

# 2025 Football Preview



# 2024 ALL-LEAGUE TEAMS

## All-Cleveland

### West Conference

**Player of the year** — Trey Widenmeyer (Buckeye)  
**Offensive player of the year** — Trey Widenmeyer (Buckeye)  
**Defensive player of the year** — Matthew Chalkwater (North Olmsted)  
**Lineman of the year** — Liam Albright (Day)  
**Specialist of the year** — Stephen Cain (Rocky River)  
**Coach of the year** — Greg Finneman (Buckeye)

**First team**  
**Day** — Liam Albright (OT, sr.), Billy Vilmont (LB, sr.), Rocco Emdiano (RB, jr.), Buckeye — Trey Widenmeyer (TE/DE, sr.), Troy McCann (RB, sr.), Travis Avalone (LB, sr.), Nick Sabban (S, sr.), Danny Becchetti (S, sr.), Matt Gansman (OG, sr.), Lukewood — Andy Holt (CB, sr.), Jackson Comer (OT/DT, sr.), Normandy — Elijah Gray (QB, sr.), North Olmsted — Matthew Chalkwater (RB/LB, sr.), Michael Passafiume (RB/LB, sr.), Brandon Bonham (OL, sr.), Braydon Pavus (PS, sr.), Rocky River — Cam Bukowski (WR, sr.), Ben Bogre (OLB, sr.), Josh Myers (QB, sr.), Stephen Cain (K, sr.), Ryan Taylor (DB, jr.), Valley Forge — Earl Tappe (RB/FS, jr.), Cam Wadsworth (RB/FS, sr.), Westlake — Sam Brochetti (CB, sr.).

**Second team**  
**Day** — Charlie Rodgers (CB, jr.), Evan Mandelino (OL, sr.), Michael Foreman (OL, jr.), Buckeye — Roman Krettl (OLB, jr.), Victor Shevchenko (OT, sr.), Derek Snyderburn (OLB, jr.), Jack Swank (OG, sr.), Ryan Wilhelm (RB, jr.), Lukewood — Vasilchev Davis (OG/DB, sr.), Riley Verderer (TE/DE, sr.), Normandy — Caleb Doubrava (LB, sr.), Austin Simmons (TE/DE, sr.), North Olmsted — Jason Pierce (OL, jr.), Tanner Thorne (OL, sr.), Tommy Houtall (DB, sr.), Mitchell Jones (OL, jr.), Rocky River — Oran Grive (WR, sr.), Michael Virgil (S, jr.), Will Sewany (OT, sr.), Steven McHenry (OL, jr.), Alex Van Meter (OL, jr.), Valley Forge — Ethan Antropy (TE/FS, sr.), Nathan Clark (OL, sr.), Owen Bauman (TE/OL, jr.), Westlake — Sammy Salem (OG/DT, sr.).

**Honorable mention** (Buckeye only)  
**Buckeye** — Turner Costa (DB, jr.), Dalen Martin (WR/DB, sr.), Landon Poreo (DB, sr.).

## All-Greater Cleveland

### Conference

**Offensive player of the year** — Scotty

**Fox (Metro)**  
**Defensive players of the year** — Cooper Josefczyk (Medina), Caden Clair (Mentor)

**Special teams player of the year** — Dylan Tackett (Mentor)  
**Coach of the year** — Matt Gray (Mentor)

**First team**  
**Brunswick** — Sean Barnett (QB, jr.), Cooper Noel (RB/WR, sr.), El Nichols (OL, jr.), Colin Kraso (OT/OL, sr.), Cleveland Heights — Marcus Davis (RB, sr.), Doshawn Phillips (LB, sr.), Jason Owens (OL, sr.), Euclid — Ke'Shuan Idar (WRB, sr.), Conley Hill (OL, jr.), Jason Gilmore (LB, sr.), Medina — Cooper Josefczyk (LB, sr.), Tammy Prack (OL, sr.), Curtis Hartmann (OL, sr.), Talen Huxley (S, sr.), Mentor — Scott Fox (DB, sr.), Caden Clair (LB, sr.), Dylan Tackett (K, sr.), James Hodge (WR, jr.), Austin Van Hise (WR, sr.), Jackson Farley (RB, sr.), Colin Pichard (OL, sr.), Spencer Barnhart (LB, sr.), Joey Vrege (LB, sr.), Shaker Heights — Emory Landrum (OL/OL, jr.), James Wood (LB, jr.), Cornell Board (OLB, sr.), Strongsville — Storm Miller (DB/FS, jr.), Rocky Schur (OL, sr.), Sam Dimacchia (RB, sr.), Austin Adams (OL, sr.).

**Honorable mention**  
**Brunswick** — Nick Lloyd (OL, sr.), Hayden Swann (WR, sr.), Cleveland Heights — Eliph Harris (RB, jr.), Landon Pol (TE, sr.), Euclid — Eliph Harris (OL, sr.), Jerry Hecman (OL, sr.), Medina — Brian Wuchter (WR, jr.), Kellen Hathaway (WR, jr.), Mentor — Ben McWilliams (OL, sr.), Gavin Berger (S, sr.), Shaker Heights — Ben Gulgulji (LB, sr.), Andy Benincosa (OL/OL, sr.), Strongsville — Nolan Board (CB, sr.), Quentin Young (OL, jr.).

## All-Lorain County League

**Offensive player of the year** — Zach Shackelford (Keyston)  
**Defensive player of the year** — Troy Moore (Wellington)  
**Offensive lineman of the year** — Chase Voge (Columbus)  
**Defensive lineman of the year** — Josiah Longo (Clearview)  
**Coach of the year** — Don Griswold (Keyston)

**First team**  
**Black River** — Seth Gaspar (RB, sr.), Ryan Grasso (OL, sr.), Alex Woolton (DB, sr.), Owen Chapman (OL, sr.), Brookside — Tyler Kitzberger (LB, sr.), Clearview — Josiah Longo (OL, sr.), Cy Christensen (OL, jr.), J.C. Hill (RB, sr.), Murry Moore (OL, jr.), Isaiah Garcia (DB, sr.), Tilden Letiche (LB, jr.), Columbus — Chase Voge (OL, sr.), Jimmy

Straley (DB, jr.), Nate Chapman (OL, sr.), Ambrose Beach (P, sr.), Jack Westcott (OL, sr.), Grant Johnson (DB, sr.), Logan Munge (OL, sr.), Justin Smith (OL, sr.), Firelands — Caden Scott (RB, sr.), Noah Angle (OL, sr.), Michael Lewis (LB, sr.), Keystone — Zach Shackelford (QB, sr.), Wyatt McKee (RB, sr.), Gabe Whitner (OL, sr.), Shane Ott (LB, sr.), Mason Fair (OL, sr.), Oberlin — Drew Valter (LB, sr.), Wellington — Troy Moore (LB, jr.), John Kimer (WR, sr.).

**Second team**  
**Black River** — Colton Moskal (OL, sr.), Brookside — Nick Ama (DB, sr.), Clearview — Kameron Williams (RB/LB, sr.), Tyler Chapman (WR/DB, sr.), Columbus — Gabe Marana (OLB, sr.), Mason Goodman (PS, DT, sr.), Jose Rivera (RB/LB, jr.), Firelands — C.J. Giles (OLB, sr.), Patrick Galt (OL/OL, sr.), Keystone — Tyler Ott (WR, sr.), Trevor Stachura (CB, sr.), Jordan Palmer (OL/OL, sr.), Kaleo Scott (WR/DB, sr.), Wyatt Rose (WR/DB, sr.), Oberlin — Jak Steven Windham (WR/DB, sr.), Wellington — Connor Sheppard (WR/DB, sr.).

**Honorable mention**  
**Black River** — Lukas Steinbrunner (OL, sr.), Brookside — Neen Adams (K, sr.), Clearview — Anthony Lachman (OL/OL, sr.), Columbus — Dan Makino (LB, sr.), Firelands — Jimmy Berry (RB/LB, jr.), Keystone — John Falzay (OL, sr.), Oberlin — Tommy Boyer (RB/LB, sr.), Wellington — Nathan Krosse (OL/OL, sr.).

## All-Metro Athletic Conference

**Offensive player of the year** — Cohen Kimak (Streetsboro)  
**Defensive player of the year** — Jackson Oda (Streetsboro)  
**Lineman of the year** — Arthur Scott II (Streetsboro)  
**Coaches of the year** — Matt Furino (Field), Pete Thompson (Streetsboro)

**First team**  
**Cloverleaf** — Owen Price (OL, sr.), Isaac Smith (QB/WR, sr.), Braydon Deier (TE, sr.), Ethan Gray (RB, jr.), Field — Cameron Ruckelshaus (OL, sr.), Duane McAnis (RB, sr.), Mike Peepie (WR, sr.), Logan Roberts (OL, sr.), Blake Sunderman (LB, jr.), Victor Brown (CB, sr.), Norton — Buddy Willig (QB, jr.), Jason Beverly (RB, sr.), Isaac Hunter (WR, jr.), Mason Hill (OL, jr.), Markus Brown (LB, jr.), Aidan Williams (DB, jr.), Colin Stirling (K, sr.), Ravens — Dorian Thompson (RB/WR, sr.), Bobby Miller (OL, sr.), Streetsboro — Peter Corly (OL, sr.), Trent Dewitt (DB, jr.), Copley — Gabriel Mansel (QB, sr.), Andrew McIntyre (WR, jr.), Lucas Tesch (OT, jr.).

**Council (DB, sr.), Jayce Fiedor (OL, sr.), Tince**  
Harrison (LB, sr.), Manny Gibson (DB, jr.), Ayden Kneube (DB, jr.), Logan Sadowsky (K, sr.), Woodridge — Brady Taylor (OL, jr.), Nicholas Mui (OL, jr.), Braden Motzke (LB, sr.), Leon Cross (DB, sr.).

**Second team**  
**Cloverleaf** — Royce Zivick (OL, sr.), Clay Combe (RB/LB, sr.), Kellen Price (WR/DB, sr.), Dylan Witsman (OL, sr.), Adam Gray (LB, sr.), Tresh Bogacki (WR/DB, sr.), Coventry — Aden Boylan (OL, jr.), Field — Peyton Anderson (QB, sr.), Mason Wetzel (OL, sr.), Kian Cunningham (LB, sr.), Cedric Martin (DB, jr.), Alex Grimm (K, sr.), Norton — Dominic Higgins (OL, jr.), Tyler Koper (TE, sr.), Danton Adair (OL, sr.), Connor Finkner (LB, sr.), Ravens — Lashon Akeem (WR, jr.), Kion Fenton (OL, jr.), Jason Kelly (LB, sr.), C.J. Ross (DB, jr.), Springfield — Brady Lang (KR, jr.), Streetsboro — Jon Dixon (OL, sr.), James Cook (RB, jr.), Logan Finkner (RB, sr.), Woodridge — Andrew Sull (WR, jr.), Gavin Lynch (CB/FS, sr.), Everett Norton (LB, jr.), Dominic Dunlap (LB, jr.), Kai Jones (DB, sr.), Nassir Adhikari (LB/DB, sr.).

**Honorable mention**  
**Cloverleaf** — Aulton Gray (OL, sr.), Jimmy Tooley (OL, sr.), Coventry — Ben Blackett (OT, sr.), Bryce White-Heldman (OT, sr.), Field — Braylon Ruckelshaus (DB, sr.), Andrew Philip (OL, sr.), Norton — Adam Bloom (DB, sr.), Chase Bowman (RB, sr.), Ravens — Amos Mansel (DB, jr.), Bradley Davis (OL, sr.), Springfield — Martin Thurston (OL, jr.), Dish Manor (OL, sr.), Streetsboro — Deneith Fuller (OL, sr.), Tyler Karia (OL, sr.), Woodridge — Aden Smith (OT, sr.), Rayner Moore (K, sr.).

## All-Suburban League

**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**  
**Offensive player of the year** — Casey Myzer (Highland)  
**Defensive players of the year** — Mack Manderbach (Aurora), Ryan Zywic (Highland)  
**Lineman of the year** — Canon Noonan (Highland)  
**Specialist of the year** — Caleb Reitsnyder (Highland)  
**Coach of the year** — Mike Gibbons (Highland)

**First team**  
**Aurora** — Lucas Shewchuk (RB/DE, sr.), Alec Brooker (TE/DE, sr.), Matthew Copley (OT/DT, sr.), Ryan Dwyer (GB/PS, sr.), Ben Lukask (WR/DB, sr.), Zach Pannett (WR/DB, sr.), Tommy Tardella (PS/LB, sr.), Barbenton — Peter Corly (OL, sr.), Trent Dewitt (DB, jr.), Copley — Gabriel Mansel (QB, sr.), Andrew McIntyre (WR, jr.), Lucas Tesch (OT, jr.).

**Cuyahoga Falls** — Gavanna Tuttle (DB, sr.), Highland — Casey Myzer (OT, sr.), Ryan Zywic (OT/DT, sr.), Canon Noonan (OT/DE, sr.), Brady Banda (OG, sr.), Jameson Gordon (LB, jr.), Lucas Gerding (WR/LB, jr.), Ben Coyne (OT, sr.), Dylan Boria (DB, sr.), Evan Foust (TE/LB, sr.), Garrett Phillips (S, sr.), Ravens — Luca Farns (QB, sr.), Brody Band (OL, sr.), Joe Rozak (OL, OL, sr.), Streetsboro — Gavin Corbett (OL, OL, sr.), Cyle Foran (LB, sr.), Tallmadge — Caleb Reitsnyder (K, sr.), Amos Yasin (OL/OL, sr.), Ruben Reed (WR/DB, jr.), James Robinson (RB/LB, sr.), Tylan Natcher (OL/TE, OL, sr.), Mike Sprague (OL/LB, sr.).

**Second team**  
**Aurora** — Xavier Hant (RB, jr.), Brody Markle (OL/OL, sr.), Dan Shumtizer (WR, DB, sr.), Cole Walton (RB/LB, sr.), Barbenton — Sean Wright (RB, jr.), Josiah Wigh (TE, OL, sr.), Brian McCougal (OL/OL, sr.), Korday Taylor (DB, sr.), Copley — Doreen Cook (K, jr.), Colin Witherspoon (DB, jr.), Rhaelach Chids (LB, jr.), Jacob Kuchawski (WR, sr.), Cuyahoga Falls — Nick Robinson (TE/LB, sr.), Canon Royce (OL/OL, sr.), Highland — Caleb McKen (TE/DE, sr.), Joey Messina (OG, jr.), Nick Delekewski (WR/DB, sr.), Kyle Williams (WR/DB, sr.), Kaden Whiting (LB, sr.), Ravens — Roman Kinn (RB/OL, sr.), Aaron French (WR/DB, sr.), Aden Mize (OL/OL, sr.), Brian Sador (OL/OL, sr.), Roosevelt — Jaden Ports (WR/DB, jr.), Maxwell Froman (OL/OL, sr.), Carter Foreman (OL/LB, sr.), Tallmadge — Riley Madena (RB/LB, sr.), Roman Fields (OL, sr.), Tracey Franklin (WR/LB/DB, jr.), Bryan Reardon (OL/OL, sr.).

**Honorable mention**  
**Aurora** — Reid Adams (OL, sr.), Ewan Deacon (OL/OL, sr.), Ethan Key (DB, sr.), Copley — Harper Brooks (OL, sr.), Xavier Cantile (OL, sr.), Cuyahoga Falls — Trent Pachuga (OL, sr.), Joey Earl (QB, sr.), Highland — Cody Rumbus (OT, jr.), Canon Foust (OL, sr.), Ravens — Joni Blanchard (RB/DB, sr.), James Perry (RB/LB, jr.), Roosevelt — Jaden Derrison (WR/DB, sr.), Patrick Barkey (OL/OL, sr.), Tallmadge — Ryan Lovvies (QB, sr.), Caleb Kendrick (WR, DB, sr.).

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**Offensive player of the year** — Ben Cheater (Northridge)  
**Defensive player of the year** — Jacob Barrett (Hawthorn)  
**Lineman of the year** — Jake Clapper (Hudson)  
**Specialist of the year** — Sasha Sanjurjo (North Royalton)  
**Coaches of the year** — Justin Todd (Wadsworth), Nick Cull (North Royalton)

**First team**  
**Brecksville** — Nate Garto (OL/OL, sr.), Frank Aquila (RB/LB, sr.), Jacob Elovich (RB, jr.), Hudson — Jake Clapper (OL/OL, sr.), Joe Cavalcanti (DB, sr.), Brennan Fuyak (RB/LB, jr.), Nathan Joy (DB, jr.), Rano Fori (RB, sr.), Nordonia — Ben Clouser (DB, sr.), Grant Letiche (OT/DT, sr.), Jordan Jackson (OT, sr.), Khylin Oshay (RB/DB, sr.), Blake Allen (DB, sr.), Rocco Delorenzo (RB, sr.), North Royalton — Sasha Sanjurjo (K, sr.), Martin Vlasco (RB, sr.), Joe Kinner (DB, sr.), Brady Basy (LB, sr.), Dennis Oresko (OT, sr.), Jack Buckshor (DB, sr.), Joey Calero (WR, sr.), Nick Pizera (WR, jr.), Solon — Braden Springer (DB, sr.), Sean Richardson (OL/LB, sr.), Stow — Caden Boyd (RB/LB, sr.), Jon Jones (OL/OL, sr.), Tinsburg — Joey Pollock (DB, sr.), J.D. Okuma (WR/DB, jr.), Wadsworth — Jacob Earnest (LB, jr.), Calix Lamp (WR/DB, jr.), Cooper Gray (RB, jr.), Gavin Madigan (RB/FS, sr.), El Kaufman (OT, sr.), Gabe Ludke (OG, jr.), Brady O'Connor (OG/LB, sr.), Troy Myers (OL, sr.).

**Second team**  
**Brecksville** — Cayden Flahar (DB, sr.), Peter Chermova (WR/DB, sr.), Carson Zaklar (WR/DB, jr.), Ray McPherson (OL/OL, sr.), Hudson — Isaac Castellani (WR/DB, jr.), Foster Jones (OL/OL, sr.), Jackson Bulbaly (OL/OL, sr.), Nathaniel Coates (TE/LB, sr.), Nordonia — Caleb Akers (LB, sr.), Vince Natali (S, sr.), Ben Bolas (DB, sr.), Danny Oaks (WR/DB, sr.), North Royalton — Sam Haley (OT, sr.), Brian Housh (OT, sr.), Steve Wilmer (LB, jr.), Roman Gambo (LB, jr.), Solon — Brady Bush (TE/DE, sr.), Brock Stone (LB, sr.), Stow — Davon Arnold (OL, sr.), George Portus (OL, sr.), Jake Hamilton (OL/OL, sr.), Ryan Aceemon (TE, jr.), Tinsburg — Rob Hanson (WR/DB, jr.), R.J. Ruffin (WR, DB, jr.), Wadsworth — Bryson Hall (DB, sr.), Shawn Knad (LB, sr.), Zach Wise (OL, sr.), Bryce Polkacz (DB, sr.).

**Honorable mention**  
**Brecksville** — Edan Rice (OL/OL, sr.), Nate Hanger (WR, sr.), Hudson — Anthony Pashuk (WR/DB, sr.), Nordonia — Owen Smok (WR/DB, sr.), Liam Kourtz (RB, sr.), North Royalton — Giancarlo Gualay (OG, jr.), Logan Straite (OL, sr.), Solon — A.J. Jefferson (RB, jr.), Cooper Walker (WR, DB, sr.), Stow — Peyton Gervase (LB, sr.), Nick Hoxey (OL, sr.), Tinsburg — William Cunningham (OL/OL, sr.), Ben Brulzer (TE/DE, jr.), Wadsworth — Tommy Hohn (WR/DB, jr.), Jude Haler (S, sr.).

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## Passing the test

With talented freshman quarterback Dom Bell in the fold surrounded by veteran pass catchers, Black River is going all in with an RPO-style offense. Whether the lines on both sides of the ball hold up will decide how successful Black River will be, but there are enough returnees to be competitive.



**Still rebuilding**  
Coming off a 3-8 season, Brunswick is looking to make progress under energetic second-year coach Kole Carter. All-GCC quarterback Sean Barnett is expected to be the offensive centerpiece, while the defense boasts an experienced secondary. The middle tier of the GCC appears to be wide open, giving the Blue Devils optimism.

## Tradition of excellence

Despite losing record-breakers Troy McCann and Trey Widenmeyer, Buckeye has a ton of key talent back in the fold and will be favored to repeat in the Cleveland West Conference. Turner Dolata, Roman Krettl and Ryan Wilhelm lead the offense, while the defensive boasts experienced linebackers Krettl, Wilhelm and Derek Snyderburn.



**Junior jolt**  
A rash of injuries held back the Colts in 2024, but a bunch of experience at the skill positions — mainly running back Ethan Gray, quarterback Isaac Smith and receivers Kellen Price and Ashton Gray — gives them reason for optimism this fall. Cloverleaf still has question marks up front and on defense, but the Colts feel confident they can take a step forward and finish in the top half of the Metro Athletic Conference.

## Still favorites

First-team All-Ohio running back Casey Myser, Evan Foust, Jameson Gordon, Lucas Gerding and Co. will keep Highland the clear favorite in the Suburban League American Conference. The Hornets need to rebuild their unbelievable lines from a year ago but appear poised to remain in the thick of the Division II, Region 6 championship race.



**Moving forward**  
With a nightmare 2024 in the review mirror, Medina is looking to get back on track behind athletic left-hander River Blomquist slinging the rock to multiple experienced receivers, including Brian Wuchter and Sydney Lloyd. The defense was gutted by graduation, but a bit of an easier schedule could help the Bees' turnaround.

## The final chapter

Grizzlies fans have waited years for this moment, as the deep senior class with tremendous leadership has dreams of dethroning Avon as Division II, Region 6 champion. All-Ohioans Gavin Madigan, Calix Lamp and Jacob Earnest headline a roster that also boasts sophomore quarterback Brysen Hall, quick-cutting running back Cooper Gray, bruising guard Gabe Ludtke and a host of other returning starters.



**On the cover**  
A top player from each of the seven Medina County schools was selected to be featured on the 2025 Gazette Football Preview cover. They are, by school: Black River lineman Colton Moskal, Brunswick H-back/defensive end El Nichols, Buckeye running back/linebacker Roman Krettl, Cloverleaf running back/linebacker Ethan Gray, Highland running back Casey Myser, Medina wide receiver Brian Wuchter and Wadsworth H-back/linebacker Jacob Earnest. The cover illustration and inside photos are by freelance photographers Aaron Josefczyk, Nick Cammett, Russ Gifford and Trisha Krakowski.

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# HIGHLAND HORNETS

## HISTORY LESSON

All-time record: 381-341-10.  
Record vs. current county teams: 73-80-6.  
Record vs. all county teams: 79-80-5.

Coaches, records: Augie Rios (1952-71), Tom Bangert (1953-54), 10-5-1, Jim Tyson (1955-8-3), Wes Crie (1956-1958) 4-20-2, Bill Horn (1959-60) 8-8, Dave Beckman (1961-64) 18-22-3, Jim Wagner (1965-68) 0-9, Phil Hahn (1969-72), 16-2, Bob McFarland (1969-72), 34-9-2, Dave Ring (1973-77), 32-17-1, Dick Fletcher (1978-82) 22-27-1, Joe Paul (1983-85), 1992-94, 13-47, Dave Roetter (1986-91) 20-40, John Hopkins (1992-01) 30-44, Tim Snook (2002-08) 19-31, Tom Lombardo (2007-14) 61-29, Mike Gibbons (2015-present) 84-30.

Best season: 2013 — 13-1 (D-II state semifinals).

Worst season: 1985 — 0-10.

Best 10-year period: 1966-75 — 75-15-3 (80%).

Worst 10-year period: 1986-95 — 23-77 (23%).

Most points in game: 88 vs. Copley, 2023.

Most points allowed in game: 72 vs. Orville, 1964.

Biggest margin of victory: 88-14 vs. Copley, 2023.

Biggest margin of defeat: 72-6 vs. Orville, 1964.

Most common opponent: Revere (70 games, 34 wins, 1 tie).

Who they own: 12-1 vs. Columbia.

Who owns them: 1-9-2 vs. Black River.

Conferences: Suburban League American Conference 1966-67.

1976-present (championships — 2024, 2022, 2013, 2008, 2001, 1979).

Inland Conference 1968-75 (championships — 1975, 1974, 1969, 1968, 1967, 1966).

Chippewa Conference 1963-64 (championships — none).

Medina County League 1952-55 (championships — 1955, 1952).

## STARTING LINEUP

| Offense |                |     |     |
|---------|----------------|-----|-----|
| Pos.    | Player         | Ht. | Wt. |
| QB      | Orville Gills  | 6-0 | 195 |
| RB      | Casey Myers    | 6-2 | 215 |
| RB      | Nick Dobkowski | 6-4 | 205 |
| WR      | Lucas Gering   | 6-0 | 185 |
| WR      | John Foust     | 6-0 | 175 |
| TE      | Jameson Gordon | 6-0 | 225 |
| LT      | Joey Foust     | 6-0 | 200 |
| LG      | Joey Foust     | 6-0 | 200 |
| LC      | Joey Foust     | 6-0 | 200 |
| RT      | Joey Foust     | 6-0 | 200 |
| RG      | Joey Foust     | 6-0 | 200 |
| RE      | Joey Foust     | 6-0 | 200 |
| Defense |                |     |     |
| Pos.    | Player         | Ht. | Wt. |
| DE      | Dan Miller     | 6-2 | 215 |
| DE      | Dan Miller     | 6-2 | 215 |
| DE      | Dan Miller     | 6-2 | 215 |
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## ROSTER

| No. | Player         | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. |
|-----|----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1   | Dylan Lutz     | QB   | 6-0 | 195 | F   |
| 2   | Jameson Gordon | TE   | 6-0 | 225 | F   |
| 3   | Lucas Gering   | WR   | 6-0 | 185 | F   |
| 4   | Anthony DeHorn | WR   | 6-0 | 185 | F   |
| 5   | John Foust     | WR   | 6-0 | 175 | F   |
| 6   | Nick Dobkowski | RB   | 6-4 | 205 | F   |
| 7   | Casey Myers    | RB   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 8   | Ryan Zeller    | QB   | 6-0 | 195 | F   |
| 9   | Joey Foust     | LT   | 6-0 | 200 | F   |
| 10  | Joey Foust     | LG   | 6-0 | 200 | F   |
| 11  | Joey Foust     | LC   | 6-0 | 200 | F   |
| 12  | Joey Foust     | RT   | 6-0 | 200 | F   |
| 13  | Joey Foust     | RG   | 6-0 | 200 | F   |
| 14  | Joey Foust     | RE   | 6-0 | 200 | F   |
| 15  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 16  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 17  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 18  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 19  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 20  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 21  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 22  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 23  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 24  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 25  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 26  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 27  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 28  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 29  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 30  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 31  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 32  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 33  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 34  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 35  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 36  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 37  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 38  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 39  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 40  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 41  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 42  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 43  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 44  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 45  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 46  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 47  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 48  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 49  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
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| 72  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 73  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 74  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 75  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 76  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 77  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 78  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 79  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 80  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
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| 94  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 95  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 96  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 97  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
| 98  | Joey Foust     | DE   | 6-2 | 215 | F   |
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## BY THE NUMBERS

4 Consecutive seasons allowing fewer than 200 yards per game.

6 Turnovers committed in 2024, a county low by a wide margin.

390 Career points for Casey Myers, ranking fourth in Medina County history.



Linebacker  
Jameson Gordon

# Leadership role

Gordon seeking to be go-to guy on defense

Rick Noland  
The Gazette

Highland linebacker Jameson Gordon loved playing behind All-Ohio linemen Carson Noonan and Ryan Zywiec last season, but there was one negative: They were so good they took away a bunch of his tackles.

Despite the fact the first-team defense wasn't on the field a lot because it got a ton of three-and-outs and often sat in the second half of Suburban League American Conference blowouts, Noonan, a two-time first-team Division II All-Ohio pick and 2024 Gazette co-MVP with Highland running back Casey Myers, led Medina County with 10½ sacks and was second with 20 tackles for loss. Zywiec, an All-Gazette pick and second-team All-Ohio choice, led the area with 21½ TFLs and was second with 9½ sacks.

Both graduated, so now it's time for the 6-foot-3, 225-pound Gordon to shine as a senior.

"It's going to be different, for sure," the long but strong 17-year-old said. "A bunch of times last year, especially with Ryan Zywiec, I would be right there ready to make a tackle and he was so quick he would get there before me. I'm excited this year to get all the tackles he stole from me."

"With Carson, the biggest thing I noticed from him is the amount of times he was double-teamed and nobody would block me. We've got some guys this year who aren't as big, but they're super quick. I think we'll be pretty well off."

Once again playing next to All-Gazette linebacker Evan Foust, who led Highland with 88 tackles a year ago, Gordon is out to improve on an honorable mention All-Gazette

"What I like about being in the middle of the defense is I get a chance to make a play on every single play. I'm also one of the best communicators on the team, so I can get everyone together and make sure everyone is in the right spot."

Jameson Gordon

zette season that saw him record 73 tackles, 7½ tackles for loss and one sack. He also forced two fumbles and had six pass breakups as the Hornets went 13-1 overall and 7-0 in the SL American.

"He's a longer kid, but he's got a good frame," Hornets coach Mike Gibbons said. "He's very athletic and he's got very good instincts. He likes contact, which you want. There's a lot to like about him."

(Noonan and Zywiec) made so many plays at level one last year that people didn't get to level two, so he's going to have to step up and make a lot of plays this year. He's done a phenomenal job this offseason. He's gone at it seven days a week and put himself in good position to lead the team."

Laid back off the field but loud and boisterous on it, Gordon, who has scholarship offers from Walsh University and several other D-II colleges and has heard from a number of Mid-American Conference schools, is eager to meet the challenge.

"What I like about being in the

middle of the defense is I get a chance to make a play on every single play," he said. "I'm also one of the best communicators on the team, so I can get everyone together and make sure everyone is in the right spot. I try to be as downhill and fast as possible so I can make plays behind the line of scrimmage. I try my best not to take any false steps and go right to the ball."

Gordon, who can bench press 315 pounds, squat 515 and deadlift 470, also watches a lot of film and uses the brain that has helped him compile a 4.2 grade-point average.

"I'm constantly watching film, so I have a jump on what the play is before it even starts," he said. "I'm definitely not afraid to come down and hit somebody. I'm bigger than most people, which helps me with driving through the ball carrier. I'm just very physical."

In his third year on the varsity, Gordon was a part of Highland teams that lost to Avon, which won the D-II state title in 2024, in the regional finals the last two years.

"Our coaches are constantly on us and we all know we haven't earned anything yet," he said. "It's going to be different this year, but we still mean business and we're still one of the best teams in Ohio."

"We'd love to get past Avon. We've got to keep taking those steps up and keep working at it. We actively put in defenses thinking of Avon in the preseason. We're taking it one game at a time, but Avon is always in the back of our minds."

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## SEASON OUTLOOK

COACH: Mike Gibbons.  
Age: 42. College: Mount Union (06). Overall record: 95-41 (13th season). Record at Highland: 84-30 (11th season).

ASSISTANTS: Chris Meyer (defensive coordinator), Jordan Gribble (wide receivers), Mike Netting (safeties/special teams), Kenny Fritz (line), Nate Bracey (running backs), Tristan Dool (defensive line), Dominic Lombardi (cornerbacks).

DIVISION II, Region 6 (enrollment: 432 boys).  
LEAGUE: Suburban American Conference American Conference (since 1976; titles in '79, '01, '08, '13, '22, '24).

PLAYOFF APPEARANCES: 2000 (D-II regional semifinals), 2001 (D-II regional semifinals), 2008 (D-II regional runner-up), 2009 (D-II first round), 2011 (D-II first round), 2013 (D-II state semifinals), 2014 (D-II first round), 2015 (D-II first round), 2017 (D-II regional semifinals), 2020 (D-II second round), 2021 (D-II regional semifinals), 2022 (D-II regional semifinals), 2023 (D-II regional finals), 2024 (D-II regional finals).

LAST SEASON: 13-1, 7-0 (1st in SL American).

BEST OF THE BEST: Reigning Gazette co-MVP Casey Myers needs no introduction after racking up school records for rushing yards (2,130), yards from scrimmage (2,688), rushing TDs (39) and total TDs (46) last season. The senior needs 141 points and 18 touchdowns to break the area records set by Medina County Sports Hall of Famer Andrew Vaughn (500, 82 of Black River).

● Evan Foust was the county's most productive sophomore in 2024, embracing the move from running back to H-back and posting 28 catches, 577 yards and five TDs to go with a team-leading 88 tackles. Gibbons has come up with new wrinkles to get him more involved offensively, so expect those numbers to rise.

● Jameson Gordon looks like a team light and at 6-foot-3, 225 pounds and uses that frame to step into the backfield and create chaos at linebacker. His skill set, which is similar to 2019 Wadsworth grad and Mount Union All-American Mason McMillen, allows him to cover a lot of ground.

STRENGTHS: The offense has all the skill position depth necessary to remain elite. New quarterback, Grady Gibb is extremely similar to record-breaking 2024 starter Dylan Boria, while possession receiver Nick Dobkowski, slot receiver Lucas Gering and Foust will have plenty of opportunities to make big plays with defenses geared up to stop Myers.

● Starting linebackers Gordon and Foust and monster back Kallen Whitting (59 tackles) return. Those three combined for 220 tackles and are equally stout against the run and pass.

● Jonah Kowza is rapidly becoming one of the top class of 2027 kicking prospects in the county. The All-Gazette pick can split the uprights on kicks and has a field goal range pushing 55 yards. Landon Kuzma also has a gigantic leg with 50-yard field goal range and the ability to boom 55-yard punts.

QUESTION MARKS: Replacing four starters from one of the best county offensive lines in recent memory won't be easy. Left tackle Josh Messina is the lone returnee and Cody Bendau stood out at right guard during the preseason, but plenty of work still must be done.

● The same concern applies to D-line that brings back only Bendau at tackle. Graduated Carson Noonan and Ryan Zywiec wrecked games by themselves, but fall — they had 4½ of the Hornets' 73 tackles for loss — while this season's group will be more focused on playing fundamentally sound to keep attacking lanes open for the linebackers.

● A fascinating opening four games against McDowell (Pa.), Hudson, Avon Lake and Aurora will reveal a lot about where the Hornets are in their development, because the final six games of the regular season could be won via running clock. The matchup with the Explorers is especially intriguing since this is considered to be Hudson's best team in a decade.

THE SKINNY: Tremendous all-around depth at the skill positions keeps Highland the SL American favorite. While asking the Hornets to go undefeated again in the regular season is difficult considering the beefed-up non-league schedule, they are clearly in the second tier of Region 6 behind heavy favorite Avon.

PREDICTION: 9-1.

— Albert Grindie

## PLAYOFF HISTORY

| Year | Day/Ref | Round | Opponent            | Site              | Score    |
|------|---------|-------|---------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1992 | 2-10-92 | R-FR  | N.M. Springfield    | N.M. Springfield  | L-6-20   |
| 1992 | 2-10-92 | R-FR  | Western State       | Albuquerque, N.M. | L-6-24   |
| 2023 | 2-10-23 | R-FR  | Western State       | W. Reservoir      | W-17-24  |
| 2023 | 2-10-23 | R-FR  | Columbia Grove      | Columbia Grove    | W-24-20  |
| 1991 | 2-10-91 | R-FR  | East Central        | Black River       | W-17-24  |
| 1991 | 2-10-91 | R-FR  | East Central        | Black River       | W-17-24  |
| 2023 | 2-10-23 | R-FR  | Columbia            | Columbia          | L-7-17   |
| 2023 | 2-10-23 | R-FR  | Wexford             | Wexford           | L-10-24  |
| 2017 | 2-10-17 | R-SF  | N. Hesperus         | N. Hesperus       | W-46-13  |
| 2016 | 2-10-16 | R-SF  | Black River         | Black River       | W-44-13  |
| 2016 | 2-10-16 | R-SF  | Grain Valley        | Grain Valley      | W-45-13  |
| 2016 | 2-10-16 | R-SF  | Grain Valley        | Grain Valley      | W-45-13  |
| 2016 | 2-10-16 | R-SF  | Black River         | Black River       | W-45-13  |
| 2011 | 2-10-11 | R-SF  | Uppur Lake          | Uppur Lake        | L-16-26  |
| 2011 | 2-10-11 | R-SF  | Black River         | Black River       | W-29-24  |
| 2011 | 2-10-11 | R-SF  | Manchester          | Manchester        | W-29-24  |
| 2011 | 2-10-11 | R-SF  | Black River         | Black River       | W-29-24  |
| 2003 | 2-10-03 | R-SF  | Tilway              | Woolter           | W-21-24  |
| 2003 | 2-10-03 | R-SF  | Cerrito             | Black River       | W-21-24  |
| 2003 | 2-10-03 | R-SF  | East Central        | Black River       | W-21-24  |
| 1999 | 2-10-99 | R-F   | St. Peter           | Loan              | 20-10-19 |
| 1999 | 2-10-99 | R-F   | St. Peter           | Loan              | 20-10-19 |
| 1999 | 2-10-99 | R-F   | South Range         | Stow              | 41-11    |
| 1999 | 2-10-99 | R-F   | South Range         | Stow              | 41-11    |
| 1998 | 2-10-98 | R-SF  | Huron               | Loan              | 15-21    |
| 1998 | 2-10-98 | R-SF  | Wendover            | Wendover          | L-20-24  |
| 1986 | 2-10-86 | R-SF  | Loan                | Loan              | L-18-24  |
| 1986 | 2-10-86 | R-SF  | St. Francis Aquinas | Mass. Perry       | L-18-24  |



### Highland's Lucas Gerding

|      |      |       |                  |             |          |
|------|------|-------|------------------|-------------|----------|
| 1996 | D-V3 | R-SF  | Massillon        | U. of Akron | W, 71-41 |
| 1996 | D-V2 | ST-F  | St. Ignace       | Massillon   | L, 21-44 |
| 1996 | D-V2 | ST-SF | Columbus         | Gahanna     | W, 7-44  |
| 1996 | D-V2 | R-F   | Tol. St. Francis | Sandusky    | W, 48-13 |
| 1996 | D-V2 | R-F   | Tol. St. John's  | Sandusky    | W, 31-2  |
| 1987 | D-V2 | R-F   | Sandusky         | B-W         | L, 14-2  |
| 1987 | D-V2 | R-SF  | Hoover           | U. of Akron | W, 21-41 |

| Year | Div | Reg | Round | Opponent         | Site        | Score    |
|------|-----|-----|-------|------------------|-------------|----------|
| 2024 | D   | 110 | R-1F  | Padua Franciscan | Buckeye     | L, 34-31 |
| 2024 | D   | 110 | R-1F  | Norfolk          | Buckeye     | W, 42-30 |
| 2023 | D   | 110 | R-1F  | Tiffin Columbian | Bellvue     | L, 0-3   |
| 2023 | D   | 110 | R-1F  | Norton           | Norton      | W, 49-4  |
| 2023 | D   | 110 | R-1F  | Sandusky         | Buckeye     | W, 31-21 |
| 2022 | D   | 110 | R-1F  | Padua Franciscan | Buckeye     | L, 7-3   |
| 2021 | D   | 110 | R-1F  | Rocky River      | Rocky River | L, 15-1  |

|      |         |      |                   |            |          |
|------|---------|------|-------------------|------------|----------|
| 2021 | D-10-10 | R-F  | River Valley      | Buckeye    | W, 35-21 |
| 2020 | D-10-10 | R-F  | Revere            | Buckeye    | L, 9-27  |
| 2019 | D-10-10 | R-F  | Sandusky          | Buckeye    | L, 14-20 |
| 2018 | D-10-9  | R-SF | Kenton            | Bedford    | L, 21-46 |
| 2018 | D-10-9  | R-GF | Alliance          | Buckeye    | W, 28-21 |
| 2017 | D-10-9  | R-GF | Tallmadge         | Buckeye    | L, 14-27 |
| 2016 | D-10-9  | R-F  | New Philadelphia  | Buckeye    | L, 14-11 |
| 2015 | D-10-9  | R-F  | River Green       | Buckeye    | L, 32-21 |
| 2014 | D-10-8  | R-GF | Brazing Green     | G. Green   | L, 14-11 |
| 2013 | D-10-8  | R-GF | Clyde             | Clyde      | L, 14-40 |
| 2009 | D-10-9  | R-F  | Hubbard           | Hubbard    | L, 14-00 |
| 2005 | D-10-11 | R-F  | John Glenn        | Buckeye    | L, 8-10  |
| 2003 | D-10-9  | R-GF | University School | University | L, 14-30 |
| 2001 | D-10-9  | R-F  | Revere            | Buckeye    | L, 21-30 |

| Year | Div/Reg | Round | Opponent         | Site       | Score    |
|------|---------|-------|------------------|------------|----------|
| 2024 | D-VI/4  | R-FF  | Bay              | Bay        | 1, 14-6  |
| 2022 | D-II/10 | R-FF  | Defiance         | Cloverleaf | 1, 28-63 |
| 2021 | D-II/10 | R-FF  | Tiffin Columbian | Columbian  | 1, 14-43 |
| 2020 | D-II/10 | R-FF  | West Holmes      | Cloverleaf | 21-31    |
| 2018 | D-III/8 | R-GE  | Lexington        | Lexington  | 1, 10-3  |

### Highland (19-14)

| Year | Div/Reg | Round | Opponent | Site | Score |
|------|---------|-------|----------|------|-------|
| 2003 | 7-105   | D-E   | Avon     | East | 20-0  |

| Year | Dir/R | Ref   | Opponent         | Site        | Score   |
|------|-------|-------|------------------|-------------|---------|
| 2024 | D-16  | R-F   | Aven             | Eyrle       | L 20-29 |
| 2024 | D-16  | R-SF  | Anthony Wayne    | Bellevue    | W 38-14 |
| 2024 | D-16  | R-F   | St. Francis      | Bellevue    | W 38-14 |
| 2024 | D-16  | R-F   | Priest: Ross     | Highland    | W 52-50 |
| 2023 | D-16  | R-F   | Aven             | Stromberg   | L 1-21  |
| 2023 | D-16  | R-SF  | Anthony Wayne    | Sanityville | L 21-10 |
| 2023 | D-16  | R-F   | North Union      | Highland    | W 38-28 |
| 2023 | D-16  | R-F   | Midview          | Highland    | W 44-28 |
| 2022 | D-16  | R-SF  | Tatele Can, Cath | Sand, Fenns | L 8-49  |
| 2022 | D-16  | R-F   | North Union      | Highland    | W 38-28 |
| 2022 | D-16  | R-F   | Oregon City      | Highland    | W 54-50 |
| 2021 | D-16  | R-SF  | Tatele C Can     | Bellevue    | L 19-35 |
| 2021 | D-16  | R-F   | North Union      | Highland    | W 38-28 |
| 2020 | D-16  | R-F   | Tatele Wade      | Highland    | W 57-54 |
| 2020 | D-16  | R-F   | Aven             | Highland    | L 1-50  |
| 2020 | D-16  | R-F   | Fremont          | Highland    | W 21-12 |
| 2017 | D-16  | R-SF  | Aven             | Highland    | L 10-28 |
| 2017 | D-16  | R-F   | Anthony Wayne    | Highland    | W 21-14 |
| 2015 | D-16  | R-F   | North Union      | Highland    | W 38-28 |
| 2014 | D-16  | R-F   | Aven             | N. Raydon   | L 12-42 |
| 2014 | D-16  | ST-SF | Gerville         | Dyers       | L 21-43 |

|      |      |       |                    |             |          |
|------|------|-------|--------------------|-------------|----------|
| 2013 | D-14 | R-3F  | Mason              | U. of Akron | Wt. 17-1 |
| 2013 | D-14 | R-6F  | Avon Lake          | N. Royston  | Wt. 28-2 |
| 2011 | D-15 | R-6F  | Avon               | Avon        | I. 24-4  |
| 2009 | D-15 | R-6F  | Warren Howard      | Howard      | I. 21-9  |
| 2008 | D-16 | R-F   | Sylvania Southwest | Huron       | I. 21-2  |
| 2008 | D-16 | R-3F  | Geantony Liberty   | Ashland     | Wt. 35-5 |
| 2008 | D-16 | R-6F  | Avon Lake          | Highland    | Wt. 35-2 |
| 2007 | D-17 | R-6F  | Salonville         | L. 14-1     |          |
| 2001 | D-17 | R-10F | Oak Harbor         | Highland    | Wt. 21-0 |
| 2000 | D-17 | R-6F  | Hubbard            | Ravenna     | I. 3-4   |
| 2000 | D-17 | R-3F  | Lake Catholic      | L. Catholic | Wt. 20-2 |

| Year | Dir/Round | Round | Opponent          | Site         | Score    |
|------|-----------|-------|-------------------|--------------|----------|
| 2004 | D-1       | R-FF  | Pennsylvania      | Pennsylvania | L, 6-4   |
| 2003 | D-1       | R-FF  | St. Edward        | Oyers Field  | L, 7-42  |
| 2003 | D-1       | R-FF  | Cleveland         | Shoreline    | L, 1-10  |
| 2003 | D-1       | R-Q   | Wadsworth         | Wadsworth    | W, 27-18 |
| 2003 | D-1       | R-FF  | John Marshall     | Madira       | W, 30-40 |
| 2003 | D-1       | R-FF  | Shoreline         | Shoreline    | L, 1-10  |
| 2002 | D-1       | R-Q   | Wadsworth         | Madira       | W, 46-40 |
| 2002 | D-1       | R-FF  | Shoreline         | Madira       | W, 42-14 |
| 2002 | D-1       | R-FF  | Oyers Field       | Oyers Field  | W, 27-14 |
| 2001 | D-1       | R-S*  | St. Ignace        | Brunswick    | W, 47-14 |
| 2001 | D-1       | R-Q   | Cleveland Heights | Madira       | W, 44-14 |
| 2001 | D-1       | R-FF  | Shoreline         | Shoreline    | L, 1-10  |
| 2000 | D-1       | R-FF  | Marion            | Marion       | L, 15-40 |
| 2000 | D-1       | R-S*  | St. Ignace        | Oyers Field  | W, 33-20 |
| 2000 | D-1       | R-FF  | Shoreline         | Shoreline    | L, 1-10  |
| 2000 | D-1       | R-FF  | Shoreline         | Madira       | W, 30-30 |
| 2019 | D-1       | R-Q   | St. Edward        | BN           | L, 38-73 |
| 2018 | D-1       | R-Q   | St. Ignace        | Shoreline    | L, 38-73 |
| 2018 | D-1       | R-Q   | Tekoa-Winlock     | Whitman      | W, 30-30 |
| 2010 | D-2       | R-S*  | St. Ignace        | Huron        | L, 2-24  |
| 2010 | D-2       | R-Q   | McKinley          | Fansett      | W, 31-28 |

| Year | Dir/Rng | Opponent         | Site               | Score      |          |
|------|---------|------------------|--------------------|------------|----------|
| 2004 | D-16    | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Joan               | Greenville | L, 10-48 |
| 2005 | D-16    | R-S <sup>2</sup> | N. Raleigh         | Greenville | L, 10-48 |
| 2004 | D-16    | R-FR             | North Royalton     | Wadsworth  | W, 38-17 |
| 2003 | D-1     | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Medina             | Wadsworth  | L, 18-29 |
| 2003 | D-1     | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Medina             | Wadsworth  | L, 18-29 |
| 2003 | D-1     | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Medina             | Medina     | L, 30-48 |
| 2002 | D-16    | R-FR             | Elyria             | Wadsworth  | W, 14-38 |
| 2002 | D-16    | R-FR             | Wadsworth          | Wadsworth  | W, 48-21 |
| 2010 | D-16    | R-FR             | Wadsworth          | Wadsworth  | W, 48-21 |
| 2010 | D-16    | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Wadsworth          | Wadsworth  | W, 48-21 |
| 2018 | D-16    | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Wadsworth          | Wadsworth  | W, 48-21 |
| 2018 | D-16    | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Wadsworth          | Wadsworth  | W, 48-21 |
| 2018 | D-16    | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Wadsworth          | Wadsworth  | W, 48-21 |
| 2018 | D-16    | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Wadsworth          | Wadsworth  | W, 48-21 |
| 2017 | D-16    | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Wadsworth          | Wadsworth  | W, 48-21 |
| 2017 | D-16    | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Sylvania Northview | Wadsworth  | W, 81-49 |
| 2014 | D-1     | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Austintown Fitch   | Fitch      | L, 15-40 |
| 2011 | D-16    | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Toledo Whitmer     | Sandusky   | W, 6-37  |
| 2011 | D-16    | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Toledo Whitmer     | Sandusky   | W, 6-37  |
| 2011 | D-16    | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Toledo Whitmer     | Sandusky   | W, 6-37  |
| 2009 | D-2     | R-S <sup>2</sup> | GreikGak           | GreikGak   | W, 20-26 |
| 2009 | D-2     | R-S <sup>2</sup> | GreikGak           | GreikGak   | W, 20-26 |
| 2003 | D-2     | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Toledo St. John's  | Lorain     | L, 12-15 |
| 2003 | D-2     | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Hoover             | Massillon  | W, 48-30 |
| 2002 | D-2     | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Madison            | Massillon  | L, 28-40 |
| 1999 | D-16    | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Sylvania Northview | Wadsworth  | W, 48-30 |
| 1999 | D-16    | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Anthony Wayne      | Huron      | W, 42-14 |
| 1999 | D-16    | R-S <sup>2</sup> | Metzger            | Wadsworth  | W, 42-36 |

# Highland HORNETS



September 12 7:00pm Aurora

## 2025 Schedule

September 26 7:00pm Tallmadge

**October 24 7:00pm Cuyahoga Falls**

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

## THE GAZETTE

### Week 1

**Thursday**  
**NON-LEAGUE**  
Hoy Name at Normandy  
University School at Brookside

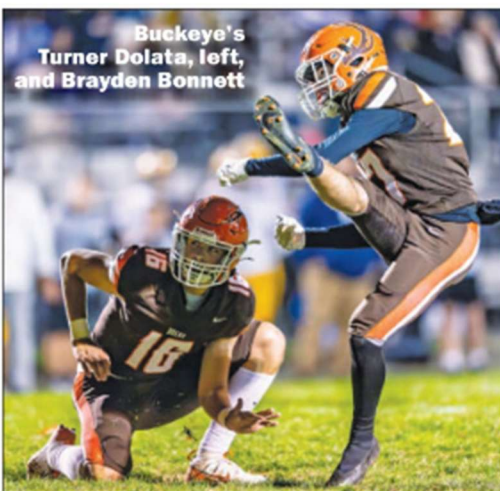
**Tonight**  
**NON-LEAGUE**  
Hillsdale at BLACK RIVER  
Bene-Midpark at BRUNSWICK  
BUCKEYE at CLOVERLEAF  
HIGHLAND at McDowell (Pa.)  
MEDINA at Solon  
Barberton at WADSWORTH  
Bay at Lorain  
John Marshall at Lakewood  
North Olmsted at North Royalton  
Firestone at Rocky River  
North Royalton at Valley Forge  
Midvale at Woodridge  
Cleveland Heights at Tobacco-Madison  
Brush at Euclid  
Maple Heights at Lorain  
Mentor at Cleveland Falls  
Painesville at Shaker Heights  
Aurora Lakes at Strongsville  
Clearview at Fairview  
Columbia at Independence  
Finlands at Milan Edison  
Keystone at Northwest  
Westlake at Oberlin  
Western Reserve at Wellington  
Country at Manchester  
Euclid at Garden South  
Norton at Northwood (Cleveland)  
Roosevelt at Ravenna  
Valerius at Springfield  
Copley at Streetsboro  
Revere at Woodridge  
Brookville at Aurora  
Cuyahoga Falls at Woughby South  
Talmadge at Eliot  
Austrian at Hudson  
St. Vincent-St. Mary at Nondora  
Solon at Kenton  
Torrington at Boardman

### Week 2

**Friday, August 29**  
**NON-LEAGUE**  
Northwestern at BLACK RIVER  
BRUNSWICK at Cleveland Falls  
Amherst at BUCKEYE  
Keystone at CLOVERLEAF  
Hudson at HIGHLAND  
MEDINA at Hoover  
New Albany at WADSWORTH  
Ray at University School  
Rhodes at Lakewood  
Ravenna at Normandy  
Midvale at North Olmsted  
John Marshall at Rocky River  
Valley Forge at North Ridgeville  
Westlake at Clearview  
Chardon at Cleveland Heights  
Elyria at Lorain  
Mentor at McDowell (Pa.)  
Brush at Shaker Heights  
Solon at Strongsville  
Woodridge at Brookside  
Fairview at Columbia  
Vermilion at Finlands  
Overlin at Brooklyn  
Mapleton at Wellington  
Rittman at Coventry  
Eliot at Field  
Lutheran East at Norton  
Rothschoen at Springfield  
Streetsboro at Roosevelt  
Aurora at Luthern West  
Stow at Barberton  
Firestone at Copley  
Akron North at Cuyahoga Falls  
Akron Garfield at Ravenna  
Brookville at Talmadge  
Akron East at Nondora  
North Royalton at Wooster  
Bedford at Twinsburg

### Week 3

**Thursday, September 4**  
**NON-LEAGUE**  
Revere at Valley Forge  
John F. Kennedy at Stow



**Buckeye's  
Turner Dolata, left,  
and Brayden Bonnett**

**Friday, September 5**  
**NON-LEAGUE**  
BLACK RIVER at Smithville  
BRUNSWICK at Elyria  
Triffin at Columbus at BUCKEYE  
Canton at CLOVERLEAF  
HIGHLAND at Aurora Lakes  
WADSWORTH at MEDINA  
Finlands at Bay  
Painesville at Harvey at Lakewood  
Geneva at Normandy  
Amherst at North Olmsted  
Rocky River at Uniontown Lake  
Westlake at Warrensville Heights  
Euclid at Hilliard Darby  
Lorain at Sandusky  
St. Ignace at Mentor  
Shaker Heights at Solon  
Olmsted Falls at Strongsville  
Brookside at Mayfield  
Youngstown East at Clearview  
Northwestern at Columbia  
Keystone at Ashland Creekview  
Toledo Woodard at Oberlin  
Wellington at Plymouth  
Chippewa at Coventry  
Field at Poland Seminary  
Norton at Tuscarawas Valley  
Ravenna at Niles McKinley  
Springfield at Minerva  
Alliance at Streetsboro  
Woodridge at OVC  
Twinsburg at Aurora  
North Lima South Range at Barberton  
Copley at Akron Garfield  
Cuyahoga Falls at Ravenna Southeast  
Tie at Roosevelt  
Green at Talmadge  
Bene-Midpark at Brookville  
Hudson at St. Vincent-St. Mary  
Nondora at Mayfield  
North Ridgeville at North Royalton

**Saturday, September 6**  
**NON-LEAGUE**  
Cleveland Heights at Garden McKinley

**Friday, September 10**  
**NON-LEAGUE**  
BUCKEYE at Bay  
Rocky River at Lakewood  
Normandy at North Olmsted  
Westlake at Valley Forge  
Cuyahoga Falls at Keystone  
Columbus at Brookside  
Firelands at Clearview  
Wellington at Copley  
MEDINA at Mentor  
Euclid at Strongsville  
Cleveland Heights at Lorain

**LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE**  
Columbus at BLACK RIVER  
Keystone at Brookside  
Clearview at Wellington  
Finlands at Oberlin

**METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**  
CLOVERLEAF at Coventry  
Field at Norton  
Woodridge at Ravenna  
Springfield at Streetsboro

### Week 4

**Friday, September 12**  
**CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE**  
North Olmsted at BUCKEYE  
Bay at Normandy  
Lakewood at Westlake  
Valley Forge at Rocky River

### League predictions

**CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE**

1. Buckeye
2. Rocky River
3. Bay
4. North Olmsted
5. Valley Forge
6. Westlake
7. Lakewood
8. Normandy

**METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**

1. Streetsboro
2. Norton
3. Cloverleaf
4. Field
5. Ravenna
6. Woodridge
7. Coventry
8. Springfield

**GREAT CLEVELAND CONFERENCE**

1. Mentor
2. Cleveland Heights
3. Strongsville
4. Brunswick
5. Medina
6. Lorain
7. Shaker Heights
8. Euclid

**SUBURBAN LEAGUE National Conference**

1. Wadsworth
2. Hudson
3. Nondora
4. Solon
5. North Royalton
6. Twinsburg
7. Brecksville
8. Stow

**LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE**

1. Columbia
2. Keystone
3. Firelands
4. Black River
5. Clearview
6. Wellington
7. Brookside
8. Oberlin

**SUBURBAN LEAGUE American Conference**

1. Highland
2. Aurora
3. Talmadge
4. Copley
5. Revere
6. Barberton
7. Roosevelt
8. Cuyahoga Falls

— Albert Grindle

### Week 7

**Friday, October 3**  
**CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE**  
Westlake at BUCKEYE  
Valley Forge at Bay  
Lakewood at Normandy  
Rocky River at North Olmsted  
Twinsburg at WADSWORTH  
North Royalton at Brookville  
Hudson at Stow  
Solon at Nondora

**GREAT CLEVELAND CONFERENCE**  
Euclid at BRUNSWICK  
Cleveland Heights at MEDINA  
Lorain at Shaker Heights  
Strongsville at Mentor

**LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE**  
Black River at Finlands  
Brookside at Clearview  
Oberlin at Columbia  
Keystone at Wellington

**METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**  
Norton at CLOVERLEAF  
Coventry at Field  
Ravenna at Springfield  
Streetsboro at Woodridge

**SUBURBAN LEAGUE American Conference**  
Barberton at HIGHLAND  
Aurora at Cuyahoga Falls  
Roosevelt at Copley  
Talmadge at Revere

**National Conference**  
WADSWORTH at Hudson  
Stow at Brookville  
Nondora at Twinsburg  
Solon at North Royalton

**Week 8**  
**Thursday, October 9**  
**CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE**  
Normandy at BUCKEYE  
North Olmsted at Bay  
Lakewood at Valley Forge  
Rocky River at Westlake  
Twinsburg at Woodridge  
Hudson at North Royalton  
Stow at Solon

**GREAT CLEVELAND CONFERENCE**  
Euclid at MEDINA

Strongsville at Lorain  
Shaker Heights at Mentor

**LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE**  
Brookside at BLACK RIVER  
Clearview at Oberlin  
Columbia at Keystone  
Wellington at Finlands

**METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**  
Field at CLOVERLEAF  
Springfield at Coventry  
Woodridge at Norton  
Streetsboro at Ravenna

**SUBURBAN LEAGUE American Conference**  
HIGHLAND at Roosevelt  
Aurora at Talmadge  
Copley at Cuyahoga Falls  
Revere at Barberton

**National Conference**  
WADSWORTH at Nondora  
Brookville at Hudson  
North Royalton at Stow  
Twinsburg at Solon

**Saturday, October 11**  
**CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE**  
Euclid at Cleveland Heights

### Week 9

**Friday, October 17**  
**CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE**  
BUCKEYE at Rocky River  
Bay at Lakewood  
Normandy at Westlake  
North Olmsted at Valley Forge  
Twinsburg at WADSWORTH  
BRUNSWICK at Cleveland Heights  
MEDINA at Euclid  
Mentor at Lorain  
Shaker Heights at Strongsville

**LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE**  
Wellington at BLACK RIVER  
Oberlin at Brookville  
Clearview at Columbia  
Finlands at Keystone

**METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**  
CLOVERLEAF at Woodridge  
Coventry at Ravenna  
Field at Streetsboro  
Springfield at Norton

**SUBURBAN LEAGUE American Conference**  
HIGHLAND at Revere  
Roosevelt at Aurora  
Barberton at Copley  
Talmadge at Cuyahoga Falls

**National Conference**  
Stow at WADSWORTH  
Solon at Brookville  
Nondora at Hudson  
North Royalton at Twinsburg

### Week 10

**Friday, October 24**  
**CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE**  
Lakewood at BUCKEYE  
Rocky River at Bay  
Valley Forge at Normandy  
Westlake at North Olmsted

**GREAT CLEVELAND CONFERENCE**  
Strongsville at BRUNSWICK  
Lorain at MEDINA  
Euclid at Mentor  
Cleveland Heights at Shaker Heights

**LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE**  
BLACK RIVER at Oberlin  
Brookside at Wellington  
Keystone at Clearview  
Columbia at Finlands

**METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**  
CLOVERLEAF at Streetsboro  
Norton at Coventry  
Painesville at Field  
Woodridge at Springfield

**SUBURBAN LEAGUE American Conference**  
Cuyahoga Falls at HIGHLAND  
Aurora at Barberton  
Copley at Revere  
Roosevelt at Talmadge

**National Conference**  
WADSWORTH at Solon  
Brookville at Twinsburg  
Hudson at North Royalton  
Stow at Nondora