



County Football Week 3

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Standings

CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE				
School	W	L	T	PF
Rocky River	2-0	0-0	0-0	33.5
Buckeye	2-0	0-0	0-0	31.0
Westwood	1-1	0-0	0-0	27.0
Bay	1-1	0-0	0-0	18.5
Wadsworth	1-1	0-0	0-0	14.5
Valley Forge	1-1	0-0	0-0	13.0
Northwestern	1-1	0-0	0-0	11.0
North Olmsted	0-2	0-0	0-0	10.0

GREATER CLEVELAND CONFERENCE				
School	W	L	T	PF
Mentor	2-0	0-0	0-0	35.5
Shaker Heights	2-0	0-0	0-0	35.5
Shaker Heights	1-1	0-0	0-0	28.5
Lorain	1-1	0-0	0-0	28.5
Fairview	1-1	0-0	0-0	25.5
Medina	1-1	0-0	0-0	22.5
Brunswick	0-2	0-0	0-0	11.0
Cleveland Heights	0-2	0-0	0-0	10.0

LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE				
School	W	L	T	PF
Columbia	2-0	0-0	0-0	28.5
Keynote	1-1	0-0	0-0	22.5
Black River	1-1	0-0	0-0	22.5
Wellington	1-1	0-0	0-0	17.0
Chester	1-1	0-0	0-0	6.5
Chardon	0-2	0-0	0-0	3.0
Frederick	0-2	0-0	0-0	2.0
Brookside	0-2	0-0	0-0	0.0

METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
School	W	L	T	PF
Shenandoah	2-0	0-0	0-0	35.5
Norfolk	1-0	0-0	0-0	34.0
Northridge	1-1	0-0	0-0	25.0
Cincinnati	1-1	0-0	0-0	23.5
Springfield	1-1	0-0	0-0	23.0
Newman	0-2	0-0	0-0	20.5
Field	0-2	0-0	0-0	17.5
Covington	0-2	0-0	0-0	15.5

SUBURBAN LEAGUE				
School	W	L	T	PF
Highland	2-0	0-0	0-0	40.5
Revere	2-0	0-0	0-0	34.0
Stoughton	1-1	0-0	0-0	28.0
Tallmadge	1-1	0-0	0-0	15.0
Aurora	1-1	0-0	0-0	12.0
Copley	1-1	0-0	0-0	11.5
Cuyahoga Falls	1-1	0-0	0-0	10.5
Richwood	0-2	0-0	0-0	5.0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
School	W	L	T	PF
Wadsworth	2-0	0-0	0-0	45.0
Northridge	2-0	0-0	0-0	40.5
Twinsburg	2-0	0-0	0-0	38.0
Trumbull	2-0	0-0	0-0	37.5
Grove	2-0	0-0	0-0	37.0
North Royalton	1-1	0-0	0-0	36.0
Hudson	1-1	0-0	0-0	14.0
Spain	0-2	0-0	0-0	10.0

County leaders

Player (School)	TD	FG	1x	2x	3x
Myer (J)	5	0	0	0	0
Gray (W)	5	0	0	0	0
Lemp (W)	5	0	0	0	0
McNeil (W)	1	0	10	0	0
Bonnett (W)	1	0	10	0	0
Seven players with	1	0	0	0	0

Player (School)	Att.	Yds.	TD
Myer (J)	26	232	8.7
Barnett (B)	15	118	7.9
Madigan (W)	15	118	7.9
Smith (C)	17	108	6.4
Vernier (B)	23	107	4.2
Gray (W)	19	102	11.3
Gerding (H)	9	102	11.3
Gray (W)	38	93	2.5
Bonnett (W)	38	93	2.5

Player (School)	Rec.	Yds.	TD
Lemp (W)	13	204	20.1
Barnett (B)	4	117	26.3
Doonick (J)	8	117	26.3
Hutchins (M)	9	104	11.6
Moore (B)	10	101	30.1
Gray (W)	10	101	30.1
Lyons (W)	5	89	17.8
Murray (B)	5	89	17.8
Gerding (H)	6	81	13.5
Vogrin (M)	6	81	13.5

Player (School)	Co-Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TD
Hill (W)	24-31	77	352	4-0
Hemp (J)	40-71	56	425	3-1
Dorcia (B)	18-31	58	342	2-1
Silo (J)	13-19	68	342	2-1
Bel (B)	21-30	70	309	4-0
Barnett (B)	23-42	55	301	2-4
Smith (C)	11-28	39	98	0-3
Carroll (M)	3-4	75	103	1-0
Gerding (H)	1-1	100	44	0-0
Shenard (M)	1-1	100	16	1-0

Player (School)	FG	Pct.	XP	PTS
Kozma (H)	1-1	100	8-8	11
McNeil (W)	0-0	0-0	10-11	10
Cusick (B)	1-1	100	8-8	8
Bonnett (W)	0-0	0-0	8-8	8
Barnett (B)	0-0	0-0	3-6	3
McNeil (W)	0-0	0-0	2-2	2
Doonick (J)	0-0	0-0	2-2	2
Kozma (H)	0-0	0-0	1-1	1
Kowalski (H)	0-0	0-0	1-1	1

TEAM STATISTICS			
Offense			
School	Run	Pass	Total
Highland	325.0	182.0	507.0
Wadsworth	184.0	277.5	461.5
Buckeye	212.5	190.5	403.0
Medina	70.5	247.2	317.7
Black River	105.0	154.5	259.5
Brunswick	81.0	178.0	259.0
Cloverleaf	120.5	49.0	169.5
Defense			
School	Run	Pass	Total
Wadsworth	103.5	130.2	233.7
Highland	82.0	139.0	221.0
Buckeye	80.0	128.0	208.0
Black River	77.0	162.0	239.0
Cloverleaf	111.5	162.0	273.5
Medina	150.0	162.0	312.0
Brunswick	207.5	189.0	396.5

DEFENSE			
Player (School)	Tack.	Solo	Ass.
As, Gray (C)	16	8	15
Fletcher (W)	16	8	15
Miller (B)	20	12	8
C. Zolinski (H)	16	4	14
Foster (H)	16	9	7
Dempsey (B)	16	8	8
Reynolds (B)	16	9	7
Nichols (B)	14	9	5
Gordon (B)	12	8	5
Murray (B)	12	8	5
Petrus (B)	12	5	7
Fanner (W)	12	3	9
K. Henschel (B)	12	3	9
Stane (C)	12	3	9
Schultz (M)	12	3	9
Heer (C)	12	1	11

Tackles for loss: Nichols (B) 3, Foster (H) 4, Fletcher (W) 4, Kozma (H) 3, Matoski (B) 3, D. Henderson (B) 3, Sackel (D) Henderson (B) 3, Matoski (B) 3, Jordan (C) 2, Gordon (H) 2, Grille (H) 2, Fletcher (M) 2, K. Landes (B) 1, Henschel (B) 1, Bendus (H) 1.

Interceptions: Dobkowski (H) 2, Bell (B) 1, Murray (B) 1, K. Henderson (B) 1, Kozma (H) 1, D. Snyder (B) 1, Gordon (H) 1.

Forced fumbles: Nichols (B) 1, D. Henderson (B) 1, Miller (B) 1, J. Snyder (B) 1, Foster (H) 1, Gordon (H) 1, L. Zolinski (H) 1, Rice (B) 1.

Fumble recoveries: Matoski (B) 3, Toley (C) 2, Grille (H) 2, Zolinski (H) 1, Miller (H) 1, Nunn (H) 1, Cline (W) 1.

Pass breakups: Bell (B) 2, Bonnett (B) 2.

Editor's note: Offensive leaders compiled using a combination of Gazette box scores and video. All defensive leaders compiled by Albert Grindle using video.



Black River

PREVIEW: Undefeated Smithville uses a spread offense with an H-back for blocking variety and relies heavily on physical 5-foot-7 running back Mason Haines (41 carries, 272 yards, 3 TDs). Brock Cannon has just 97 yards passing on 17 attempts. The Smithies' 3-4 defense has been stout, allowing only 12 points in two games.

● Smithville is seeking to play Brunswick, Buckeye, Lodi and Highland in non-league action during the late 1950s and early 1960s but hasn't faced a Medina County school since 1971.

STAT PACK: Dom Bell's 92-yard interception return for a touchdown last week against Northwestern is the second longest in school history behind Andrew Vaughn's Medina County-record 102-yarder against Wellington on Oct. 3, 2013.

● Dozier Henderson had a gigantic game against Northwestern with three sacks, a forced fumble and a blocked punt recovered by Zane Burgard 17 yards behind the line of scrimmage. Mason Koberna also starred with two tackles for loss and an interception. Kayden Henderson and Bryce Murray had INTs and Gabriel Nagron posted a sack. Austin Pamer led with seven tackles.

● Burgard has 13 receptions on the season and already leads the county by three. His 197 yards rank second to Wadsworth's Calix Lemp (204).

● Black River leads the county in tackles for loss (18), sacks (8), interceptions (4) and turnover margin (plus-3).

LW: W, 37-7 vs. Northwestern. **TW:** at Smithville (2-0; 0-0 all time). **NW:** at Clearview (0-2).



Buckeye

PREVIEW: Tiffin Columbian lost 13-9 to Fremont Ross in the season opener but impressed with a 45-12 triumph over Mansfield. The Tornados feature hyper-physical tackle/linebacker Neven Neuman, a 6-foot-3, 240-pounder with offers from numerous high-level Division II colleges. The spread offense boasts Logan Gooding (26-for-38, 352 yards, 4 TDs, INT), Mason Seitz (41 carries, 194 yards, 3 TDs), Dashawn Russell (13 catches, 165 yards, 2 TDs) and Johnny Bremyer (7, 124, 2).

● Buckeye is seeking its third 3-0 start in the last four seasons.

STAT PACK: Defensive stars were everywhere against Amherst, beginning with Kyle Landes' 1½ sacks and Brayden Bonnett's fourth-down pass breakup. Ryan Wilhelm had 10 tackles (sack), Justin Angder recorded 1½ tackles for loss, Logan Letner and Jacob Snyderburn forced fumbles and Denis Shevchanko matched Snyderburn with seven tackles.

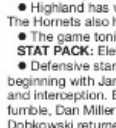
● Shane Metter has returned six punts for 41 yards. His attempts lead Medina County.

● Bonnett had an outstanding punting debut with a 43.5 average on four attempts. Included was a 55-yarder that died at the 6-yard line.

● Buckeye is the only county school with four 60-yard rushers. It also is the only team with five 50-yard receivers.

● The Bucks have allowed only 178 rushing yards this season.

LW: W, 21-13 vs. Amherst. **TW:** vs. Tiffin Columbian (1-1; 0-1 all time). **NW:** vs. North Olmsted (0-2).



Highland

PREVIEW: Avon Lake (0-2) has faced a tough schedule, failing to Stongsville 43-42 and Mentor Lake Catholic 21-14. Sophomore quarterback Dawson Tenbrink has 97 rushing yards and 389 passing yards, while Ezra Jones (25 carries, 161 yards, 4 TDs) and Aidan Stewart (10 catches, 108 yards, 3 TDs) are others to watch. The defense is a 4-2 with a lot of inexperience.

● Highland has won 21 straight road games, the seventh-longest active streak in Ohio. The Hornets also have scored 20 points in 18 straight, ranking sixth.

● The game tonight will air live on WEOG.com, Stream 3.

STAT PACK: Eleven players have already scored this season.

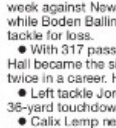
● Defensive stars were everywhere last week against Hudson, beginning with Jameson Gordon's 10 tackles, sack, forced fumble and interception. Evan Foust added 3½ tackles for loss and a forced fumble. Dan Miller and Cooper Zielinski recovered fumbles. Nick Dobkowski returned an interception 33 yards. Lukas Grillis had two sacks and Cody Bendus posted 1½.

● Jonah Kowza and Landon Kuzma have combined for eight touchdowns on 13 kickoffs.

● The Hornets have surpassed 300 yards total offense in 15 of the last 18 games. The lone exception was 298 last season in a 56-0 win over Cuyahoga Falls that had only 29 plays from scrimmage.

● Highland has obtained a running clock in 11 consecutive regular-season games, a Medina County record since the rule was implemented by the OHSAA in 2014.

LW: W, 32-0 vs. Hudson. **TW:** at Avon Lake (0-2; 3-1 all time). **NW:** vs. Aurora (1-1).



Wadsworth

PREVIEW: Wadsworth has lost four straight at Medina. The last win was Sept. 8, 2017 (44-7).

● The winner of this rivalry has scored at least 20 points in 28 straight games since a 14-13 Medina win on Sept. 12, 1997.

● Wadsworth is looking to start 3-0 in consecutive seasons for the first time since 2017-18.

● After giving up 511, 531, 510, 411 and 454 yards over five consecutive losses to Medina from 2019-23, Wadsworth slashed that to 223 and 188 over the last two meetings.

STAT PACK: All-Ohio linebacker Jacob Earnest led the defense last week against New Albany with nine tackles. Jude Haller added eight, while Boden Ballinger, Brad Watson and Ryan Stoops each had a tackle for loss.

● With 917 passing yards against New Albany, sophomore Brysen Hall became the sixth Wadsworth player to surpass 300 in a game twice in a career. Hall threw for 327 against Twinsburg last season.

● Left tackle Jordan Jones had a textbook down block on Gray's 38-yard touchdown run vs. New Albany.

● Calix Lemp needs 66 receiving yards to become the eighth Wadsworth player to surpass 1,000. The Air Force recruit also has 14 career receiving touchdowns, putting him five outside of the Medina County top 10.

● Wadsworth has reached 450 yards total offense in five consecutive regular-season games.

LW: W, 35-7 vs. New Albany. **TW:** at Medina (1-1; 42-34-2 all time). **NW:** at North Royalton (1-1).



Brunswick

PREVIEW: Elyria has lost 15 consecutive games but has shown signs of improvement under second-year coach Matt Wilson. Quarterback Antonio Pride has completed 26-of-53 passes for 256 yards and two touchdowns while also rushing 29 times for 101 yards, while Jacory Bradley already has 12 catches.

● Brunswick was 5-1 against Elyria when the Pioneers were a Greater Cleveland Conference member from 2015-20 before leaving for the Southwestern Conference.

STAT PACK: Center Jamaurie Garth's fumble recovery for a touchdown last week against Olmsted Falls was the third instance of an offensive fumble recovery/return for a TD in school history. Brian Miller went 25 yards against GlenOak on Sept. 5, 1998, while Gus Mathew covered 25 yards in a 7-0 win over North Royalton on Sept. 21, 1990.

● Drew Dempsey led the defense against Olmsted Falls with a career-high 12 tackles and a forced fumble. Eli Nichols had another big effort with 1½ tackles for loss, a sack and a forced fumble recovered by Logan Matousek, who also recovered the fumble forced by Dempsey. Brayden Miles and Ajay Rebeca added nine tackles apiece.

● Brunswick has converted 4-of-20 third downs and 1-of-6 fourth downs this season.

● The Blue Devils have allowed 400 yards total offense in four of their last six games. Olmsted Falls had 442 last week.

LW: L, 15-29 at Olmsted Falls. **TW:** at Elyria (0-2; 13-3 all time). **NW:** vs. Mentor (2-0).



Colts Cloverleaf

PREVIEW: Carrollton has made five consecutive playoff appearances and was bumped up to Division III last season. The Warriors, who lost to East Liverpool 23-12 in the opener before edging Richmond Edison 16-14 last week, are balanced out of a spread offense — they've rushed and passed 48 times apiece — with 6-foot-4 quarterback Hunter Allison (21-for-48, 242 yards) at the controls and Levi Kiko (39 carries, 152 yards) at running back.

● Carrollton has only faced a Medina County school once: a 22-6 win at Wadsworth on Sept. 12, 1958.

STAT PACK: Jimmy Tolley was the defensive star last week against Keystone, compiling four tackles (1 for loss), blocking a punt and recovering two fumbles, including an air-mailed punt snap for a touchdown. Ethan Gray also starred with nine tackles (2 for loss, sack) and a pass breakup. Adam Gray had seven tackles (1 for loss) and Ashton Gray broke up a pass to go with six tackles to maintain his Medina County lead with 21.

● With three field goals last week against Keystone, Austin Sustersic pushed his career total to six. The school record of eight is held by Chris Matejka (2008), Dustin Connor (2004-05) and Ross Brunello (1988-89).

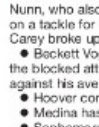
● Sustersic's 41-yarder is tied for ninth longest in school history.

● The Colts are on pace for 50 tackles for loss and 20 sacks.

● Significant improvement's over last season's 31 and eight.

● Keystone had only 29 yards total offense, representing the sixth time since the start of 2019 that Cloverleaf has held an opponent to fewer than 100.

LW: W, 22-6 vs. Keystone. **TW:** vs. Carrollton (1-1; 0-0 all time). **NW:** vs. Springfield (1-1).



Medina