (73 carries, 649 yards, 11 TDs) and Markus Brown (71 carries, 598 yards, six TDs) take care of the rushing attack. ... Willig (59 tackles, four for loss, forced fumble), Brown (51 tackles, six for loss, two sacks, forced fumble) and Beverly (49 tackles, seven for loss, four sacks, two fumble recoveries) lead the defense. ... Springfield beat Waterloo in Week 1 but has only scored seven points in a single game twice since then. The Spartans have been shut out four times in the last six games, including twice in a row. ... Norton is first in Division IV, Region 13 and has clinched a playoff spot. The Panthers can clinch a Metro Athletic Conference crown with a win. Springfield is 24th in Region 13 and has been eliminated from the postseason.

Who will win: Norton 56-0

Field (2-6, 2-3) at Streetsboro (6-2, 4-1)

What to watch: After sustaining a tough Week 6 loss to Norton, the [Rockets](#) outscored their next two opponents by a combined 105-17. Senior running back Janiere Cook is just 13 rushing yards from 1,000 and junior running back Marcus Council has 239 rushing yards and four touchdowns over the last two weeks since coming back from injury. The two have formed a thunder-and-lightning backfield, and quarterback Colton Cox and tight end Kyle

Giacomo have added a whole new dimension by connecting for five touchdowns over the last two weeks. ... The **Falcons** will need to control the clock and have just the running back to do so in Victor Brown (94 carries, 589 yards, five TDs).

Who will win: Streetsboro 35-14

St. Thomas Aquinas (0-8) at **Mogadore (7-1)**

What to watch: **St. Thomas Aquinas** is looking to snap an 11-game losing streak. The Knights meet Mogadore for the fourth consecutive year. The Wildcats have won the previous three meetings. ...Mogadore has won five consecutive games. Junior Maddox Smith is having a strong season for the Wildcats after shifting from running back to quarterback this season.

Who will win: Mogadore 42-7

Saturday's high school football games in the Greater Akron area

Ellet (2-6, 1-2) vs. **Garfield (4-3, 2-1), at Kenmore, noon**

What to watch: RB-DE Jordan Robinson and QB-WR-RB-DB Terrance Parker are two key playmakers for Ellet, a 28-7 winner over North on Oct. 10. ... Robinson scored two rushing touchdowns against the Vikings. Parker threw a TD pass to WR Trey Carter and also ran for a TD. Parker, OLB Jayden Cooper and FS Elijah Griffin each had an interception for Ellet against North. ... Demetrius Halsell is gaining more experience at QB when Parker plays another position or takes a break. ... Ellet is also receiving steady play from RB-LB Brandon Knowles, OL-DL Lucas Adkins, WR-DB Jalon Austin, TE-DL Raione Griggs, DE-RB Travontae Harbin and LB-RB Brandon Guest. ... Garfield lost 12-6 to Buchtel on Oct. 11 when the Griffins returned two interceptions for touchdowns. WR-DB Dominique Douglas caught a 10-yard TD pass from QB Darius Sales to account for Garfield's points. DL-OL Corey Williams and DL-WR Reggie Edwards each had a sack against Buchtel. DB-

WR Ziiyahn Blair and DB-WR Kemonte Harrison each had two pass breakups. ... Douglas, DB-WR Timothy Tate, LB-RB Amore Bitting, LB-RB Ayden Sipe, LB-RB Warren Lockett, DB Xavier Ward and DL-TE Jamir Jenkins are also playing consistently well defensively for Garfield. ... Garfield's defense has allowed only 13 points during the past four games in wins over Carrollton (20-0), North (36-0), Firestone (26-13) and the loss to Buchtel. **Who will win:** Garfield 28-21

East (6-2, 3-0) at Buchtel (3-5, 3-0), noon

What to watch: East and Buchtel are each atop the City Series standings at 3-0. ... Since 2010, Buchtel has won 11 of 17 matchups against East, with the teams playing 15 regular-season games and two City Series postseason finals against each other. East has won six of the 10 matchups since 2016, including victories in 2023 and 2024. ... East defeated Firestone 43-7 and Buchtel topped Garfield 12-6 on Oct. 11. ... East QB Marlin Engram Jr. completed 13 of 19 passes for 271 yards and five touchdowns Oct. 11 against Firestone. QB-WR Anthony Felding completed 2 of 4 passes for 61 yards and a TD, and had a 47-yard catch. WR-DB Terrell Wharton Jr. was East's leading receiver with five catches for 102 yards and three touchdowns. WR-DB Donte Swain Jr. had three catches for 67 yards and two TDs, and WR-DB Terrel Karim Jr. contributed three catches for 68 yards and a TD. ... RB-DB Lawrence Cherry Jr. and RB-WR-DB Emmanuel Jefferson are two other playmakers to watch on offense for East. Cherry ran for 51 yards on nine carries against Firestone, and Jefferson added five carries for 38 yards and three catches for 38 yards. ... Wharton, Cherry, Karim, DB Tarrell Robinson, LB Jon Jeffries, LB Latrelle Allen, LB Lavance Bratton and DL Marcus Henderson II lead East's defense. Robinson returned an interception for a touchdown against Firestone, Wharton also recorded an interception and Allen had a sack. ... DB Daurean Johnson and DB Dwight Shade accounted for Buchtel's points against Garfield with touchdowns on interception returns. DL Jordan Holloway forced and recovered a fumble. ... LB-TE Quadire Harvey,

DB-WR Karter Dawson, LB-TE Steven Harris and LB-RB Shaad Byers are also having solid seasons defensively for the Griffins. ... Johnson and Shade are also key wide receivers on Buchtel's offense that includes QB Arthur Thomas, TE-DE Carter Wilson, OL-DL Mehki Wright, OL-DL Tre'Sean Jones and RB-DB Marcus Britt.

Who will win: East 28-21

Summit County-area high school football standings

Akron City Series standings

East 6-2, 3-0

Buchtel 3-5, 3-0

Garfield 4-3, 2-1

Ellet 2-6, 1-2

North 1-7, 0-3

Firestone 0-8, 0-3

Summit County independents

Mogadore 7-1

Hoban 6-1

Walsh Jesuit 6-1

St. Vincent-St. Mary 0-6

Suburban League American Conference standings

Highland 8-0, 5-0

Revere 6-1, 4-1

Copley 6-2, 4-1

Aurora 4-4, 3-2

Kent Roosevelt 4-4, 2-3

Barberton 1-7, 1-4

Tallmadge 2-6, 1-4

Cuyahoga Falls 1-7, 0-5

Suburban League National Conference standings

Wadsworth 8-0, 5-0

Hudson 6-2, 4-1

Nordonia 6-2, 3-2

North Royalton 4-4, 3-2

Twinsburg 5-3, 2-3

Brecksville 4-4, 2-3

Solon 2-6, 1-4

Stow 2-6, 0-5

Metro Athletic Conference standings

Norton 7-0, 5-0

Streetsboro 6-2, 4-1

Cloverleaf 6-2, 4-1

Woodridge 4-4, 3-2

Field 2-6, 2-3

Ravenna 2-6, 1-4

Coventry 2-6, 1-4

Springfield 1-7, 0-5

North Coast Conference standings

CVCA 7-0, 3-0

Chardon ND-CL 6-2, 2-1

Mentor Lake Catholic 6-2, 2-1

Holy Name 5-3, 1-2

Elyria Catholic 3-5, 1-2

Padua 1-7, 0-3

Principals Athletic Conference standings

Triway 7-1, 4-1

Manchester 6-2, 3-1

Northwest 5-2, 3-1

Orrville 5-3, 2-2

Canton South 3-5, 2-3

Fairless 3-5, 0-4

Tuslaw 3-5, 0-4

Federal League standings

McKinley 7-1, 5-0

Hoover 7-1, 3-1

Lake 6-2, 2-2

Jackson 5-3, 3-1

Perry 4-4, 1-3

Green 3-5, 1-3

GlenOak 1-7, 0-5

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