

# County Football Week 10

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## Standings

CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE			
School	W	L	PF
Buckeye	9-1	6-0	12.2
Rocky River	7-2	5-1	27.9
North Olmsted	4-5	3-3	15.6
Bay	4-5	3-3	15.6
Lakewood	4-5	2-4	25.3
Valley Forge	3-6	2-4	22.8
Northlandy	3-6	2-4	17.0
Wardlaw	3-6	2-4	17.0

GREATER CLEVELAND CONFERENCE			
School	W	L	PF
Mentor	9-0	5-0	41.2
Strongsville	8-1	4-1	27.7
Cleveland Heights	7-2	4-1	27.7
Brunswick	3-6	3-2	18.6
Cherwell Heights	3-6	3-2	15.8
Medina	2-7	1-4	12.8
Medina	2-7	1-4	12.8

LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE			
School	W	L	PF
Keystone	8-1	6-0	28.7
Columbia	7-2	5-1	32.4
Columbus	7-2	5-1	32.4
Black River	4-5	3-3	22.2
Friends	3-6	2-4	15.7
Brookside	3-6	2-4	15.7
Wilmington	3-6	2-4	15.7
Oberlin	0-9	0-4	5.4

METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
School	W	L	PF
Streetsboro	9-0	0-0	51.1
Norton	6-2	3-1	14.0
Findlay	7-2	4-3	23.8
Cloverleaf	4-5	3-3	13.6
Ravenna	4-5	3-3	13.6
Woodridge	2-7	1-4	15.8
Covington	1-8	1-5	3.7
Springfield	2-7	1-4	4.8

SUBURBAN LEAGUE			
School	W	L	PF
Aurora	9-0	0-0	45.1
Highland	8-1	0-0	45.1
Tillamidge	6-3	4-2	23.4
Caplary	5-4	2-4	25.0
Revere	5-4	2-4	25.0
Roosevelt	2-7	1-4	15.1
Suburban	2-7	1-4	15.1
Cuyahoga Falls	2-7	1-4	15.1

National Conference			
School	W	L	PF
Wadsworth	9-0	0-0	16.9
North Royalton	4-5	4-1	26.4
Nudson	5-2	3-1	23.0
Nordonia	7-2	4-2	38.6
Blochville	3-6	3-3	23.4
Twinsburg	3-6	1-5	17.8
Stow	2-7	3-3	15.8
Solon	2-7	0-5	15.8

## County leaders

SCORING				
Player (School)	pts	1x	2x	Pts.
Mysar (H)	31	0	0	186
Gaspari (Buc)	15	0	0	112
Gray (W)	15	0	0	112
Gaspari (Buc)	10	0	0	63
Medigan (W)	11	0	0	66
Widmeyer (W)	10	0	0	60
Lemp (W)	10	0	0	60
Dimwade (W)	10	0	0	60
Kowca (H)	6	0	0	36
E. Gray (C)	6	0	0	36

RUSHING				
Player (School)	All	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Mysar (H)	179	1,346	9.6	26
Gray (W)	132	1,136	8.6	16
Gaspari (Buc)	141	940	6.7	11
E. Gray (C)	107	810	7.6	6
Medigan (W)	96	753	8.8	11
Joseph (Buc)	90	740	8.2	6
Bungard (Buc)	61	388	6.4	6
Neer (Buc)	74	378	5.1	6
Combs (C)	52	275	5.3	6

RECEIVING				
Player (School)	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Lemp (W)	28	665	23.8	10
Swarm (Buc)	42	570	13.6	4
Wachtler (H)	28	450	16.1	4
Widmeyer (Buc)	17	403	23.7	7
E. Foust (H)	19	386	20.3	3
Garding (H)	19	339	17.8	3
Mysar (H)	11	322	29.3	5
Madcock (W)	10	278	27.8	2
Hathaway (M)	4	259	64.8	2
Earnest (W)	0	0	0	0

PASSING				
Player (School)	Co-At.	Pct.	Yds.	TD
Half (H)	102:165	61%	1,664	19
Boria (H)	71:94	75%	1,484	19
Barnett (Buc)	116:222	52%	1,326	5
Braun (M)	138:244	57%	1,312	20
Blaise (Buc)	46:77	59%	736	13
Tomes (C)	47:77	61%	648	4
Vanney (Buc)	23:40	57%	408	6
Bungard (Buc)	45:64	70%	388	6
Smith (C)	16:33	48%	147	1
Vogrin (M)	7:25	28%	141	1

KICKING				
Player (School)	FG	Pct.	XP	PTS
Dimwade (W)	2-5	40%	47	33
Kowca (H)	2-3	67%	21	15
Kidris (W)	3-4	75%	25	34
Joe (Buc)	1-2	50%	26	39
DiMacco (Buc)	1-2	50%	26	39
Barnett (Buc)	2-3	67%	22	34
Sustetic (C)	2-3	67%	22	34
Whoolton (Buc)	1-1	100%	3-14	6
Kuzma (H)	0-0	0%	4-4	4
Easa (Buc)	1-0	100%	2-2	2

TEAM STATISTICS				
School	Rush	Pass	Total	Def
Wadsworth	454.0	454.0	908.0	156.3
Highland	257.8	169.8	427.6	186.1
Buckeye	220.0	61.8	281.8	186.1
Black River	220.0	61.8	281.8	186.1
Buckeye	129.7	167.9	297.6	209.1
Cloverleaf	70.8	65.7	136.5	245.2
Brunswick	87.3	157.9	245.2	245.2

DEFENSE				
Player (School)	Tkls	Solo	Asst.	Def.
Ad. Gray (C)	82	22	70	20
Smigel (H)	80	20	63	20
Earnest (W)	71	22	51	21
Avallone (Buc)	73	20	53	21
Joseczek (H)	71	22	49	21
Barnes (Buc)	66	18	48	21
E. Gray (C)	65	17	48	21
Kawlicz (Buc)	58	22	36	21
Gaspari (Buc)	57	21	36	21
Kincaid (W)	57	14	43	21
Kretzler (Buc)	56	21	36	21
Balaban (Buc)	56	21	36	21
Mysar (H)	55	14	41	21
E. Foust (H)	50	24	27	21
Wilhelm (Buc)	50	16	34	21

Tackles for loss				
Player (School)	Yds.	Def.	Def.	Def.
Nichols (Buc)	14	12	12	12
Chapman (Buc)	10	9	9	9
Prose (Buc)	8	8	8	8
Intero (Buc)	7	7	7	7
W. Myers (Buc)	7	7	7	7
Estes (M)	7	7	7	7

Sacks				
Player (School)	Yds.	Def.	Def.	Def.
Prose (Buc)	3	3	3	3
Nichols (Buc)	4	4	4	4
Estes (M)	3	3	3	3
K. Price (C)	4	4	4	4
Hubboll (Buc)	4	4	4	4

**Forced fumbles:** Combs (C), 3; Bungard (Buc) 2; Ad. Gray (C), 3; D. Hendershot (Buc) 2; Graves (Buc) 2; Chapman (Buc) 2; G. Williams (Buc) 2; C. Berard (H) 2; Dear (H) 2.

**Pass breakups:** Horn (W), 7; Lemp (W) 6; Easa (Buc) 5; Madigan (W) 4; Bungard (Buc) 4; Kuchner (Buc) 4; Hubbell (Buc) 4; Whitting (H) 4.

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

**PREVIEW:** Columbia has switched to the flexbone triple-offense made famous by the services academies and has, by far, the most balanced rushing attack in the Lorain County League. Running backs Jimmy Stofey (78 carries, 723 yards, 9 TDs), Jose Rivera (100, 712, 9), Xavier Hendon (66, 427, 5) and Logan Mange (42, 227, 4) have combined for 2,089 yards and 27 TDs, while quarterback Gage Maruna has 401 yards and eight TDs while attempting just 66 passes for 372 yards.

● Fantastic50.net lists Black River's Division VI, Region 21 playoff chances at 98%. A win tonight gives the Pirates a 53% chance to play at Springfield (7-2), Defending state champion Kirtland is a 32% possibility.

**STAT PACK:** Seth Gaspari needs 60 rushing yards to become the 23rd player in Black River's rich history to reach 1,000 in a season.

● The Pirates are averaging 377.3 yards over the last three games, a 97.0 improvement compared to the first six.

● Zane Bungard led the defense last week against Clearview with a career-high nine tackles (2 for loss) and a pass breakup. Kayden Hendershot forced a fumble he also recovered, while Owen Chapman had a sack among two tackles for loss. Gaspari added eight TDs.

● Opposing teams have converted 17-of-75 third downs (22.7%) this season. The Pirates have been successful on 35-of-86 (40.7).

**LW:** L, 14-22 vs. Clearview. **TW:** at Columbia (7-2, 5-1; 4-11 all time). **NW:** Potential Division VI, Region 21 first-round game

**PREVIEW:** Strongsville has developed a defensive reputation under first-year coach and former Browns linebacker Jason Trusnik and is led by end Storm Miller, a four-star recruit whose offers include Ohio State, Michigan, Notre Dame and Clemson. Running back Sam Dimacchia is another player to watch.

● The Blue Devils and Strongsville have played every year since 1976, and the Mustangs' 32-30 lead in the series is skewed by winning the first 12 meetings from 1947-59. Brunswick has won five straight.

● According to fantastic50.net, a win would give the Blue Devils a 75% chance at a dream Division I, Region 1 first-round matchup at Lorain (8-1) as a favored 10th seed. A loss makes things a lot murkier, as Brunswick can be seeded anywhere from 12 to 14.

**STAT PACK:** With 42 receptions, Hayden Swarm needs eight to join Jordan Gribble (96, 2007), Ben Karaba (63, 2007), Todd Chase (53, 1994) and Jared Kacerebek (53, 2008) as Brunswick players to reach 50 in a season.

● Eli Nichols led the defense against Walsh Jesuit by extending his team lead to 14 tackles for loss. Brayden Miles broke up a pass in the end zone, while the leading tacklers were Elijah Clement (11) and Jacob Barnes (10).

● Brunswick has committed fewer than 46 penalty yards in five of the last six games.

**LW:** L, 7-38 vs. Walsh Jesuit. **TW:** at Strongsville (6-4, 4-1; 30-32 all time). **NW:** Division I, Region 1 first-round playoff game.

**PREVIEW:** Lakewood has largely been competitive in Cleveland West Conference play, but its defense has allowed 37.6 points in five losses overall. The Rangers feature one of the circuit's best quarterbacks in Avery Holt, a Hillsdale (Mich.) recruit.

● Buckeye has clinched two potential home games in the Division III, Region 10 playoffs and could even overtake massive regional favorite Toledo Central Catholic (8-1) for the top seed. Regardless of what happens tonight, Buckeye is expected to host Triffin Columbian (4-5) or Norwalk (2-7). The former would be a rematch of last season's regional semifinals.

**STAT PACK:** Buckeye needs 22 points to join the 2023 (469, 13 games) and 2015 teams (459, 11) as the only squads in school history to reach 400. The Bucks' 42.0 average is currently ahead of 2015's school-record 41.7.

● Danny Beckett led the defense against Rocky River with 21- and 29-yard interception returns for touchdowns. Roman Kretzler also starred with eight tackles (2% for loss) and a fourth-down pass breakup. Derek Snyderburn had arguably his best game with three tackles. Travis Avalone also had an interception and Ryan Wilhelm recorded 1% tackles for loss.

● Rocky River converted 1-of-11 third downs, making opponents 18-of-78 (23.1%) against the Bucks this season.

**LW:** W, 56-0 vs. Rocky River. **TW:** at Lakewood (4-5, 2-4; 4-0 all time). **NW:** Division III, Region 10 first-round game.

**PREVIEW:** Cohen Klimak leads Streetsboro with 1,225 rushing yards and 24 touchdowns and another 541 yards and four scores through the air. Marcus Council (62 carries, 763 yards, 10 TDs), Janiere Cook (54, 515, 10) and Logan Fincham (41, 482, 8) are other top rushers, while the defense boasts Arthur Scott (14% tackles for loss), Ayden Kruebel (10), Klimak (10) and Jackson Gula (5 interceptions).

● The Colts have clinched a Division IV, Region 14 playoff berth and, with a loss tonight, would have a 40% chance of playing at Galion (6-3) in the first round. A miracle upset of Streetsboro would give them a 28% chance to host Bay (5-4). There could be a lot of movement between now and Sunday, however, as Cloverleaf can be seeded anywhere from fifth to 14th.

**STAT PACK:** Adam Gray remained hot against Woodridge with 12 tackles (3 for loss, sack) and a pass breakup. Ethan Gray and Jimmy Tolley each added seven tackles, while Isaac Smith had a late interception along the sideline and Logan Letner broke up a pass.

● Tolley has posted at least seven tackles in three of the seven games he has seen significant playing time.

● Ethan Gray's 224 rushing yards against Woodridge rank 12th in school history. The junior is now fifth in Medina County with 802 this season.

● Cloverleaf has clinched a .500 regular-season record for the sixth time in the last seven years. It marks the first time in school history the Colts have done so.

**LW:** W, 17-0 vs. Woodridge. **TW:** vs. Streetsboro (9-0, 6-0; 3-6 all time). **NW:** Division IV, Region 14 first-round game.

**PREVIEW:** Tonight is critical to Division II, Region 6 positioning, as the Hornets could fall into a second-round road game if they lose to Aurora and Whitehouse Anthony Wayne (9-0 vs. 8-1 Perrysburg) and Wadsworth (9-0 vs. 4-5 North Royalton) are victorious. Fantastic50.net gives Highland a 45% chance at a rematch with North Royalton with a win tonight and a 44% chance to play North Olmsted with a loss.

● Highland has won 19 straight road games, the eighth-longest active streak in Ohio.

● The Hornets are gunning for their third 10-0 regular season (2001, 2013, 2022). They also went 8-0 in 1955 and 8-0 in 1969.

**STAT PACK:** With 26 rushing touchdowns, Casey Mysar needs seven to break the Medina County season record of 32 set by Medina's Jimmy Daw in 2016.

● Lucas Garding's 64-yard punt return last week is the eighth longest in school history. It represented the fourth straight season that the Hornets have returned a punt for a TD against the Black Tigers.

● Of the 28 punt return touchdowns in school history, 21 have come under 10th-year coach Mike Gibbons.

● Dylan Boria needs two passing touchdowns to break the school season record of 21 set by Bruce Kinsey in 2013.

● Ryan Zywiec and Carson Nook led the defense at Cuyahoga Falls with 1% tackles for loss and a sack apiece. Evan Foust forced and recovered a fumble, while Colton Foust had an interception along the sideline.

**LW:** W, 56-0 at Cuyahoga Falls. **TW:** at Aurora (9-0, 6-0; 4-4 all time). **NW:** Division II, Region 6 first-round game.

**PREVIEW:** Detroit Cass Tech won the Michigan Division I state title as recently as 2016. The Technicians boast five players with D-I offers: Alex Graham (CB, Colorado), John Baker (DE, Toledo), Logan Howell (DT, Miami of Ohio), Cashus Shivers (ATH, 17 offers) and Derrick Johnson III (S, Kent State).

● A Medina win would impact other teams' second-level points, meaning the Bees can rise from 14th in the Division I, Region 1 computer ratings. With a victory, fantastic50.net lists Medina with a 58% chance to play at Lorain (8-1) in the first round — the Titans have the weakest schedule in D-I — while a loss gives them a 36% to play at Toledo Whitmer (7-2).

● Tonight represents only the second time Medina will play an out-of-state opponent. The Bees lost at North Tawawanda (N.Y.) 44-7 on Sept. 30, 1933. North Tawawanda had played Elyria and Lorain in recent years and paid Medina more than \$100, which helped the team not yet known as the Bees by new uniforms for later in the season.

**STAT PACK:** Medina is allowing 34.7 points, on pace to be its worst since a school-record 39.4 in 1916.

● Brayden Smigel led the defense last week at Shaker Heights with 10 tackles (1% for loss, half-sack). Talen Hulvey had eight stops and two pass breakups, while Dylan Pay and Korde Carey posted interceptions.

● Medina leads Medina County with 16 interceptions, but only four players have gotten them. Hulvey and Pay each have five. Carey has four and Camden Sokolowski has two.

**LW:** L, 21-22 at Shaker Heights. **TW:** vs. Detroit Cass Tech (6-2; 0-0 all time). **NW:** Potential Division I, Region 1 first-round game.

**PREVIEW:** North Royalton is coming off a stunning 43-35 upset of Hudson in which Jack Buckle made the game-sealing interception when the pass bounced off an Explorers receiver with 1:24 left. The Bears are led by veteran 6-foot-3, 230-pound quarterback Joe Kinney (1,402 passing yards, 17 TDs, 11 INTs) and Nick Piazza (27 catches, 449 yards, 5 TDs).

● The Suburban League originally had a bylaw that stated conference titles were to be decided by winning percentage but voted this week to waive that rule because North Royalton could not play newcomer Solon due to a scheduling conflict