

County Football Week 4



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Standings

CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE			
School	Ov.	Conf.	PF PA
Buckeye	2-1	0-0	37.0 23.2
Bay	2-1	0-0	22.3 10.3
Westlake	2-1	0-0	22.3 10.3
Lakewood	2-1	0-0	25.3 19.7
Ricky River	2-1	0-0	25.3 19.7
Normandy	1-2	0-0	14.3 28.3
Valley Forge	1-2	0-0	17.3 32.7
North Olmsted	0-3	0-0	2.3 28.7

GREATER CLEVELAND CONFERENCE			
School	Ov.	Conf.	PF PA
Mentor	3-0	0-0	35.3 13.7
Shaker Heights	2-1	0-0	25.7 18.7
Stonewall	1-2	0-0	14.3 13.7
Cleveland Hts.	1-2	0-0	21.0 24.0
Medina	1-2	0-0	21.0 24.0
Euclyd	1-2	0-0	18.7 34.3
Brunswick	1-2	0-0	10.0 22.7

LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE			
School	Ov.	Conf.	PF PA
Chawvren	2-1	0-0	25.3 13.7
Keystone	2-1	0-0	36.7 11.7
Columbia	2-1	0-0	22.7 17.0
Wellington	2-1	0-0	19.7 20.0
Black River	1-2	0-0	22.7 24.0
Brookside	1-2	0-0	13.0 36.0
Firelands	0-3	0-0	13.0 36.0
Otterden	0-3	0-0	8.7 34.3

METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
School	Ov.	Conf.	PF PA
Steubersburg	3-0	0-0	47.7 8.0
Field	3-0	0-0	39.7 8.7
Cloverleaf	2-1	0-0	11.3 25.0
Norton	1-2	0-0	11.3 17.3
Ravenna	1-2	0-0	6.3 18.7
Springfield	1-2	0-0	6.3 18.7
Woodridge	0-3	0-0	4.3 23.0
Coventry	0-3	0-0	4.3 23.0

SUBURBAN LEAGUE			
School	Ov.	Conf.	PF PA
Aurora	3-0	0-0	30.7 2.0
Revere	3-0	0-0	30.7 2.0
Highland	3-0	0-0	29.7 14.7
Tallmadge	2-1	0-0	22.7 17.0
Cuyahoga Falls	2-1	0-0	14.0 15.3
Copley	1-2	0-0	12.7 24.3
Rocksvet	1-2	0-0	12.7 24.3
Barberton	0-3	0-0	7.0 38.3



Black River

PREVIEW: Wellington made a three-game run through the Firelands Conference to open the season, losing to inexperienced Western Reserve 34-23 before beating Mapleton (15-12) and Plymouth (21-14). The Dukes feature arguably the best wide receiver in the Lorain County League in Lake Erie College pitching recruit Johnnie Kinter, as well as three-year starting quarterback Landon Wright (22-for-38, 347 yards, 2 TDs, 0 INTs).

- Tonight another is a big game for Black River's Division VI, Region 21 playoff hopes, as the Pirates need four wins to give themselves a 50/50 shot at a berth.

STAT PACK: Black River is the only Medina County school with four 100-yard rushers. Zane Bungard leads with 283, followed by Seth Gaspari (144), Jayce Hopek (123) and Dozier Hendershot (120).

- Due largely to Brooklyn fumbling 10 times on 30 plays from scrimmage, the Pirates had only 22 tackles. Backup linebacker Mason Koberna had four (2 for loss), while Lukas Steinbrenner, Carson Steidl and Bungard posted two apiece. Hendershot had an active first half with a half-tackle for loss, two fumble recoveries and a pass breakup. Owen Chapman also recovered a fumble.
- Bungard has not been sacked this season.
- Despite not playing last week due to an injury, and Ryan Graves still leads the Pirates with 12 tackles on the season.
- Opponents have converted only 4-of-21 third downs this season.

LW: W, 44-0 vs. Brooklyn. **TW:** at Wellington (2-1; 16-6 all time). **NW:** vs. Firelands (0-3).



Hendershot



Buckeye

PREVIEW: North Olmsted beat Buckeye twice in 2022 but has fallen on hard times, having been outscored 95-7 by 3-0 non-league opponents North Ridgeville (48-0), Midview (14-0) and Amherst (24-7). The Eagles' spread rushing attack involves a ton of misdirection and almost always goes off tackle, while the defense is a 3-4.

- Buckeye has started at least 2-1 in all eight seasons under coach Greg Denison.

STAT PACK: Landon Porec led the defense with a sack among 1½ tackles for loss. Derek Snyderburn had seven tackles, Roman Kretler had a fumble recovery and leaping pass breakup, Clayton Schmidt and Travis Avallone snatched interceptions and Jack Gunkelman also recovered a fumble.

- Porec is off to a nice start with 14 tackles, 3½ tackles for loss and two sacks. He is tied for second in Medina County in tackles for loss.
- Shane Metter and Rees Perkins had stellar open-field tackles that helped Buckeye's kickoff coverage team have another strong night. Eilet's average starting field position was the 27-yard line.
- Troy McCann's rushing touchdown against Eilet was the 44th of his career, tying Cloverleaf's Brody Stallings (2017-19) and Highland's Jim Kendel (1973-75) for 10th in Medina County history.
- The opposition has converted only 6-of-26 third downs this season.

LW: W, 41-8 at Eilet. **TW:** at North Olmsted (0-3, 1-3 all time). **NW:** vs. Bay (2-1).



Porec

County leaders

SCORING			
Player (School)	TD	FG	1X Ps.
Myler (H)	9	0	0
McCann (Buc)	9	0	0
Madigan (W)	6	0	0
Lemp (W)	6	0	0
Gaspari (BR)	4	0	0
Bungard (BR)	4	0	0
Gray (W)	4	0	0
Drivodite (W)	0	16	21
Widenerwer (Buc)	0	0	18
Combs (C)	3	0	0
Kowza (H)	1	15	0

RUSHING			
Player (School)	All.	Avg.	TD
Myler (H)	70	848	9.3
McCann (Buc)	70	848	9.3
Madigan (W)	39	397	10.2
Bungard (BR)	35	273	7.8
Gray (W)	22	233	10.6
Combs (C)	22	233	10.6
Josiezkyk (M)	22	233	10.6
E. Gray (C)	24	170	7.1
Gaspari (BR)	22	116	5.3
Borla (H)	23	126	5.5

RECEIVING			
Player (School)	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.
E. Foust (H)	10	249	24.9
Wucher (M)	20	215	10.8
Smith (C)	20	178	8.9
Swarm (M)	15	161	10.7
Lloyd (M)	12	134	11.2
Rifka (M)	7	123	17.6
Widenerwer (Buc)	9	118	13.1
Konopski (BR)	7	97	13.9
Kavulic (BR)	8	89	11.1

PASSING			
Player (School)	Co-Alt.	Pct.	Yds.
DiJulio (A)	58-110	52.7	640
Borla (H)	44-81	54.3	496
Thoms (W)	24-40	60.0	473
North (H)	22-27	81.5	430
Kell (C)	10-13	76.9	232
Dodda (A)	22-37	59.5	223
Bungard (BR)	17-26	65.4	147
Lettner (C)	10-13	76.9	113
Stoops (W)	5-16	31.3	79
Vogrin (M)	10-20	50.0	29

KICKING			
Player (School)	FG	Pct.	XP
Drivodite (W)	1-1	100.0	18
Kowza (H)	1-1	100.0	18
DiMarco (Buc)	0-1	0.0	16
DiMarco (BR)	3-3	100.0	9
Kelks (M)	0-0	0.0	9
Susteric (C)	0-0	0.0	6
Wootton (BR)	1-1	100.0	2-9

TEAM STATISTICS			
School	Rush	Pass	Total
Highland	527.7	69.3	471.0
Wadsworth	249.3	183.0	432.3
Buckeye	307.0	29.3	381.3
Medina	91.0	220.3	311.3
Black River	248.7	48.0	294.7
Cloverleaf	172.3	117.0	289.3
Brunswick	45.0	172.7	217.7



Highland

PREVIEW: Copley has cut its defensive scoring average in half from last season at 24.3 and boasts rapidly rising tackle prospect Lucas Tietlich, a 6-foot-6, 270-pounder with offers from Kentucky, Louisville, Pitt, West Virginia, Cincinnati and Miami of Ohio, which Hornets standout tackle Carson Noonan is committed to. Cooper curiously has started a different quarterback each game — returning starter Gabe Mansel vs. Amherst, wide receiver Andrew McKnight (38 passing yards, 57 rushing, 192 receiving) vs. Firestone and freshman Dane Wininger vs. Twinsburg.

- The Hornets have won the last five meetings against Copley by a combined 289-49 score (57.8-9.8).

STAT PACK: The minus-36 rushing yards allowed last week against Brunswick rank fourth in school history. The record of minus-46 was set last season against Cuyahoga Falls.

- Jameson Gordon led the defense against Brunswick with 10 tackles. Evan Foust (sack), Kallen Whitting, Colton Foust and Carson Noonan each had a tackle for loss, while Whitting broke up a pass.
- Despite again allowing fewer than 200 yards per game, Highland's defense has yet to force a turnover this season.
- Dyan Borla leads Medina County by a wide margin with a 81.5 completion percentage. The senior also is averaging 19.5 yards per completion.
- The Hornets converted 4-of-5 third downs against Brunswick, making them 15-of-22 on the season.

LW: W, 57-0 vs. Brunswick. **TW:** vs. Copley (1-2, 22-29 all time). **NW:** at Tallmadge (2-1).



Borla



Brunswick

PREVIEW: Cleveland Heights has the highest-profile players in the Greater Cleveland Conference, headlined by Mr. Football contender and Kentucky recruit Marquise Davis, who sat out last week's upset loss to Hudson with an injury but is expected to play tonight. Defensive end Brandon Caesar (6-foot-5, 260 pounds) is headed to West Virginia but remains out indefinitely after shoulder surgery, while Jayquan Stubbs (6-5, 275, Minnesota), Glenville transfer Jamell Hamm (6-3, 240, Miami of Ohio) and Sandale Jackson (6-8, 340, multiple D-I offers) are others to watch.

- Brunswick has yet to record a sack, forced fumble or fumble recovery this season. The Blue Devils also have just one interception, by Landon Kirchner in the first quarter of the season opener at Berea-Midpark.
- The Blue Devils have attempted 83 passes, their most through three games in a season. The previous high was 75 in 1983.
- Collin Kavulic led the defense last week at Highland with six tackles. Brayden Miles added five, while Cohen Easa and Eli Nichols each had a tackle for loss.

STAT PACK: Eight fumbles played a large role in Brunswick having a school-record minus-36 rushing yards last week. It represented the seventh time in school history the Blue Devils failed to record positive yardage.

LW: L, 0-37 at Highland. **TW:** at Cleveland Heights (1-2, 6-4 all time). **NW:** vs. Medina (1-2).



Kavulic



Colts Cloverleaf

PREVIEW: Springfield has switched to an offense featuring old-school double wing-T and T-formation rushing attacks. The Spartans are coming off a 15-7 victory over Minerva that snapped a 29-game losing streak and represented their first home triumph since Oct. 19, 2018 (Conventry, 20-13). Lineman Gavin Herndon and linebacker Keith Brockley were second-team All-Metro Athletic Conference selections last fall.

- The Colts have won the last five meetings against Springfield by a combined 225-39 score.
- Cloverleaf is seeking to start 3-1 for the fourth time in the last five seasons.

STAT PACK: Cloverleaf rushed for 267 yards last week against Akron Garfield. The Colts have won 10 of their last 11 games in which they surpass 250.

- Clay Combs led the defense against Garfield with 11 tackles and a forced fumble recovered by Adam Gray. Freshman nose tackle Elliot Jordan also recovered a fumble. Isaac Smith had an interception and Tristin Bogucki broke up a pass on the Cloverleaf 1-yard line.
- Combs leads Medina County with three forced fumbles, while Adam Gray is tops with three recoveries.
- Pulling left guard Owen Price threw a key block on brother Kellen's game-sealing 31-yard touchdown last week.

LW: W, 22-12 vs. Akron Garfield. **TW:** at Springfield (1-2, 7-3 all time). **NW:** vs. Conventry (0-3).



Combs



Medina

PREVIEW: Mentor boasts Greater Cleveland Conference Offensive Player of the Year contender Scotty Fox (38-for-64, 572 yards, 8 TDs, INT), a four-year starter and West Virginia recruit. Wide receiver Justin Hodge (12 catches, 162 yards, TD) has offers from West Virginia and Michigan State, while running back Jackson Farley has 45 carries for 483 yards and five touchdowns.

- Medina began the Mentor series with nine straight losses but has split the last four meetings.
- The game tonight will air live on WEOL.com, Stream 3.

STAT PACK: Medina has scored in a school-record 83 consecutive games. The Medina County record is 120 set by Brunswick from 2000-10.

- Filling in for three-year starter Camden Sokolowski (concussion) at safety, sophomore Korde Carey led the defense with a highlight-reel 54-yard interception return for a touchdown at Wadsworth. Cooper Josiezkyk had nine tackles (1 for loss) and Brayden Smigel added seven with a forced fumble along the sideline.
- Third and fourth downs played a major role at Wadsworth, as Medina converted 3-of-14 third downs and 0-of-5 fourth downs. The Grizzlies converted their first five third downs.
- Linemen Cooper Estes is off to an active start with 19 tackles, including three for loss and two sacks.
- Bishop Burch had his first career catch, a 13-yarder from Beckett Vogrin.

LW: L, 7-51 at Wadsworth. **TW:** vs. Mentor (3-0, 2-11 all time). **NW:** at Brunswick (0-3).



Estes

Wadsworth

DEFENSE			
Player (School)	Tkls	Solo	Asst.
Smigel (H)	42	8	33
Josiezkyk (M)	34	12	22
Combs (C)	33	18	15
A. Gray (C)	26	10	16
Madigan (W)	26	10	16
E. Foust (H)	22	12	11
E. Gray (C)	23	9	14
Barnes (BR)	23	6	17
Avallone (Buc)	22	6	16
Blalain (Buc)	21	10	11
Lettner (C)	19	19	12
Kavulic (BR)	19	6	13
Estes (M)	19	10	9
Gordon (H)	19	10	9

Tackles for loss: Noonan (H) 4½, Chapman (BR) 3½, Porec (BR) 2½, Combs (C) 3½, Zywielec (H) 3½, Polczak (W) 3½, Gordon (H) 3, Josiezkyk (M) 3, Estes (M) 3, Myler (W) 3.

Sacks: Noonan (H) 3½, Polczak (W) 3, Chapman (BR) 2½, Zywielec (H) 2½, Porec (Buc) 2, Estes (M) 2, Steinbrenner (BR) 1½.

Interceptions: Schmidt (Buc) 2, Hurley (M) 2, Madigan (W) 2.

Forced fumbles: Combs (C) 3, Ad. Gray (C) 2, Brookes (C) 2, Steinbrenner (BR) 1, Bungard (BR) 1, Murray (BR) 1, Blalain (Buc) 1, Smigel (H) 1, Diers (W) 1.

Fumble recoveries: Ad. Gray (C) 3, D. Hendershot (BR) 2, Gunkelman (Buc) 2, Chapman (BR) 1, Kees (Buc) 1, Hurley (M) 1, Fletcher (M) 1, Ries (W) 1.

Pass breakups: D. Hendershot (BR) 2, Bungard (BR) 2, Schmidt (Buc) 2, Bogucki (C) 2, Dokkorski (H) 2, Madigan (W) 2, Lemp (W) 2, Hehn (W) 2.

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

Wadsworth

PREVIEW: Joey Pollock needs no introduction to Grizzly fans, as the top returning quarterback in the Suburban League National Conference nearly led the Tigers to a huge upset of the Grizzlies last season. This fall, the physical senior has rushed 36 times for 176 yards while completing 44-of-73 passes for 576 yards.

- Wadsworth has won all eight meetings against Twinsburg since the Suburban League split into divisions in 2015.
- The game tonight will air live on Wadsworth Community Television.

STAT PACK: Five of Calix Lemp's 10 receptions have gone for touchdowns, covering 45, 28, 14, 45 and 69 yards. The junior is second in Medina County with 249 receiving yards despite not playing on offense full time.

- Gavin Madigan had 10 tackles (1 for loss), two interceptions and a pass breakup to lead the defense against Medina. Shawn Kinciad had a 54-yard pick-six, Bryce Polczak sacked Carson DiJulio and Carlos Inestroza hit a receiver to put the ball into the air for Madigan's first INT.
- Inestroza also had three catches for 40 yards on RPO plays.
- Third and fourth downs played a major role against Medina, as the Bears converted 3-of-14 third downs and 0-of-5 fourth downs. The Grizzlies converted their first five third downs.
- Reese Simmons threw a key sideline block that allowed Lemp to score a 69-yard touchdown on the third play against Medina. Madigan also picked up blitzing linebacker Cooper Josiezkyk.
- Wadsworth has allowed fewer than 200 passing yards in 11 straight games.

LW: W, 51-7 vs. Medina. **TW:** at Twinsburg (2-1; 8-0 all time). **NW:** at Brecksville (0-3).



Inestroza

Gazette Pick-It Line

	Overall	14-4	14-4	13-5	13-5
	Last week	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0
Black River at Wellington					
Brunswick at Cleveland Hts.					
Buckeye at North Olmsted					
Cloverleaf at Springfield					
Highland vs. Copley					
Medina vs. Mentor					
Wadsworth at Twinsburg					



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