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ABOUT THE COVER

2014 was a remarkable year for Keystone tight end C.J. Conrad. He began the season by accepting a Division One scholarship and committing to play football at the University of Kentucky. During the season Conrad lead his team with 55 receptions for 742 yards and 10 touchdowns. On the defensive side of the ball Conrad was just as effective, posting 76 tackles with two interceptions. His numbers helped lead Keystone to an 8-2 record and their first Division IV play-off appearance in the school's history. The dream season came to a fitting end when Conrad was named the Lorain County Golden Helmet Award winner making him just the second Wildcats player, and first since 1972, to receive the prestigious honor.

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Any moment now, the man wearing a black and white striped shirt will hand a brown, leather sphere to a young man who might have sharpened his skills on the soccer field. That young man will no doubt squeeze the sphere...a football...then place it ever so carefully at the proper angle on an orange tee. He'll then back away...7 to 10 yards will do...and wait for another man wearing a black and white striped shirt at the other end of the field to raise his arm and blow his whistle. The young man will quickly approach the ball with his eyes focused on the lower half...and with one swing of a leg...BOOM!... the high school football season is underway.

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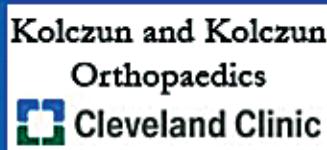
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2015 Lorain County high school football preview



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Midview entrance.

By: Tim Alcorn

"Change can be a good thing". How often have we heard that saying? Well, if it's true, then the changes that will unfold this season both on and off the field should make for a good, if not great, 2015 high school football season.

The biggest change locally comes in the form of conference alignments and new leagues, with several local squads competing against new teams, and forming new rivalries. Notably, the West Shore Conference is gone, though not its incredible history and memorable games. The WSC will be missed. Those WSC teams have

scattered elsewhere, with four (Avon, Midview, North Ridgeville and Lakewood) now in the Southwestern Conference, making that league one of the most formidable in northeast Ohio.

Delving into the SWC, let's start with the newer members, beginning with **Midview**. Pick any positive adjective, and it describes the Middie 2014 season. Incredible, phenomenal, fantastic, would all be apt descriptions of the 12-1 campaign (including a perfect 10-0 regular season) the Middies put together last year under first year head coach DJ Shaw. Returning offensively from that

historic team is fabulously talented quarterback Dustin Crum, as well as star receiver Logan Bolin. Standout receivers Dimitri Redwood and Daimion Mahone are back as well. Defensively, the Middies return several starters, including linemen Trey Preston and Jordan Shevel and linebacker Alec Forrer. The Middies should have another great campaign in front of them. Gunning for Midview will be **Avon**, who posted another great season under coach Mike Elder last year, going 10-2, with their only two setbacks coming to the Middies in epic regular season and playoff battles. The

Eagles boast great returnees as well, with QB Jake Sopko back, as well as running back Gerrett Choat, and wide receivers Darren Davis and Wil Heilman. Sopko is already a Cincinnati Bearcat recruit. Joey Valenti and Sam Gerak will anchor a terrific offensive line. Choat returns defensively, as do numerous other starters including linemen Andrew Roesch and Vince Gargaro, and linebacker Austin Lewis. No doubt, the Eagles are primed for another outstanding season. Another newcomer to the SWC is **North Ridgeville**, who

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Sat, Sept. 5.....	Ely. Catholic at C. C. C	
Fri, Sept. 11.....	Vermilion at Firelands.....	Avon at No. Olmsted
Sat, Sept. 12.....		Brookside at W. Reserve
Thu, Sept. 17.....	Ely. Catholic at Valley Forge	
Fri, Sept. 18.....	Midview at Avon.....	Luth. West at Keystone
Fri, Sept. 25.....	Black River at Columbia.....	Av. Lake at No. Ridgeville
Fri, Oct. 2.....	Black River at Keystone.....	Amherst at Av. Lake
Sat, Oct. 3.....	Ely. Catholic at Holy Name	
Fri, Oct. 9.....	No. Ridgeville at Avon.....	Clearview at Columbia
Fri, Oct. 16.....	Solon at Elyria.....	Amherst at Avon
Fri, Oct. 23.....	TBA.....	TBA
Fri, Oct. 30.....	TBA.....	TBA

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comes off a 5-5 season. Luke Durbin enters his second year as head coach, and has perhaps the most electrifying player in the area in Ohio State recruit, running back Demario McCall to build around. Quarterback Colin Sullinger joins Demario in the backfield, while wide receiver Jordan Montgomery is a great target. Austin Sycz is a tremendous two-way lineman, while Jack Lesniak excels as both a tight end and defensive lineman. With McCall leading the way, the Rangers will be a very dangerous team to contend with this season. Another second year head coach is Bill Fishleigh at **Amherst**. While the Comets struggled through a 2-8 season last year, Coach Fishleigh raved about the competitiveness of his team, and looks for better results in the won-loss column this season. Several players return, including linebackers Todd Hastings, Cooper Cottrell, and Noah Jackson, and safety Mark Harris on defense, while offensively, Nick DeJesus

will be the QB, with Jarrod Bradac returning at running back. Three key offensive linemen are back too, including Joe Masters, Cam Haslage and Adrian Barnes. If ever a team wants a bounce back year it's **Avon Lake**. The Shoremen were also 2-8 last season, including a 1-5 SWC mark. Hall of Fame coach Dave Dlugosz does have some solid returnees, including bruising running back and linebacker Sam Klimkowski, another linebacker (and tight end) Bobby Kiskin, two way lineman Jordan Turner and Carson Toy, a terrific wide receiver and defensive back. Berea-Midpark was the SWC champ last year, with a perfect 6-0 mark in the league (and 8-2 overall), and should be primed for another big season. Westlake has a new head coach in former Massillon coach Jason Hall, who replaced Mark Campo following a 3-7 season. The always formidable North Olmsted Eagles come off a 7-3 record, and Olmsted Falls was 4-6 last year. Lakewood will round out the SWC, which is now a ten team conference.

Perhaps the best story for

Lorain County football last season was the resurgence of football at **Lorain** High School, where Dave McFarland led the Titans to the playoffs in his very first year at the helm.

Lorain battled to a 7-4 overall record last year, and while they lost some great talent in Rashod Berry and Eddie Williamson to name a couple, the Titans return such stalwarts as linemen Naz Bohannon, Josh Fenn, and Kenny Washington, while Kevin Davis is a terrific skill player. Another returnee for the Titans is the talented Sam McGuigan. Lorain is in the rugged LEL, but Coach McFarland isn't one to let a team go backwards, so there should be some fun nights at George Daniel Field this fall. Football is definitely back at LHS!

Elyria Catholic heads to a brand new league (the Great Lakes Conference) with a new head coach, as Dave Stupka takes over the Panther program. Coach Stupka had been on the EC staff as an assistant, and has previously been a head coach at Lutheran West, Chanel, and Midpark. EC joins Rocky River, Bay, Parma, Normandy, Holy Name and Valley Forge in the new conference. The Panthers battled to a 6-4 record last year, and had a terrific offense, averaging 36 points per game. Jacob Kuchta led that offense at QB, and he returns, as do several others, including sensational wide receiver Cole Virgin and offensive lineman Mickey O'Neil. Defensively, lineman Ted Achladis returns along with DB Zac Thurmon. The new GLL may be more to EC's liking than the West Shore, where the Panthers were challenged matching up with bigger schools.

The other school in Elyria, the **Elyria** Pioneers are also in a new conference in 2015. The Greater Cleveland Conference begins this fall, and Elyria joins Brunswick, Medina,



Ray Ridel/Chronicle
Elyria Catholic Cole Virgin

Strongsville, Solon, Mentor, and Shaker Heights in the new league. Elyria comes off a 7-4 season in 2014 including a trip to the Division 1 playoffs. Key returnees for Kevin Fell's team include the running back tandem of Mikah Price and Chris Atkinson, while defensively, Kevin Vough will anchor the defensive line, with linebackers Zachary Mason and JT Brown holding down linebacker spots.

Independently, the sad news for Lorain County fans is that **Open Door** will not field a football team in 2015. Ray Lowe's Patriots had a 3-6 season last year, but shortly before Forecast went to press, Coach Lowe announced that due to lack of players, the Patriots would not be on the field for a third season in 2015. Another independent is **Vermilion** (they will join the Sandusky Bay Conference next season). The Sailors went through a tough 2-8 season last year but coach Rob Duray played a slew of youngsters who will return this fall, including eleven starters. Offensively, quarterback Nick Bray, linemen Jared Wright and Liam McCullough are back, along with wide receivers Austin and Justin Carlson. Defensively, linemen Aric Byington and Tyler Bath return, as does linebacker Trevor Boyd.

The Patriot Athletic Conference provided some terrific matchups last year, and should

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North Ridgeville DeMario McCall

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do the same this season. In the Stars, Buckeye won the division in '14, but the Keystone Wildcats finished just one game back, and put together a tremendous 8-3 season, including a first ever trip to the playoffs. Rob Clarico needs to replace 2014 Golden Helmet winner CJ Conrad, but CJ's younger brother Austin is a tremendous two-way player at linebacker and running back. Other key returnees for Keystone include Tyler Kelly and Chris Sittinger. The Cats have tasted success and will look to sustain their great year last season. **Firelands** had a big turnaround season last year, going 6-4 after a 0-10 campaign the year before. Head Coach Mike Passarello should be excited about the upcoming season, with returnees such as QB Brad Thrasher, RB Aaron Stevanus and lineman Jake Grasso, and defensively Aaron Miller, Trevor Stefanski in the line, and defensive back Cole Ference. **Brookside** will have a new head coach in '15, as Paul Ferguson takes over the Cardinal program from Thom Lesiecki who went to Uhrichsville Claymont. The Cards are coming off a 5-5 season, and coach Ferguson inherits some nice talent from that squad, including quarterback Dudley Taw, tight end Max Wilson, and running back Hunter Schmeltzer. Key returnees defensively are linebacker Tim Akerman and defensive back Jeremiah Edwards. The Cardinals could be dangerous. Sean Arno enters his second year as the head coach at **Wellington**, as the Dukes look to improve off a 2-8 record in '14. Wellington returns many players from last year, including Max Carevic, Trevor Porter and Cole Jerousek on offense, and key contributors defensively will be Justin Skinner, Chris Wagner and Jordan Howard. **Black River** rounds out the Stars Division.



Ray Ridel/Chronicle

Firelands Brand Thrasher

Al Young will look to have his Pirate team improve on a 5-5 '14 campaign. On the Stripes side, **Columbia** again won the division and made another post-season appearance, compiling an outstanding 9-2 record. Jason Ward has built a true football "program" at Columbia. The Raiders welcome back their quarterback Jacob Viccarone and his speedy target at wide receiver Jesse Lambert, while defensively, leading tackler Mike Jaccobucci is back and so is lineman JB Surman. 2015 should be another big year for the Raiders. **Clearview** was 5-5 last season as Mike Collier's club struggled with injuries all year. The Clippers hope to rebound this fall, led by their spectacular receiver Lance Billings, as well as two outstanding linemen, Johnny McDermott and Dakota Stout. Billings has already committed to Iowa in the Big 10 which speaks to his talent level. Defensively, Jacob Collier and Jamel Billings return in the secondary, and DeAri Todd and Mike Brunecz

will be back in the defensive line and linebacker respectively. **Oberlin** was 2-8 last year, but the Phoenix were another team that played a tremendous

amount of younger players as they built for the future. Second year coach Mike Law returns several starters, including dynamic running back Elijah Bugg and another back in Kobe Fields. Mark Aguiniga and John Rosa will anchor the offensive line, and Journey Toole will provide a nice target at wide receiver. Defensively, Morality Anderson is back on the line, while linebacker Joe Medina returns as does Zion Hicks in the secondary.

Lutheran West, Fairview and Brooklyn complete the Stripes Division.

While change is in the air regarding certain aspects on the local gridiron scene, one thing that never changes is the atmosphere that surrounds the great game of high school football. While players, coaches, and conferences may be different this year, the roar of the crowd, the sounds of the band, the smell of the popcorn and the excitement on the field remains constant. In that sense, NO change is a good thing!



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Clearview Lance Billings.

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10/2	Avon Lake.....	Away
10/9	North Olmsted.....	Home
10/16	Avon.....	Away
10/23	Westlake	Home
10/30	Lakewood	Away

Avon Eagles

8/28	Strongsville	Away
9/4	Avon Lake.....	Home
9/11	North Olmsted	Away
9/18	Midview	Home
9/25	Westlake.....	Away
10/2	Lakewood.....	Home
10/9	North Ridgeville	Home
10/16	Amherst	Home
10/23	Berea - Midpark	Away
10/30	Olmsted Falls	Away

Avon Lake Shoremen

8/28	Elyria.....	Home
9/4	Avon	Away
9/11	Westlake	Home
9/18	Lakewood	Away
9/25	North Ridgeville.....	Away
10/2	Amherst	Home
10/9	Berea - Midpark	Away
10/16	Olmsted Falls	Home
10/23	Midview.....	Home
10/30	North Olmsted	Away

Bay Rockets

8/28	Brookside.....	Away
9/4	Streetsboro	Home
9/11	Fairview.....	Home
9/18	Holy Name.....	Away
9/25	Rocky River	Home
10/2	Normandy	Home
10/9	Elyria Catholic.....	Away
10/16	Vermilion	Away
10/23	Valley Forge	Home
10/30	Parma	Home

Berea - Midpark Titans

8/28	Bedford.....	Home
9/4	Lakewood	Away
9/18	Amherst	Home
9/25	Midview.....	Home
10/2	Olmsted Falls.....	Away
10/9	Avon Lake	Home
10/16	North Olmsted	Away
10/23	Avon	Home
10/30	Westlake.....	Away

Black River Pirates

8/28	Western Reserve	Home
9/4	Northwestern.....	Home
9/11	Crestview	Away
9/18	Brooklyn	Home
9/25	Columbia	Away
10/2	Keystone.....	Away
10/9	Buckeye	Home
10/16	Brookside	Home
10/23	Firelands	Away
10/30	Wellington	Away

Brecksville Bees

8/28	Padua Franciscan	Home
9/4	Garfield Heights	Away
9/11	Brunswick	Away
9/18	Cuyahoga Falls.....	Home
9/25	Twinsburg	Away
10/2	Nordonia	Home
10/9	North Royalton	Home
10/16	Wadsworth	Away
10/23	Stow-Munroe Falls	Home
10/30	Hudson	Away

Brooklyn Hurricanes

8/28	Rhodes	Home
9/4	Firelands	Home
9/11	Lincoln West	Home
9/18	Black River	Away
9/25	Wellington	Home
10/2	Fairview	Away
10/9	Lutheran West	Home
10/16	Columbia	Away
10/23	Oberlin	Home
10/30	Clearview	Away

Brookside Cardinals

8/28	Bay	Home
9/4	Oberlin	Home
9/12	Western Reserve	Away
9/18	Columbia	Home
9/25	Lutheran West	Away
10/2	Firelands	Away
10/9	Keystone	Home
10/16	Black River	Away
10/23	Wellington	Home
10/30	Buckeye	Away

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10/2	Wellington	Home
10/9	Black River	Away
10/16	Firelands	Home
10/23	Keystone	Away
10/30	Brookside	Home

Clearview Clippers

8/28	Vermilion	Away
9/4	Rhodes	Home
9/11	Dalton	Away
9/18	Firelands	Away
9/25	Buckeye	Home
10/2	Oberlin	Home
10/9	Columbia	Away
10/16	Fairview	Home
10/23	Lutheran West	Away
10/30	Brooklyn	Home

Cloverleaf Colts

8/28	Northwest	Home
9/4	Keystone	Away
9/11	Buckeye	Home
9/18	Coventry	Away
9/25	Norton	Home
10/2	Woodridge	Away
10/9	Springfield	Home
10/16	Ravenna	Away
10/23	Field	Home
10/30	Streetsboro	Away

Columbia Raiders

8/28	Independence	Home
9/4	Wellington	Away
9/11	Northwestern	Home
9/18	Brookside	Away
9/25	Black River	Home
10/2	Lutheran West	Away
10/9	Clearview	Home
10/16	Brooklyn	Home
10/23	Fairview	Away
10/30	Oberlin	Away

Elyria Pioneers

8/28	Avon Lake	Away
9/4	Lorain	Away
9/11	Shaw	Home
9/18	Medina	Home
9/25	Brunswick	Away
10/2	Shaker Heights	Home
10/9	Euclid	Away
10/16	Solon	Home
10/23	Strongsville	Away
10/30	Mentor	Home

Elyria Catholic Panthers

8/28	St. Thomas Aquinas	Home
9/5	Cleveland Central Catholic	Away
9/11	Mogadore	Home
9/18	Valley Forge	Away
9/25	Parma	Home
10/3	Holy Name	Away
10/9	Bay	Home
10/16	Normandy	Home
10/23	Rocky River	Away
10/30	Gilmour Academy	Home

Fairview Warriors

8/27	Rocky River	Away
9/4	Vermilion	Home
9/11	Bay	Away
9/18	Buckeye	Away
9/25	Keystone	Home
10/2	Brooklyn	Home
10/9	Oberlin	Away
10/16	Clearview	Away
10/23	Columbia	Home
10/30	Lutheran West	Home

Firelands Falcons

8/28	Edison	Away
9/4	Brooklyn	Away
9/11	Vermilion	Home
9/18	Clearview	Home
9/25	Oberlin	Away
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10/9	CopleyAway
10/16	TallmadgeHome
10/23	BarbertonHome
10/30	RooseveltAway

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10/9	WestlakeAway
10/16	MidviewHome
10/23	North RidgevilleAway
10/30	AmherstHome

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Lorain Titans

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Medina Battling Bees

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Keystone Wildcats

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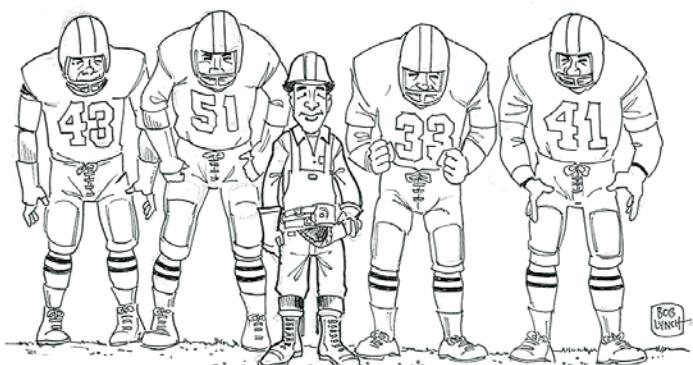
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10/8	Rocky River	Home
10/16	Elyria Catholic	Away
10/23	Vermilion	Away
10/30	Valley Forge	Home

North Olmsted Eagles

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North Ridgeville Rangers

8/28	North Royalton	Home
9/4	Amherst	Away
9/11	Berea - Midpark	Home
9/18	Olmsted Falls	Away
9/25	Avon Lake	Home
10/2	North Olmsted	Away
10/7	Avon	Away
10/16	Westlake	Home
10/23	Lakewood	Home
10/30	Midview	Away

Oberlin Phoenix

8/28	New London	Home
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9/25	Firelands	Home
10/2	Clearview	Away
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10/23	Brooklyn	Away
10/30	Columbia	Home

Olmsted Falls Bulldogs

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10/30	Avon	Home

Padua Bruins

8/28	Brecksville	Away
9/4	Holy Name	Home
9/11	West Geauga	Home
9/18	Maple Heights	Away
9/25	Garfield Heights	Home
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10/23	Lake Catholic	Home
10/30	NDCL	Away

Parma Redmen

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9/10	John Marshall	Home
9/18	Normandy	Home
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10/2	St. Ignatius	Away
10/9	Valley Forge	Away
10/16	Rocky River	Away
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Rocky River Pirates

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The Running Clock

How time is changing in High School Football

By Bob "Tomo" Tomaszewski

Last year the OHSAA added a new rule to the High School Football Rules Book. The rule says if a team is losing by 30 points or more at half time, referees are instructed to use a running clock. That means the clock does NOT stop for any reason other than an injury. This rule applies to all levels of football: middle school to high school. We now can play longer with overtime games going on until a winner is established or teams could play less because a big half-time leads. I really don't like this new rule. I have talked to many coaches and officials and very, very few think this rule is a good idea. In my mind, by implementing this new rule we are telling the losing team you are so bad we are going to shorten the game. Now I know that is not what the rule is intended to say, but in young athlete's mind is he thinking: we not only got beat bad, but they shortened the game on us? Isn't one of the life lessons sports are supposed to teach is finishing what you start? In life you cannot go home at noon because the morning didn't go as well as you had hoped.

Some coaches have told me they can barely get their reserves in the game because

there is so little time. Think about this - during a game, the offense has to put the ball in play in just under 30 seconds. If it takes 15-20 seconds to run a play: which includes spotting the ball and resetting the down markers, you are lucky to run 18 to 19 plays in a 12 minute quarter, even less if you turn the ball over on downs.

I have broadcast 7th and 8th grade games for WLCS TV20 in Lorain and in some cases the entire second half took less than 15 minutes. A varsity game may take only 20-25 minutes to play. Why not make a rule that says end the game at half time?

So what is the answer to handling lopsided victories: I think it starts with the coaches. We talk about sportsmanship all the time. So how about this – let's show some sportsmanship to our players, fans and the other team. Coaches, call off the dogs in those lopsided games. Let's clear the bench. All players on the team practice every day. If they can't get in the game



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when you're ahead by 30, when can they? A lot of these kids are seniors and juniors that never see the field, but are on the scout team all week helping the starters prepare. They are on the team because they love football and want to be part of the team. Let them get their uniform dirty on Friday night.

Here's another idea. If you are one of those coaches that throws the ball 50 times a game: how about running the ball a little bit why you are up by 30 points. That takes a lot of time off the clock: and it will protect your quarterback and receivers from injuries late in the game.

I think the OHSAA should include a 15 or 20 minute session during their annual rules interpretation meeting that covers lopsided games and the importance of good sports-

manship. Coaches have to remember a win is a win whether it's by one point or by 50. All the athletic conferences in the state could place an emphasis on sportsmanship. The Ohio Football Coaches Association could also remind their members how to close out lopsided games. That includes the winning and losing coaches.

Wouldn't it be nice to know that fans and parents that travel to places like Youngstown or Toledo will see a complete game and not a second half that is shorter than halftime.

And a final thought – to all the coaches and players in the WEOL AM930 broadcast area – GOOD LUCK this year and enjoy every minute of playing the game.



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Youth football and the high school game

By: "Z" Zoltai

Should your youth-football team use the same offense and defense as your local high school? Hell, no! Ok... some of you are all ready to lynch me. Don't reach for the rope just yet — first read on with an open mind as I share a different view on the subject with the hope of taking you to an enlightened place.

Most reading this story don't know that 73 percent of youth athletes are out of all youth sports by age 13! The other 27 percent tend to specialize in one sport for high school, and they don't all choose football. The typical youth team only has about six kids (20%), who are going to wind up ever playing high school varsity football. This number is supported at Clearview, where sixth year

head coach, Mike Collier, estimates their percentage at 20-30 percent. So, to run your local high school's schemes on the theory that your players are all going to play high school football in the future is the six-man tail wagging the 29-man remainder-of-the-team dog. Run the team for all the kids, not just the handful that will play high school varsity football.

Is it About the Kids or Winning? For my story I reached out to numerous Lorain County high school football coaches, past and present. With the help of Tim Gebhardt of the Chronicle, I was able to reconnect with my former high school coach at Elyria West, Bill Hewitt, who said during his career he did a stint coaching 7th graders and felt that if younger players didn't have the basic fundamentals of



football, not only would these kids be unable to develop the skills they need but they are also more at risk for injury. Hewitt shared, "The thing that upsets me the most was young coaches put more influence on winning. They coach for the moment, for their own glory." Veteran coach Bill Barton would always say, "Kids need to enjoy the game, it's only a game, have fun, let the kids have fun." One of Coach Mike Collier's ways to keep the youth game fun is through, "pad work, rolling drills, avoid talking too much, and shorter practice length for the young kids".

Brunswick, Head Coach Luke Beal said, he does prefer to have elements of his high school philosophy taught at the youth levels, but added he also wants the youth teams to keep the schemes simple, so that the players can focus on the fundamentals of blocking and tackling. Lorain High Head Coach Dave McFarland feels the youth level is less about winning and more about teaching the game. However, when players get into junior high and early high school, learning how to achieve success has a place provided the experience is fun and kids are getting game experience equally.

Avon Lake basketball coach, Dave Zavara has worn more

coaching hats in the area than anyone I know. He feels youth football is not helping at the high school level. Despite a decade separating the eras of he and Bill Hewitt's coaching tenures, Dave echoes the same sentiments as Hewitt. "I think you don't get coaches who care about teaching fundamentals. The approach of youth football coaches nowadays is turning kids off." He feels the exception would be if you can find a person that really loves to teach the game and not an individual who wants to win at all cost.

Mark Pinzone, the Head Coach, at Buckeye High School says wins at the youth level aren't as important as keeping the kids in the program through having a positive playing experience and staying committed, especially when the big challenge is the declining number of players due to the family's fear of injury (i.e. concussion). Former Elyria High head coach Terry Doan who retired from in 1984 says, "There will always be an occasional Vince Lombardi type youth football coach who wants to win more than anything. There is no way around it".

Players move. A sobering thought for High School Coaches is the national average is about 15 percent of players

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per year move. So you can calculate the probability that any given player on your youth team will play for your local high-school varsity by raising $100\% - 15\% = 85\%$ to the power of the number of years between now and his junior year of high school. For example, the probability that a given ten-year old will still live in the area when he or she is 16 years of age would be $.85 \times .85 \times .85 \times .85 \times .85 \times .85 = .38$ or 38 percent. When you combine the probability that a given ten-year old will still be playing football anywhere when age 16 with the probability that he will still live in your area equates as: $20\% \times 38\% =$ a mere 7.6% chance that they will play high school football and still live in the area.

Take what you learned and go elsewhere. The fact that a player does not move out of your school district does not necessarily mean he will attend your local public high school. Youth-football players I've known in the Parma City School District who did not move could end up playing for about three different local public high schools (Valley Forge, Parma Senior, Normandy) or either of the two local Catholic high schools (Padua or Holy Name). So if you live in an area where your youth teams feed more than one high school, the question becomes which high school's system do you adopt? In the three years I studied the trends and talked with parents and coaches, it seemed that about five players from each youth team ended up playing high school varsity football. Only one out five (20%) got further fragmented through open enrollment when they went to different high schools in the district. So only one player and high school would get any benefit from having become familiar with a local high school's system. Each of the three public (and two private) don't exactly teach and run the same systems either. So much for the game you learned to

play ball with, right?

Furthermore, competition created by open enrollment and private schools whispering in a parent's ear, the high school in question would probably suffer from the other former youth players taking their knowledge to an opposing high school. Combining this fact with the above two, the chances of a given ten-year old attending your local high school and playing football are $20\% \times 38\% \times 20\% =$ only 1.52%!

At Clearview, Coach Collier said, "kids bounce back and forth quite a bit (between Lorain and his district) but that this constant migration happens between the two school areas regardless if a young person is an athlete or not. However, with good youth coaches keeping it fun (like Clearview does), you might cut down on that number

Coaches move up/move on too. Not only do high-school coaches frequently get fired for doing badly, they often get a chance to move up to a better high school or to college or pro football if they do well. It would be logical to only use your local high school's system if it was working at that high school. But the more it works at that high school, the greater the probability that coach will move on to bigger and better things. This leaves your youth football program exposed to confusion and the treadmill of having to relearn yet another new way of doing things via the frequent changes in 'philosophies' generated by a revolving coaches door at the high school. This too causes young players to quit or transfer to another district. I have seen this happen too many times to count. As a result there are some kids that endure as many as three high school football coaching changes from seventh grade until graduation. In Avon High School Head Coach, Mike Elder, feels that if you build and structure your youth and High School football efforts around a 'program' concept it really shouldn't matter at either level if a coach moves on.



As Star Trek's Mr. Spock said, "The needs of the many, outweigh the needs of the few"

Coaches change their minds. Maybe your local high-school coach neither gets fired nor moves up in the next five or six years. That does not guarantee that he will not change his mind about what offense or defense he wants to use. If some other scheme becomes fashionable, he is impressed by a clinic speaker, or he gets his butt kicked by a school using a different system.. "Hey, we put in your system at your request three years ago. What do you mean you're changing it?" "Oh, yeah. Sorry about that." Maybe your head coach both stays in his job and stays with his offensive system, but he hires a new defensive coordinator who totally changes the school's approach to defense. "Sorry about that, too."

Been there- but have you done it? Two years ago when researching this topic for my Cox Cable television show (called One Man Show) I conducted a personal straw-poll of many Head Coaches both while broadcasting games on WEOL and those I met through my travels as Coach in the Parma School District. What astonished me is most high-school coaches have never coached youth football. They assume they know everything there is to know about youth football on the grounds that they coach at a higher level.

In fact, youth football is quite

different than the high school level because of the obvious reasons like: smaller athletes, less speed, less strength, emotional and athletic immaturity, practice time length, but also for reasons that are not obvious such as minimum-play rules, majority of players are non-athletes and incompetent coaches. Much of what works at the high school level does not work in youth football and vice versa. For example, the most successful youth play is generally the sweep. In high school, it's the off-tackle or some high octane no-huddle spread offense big play.

Ask yourself. If your local high school coach is a football genius and using the best system he can come up with. As a youth coach, I would be inclined to use his system, too. However, The majority of high-school football coaches are conformists. They use the same offense and defense as everyone else, or at least an accepted popular offense and defense, because if the one they use does not work, they will be highly criticized and probably fired. By using the same schemes as everyone else, even though they do not totally believe in them, they can blame the players when they lose. (e.g., "The better team won.")

"System, shystem". What difference does it make if local youth coaches run the same system? The main thing is to get the youth players over their fear

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of hitting and teach them fundamentals like rules, blocking and tackling. Freshman football players can learn things like the high school's hole-and-back-numbering system in a day or two. I know several Freshman football coaches (Mayfield and Valley Forge) where do not know one another but share the view that younger players share the same struggles, a fear of hitting and staying put until the balls snapped. One of them shared he'd wished their local youth program had done that.

Says Buckeye's Pinzone, "there is no wrong answer to this question. Usually a coach's philosophy at the high school level dictates what's run at the youth level." he may share offensive and defensive systems with his youth coaches but he encourages them to run their own show.

Zavara on whether a youth football team runs the varsity defense and offense: "Maybe a little bit of the same but not all." He shared that some high school head coaches who desire their youth football kids to learn their brand of football might not even be the coach by the time a kid makes it up to the

high school level (sound familiar). He believes no matter what the sport, winning games is a result of strong fundamentals. Even "as Head Coaches we tend to forget it's for the kids-not our egos. We are getting too specialized."

In Lorain, Coach Dave McFarland said he prefers a tier system whereby at the young levels should work on fundamentals like how to cover or drop back (linebacker) but at the Junior High level is where high school coaches should start to get involved to introduce their high school level philosophies.

Brunswick's Luke Beal feels fundamentals are important, he also views youth football as a key part of the overall high school program at Brunswick, and that it is critical their youth coaches use the same basic schemes that the high school players use. Coach Elder at Avon reevaluates the skill levels of the kids coming up through high school and remains flexible with what they will run. "We prefer youth kids running fundamental skill drills and we also prefer our youth coaches teach our terminology rather than specific X and O's".

Doan said that some youth programs can be a successful feeder system in a one-high

school environment at a place like Massillon, "it can be effective to use the high school way of doing things at the youth level".

Pinch yourself: Let's say your high school team's dream is realized. A 16-year-old stud transfers into your local high school from the other side of the country. He has never played in any youth or high

school system remotely resembling your schools. Is your varsity coach going to tell the kid to go play soccer? Heck no! He'll teach the kid his system in a few days or a week and the kid will start over your youth players who have been running the sys-



tem for eight years. Sad for the local youth leaguers, but it is more likely than most will admit.

Catching more flies with sugar. It's easier to persuade others with polite requests and a positive attitude than with rude demands. Let me address the high school coaches here. If you want the youth coaches to implement your system, sell them on it. Integrate them into some of your meetings and practices. Their brains are almost blank slates when it comes to knowing how to coach football. If you make the effort, they will probably do it your way because now your way is the only one they know. That is especially true if you are successful.

At first, you might try the soft-sell approach and not force your system upon your youth program by threatening to take away their field. How would you like it if your local community college head football coach demanded that you run his system? You actually could make a better argument for that than

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for a youth program using a high school system.

"Don't tell us how to do it. Show us." Good place to start for a high-school coach is to offer to help the youth program is stuff that requires thousands of reps, like running the triple option or a few selected pass plays. Types of plays or schemes that can be put in with a few hundred reps or fewer do not need more than three years to learn. Some studies show that only about 10 percent of the typical freshman football team has played youth football. Some of them just moved into your town so they know another system.

If your high-school team is not successful, do not tell the local youth program to use your system. They will likely laugh in your face. For example if a perennial 3-7 high school team asks the local youth program to use their system, the youth coaches might just tell that high school team to use theirs instead.

Youth football and all levels of the game are coming under attack and not just from screaming coaches or over the top parents. A disturbing refrain is being echoed by coaches throughout high-school football as of late: 'Our numbers are down'.

Always fearful of injuries decimating team depth, coaches can never have enough players on the roster. Their concerns the last few seasons have more merit. Studies in Ohio and nationwide confirm that participation numbers, trickling all the way to the youth level, are on a steady decline. In Avon for grades 7 through 12, Coach Elder hasn't seen a drastic drop in youth football numbers but has begun to see a slight decline in 3rd and 4th grade participants as these findings have "made people stop and talk". He thinks more parents are waiting until 7th grade to allow their kids to play the sport. He believes that "it is important for

your lower level youth coaches to practice appropriately to avoid injury for the young players. A good practice plan is important", Elder said. Bill Hewitt feels, "Taught the correct way of doing things gives more confidence, and also prevents injury. We always played everything straight up, one on one. We never taught blitz or trick plays, it was always straight up. I had a lot of players at Franklin (Middle School in Elyria) that went to EHS and played very well."

The vast majority of youth coaches want desperately to be noticed and helped by the local high-school coaches. But they

do not want to be dictated to, especially by some unsuccessful guy who has not thought through the need for the local youth team to use his system and who has not done his homework on the nature of youth football. Approach the youth coaches correctly and you can help each other.

Epilog: (OK, I have to explain this word. As a kid growing up in the 1970s, "Epilog" was a word that appeared on the screen before the last scene of many Quinn Martin produced cop-detective TV shows.). Coach Collier said this—"keep it in perspective- don't live

through the kids". So, my 'last words are to all football coaches, youth or higher level. Use the system you believe in. If you take that away, you are nothing more than a day-care worker or equipment manager. Remember 99% of youth parents are unpaid volunteers.

They will walk away from helping if the only thing they had to do is take attendance. So would most good youth coaches. Driving out the few good coaches you might have is not a prudent strategy. Striking a fun, interesting, and productive balance for the player and volunteer alike is.

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2015 OSU football preview

By Rob Polinsky

OSU will begin the defense of their national championship Monday, Labor Day, September 7th 2015 at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. The game vs. the Hokies will kickoff at 8pm. The Bucks will look for revenge as their last loss & only loss in 2014 was to Virginia Tech 35 – 21 on September 6th 2014 in Columbus. Urban Meyer, now in his fourth season at OSU, has an overall record of 38-3 as head coach of the Bucks. His only regular season loss in three seasons was the defeat to Virginia Tech. OSU finished last year 14-1 winners of thirteen straight games & of course national champions. They destroyed Wisconsin 59-0 in the Big Ten championship game. They went on to beat Alabama 42-35 in the national semifinal game & knocked off Oregon 42-20 in the national championship game.

Heading into 2015 OSU returns 45 letter winners, 20 on offense, 22 on defense and 3 on special teams. 16 starters are back, 7 on offense, 7 on defense and 2 special teamers. They lost 8 starters, 4 on each side of the ball. Two new coaches have been added to Meyer's staff. Tim Beck will be Co-Offensive Coordinator and QB coach, Tony Alford will be RB coach & Assistant Head Coach for the Offense.

The big question this year for Meyer and his offensive assistant coaches will be who is the starting QB? Cardale



Jones, J.T. Barrett, or Braxton Miller. Quite frankly with OSU's overall talent & schedule I don't know if it matters all that much. OSU can & should win big with any of the three under center. In the back field Ezekiel Elliott returns as the leading RB. Michael Thomas is back at WR, he had 54 catches for 799 yards and 9 scores a year ago. Up front OSU should be really good four of the five starters return from 2014. LT Taylor Decker, LG Billy Price, C Jacoby Boren & RG Pat Elflein. Elyria native and fifth year senior Chase Farris will compete for the starting RT position.

Looking at Defensive Coordinator Luke Fickell's defense,

the D Line brings back DE Joey Bosa & DT Adolphus Washington. The LB core might be the deepest position unit this year, 8 lettermen return including starters Joshua Perry & Darron

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If OSU can start strong with a win at Virginia Tech they

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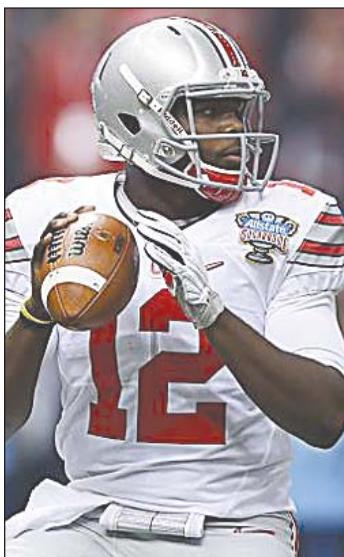
should enter Big Ten play undefeated. If they knock off Penn State at Columbus on October 17th OSU could easily

be undefeated heading into a showdown with Michigan State on November 21st in Columbus. The regular season concludes up north a week later on November 28th as OSU takes on Jim Harbaugh's Michi-

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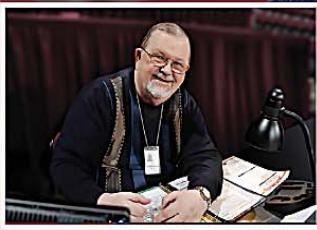




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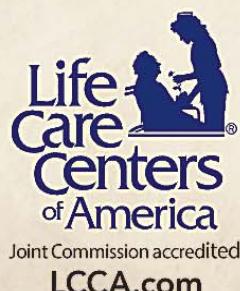
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University of Akron

Date	Opponent	Time
9/5	at Oklahoma	7pm
9/12	Pittsburgh	6pm
9/19	Savannah State	TBA
9/26	at Louisiana	TBA
10/3	Ohio	2pm
10/10	at Eastern Michigan	3pm
10/17	at Bowling Green	3pm
10/31	Central Michigan	TBA
11/7	at Massachusetts	TBA
11/14	at Miami (Oh)	TBA
11/21	Buffalo	TBA
11/27	Kent State	TBA

Ashland University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	at Lake Erie	7pm
9/12	at Walsh	12pm
9/19	Ohio Dominican	7pm
9/26	Findlay	7pm
10/3	at Malone	2pm
10/10	at Saginaw Valley St.	7pm
10/17	Hillsdale	1pm
10/24	at Northern Michigan	1pm
10/31	Grand Valley St.	7pm
11/7	Michigan Tech	1pm

Baldwin-Wallace University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/12	at Bluffton	1:30pm
9/19	at Ohio Northern	7pm
9/26	John Carroll	2pm
10/3	at Muskingum	1:30pm
10/10	marietta	2pm
10/17	Wilmington	1:30pm
10/24	at Otterbein	1:30pm
10/31	Capital	1:30pm
7/7	at Mount Union	1:30pm
7/14	Heidelberg	1:30pm

Bowling Green State University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/5	Tennessee	4pm
9/12	at Maryland	12pm
9/19	Memphis	3pm
9/26	at Purdue	TBA
10/3	at Buffalo	3:30pm
10/10	Umass	TBA
10/17	Akron	3pm
10/24	at Kent State	TBA
11/4	Ohio	8pm
11/11	at Western Michigan	8pm
11/17	Toledo	TBA
11/24	at Ball State	7:30pm

Capital University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/5	Wittenberg	1:30pm
9/19	at Wilmington	7pm
9/26	Muskingum	TBA
10/3	at Mount Union	7pm
10/10	Otterbein	1:30pm
10/17	at Ohio Northern	1:30pm
10/24	John Carroll	1:30pm
10/31	at Baldwin Wallace	1:30pm
11/7	at Heidelberg	1:30pm
11/14	Marietta	1:30pm

Case Western Reserve University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/5	at Chicago	1pm
9/19	St. Vincent	7pm
9/26	at Theil	1pm
10/3	at Bethany (WV)	2pm
10/10	Waynesburg	1:30pm
10/17	at Geneva	7pm
10/24	Wash. & Jeff.	6pm
10/31	Washington (Mo)	12pm
11/7	Thomas More	1pm
11/14	at Carnegie Mellon	2pm

University of Cincinnati

Date	Opponent	Time
9/5	Alabama A&M	7pm
9/12	Temple	8pm
9/19	at Miami (Oh)	3:30pm
9/24	at Memphis	7:30pm
10/1	Miami	7:30pm
10/16	at BYU	8pm
10/24	Uconn	TBA
10/31	UCF	TBA
11/7	at Houston	TBA
11/14	Tulsa	TBA
11/20	at USF	8pm
11/28	at East Carolina	TBA

University of Dayton

Date	Opponent	Time
9/5	at Robert Morris	12pm
9/19	Duquesne	1pm
9/26	Kennesaw State	6pm
10/3	at Stetson	1pm
10/10	San Diego	1pm
10/17	at Valparaiso	2pm
10/24	Butler	6pm
10/31	Jacksonville	1pm
11/7	at Morehead State	1pm
11/14	Marist	1pm
11/21	at Drake	2pm

Denison University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/5	Marietta	7pm
9/19	Oberlin	7pm
9/26	at Wooster	1pm
10/3	at Ohio Wesleyan	1pm
10/10	Hiram	7pm
10/17	at Wittenberg	7pm
10/24	at Allegheny	1pm
10/31	DePauw	2pm
11/7	at Wabash	1pm
11/14	Kenyon	1pm

Heidelberg College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/5	at Cortland St.	12pm
9/19	John Carroll	2pm
9/26	at Ohio Northern	1:30pm
10/3	Otterbein	1:30pm
10/10	at Muskingum	1:30pm
10/17	Mount Union	1:30pm
10/24	at Marietta	1:30pm
10/31	Wilmington	1:30pm
11/7	Capital	1:30pm
11/14	at Baldwin Wallace	1:30pm

Hiram College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/5	Westminster (Pa)	7pm
9/19	at Kenyon	1pm
9/26	DePauw (Ind)	1pm
10/3	at Wabash (Ind)	2pm
10/10	at Denison	7pm
10/17	Ohio Wesleyan	1pm
10/24	Wittenberg	1pm
10/31	at Allegheny (Pa)	5pm
11/7	Wooster	1pm
11/14	at Oberlin	1pm

John Carroll University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/5	at St. Vincent	1:30pm
9/19	at Heidelberg	2pm
9/26	at Baldwin Wallace	2pm
10/3	Ohio Northern	1:30pm
10/10	Wilmington	1:30pm
10/17	at Marietta	1:30pm
10/24	at Capital	1:30pm
10/31	Muskingum	1:30pm
11/7	at Otterbein	1:30pm
11/14	Mount Union	1:30pm

Kent State University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/4	at Univ. of Illinois	9pm
9/12	Delaware State	6pm
9/19	at Univ. of Minnesota	12pm
9/26	Marshall	TBA
10/3	Miami (Oh)	3:30pm
10/10	at Univ. of Toledo	3pm
10/17	at Univ. of Massachusetts	3:30pm
10/24	Bowling Green	TBA
11/5	Univ. at Buffalo	7:30pm
11/10	at Ohio Univ.	8pm
11/18	Central Michigan	8pm
11/27	at Univ. of Akron	TBA

Kenyon College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/5	at Sewanee: U of the South	2pm
9/12	at Oberlin	6pm
9/19	Hiram	1pm
9/26	at Allegheny	1pm
10/3	DePauw	1pm
10/10	Ohio Wesleyan	1pm
10/17	at Wabash	1pm
10/31	Wooster	2pm
11/7	Wittenberg	1pm
11/14	at Denison	1pm

Malone College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	Ohio Dominican	7:30pm
9/12	at Michigan Tech	1pm
9/19	at Wayne State (MI)	6pm
9/26	Tiffin	1pm
10/3	Ashland	2pm
10/10	at Northern Michigan	TBA
10/17	Walsh	6pm
10/24	at Lake Erie	TBA
11/7	at Findlay	12pm
11/14	Northwood (MI)	1pm

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Marietta College

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/5	at Denison	7pm
9/19	Otterbein	6pm
9/26	Mount Union	1:30pm
10/3	at Wilmington	2pm
10/10	at Baldwin Wallace	2pm
10/17	John Carroll	1:30pm
10/24	Heidelberg	1:30pm
10/31	at Ohio Northern	6pm
11/7	Muskingum	1:30pm
11/14	at Capital	1:30pm
11/14	Akron	TBA
11/21	at Massachusetts	TBA

Miami University

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/5	Presbyterian	3:30pm
9/12	at Wisconsin	12pm
9/19	Cincinnati	3:30pm
9/26	at Western Kentucky	3:30pm
10/3	at Kent State	3:30pm
10/10	at Ohio	2pm
10/17	Northern Illinois	2:30pm
10/24	at Western Michigan	2pm
10/29	Buffalo	7:30pm
11/7	Eastern Michigan	TBA

Mount Union College

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/5	Bethany (WV)	1:30pm
9/19	Muskingum	7pm
9/26	at Marietta	1:30pm
10/3	Capital	7pm
10/10	Ohio Northern	1:30pm
10/17	at Heidelberg	1:30pm
10/24	at Wilmington	1:30pm
10/31	Otterbein	1:30pm
11/7	Baldwin Wallace	1:30pm
11/14	at John Carroll	1:30pm

Muskingum College

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/5	Waynesburg	1pm
9/19	at Mount Union	7pm
9/26	at Capital	7pm
10/3	Baldwin Wallace	1:30pm
10/10	Heidelberg	1:30pm
10/17	at Otterbein	7pm
10/24	Ohio Northern	1:30pm
10/31	at John Carroll	1:30pm
11/7	at Marietta	1:30pm
11/14	Wilmington	1:30pm
11/17	Ball State	TBA
11/24	at NIU	7:30pm

Oberlin College

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/5	The College at Brockport	1pm
9/12	Kenyon	6pm
9/19	at Denison	7pm
9/26	at Ohio Wesleyan	7pm
10/3	Allegheny	3pm
10/10	Wabash	1pm
10/17	at Wooster	7pm
10/31	at Wittenberg	1pm
11/7	at DePauw	1pm
11/14	Hiram	1pm

Ohio University

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/3	Idaho	9pm
9/12	Marshall	7pm
9/19	Southeastern Louisiana	2pm
9/26	at Minnesota	3:30pm
10/3	at Akron	2pm
10/10	Miami (Oh)	2pm
10/17	Western Michigan	TBA
10/24	at Buffalo	TBA
10/31	at Bowling Green	8pm
11/4	Kent State	8pm
11/10		

Ohio Northern University

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/12	Utica (NY)	12pm
9/19	Baldwin Wallace	7pm
9/26	Heidelberg	1:30pm
10/3	at John Carroll	1:30pm
10/10	at Mount Union	1:30pm
10/17	Capital	1:30pm
10/24	at Muskingum	1:30pm
10/31	Marietta	6pm
11/7	at Wilmington	1:30pm
11/14	Otterbein	1:30pm

Ohio Wesleyan University

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/5	Mary Hardin-Baylor	7pm
9/19	at Wittenberg	7pm
9/26	Oberlin	7pm
10/3	Denison	1pm
10/10	at Kenyon	1pm
10/17	at Hiram	1pm
10/24	DePauw	1pm
10/31	at Wabash	1pm
11/7	Allegheny	1pm
11/14	at Wooster	1pm

Otterbein College

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/5	Buffalo	1:30pm
9/19	at Marietta	6pm
9/26	Wilmington	2pm
10/3	at Heidelberg	1:30pm
10/10	at Capital	1:30pm
10/17	Muskingum	7pm
10/24	Baldwin Wallace	1:30pm
10/31	at Mount Union	1:30pm
11/7	John Carroll	1:30pm
11/14	at Ohio Northern	1:30pm

Tiffin University

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/3	Walsh	7pm
9/12	Saginaw Valley State	1:30pm
9/19	at Findlay	7pm
9/26	at Malone	1pm
10/3	Wayne State	3pm
10/10	Ferris State	1:30pm
10/17	at Concordia	2pm
10/24	at Hillsdale	4:30pm
10/31	at Michigan Tech	1pm
11/7	Grand Valley State	1:30pm
11/14	at Ohio Dominican	12:30pm
11/27	Western Michigan	TBA

University of Toledo

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/3	Stony Brook	7pm
9/12	at Arkansas	4pm
9/19	Iowa State	8pm
9/26	Arkansas State	TBA
10/3	at Ball State	3pm
10/10	Kent State	3pm
10/17	Eastern Michigan	TBA
10/24	at UMass	TBA
11/3	Northern Illinois	8pm
11/10	at Central Michigan	8pm
11/17	at Bowling Green	TBA

Wilmington College

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/5	Bluffton	1:30pm
9/12	Capital	7pm
9/19	at Otterbein	2pm
9/26	Marietta	2pm
10/3	at John Carroll	1:30pm
10/10	at Baldwin Wallace	1:30pm
10/17	Mount Union	1:30pm
10/24	at Heidelberg	1:30pm
10/31	Ohio Northern	1:30pm
11/7	at Muskingum	1:30pm
11/14		

Wittenberg University

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/5	at Capital	1:30pm
9/19	Ohio Wesleyan	7pm
9/26	at Wabash	1pm
10/3	Wooster	1pm
10/10	at DePauw	2pm
10/17	Denison	7pm
10/24	at Hiram	1pm
10/31	Oberlin	1pm
11/7	at Kenyon	1pm
11/14	Allegheny	1pm
11/21	at Indiana State	1pm

College of Wooster

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/5	Wash. & Jeff.	1pm
9/12	at Allegheny	7pm
9/19	at DePauw	1pm
9/26	Denison	1pm
10/3	at Wittenberg	1pm
10/10	Oberlin	7pm
10/17	Wabash	1pm
10/24	at Kenyon	2pm
10/31	at Hiram	1pm
11/7	Ohio Wesleyan	1pm
11/14		

Youngstown State University

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/5	at Pittsburgh	1pm
9/12	Robert Morris	7pm
9/19	Saint Francis (Pa)	4pm
9/26	at South Dakota	3pm
10/3	Illinois State	7pm
10/10	South Dakota State	4pm
10/17	at Southern Illinois	7pm
10/24	Missouri State	2pm
10/31	at Western Illinois	2pm
11/7	North Dakota State	2pm
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2015 Browns Preview

By: Matt Douglass

Changes, looking back on the Cleveland Browns offseason this may be the best word to describe the team. Over the summer, we saw the Browns reveal new logos and uniforms. The biggest change seemed to be made in the color of orange the team wears. This year it seems just a bit brighter than in years past and, as is the point every time a team makes a change like this, the organization hopes the players and coaches will follow suit for a brighter future. Aside from uniforms and logos, the Browns also saw changes to the coaching staff and key positions during the off season.

In what seems to be a yearly tradition for the Browns, having gone through 21 different starters since 1999, at quarterback, Bryan Hoyer is out, and in is veteran journeyman, Josh McCown. Last season, McCown picked up just one win in the 11 games with a Tampa Bay Buccaneers team that certainly had its struggles. He finished the season with 2,206 passing yards with 11 touchdowns and 14 interceptions. The main thing that McCown brings to the quarterback position is experience. He has been in the league 13 seasons playing in Arizona, Detroit, Chicago, Oakland, Miami, Carolina and San Francisco.

Continuing with changes at the quarterback position, Johnny Manziel returns to the team for his second season as a Brown, but perhaps as a new and improved teammate. After a tough season that ended in injury for the former Heisman winner, Manziel took some heat from teammates and analysts alike about his off-field

behavior. Over the summer, the Texas native checked into rehab and now claims to be a changed man. Time will tell if he is truly a changed quarterback.

On the sidelines, new faces take over primarily on the offensive side of the ball. After offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan voiced his displeasure with the front office and parted ways with the team, Cleveland hired Oakland Raiders quarterback coach John DeFilippo to take over the position. At just 36 years of age, DeFilippo has had tremendous experience at the NFL level. In the last five seasons with the Raiders, he has coached the likes of Carson Palmer, Matt McGloin, Terrelle Pryor (now with the Browns as a wide receiver) and Derek Carr. This will be DeFilippos first season as an offensive coordinator in the league, but he was considered for the job by Browns head coach Mike Pettine before he gave it to Shanahan in 2014. Working alongside DeFilippo will be the Browns new quarterback coach Kevin O'Connell. The former New England draft pick has spoken highly of Johnny Manziel in the past. Now O'Connell will be tasked with job of making Manziel NFL ready while helping McCown lead the team in 2015.

Looking to give the Browns quarterbacks a little help in the receiving corps is free agent Dwayne Bowe. Coming over from the Kansas City Chiefs, Bowe failed to score a single touchdown in 2014, however, he has shown flashes of brilliance in his career averaging nearly 5 touchdowns a season since his rookie year in '07 and

scoring 15 times in 2010. The Canton native, Brian Hartline, makes his way back to his home state. In six seasons with the Miami Dolphins, the former Buckeye has 13 touchdowns and over 4,243 yards receiving. Finally, there are high expectations for rookie wide out Vince Mayle. While at Washington State last season, the Browns fourth round draft pick was in the top five in the country in catches (106) and receiving yards (1,483).

At running back it may be a position battle all year. Returning for their second seasons are Isiah Crowell and Terrance West. Rookie Duke Johnson out of Miami will look to get some playing time as well.

The Browns offensive line should be steady, if they can stay healthy this season. The big guys will be led by eight time pro-bowler Joe Thomas at the left tackle. A number of players could find themselves moving around like John Greco, who played both guard and center last season. The addition of Florida State rookie Cam Ervin will make this group as deep as they have ever been.

On the defensive side of the ball, Joe Haden leads a secondary that showed signs of greatness a season ago. His opposite will be Tramon Williams, a former Packer, who helped lead Green Bay all the way to the NFC championship last year.

At linebacker, Cleveland is looking to get a little more out of Barkevious Mingo. Defensive coordinator, Jim O'Neil, has already made mention that he thinks Mingo's backup, Scott Solomon, is a little bit better at the run. Stay tuned to the pre-season because that should be

a great battle.

On the defensive line, the Browns fans are looking forward to seeing what Danny Shelton can do centering the defense. Last season at the University of Washington, the Browns' first round draft pick, finished the season with a remarkable 93 tackles. At nose guard, the Browns will look to Shelton to draw more attention from offensive lines and create space for his line mates and the linebackers to penetrate.

While much has changed, Head Coach Mike Pettine remains the main man in Cleveland. In his first season at the helm, he led the Browns to a hot 7-4 start. Unfortunately, in true Browns fashion, things fell apart and Cleveland dropped their final five games. The Browns schedule is no piece of cake this year as they play in the always challenging AFC North. This season Cleveland's non-division schedule will see Peyton Manning come to town with the Broncos on Oct. 18. Just two weeks later, the Browns will host Arizona, a team that could have been the best team in the NFL last season if not for injuries. Cleveland will end the season on Jan. 3 hosting division rival Pittsburgh.

As Browns fans, we have seen the new and improved brighter orange uniforms for this season, but the question still remains... are brighter days ahead for the Cleveland football organization? Here's hoping it is more than just a new looking uniform in 2015.



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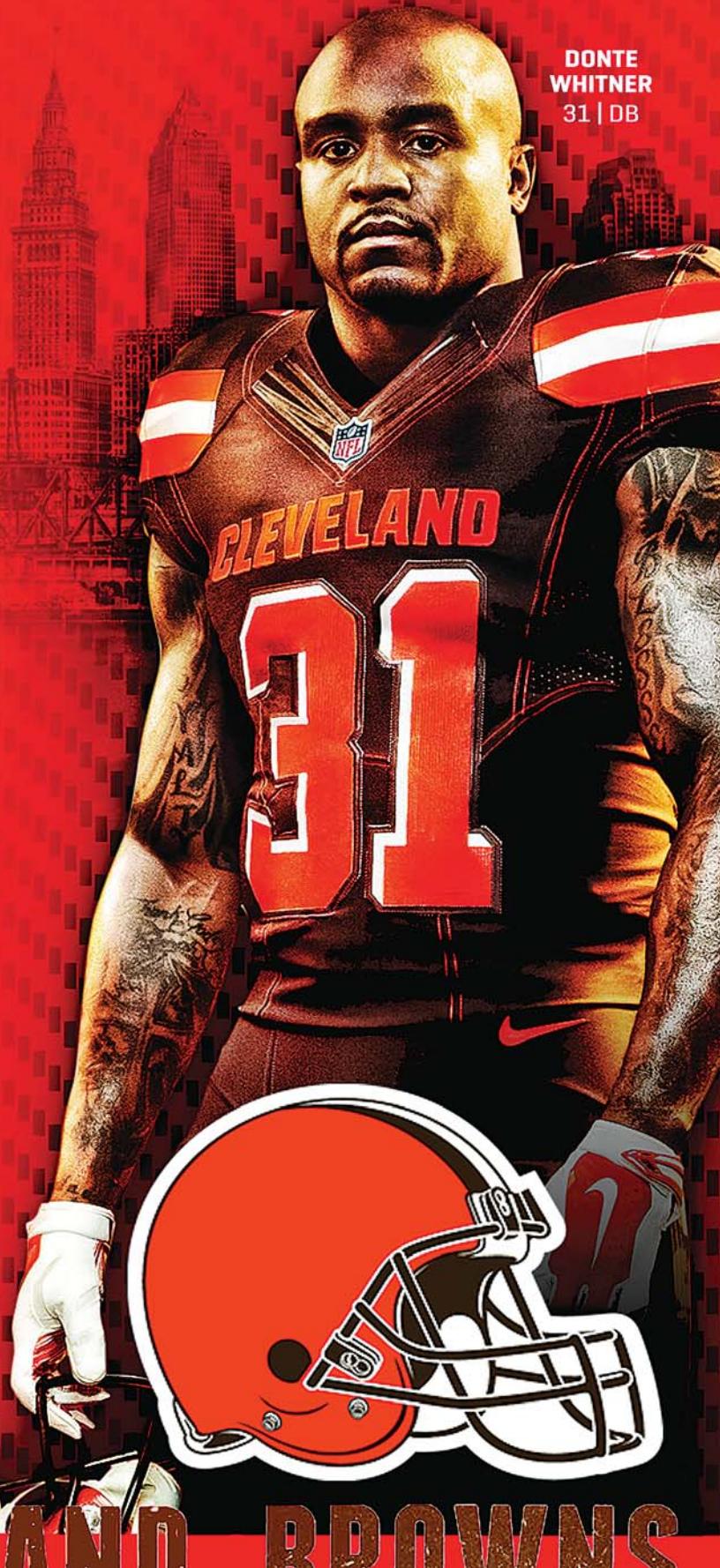
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- AT CHICAGO BEARS
SEPTEMBER 3 • 8:00 PM
- AT NEW YORK JETS
SEPTEMBER 13 • 1:00 PM
- TENNESSEE TITANS
SEPTEMBER 20 • 1:00 PM
- OAKLAND RAIDERS
SEPTEMBER 27 • 1:00 PM
- AT SAN DIEGO CHARGERS
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- AT BALTIMORE RAVENS
OCTOBER 11 • 1:00 PM*
- DENVER BRONCOS
OCTOBER 18 • 1:00 PM*
- AT ST. LOUIS RAMS
OCTOBER 25 • 1:00 PM*
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- CINCINNATI BENGALS
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- SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
DECEMBER 13 • 1:00 PM*
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Team: 1972 US Men's Olympic Basketball

Rob Polinsky



Movie: Saving Private Ryan
TV Show: Game of Thrones
Food: Carolina Style Pulled Pork
Singer: Johnny Cash
Team: All Cleveland sports
Athlete: Peyton Manning

Howard Regal



Movie: Godfather (I and II)
TV Show: Modern Family and Seinfeld
Meal: Cheesburgers and Pie/blueberry
Group: Beatles **Singer:** Frank Sinatra
Team: Buffalo Bills **Athlete:** Dr. J

Tim Alcorn



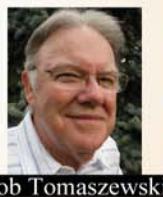
Movie: Patton
TV Show: Jack Taylor
Food: Lake Erie Perch and Chicken Parm
Singer: Luke Bryan
Team: Ohio State **Athlete:** Tom Brady

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Movie: The Big Lebowski
TV Show: Harvey Birdman: Attorney at Law
Meal: Rare Steak and mash potatoes
Singer: Queens of the Stone Age
Team: Cleveland Cavaliers
Athlete: David "The Admiral" Robinson

Adam Cahill



Movie: The Maltese Falcon
TV Show: NCIS
Food: Italian
Singer: Toby Keith
Team: Browns **Athlete:** Aaron Rodgers

Bob Tomaszewski



Movie: Usual Suspects
TV Show: Married with Children/ 24
Food: Pizza and BBQ Chicken
Group: Marc Broussard
Team: Astros/Sabers/ All Cleveland Teams and Chicago Teams Except White Sox and Cubs
Athlete: Craig Biggio

Chad Meyer



Movie: Man of Steel
TV Show: A Football Life
Meal: NY Strip from Outback
Singer: Billy Joel
Team: Pittsburgh Steelers

Matt Loede



Movie: Swordfish
TV Show: Arrested Development
Food: Beef Stroganoff
Singer: Jamey Johnson
Team: Columbus Blue Jackets
Athlete: Sergei Bobrovsky

Matt Douglass



Movie: Field of Dreams
TV Show: The Wire
Food: Crab Legs
Singer: Mumford & Sons
Team: Cleveland Indians
Athlete: Joe Carter

Michael Keefe



Movie: Big Lebowski and/The Blues Brothers
TV Show: I really have no "Must Watch" TV but I can't turn off "Law & Order SVU" if it's an episode I haven't seen before. "My Name is Earl" is a go to in the DVD collection.
Food: Chicken Paprikas (A fat greasy cheeseburger will do in a pinch)
Singer: Marvin Gaye (Talented musician, singer and song writer who's music ranged in styles and ranged from the early 60s to his untimely death in the early 80s)
Team: Cleveland Browns (as painful as that can be on Sundays they still sucker me in every week)
Athlete: Omar Vizquel (Played with class, enthusiasm and arguably at Hall of Fame caliber)

Gary Pelter