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Akron-area football Week 3 recaps: Walsh, Woodridge, Nardon, Copley among winners

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Key Points

Walsh Jesuit rolled, and Woodridge and Nardon won close games to remain undefeated in Week 3 of the Ohio high school football season.

Multiple players had standout performances, including Copley's Jalen Owens with 211 rushing yards and two TDs.

[Walsh Jesuit](#) rolled to an impressive win and [Woodridge](#) and [Nardon](#) won nailbiters to remain undefeated to highlight Week 3 of the Ohio high school football regular season for [Akron-area teams](#) Friday, Sept. 4.

[Archbishop Hoban](#), meanwhile, fell to 0-3 for the first time in more than a decade.

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Walsh Jesuit 38, Toledo Central Catholic 25: Warriors run all over Irish

[The Warriors \(3-0\)](#) made clear how good they are in a win over the reigning Division III state runner-up [Irish \(2-1\)](#). The Warriors (3-0) did it on the ground behind Dom Courtad (28 carries, 152 yards, two TDs) and through the air with Sam Barrett (seven catches, 115 yards, TD).

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David Ternosky finished 11-for-17 passing for 160 yards and a touchdown to John Wollschleger. Wide receiver Cayden LeVert threw a touchdown pass to Barrett and had a great day in the return game. Caleb Buckner also logged two sacks.

"There's an expectation here at Walsh," Barrett said. "We come out here and win. We've been waiting, it feels like a year, since our last game [Clark County Springfield forfeited to Walsh last week because of illness]. We came out and had all the energy in the world."

Said Walsh coach Nick Alexander: "I am proud of the way we came out after a weird week last week. I challenged them to be physical, and the guys responded."

Woodridge 20, CVCA 14: Bulldogs rally to stun Royals in final minute

Down a touchdown heading into the fourth quarter, [Woodridge](#) (3-0) rallied with a TD run by Carter Maxa in the final minute to stun [CVCA](#) (1-2) at Lahoski Field.

Woodridge's defense accounted for the lone score in the first half when Kai Jones picked off CVCA quarterback Alex Mammone and returned it 76 yards for a TD. Woodridge led 6-0 at the half.

Although CVCA won the rushing battle 129-26, the Royals offense was stuck in neutral most of the game.

That fumble set up Jon Tyree's 7-yard TD run, and Jones then ran for a 2-point conversion to tie it 14-14.

Woodridge saved its best drive for last.

After starting on its own 32, the Bulldogs marched to the CVCA 1 with under a minute left. Tight end Carter Maxa went under center and scored on a 1-yard QB

sneak with 23 seconds to play.

“We keep saying the defense is the strength of our team,” Woodridge coach John Daraio said. “We believe in this group that at some point we are going to find a way. We have found a way to be a second-half football team in every game this year, including tonight.”

Nordonia 41, Cle. VASJ 39: Knights survive shootout to stay undefeated

Nordonia (3-0) survived a wild one at home, edging the Vikings (1-2) in a shootout. Both teams scored six touchdowns, but the difference proved to be Nordonia kicker Jackson Neal going 5-of-6 on extra points.

Nordonia QB Steve Fakult had another big game, going 17-of-24 passing for 284 yards, four TDs and a pick for coach Scott Barwidi. Fakult threw TDs to four different Knights, and Nordonia finished with a 284-56 edge in passing yards.

Dominick Jackson, one of four Knights to snag a TD pass, finished with six catches and 149 yards receiving. CJ Mayes, Brock Barwidi and Jamiere Davis also caught a TD pass. Mayes added a rushing TD.

Nordonia's defense also came up with a TD when Dominic Schiavone returned a fumble 30 yards for a score in the first quarter. Mason Farrell forced the fumble with a strip-sack.

However, the Knights had few answers for VASJ's ground game, which racked up 387 yards. Ronnie Taylor Jr. led the Vikings with 177 yards rushing and two TDs on 18 carries, and Leonte Wright added 149 yards and a TD on 25 carries.

Copley 43, Garfield 6: Jalen Owens, Dane Wininger power Copley to win

Copley (3-0) overcame four turnovers in the first half and Jalen Owens, Dane Wininger and Jacob Kuczkowski played starring roles in a win over Garfield

(0-3).

“You start to learn a lot about your football team throughout a year when they see adversity,” Copley coach John Kromalic said. “We struggled early with the adversity, and we continued to fight through. Our kids got better as the game continued. That is what we are looking for.”

Copley scored 20 points in the second quarter to separate as Wininger connected with Kuczkowski on a 55-yard TD pass, Owens broke loose for a 43-yard TD run and Wininger threw a 14-yard TD pass to Owens.

“We hopped on them, we were more physical and we were able to come out on top,” said Owens, who ran for 211 yards on 21 carries.

Copley extended its lead in the second half as Wininger connected with Owens on a 23-yard TD pass, MJ Garden ran for a 1-yard TD and Warren Brockmeyer ran for a 45-yard TD.

“We are just trying to go 1-0 each week, stacking up the wins, getting mentally prepared for league play, finishing league play ultimately and making a run in the playoffs,” said Wininger, who completed 12 of 20 passes for 171 yards.

Copley's Matthew Panzner made 4 of 4 PATs and a 28-yard field goal. Jordan Saunders and Kuczkowski each recorded an interception.

“It has been fun to watch the play of our defensive linemen, Justin Chatmon Jr., Mason Chapman and Levi Rau,” Kromalic said. “We have some dominant forces in there and that has been great. Landon Dorsey and Ashton Smith at linebacker, have been really good. Jalen Owens at defensive back has been a problem for offenses with Jacob Kuczkowski as well. Our offensive linemen Niko Enberg, Levi Rau, Anthony Tufts, Jacob Mindzora and Xavier Rogers-Corn played great.”

Garfield's Darius Sales and Xavier Ward recorded interceptions in the first half. Sheldon Corley contributed a strip-sack he recovered. Ward forced and recovered

a fumble, and had a 48-yard run on offense. Sales connected with Kemonte Harrison on a 56-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter.

"We are just trying to go 1-0 each week," Kuczkowski said. "That has been what we have been trying to do, and we have been doing good at that. We are looking forward to league play."

East 34, Canton South 7: Lawrence Cherry Jr., Marcus Council Jr. lead Dragons to win

Lawrence Cherry Jr. and Marcus Council Jr. scored two touchdowns apiece to lead the visiting Dragons (2-1) to a win over the Wildcats (0-3).

Council scored TDs on runs of 75 yards and 35 yards, and finished with 10 carries for 148 yards. Cherry Jr. ran for a 65-yard TD and caught a 5-yard TD pass from Naseer Williams-Clay. Cherry totaled eight carries for 112 yards, and also recorded an interception. East ran for 328 yards on 24 carries.

Williams-Clay finished 9-of-13 passing for 224 yards, and had five carries for 33 yards. East's Emmanuel Jefferson ran for a 35-yard TD and had three catches for 87 yards. Elijah Grice contributed three catches for 105 yards.

East shut out Canton South for three quarters. Ryan Austin had eight tackles and a sack, Chris Russell Jr. added seven tackles and a sack and Lamar Saulsberry made five tackles and a sack.

"Canton South played tough," East coach Marques Hayes said. "This was their home opener for their brand-new coach [Badre Bardawil]. ... We were pretty balanced offensively, but we didn't have the ball as much as they did. Time of possession was in their favor."

Roosevelt 29, Ellet 7: Rough Riders rough up Orangemen

Kingston Bryant completed 15 of 26 passes for 164 yards and two touchdowns and the Rough Riders (2-1) finished nonleague play with a winning record. Tyler

Ellington had seven catches for 75 yards and a touchdown, and also recorded an interception.

Highland 55, Avon Lake: Colton Wadle wows Shoremen in easy win

Colton Wadle was 11-for-11 passing for 270 yards and three touchdowns, and also ran for 39 yards and two scores for the Hornets (2-1). Ben Radigan caught three passes for 128 yards and two touchdowns. Nate Painter and Jake Weber had interception returns for scores, and Weber also hauled in a touchdown pass.

Barberton 35, Elyria 0: Magics improve to 2-1 for first time in 5 years

Just call the Magics (2-1) big-play Barberton. Cleo Thompson had a 66-yard touchdown run and scored on a 76-yard pass from Jack Hanlin to push the Magics out to a 28-0 halftime lead.

Hanlin also had a 3-yard rushing touchdown, threw a 62-yard pass to Vernon Reynolds for a score and a 34-yard pass to Mareon Peters. Hanlin has nine touchdown passes this season.

Reggie Wyatt had an interception and Barberton opened the scoring with a safety.

Revere 46, Parma Heights Valley Forge 8: Lane Shenigo, Carter Hajdu lead Minutemen past Patriots

Lane Shenigo ran for two touchdowns and Carter Hajdu contributed a rushing TD and a passing TD to TJ Meech as the host Minutemen (2-1) beat the Patriots (0-3).

Brady Hajdu and Mateo Mutersbaugh each ran for a TD, and David Kennedy made a field goal. Brady and Carter are twin brothers and juniors on a team that includes older brother Davis Hajdu, a senior.

“It was our most complete game of the season,” Revere coach Robert Nickol said. “Carter Hajdu and Lane Shenigo combined for four touchdowns. Our defense gave us great field position throughout the game and controlled the line of scrimmage. ... I like our grit.”

Tallmadge 24, Aurora 14: Chase Waller, Brenden Conley lead Blue Devils over Greenmen

Chase Waller threw two first-half touchdown passes to Brenden Conley, including a 78-yard toss just seconds into the game, to put the Blue Devils (2-1) in control early.

But the Greenmen rallied to tie the score 14-14 midway through the third quarter when Matthew Huth threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Luke Hilditch.

Tallmadge jumped back in front minutes into the fourth quarter on Angelo Gotto's 44-yard touchdown run and Ben Bucur's a 29-yard field goal.

Huth completed 13 of 23 passes for 169 yards, a touchdown and a pick. Hilditch had five catches for 87 yards, and Aidan Samelko had 11 carries for 35 yards for Aurora (1-2).

Wadsworth 19, Jackson 17: Grizzlies hold on to beat Polar Bears behind Brysen Hall

The Polar Bears (1-2) made it close by scoring a touchdown with 2:54 left, but the Grizzlies (3-0) held on to stay undefeated. Wadsworth led wire to wire, including 12-7 at halftime.

Jude Haller ran for 86 yards and a score on 14 carries, and Brysen Hall was 19-for-31 passing for 231 yards and touchdowns to Jay'len King (seven catches, 114 yards) and Alex Porter (five catches, 56 yards).

Brooklyn Eagle Academy (N.Y.) 24, Hoban 20: Knights drop to 0-3

Hoban dropped to 0-3 for the first time since the 2012 season, when the Knights opened with six losses in a row.

Hoban's Kahlil Diming ran for two touchdowns for Hoban, and Israel "Major" Cribbs connected with John Johnson on a 46-yard TD pass.

Eagle Academy's Josiah Brown threw an 87-yard TD pass to CJ McCracken, Anthony Caratelli threw a 34-yard TD pass to Juvens Harold Lindor and Zy'eare Schulters broke loose for a 76-yard TD run. Dominic Prestano-Rollo made a 38-yard field goal and three PATs for the Eagles (2-0).

Hudson 54, St. Vincent-St. Mary 13: Explorers run away from Irish early

Hudson (3-0) scored 34 points in the first quarter and never looked back in a rout that dropped the Irish to 0-3.

The Explorers got touchdowns from all three phases in the first quarter for coach Jeff Gough, including a 51-yard punt return by Anthony Paolucci and a 45-yard interception return by Trent Smith.

Hudson's Reno Ferri ran for 75 yards and two TDs on just eight carries. Benny Hegedish added a rushing TD as Hudson finished with 143 yards on the ground while limiting STVM to minus-29 yards. Explorers quarterback Hayden Lipinski completed 6 of 9 passes for 67 yards and two TDs. Bennett Lambert contributed a passing TD, Hegedish, Parker Buzzelli and Brock Lovell all caught TD passes and Xavier Pallo made six PATs.

Irish quarterback Noah Minard went 12-of-18 passing for 98 yards with a TD pass to Anthony Corsi and an interception. Tyler Wharton returned an interception for a TD.

Cuyahoga Falls 28, Southeast 21: Waseem Mustafa leads Black Tigers

Quarterback Waseem Mustafa led the visiting Black Tigers (2-1) to their second win in a row at the expense of the Pirates (0-3). Mustafa ran for 223 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries, and completed 7 of 16 passes for 103 yards and a TD.

Jordan Luster caught the TD pass from Mustafa, had three catches for 46 yards and recovered two fumbles, one in the end zone for a TD. Carl Manuel contributed two catches for 27 yards and Emmet Berry recorded an interception.

“Big-time win for our guys,” Cuyahoga Falls coach Kevin Pask said. “Proud of the way we battled. This team really grew up tonight. We battled adversity early. Missed some tackles, dropped a few passes and made some mistakes. Our kids never flinched, though. They’ve bought into what we’ve been preaching from our offseason, which is focusing on what we can control, playing for each other and focusing on our processes, regardless of our outcomes.

"A great team win. I'm proud of these guys and just excited to see us continue to grow as a team.”

Mogadore 30, Dalton 21: Wildcats rally in second half to beat nemesis

Mogadore held visiting Dalton scoreless in the second half to earn a hard-fought nonleague win and avenge three consecutive losses to the Bulldogs.

Dalton, which led 21-12 at halftime, scored touchdowns on each of its first three drives while running 10 times for 150 yards. The Wildcats then limited the Bulldogs to 98 yards on 23 carries the rest of the way.

Mogadore quarterback Maddox Smith had 147 of his 182 passing yards in the first half to help the Wildcats stay alive during Dalton's hot start.

Northwest 30, Canton Central Catholic 21: Brayden Venables leads Northwest over Crusaders

Quarterback Brayden Venables ran for two touchdowns and threw a 58-yard TD pass to Brayden Boyle early in the fourth quarter to give Northwest some needed breathing room in a nonleague win.

Ty Lipkins had a 67-yard interception return for a touchdown late in the first half, and Sanad Abueteen also had an interception that led to one Venables' TD runs.

Norton 35, Marlinton 10: Jason Beverly runs wild for Panthers

Jason Beverly ran for 258 yards and three touchdowns on 24 carries to help keep the Panthers (3-0) undefeated this season. Trey Kersten threw touchdown passes to Alex Meinen and Jaxon Ford.

Kersten has thrown seven touchdown passes on the season with four going to Meinen.

Coventry 20, Springfield 2: Comets win first game of season

Coventry (1-2) earned its first win and Springfield (0-3) remained winless. No other details were available.

Streetsboro 37, Alliance 26

Logan Fincham scored three touchdowns and the Rockets (2-1) won their second consecutive game. Adrian Monroe added another rushing score and Dallas Morris returned a punt for a TD for Streetsboro.

Rocky River 20, Lake 16: Late touchdown beats Blue Streaks

Carter Atwater threw a 24-yard touchdown pass to Rowan Kennedy with 4:34 left to give the host Pirates a nonleague win and hand Lake its first loss.

Kennedy caught two TDs, finishing with 97 yards on three receptions for Rocky River (3-0). Danny Berg caught a 33-yard TD pass. Atwater was 6-of-15 passing for 155 yards, three TDs and two interceptions.

Tristin Hughes, a Kentucky commit, ran 13 times for 93 yards and caught an 18-yard pass for Rocky River.

Lake's Ty DeGeorge rushed for 61 yards and a TD on 18 carries and caught eight passes for 48 yards. He also completed two of his three passes for 44 yards and an interception. Wyatt Jones completed 10 of 16 passes for 68 yards and a pick for the Blue Streaks (2-1).

Shannon Billiter ran for a touchdown and had an interception for Lake. Lachlan Baker ran for 49 yards on seven carries.

Green 42, North Olmsted 14: Chase Herbert leads Green football to home win

Chase Herbert accounted for 287 yards of offense and five touchdowns as Green routed North Olmsted.

Herbert was 8-of-13 passing for 205 yards, four TDs and no interceptions. He added 82 yards and a TD on eight carries.

Both of Reed Liberatore's catches went for touchdowns, covering 52 yards, for Green (2-1). Talon Dodd added two catches for 78 yards and a TD, and Aiden Rice had three grabs for 76 yards and a score.

Koen Beasley led North Olmsted (0-3) with a 78-yard touchdown run. He finished with 93 yards on five carries. Green picked off North Olmsted QB Will McPherson three times. Jayden Hall had two interceptions and Liberatore had the other.

Brunswick 44, Medina 36: Bees close last but can't top Blue Devils

Kaden Patrick threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Bishop Burch and then connected with him again for a two-point conversion to pull the Bees (0-3) within eight points with 3:21 to play, but Medina couldn't complete the comeback. Patrick also threw a touchdown to Cooper Sokolowski.

Adam Barr started the game for the Bees with touchdown passes to Burch and Noah Brown. Korde Carey accounted for Medina's other score on a 4-yard run.

Columbia 32, Manchester 31: Panthers' second-half rally falls just short

The Panthers couldn't convert a two-point conversion with 51 seconds to play and lost to visiting Columbia (3-0) despite staging a furious comeback.

All 31 of Manchester's points came in the second half, as it rallied from a 10-0 halftime deficit. Greyson Swaino connected with Noah Lance on a 24-yard pass late in the fourth quarter to make it 32-31, but the pass for two points and the win failed. Swaino was 8-for-15 passing for 124 yards and three touchdowns for Manchester (0-3).

Solon 24, Twinsburg 12: Tigers fall to 0-3

No details were available.

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