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Highland (4-0, 1-0) at Tallmadge (3-1, 1-0)

- What to watch: First place in the Suburban League American Conference will be on the line. ... Highland dominates on offense, putting up 40.5 points per game. The Hornets opened American Conference play with a 44-7 rout of Copley in Week 3. ... RB Casey Myser has had a strong start to the season. He ran for 120 yards and four TDs in a 37-0 Week 3 win over Brunswick, and he totaled 15 carries for 93 yards and two rushing TDs and four catches for 94 yards and two TDs against Copley QB Dylan Borla has shown himself to be a dual threat after recovering from two knee injuries the previous four seasons. He ran for a TD and completed 10 of 14 passes for 210 yards and the two TD passes to Myser against Copley. ... Caleb McKeen, Cody Bendau, Carson Noonan and Ryan Zywiec lead Highland's defense. ... Tallmadge opened its American Conference schedule with a 40-7 win over Barberton. ... QB Ryan Loveless has anchored the Blue Devils offense. Loveless threw for 234 yards and three TDs vs. Barberton. Noah Robinson caught two TD passes and JD Kanatzar caught the other. ... Tallmadge's defense with Robinson and Patrick Marcu has been solid, giving up no more than 13 points in a game this season.
- Who will win: Highland 35-21