

# County Football Week 2



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## Standings

CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE			
School	W	L	PF/PA
Lakewood	1-0	0-0	41.0/6.0
Bay	1-0	0-0	33.0/0.0
Buckeye	1-0	0-0	28.0/21.0
Northway	1-0	0-0	31.0/7.0
Rocky River	1-0	0-0	35.0/13.0
Westlake	0-1	0-0	14.0/34.0
Valley Forge	0-1	0-0	14.0/49.0
North Carroll	0-1	0-0	0.0/6.0

GREATER CLEVELAND CONFERENCE			
School	W	L	PF/PA
McCann	1-0	0-0	42.0/14.0
Mentor	1-0	0-0	34.0/0.0
Maple Heights	1-0	0-0	36.0/13.0
Cleveland Hts.	1-0	0-0	6.0/0.0
Brunswick	0-1	0-0	27.0/24.0
Storngrove	0-1	0-0	12.0/20.0
Euclyd	0-1	0-0	12.0/49.0

LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE			
School	W	L	PF/PA
Keystone	1-0	0-0	45.0/14.0
Channahon	1-0	0-0	34.0/0.0
Brookside	1-0	0-0	26.0/0.0
Columbus	1-0	0-0	41.0/0.0
Wellington	0-1	0-0	23.0/34.0
Franklin	0-1	0-0	16.0/47.0
Oakwood	0-1	0-0	0.0/31.0
Black River	0-1	0-0	12.0/44.0

METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE			
School	W	L	PF/PA
Stettinboro	1-0	0-0	29.0/21.0
Field	1-0	0-0	14.0/12.0
Woodbridge	0-1	0-0	6.0/7.0
Ravenna	0-1	0-0	7.0/4.0
Spring	0-1	0-0	14.0/29.0
Cleveland	0-1	0-0	21.0/48.0
Northport	0-1	0-0	0.0/28.0
Covellville	0-1	0-0	0.0/42.0

SUBURBAN LEAGUE			
School	W	L	PF/PA
Aurora	1-0	0-0	45.0/6.0
Highland	1-0	0-0	31.0/24.0
Rockwell	1-0	0-0	14.0/7.0
Tallmadge	1-0	0-0	13.0/7.0
Revere	1-0	0-0	7.0/6.0
Copley	0-1	0-0	18.0/34.0
Cuyahoga Falls	0-1	0-0	34.0/34.0
Barberton	0-1	0-0	0.0/42.0

National Conference			
School	W	L	PF/PA
Wadsworth	1-0	0-0	42.0/0.0
Noodin	0-1	0-0	41.0/6.0
Solon	0-1	0-0	13.0/16.0
Brookville	0-1	0-0	7.0/13.0
Hudson	0-1	0-0	24.0/0.0
North Royalton	0-1	0-0	23.0/34.0
Stow	0-1	0-0	14.0/42.0
Twinsburg	0-1	0-0	0.0/0.0

## County leaders

Player (School)	TD	Yds	1st	2nd	Pls.
McCann (Buc)	24	289	0	0	36
Lemp (W)	3	0	0	0	18
Swann (Bn)	2	0	0	0	12
Smith (C)	2	0	0	0	12
Myers (H)	2	0	0	0	12
Riffe (M)	2	0	0	0	12
D'Antonio (Bn)	0	2	0	0	9
D'Marco (Bn)	0	1	4	0	7
Kovach (H)	0	1	4	0	7
16 tied with	-	-	-	-	-

Player (School)	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
McCann (Buc)	24	289	12.0	6
Myers (H)	4	113	28.3	2
Madigan (W)	15	117	7.8	0
Gray (V)	9	94	10.4	1
Gray (C)	9	94	10.4	1
Bonia (H)	12	72	6.0	1
Niel (Bn)	7	58	8.3	0
Hopok (BR)	16	55	3.4	1
D. Hendershot (BR)	9	55	6.1	0
Duku (M)	6	40	6.7	0

Player (School)	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Smith (C)	5	114	22.8	2
Riffe (M)	4	113	28.3	2
Foust (H)	9	110	12.2	1
Wachtler (M)	9	101	11.2	0
Swann (Bn)	8	96	12.0	2
Lemp (W)	3	82	27.3	0
Meyers (H)	5	70	14.0	0
Lloyd (M)	5	64	12.8	1
Beiler (C)	5	58	11.6	0
Kavulich (Bn)	3	56	18.7	0

Player (School)	Co-At.	Pct.	Yds.	TD
Dilullo (M)	23-41	56.1	313	3-3
Barnett (Bn)	18-30	60.0	291	3-1
Bonia (H)	13-16	81.3	141	1-1
Torres (C)	7-12	58.3	96	1-1
Letner (C)	7-9	77.8	89	1-0
Dalata (Bn)	6-9	66.7	75	0-0
Stoops (W)	3-11	27.3	65	2-1
Burned (BR)	7-8	87.5	56	0-1
Hill (W)	4-21	19.0	22	0-0

Player (School)	FG	XP	PTS
D'Antonio (Bn)	2-2	100.0	3-3
D'Marco (Bn)	0-1	0.0	0-0
Kovach (H)	0-1	0.0	0-0
Kelms (M)	0-0	0.0	0-0
Madwidde (W)	0-0	0.0	0-0
Sustercic (C)	0-0	0.0	0-0
Bonickie (BR)	0-0	0.0	0-0

TEAM STATISTICS			
Offense			
School	Rush	Pass	Total
Buckeye	446.0	79.0	525.0
Medina	45.0	0.0	45.0
Highland	262.0	141.0	403.0
Brunswick	219.0	107.0	326.0
Wadsworth	112.0	185.0	297.0
Cloverleaf	185.0	144.0	329.0

Defense			
School	Rush	Pass	Total
Wadsworth	50.0	19.0	69.0
Black River	45.0	248.0	293.0
Highland	132.0	162.0	294.0
Buckeye	112.0	185.0	297.0
Medina	241.0	0.0	241.0
Brunswick	266.0	127.0	393.0
Cloverleaf	446.0	79.0	525.0

DEFENSE			
Player (School)	Tackles	Solo	Asst.
Smigel (M)	21	3	18
E. Gray (C)	13	4	9
Joseph (M)	12	0	12
Barnes (Bn)	12	3	9
L. Letter (C)	11	2	9
Combs (C)	11	6	5
Clemens (Bn)	9	4	5
Hulbert (Bn)	9	9	0
Balaban (Bn)	9	3	6
Estes (M)	9	3	6
Myers (W)	9	3	6
Ries (M)	8	4	4
Nicholson (M)	7	2	5
Bojowski (C)	7	5	2
Romero (Bn)	6	1	5
E. Foust (H)	7	3	4
Zywic (H)	6	3	3

Tackles for loss			
Player (School)	TD	Yds.	Pls.
Smigel (M)	2	Estes (M)	2
2. Meador (BR)	1	Combs (C)	1
Myers (W)	1	Balaban (Bn)	1
Myers (W)	1	Balaban (Bn)	1

Sacks			
Player (School)	TD	Yds.	Pls.
Estes (M)	2	Polczak (W)	2
Landon (Bn)	1	Zywic (H)	1
1. Myers (W)	1	Kovach (H)	1
1. Hulvey (M)	1	Dobkowski (BR)	1
1. Hulvey (M)	1	Dobkowski (BR)	1
1. Hulvey (M)	1	Dobkowski (BR)	1

Interceptions			
Player (School)	TD	Yds.	Pls.
Hulvey (M)	1	Sokolowski (M)	1
Ries (M)	1	Ries (M)	1

Forced fumbles			
Player (School)	TD	Yds.	Pls.
Dobkowski (BR)	1	Balaban (Bn)	1
Dobkowski (BR)	1	Balaban (Bn)	1

Fumble recoveries			
Player (School)	TD	Yds.	Pls.
Hulvey (M)	1	Ries (M)	1
Hulvey (M)	1	Ries (M)	1

Pass breakups			
Player (School)	TD	Yds.	Pls.
J. Smigel (M)	2	J. Smigel (M)	2
L. Letter (C)	1	Dobkowski (BR)	1
L. Letter (C)	1	Dobkowski (BR)	1
L. Letter (C)	1	Dobkowski (BR)	1

Editor's note			
Player (School)	TD	Yds.	Pls.
Lemp (W)	1	0	18

## Black River

**PREVIEW:** Still struggling mightily with roster size, Northwestern allowed 533 yards total offense (426 rushing) in a 62-14 season-opening loss to Keystone. The Huskies rely heavily on quick passing from left-handed quarterback Isaac Baum and are still looking for an offensive touchdown after returning two kickoffs for scores against the Wildcats.

● The Pirates' last four victories over Northwestern have been decided by eight points or fewer.

**STAT PACK:** Right tackle Owen Chapman and H-back Kayden Hendershot had key blocks on Jayce Hopok's 4-yard touchdown last week at Hillsdale, while tight end Mason Koberna and wide receivers Carson Steidl and Austin Pamer provided the main blocks on Hunter Varny's game-ending 3-yard QB sweep for a score.

● Pamer led the defense at Hillsdale with six tackles and a pass breakup. Ryan Graves added five tackles (1 for loss) and a pass breakup. Colton Moskal posted 1½ tackles for loss and Seth Gaspari and Chapman had one apiece.

● Due to a running clock in the second half, Black River allowed only 293 yards to begin the season, second in Medina County to Wadsworth (68).

● The Pirates converted only 2-of-11 third downs against Hillsdale but were successful on 3-of-4 fourth downs.

**LW:** L, 12-44 at Hillsdale. **TW:** at Northwestern (0-1; 13-19 all time). **NW:** vs. Brooklyn (0-1).



Moskal

## Buckeye

**PREVIEW:** The lone Amherst player to make first-team All-Southwestern Conference a year ago, veteran quarterback Cole Norris, is the key to the spread offense. The senior rushed for three scores and threw for another on fourth- and 3 in a 34-18 victory over Copley. Tight end/defensive end Eli Solak (5-foot-3, 230 pounds) is another player to watch.

● The Bucks have won nine of their last 10 regular-season home games.

**STAT PACK:** Troy McCann broke the school record held by six players with six rushing touchdowns against Cloverleaf. His 289 rushing yards rank third.

● While McCann's six rushing touchdowns tied the documented Medina County record, the breakdown of the 12 TDs scored by McCann's Erastus "Tunk" Simmons in a 159-6 win over Spencer on Oct. 5, 1923 remains unknown.

● With 3,226 career rushing yards and 41 rushing TDs, McCann needs 162 and three to crack the county top 10s.

● The 446 rushing yards and 525 yards total offense against Cloverleaf both rank fifth in school history.

● Nick Balaban led the defense against Cloverleaf with nine tackles and a forced fumble recovered by Curtis Gunkelman. Roman Kretler had a bone-crushing tackle on the opening kickoff, Jackson Schmitt posted an interception and Cam Landon recorded a late sack.

● The kickoff coverage was solid against Cloverleaf, which had an average starting field position of the 26.4-yard line.

**LW:** W, 49-21 vs. Cloverleaf. **TW:** vs. Amherst (1-0, 2-0 all time). **NW:** at Ellet (0-1).



Balaban

## Highland

**PREVIEW:** North Royalton struggled to match Maple Heights' physicality and fell behind 14-0 in a 34-23 loss. The Bears boast three-year starting quarterback Joe Kinney, a 6-foot-5, 230-pound left-hander, and first-team All-Suburban League National Conference running back Grady Baugh.

● Highland has won 11-of-15 games against the Bears since the series was renewed in 2009.

● The Hornets are 42-10 (.808) all time at North Gateway Tire Stadium.

**STAT PACK:** Evan Foust joined Cory Moncol (10 vs. Olmsted Falls, 2013; 9 vs. North Royalton, 2013), Andrew Kronenberg (10, 2009 vs. Green) and Jake Rogers (9 vs. Medina, 2017) as the only players in school history with at least nine catches in a game.

● Foust also tied All-Ohio tackle Ryan Zywic for the team lead with seven tackles. Zywic and Carson Noonan each had a sack. Ben Coyne and Josh Messina added half-sacks and Zywic and Nick Dobkowski broke up passes.

● Dobkowski had a stellar debut at punter, using a turf roll for a 54-yard bomb on his first attempt and landing his second 52 yards at the Hudson 17.

● Ends Bryce Polczak and Troy Myers dazzled at Barberton, combining for 15 tackles, four tackles for loss and three sacks. Will Ries had eight tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery, while Shawn Kincaid (2 TFL, sack) and Boden Balaban (1½ TFL) also made impact plays.

● Right tackle Eli Kaufman, left guard Gabe Ludtke and tight end Colton Leavitt had perfect blocks on Cooper Gray's 46-yard touchdown run.

● Wadsworth had 85 penalty yards against Barberton. The Grizzlies had the most in Medina County with an average of 66.6 per game.

**LW:** W, 42-0 at Barberton. **TW:** at New Albany (0-1, 0-0 all time). **NW:** vs. Medina (1-0).



Foust

## Brunswick

**PREVIEW:** Olmsted Falls graduated all five of its 2023 first-team All-Southwestern Conference players and starts only four seniors on its famous hexbone triple-option offense. The Bulldogs survived Solon 16-13 in the season opener when Mason Cerovac, the son of former Brunswick standout athlete Brad Cerovac, blocked a 36-yard field goal in the final 10 seconds.

● The first game in program history was played against Olmsted Falls, an 18-7 loss on Sept. 12, 1947.

**STAT PACK:** Sean Barnett's 291 passing yards last week at Berea-Midpark are tied with current freshman coach Grant Relic (Sept. 18, 1998 vs. Sandusky) for seventh most in school history.

● As expected, Cooper Neel had a busy season opener with six carries for 58 yards, three receptions for 44 yards and one kickoff return for 23 yards.

● Senior linebacker Jacob Barnes led the defense in his first career start at Berea-Midpark with 12 tackles that included sharing a tackle for loss with Eli Nichols. Landon Kirchner returned a first-half interception 14 yards, while Alex Hubbell and Elijah Clement (9 tackles) broke up passes.

● Brandon Gross had an incredible contested 29-yard reception in triple coverage on the Blue Devils' final drive.

● Brunswick has lost five straight season openers.

**LW:** L, 27-34 at Berea-Midpark. **TW:** vs. Olmsted Falls (1-0, 1-4 all time). **NW:** at Highland (1-0).



Barnes

## Colts Cloverleaf

**PREVIEW:** The Colts had to deal with Buckeye's power last week but will see more