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### ABOUT THE COVER

Midview's Logan Bolin capped off a remarkable career with an equally outstanding senior season. In his final year at Midview, the Middies' wide receiver compiled 81 catches for 1,314 yards and 21 touchdowns. The only thing that stymied those numbers was when the Bolin selflessly moved to quarterback at the end of the season to fill in for an injured Dustin Crum. As a two- way player, the senior Middie made life difficult for his counterparts, breaking up seven passes while intercepting four. If opponents did make the catch they wouldn't get far as Bolin acquired 63 tackles on the season. Along with winning the Lorain County Golden Helmet Award, Bolin was named to All-Ohio First Team, was the Northeast Lakes District player of the year and was honored with the Lou Groza award from the Cleveland Touchdown Club for most outstanding high school football player in the Greater Cleveland Area. Next year, Bolin will continue his football career at NCAA D-II Ashland University.

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Several months from now, high school football teams from across Ohio will square off in state championship games. It takes a lot of talent, hard work, and sometimes, a little luck to get there.

Getting there is the goal of every team this time of year. Of course, some know they have a better chance than others of making a championship run, but they all want to be the last team standing.

With that thought in mind, we are proud to bring you another season of Forecast Magazine, highlighting local high school athletes. Inside, you'll find in-depth analysis, a host of features and schedules you can use all season long. Once again, you'll hear the games on AM 930 WEOL and www.weol.com.

Plus, look for the inside scoop on the Ohio State University Buckeyes and the Cleveland Browns. And remember...your home for OSU football and basketball is AM 930 WEOL!

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**Craig R. Adams** Operations Manager/News Director WEOL AM 930







### 2016 Lorain County high school football preview



### Elyria takes the field.

### By: Tim Alcorn

The recurring theme in this edition of the WEOL Forecast magazine is memorable moments. Elsewhere in this publication, local coaches are sharing their favorite football recollections, as are the WEOL broadcasters. That's the beauty of high school football and everything that surrounds it, the moments and memories that are created. This fall, hundreds of those memories will be made on the field. It might be a game winning touchdown, or a victory sealing interception. But the high school football experience creates off the field memories as well, such as being crowned Homecoming Queen or King, performing a dazzling solo during the halftime show for the band, or leading the crowd in a raucous cheer. Yes, high school football is all about the moments, and no doubt, the local high school teams will create some memorable ones in the fall of 2016. Steve Manheim/Chronicle

A standout memory of the 2015 season was Lorain County placing six teams in the playoffs. One of those half-dozen was **Elyria**. The Pioneers come off that post-season campaign with a slew of returnees, including standout running back

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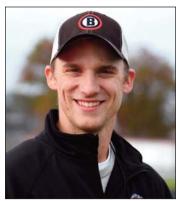
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Chris Atkinson who has rushed for over 3,000 yards combined the last two years, and dynamic junior quarterback Donte Beckett. Head coach Kevin Fell also returns outstanding linemen Tyler Schneider and Zack Opperman, while on defense the Pioneers welcome back Brendan Price, Deandre Roseboro, Jaquan Turner, Cam King and Vaughn Sayers. This is an experienced Elyria team, with 10 starters back on offense and five on defense. The Pioneers compete in the rugged Greater Cleveland Conference with Solon, Euclid, Mentor, Strongsville, Brunswick, Medina and Shaker Heights.

At Elyria Catholic, the Panthers are coming off a 6-4 season and will once again set their sights on a post-season berth. Second year head coach Dave Stupka does have some outstanding returnees in the form of running back Daryl Davis, and wide receiver Sam Best on offense. Defensively, the Panthers will be led by linebacker Doug Taylor and two experienced players in the secondary in Josh Klingshirn and Donovan Warfield. The Great Lakes Conference proved to be very competitive last season, with Bay, Rocky River and Holy Name all tying for the conference title with 5-1 league records.

In **Lorain**, the Titans are anticipating a tremendous campaign. Head coach Dave McFarland returns a great group of linebackers on defense, including Quentin Pardon, Naz Bohannon and Aaron Huff;



Kristin Bauer/The Chronicle Brookside Coach Paul Ferguson.



off a winning 6-4 '15 season.

Coach Paul Ferguson has the

Firelands takes the field.

while offensively the Titans welcome back their quarterback Davion Dower, running back Carlos Chavis, and speedster Zion Cross, the state champion in track in the 100 meters. That's the making of an offense that could put some points on the scoreboard. The Titans come off a 5-5 '15 season, but appear to be primed for a terrific campaign. Between the opening of the brand new high school and some great games at George Daniel Field, it could be a fun autumn in the city of Lorain. Perhaps a Lake Erie League championship will cap it off.

In the PAC, Buckeye comes off a perfect 10-0 regular season and a playoff berth and will try to defend their Stars Division title. Firelands has other ideas. The Falcons were 8-2 last year. and also made the playoffs. Head coach Mike Passarello has instilled a winning attitude, and Firelands expects to have success again this year. Leading the way will be returnees at running back Mike Whitacre and Nick Denney, to go along with a tremendous wide receiver in Colin Myers. Defensively, the Falcons will be strong in the line with Trevor Stefanski and Sean Lipscomb back. The Brookside Cardinals are looking to build

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program on the rise, and returns several key two-way players, including linemen Michael Kovacs, Kevin Decato and Gregg Packard, as well as Tim Ackerman and Charles Liggitt. Keystone fought through a tough 3-7 season last year, but coach Rob Clarico hopes the lumps they took in 2015 will result in success this fall. While the Cats need to replace the outstanding two-way talent in Austin Conrad, they return several starters including Trey Minnich who is a multiple threat offensively, quarterback Bobby Weber, and three veteran offensive linemen, seniors Brett Schuster, Cade Christoff, and Brennan Rigda. Defensively, Jacob Sokolowski will anchor the line, while three linebackers are returning, senior Kyle Staller, and junior twins Cole and Jack Corraini. Another team that went 3-7 in '15 was Wellington. To say the Dukes were young last year is a minor understatement. They return 11 players who started on offense and nearly that many on defense. Key two way performers for the Dukes include Tristan Arno, Justin Skinner, Mason Wright, Drew Mason and Bran-

Brian J. Smith/Chronicle

don Sorg. The primary goal for the Dukes is to shore up a defense that gave up over 42 points per game last year. The always tough Black River Pirates round out the Stars Division. In the Stripes Division, Columbia again dominated. The Raiders won another division championship, and rolled up a perfect 10-0 regular season and a playoff berth. Head coach Jason Ward returns a bevy of terrific players including outstanding running back Jeremy Coleman and quarterback Cody Schwartz. Mike Jacobucci will anchor the defensive side of the ball from his linebacker spot. Key two-way performers for the Raiders include Garhett Wheatlev in the line, and Lance Boise at tight end and linebacker. **Clearview** looks to bounce back from a 4-6 year. Coach Mike Collier has a slew of returnees, led by a core group of seniors including DeAri Todd, James Nolan, Jacob Collier and Demetrius DeAlmeida. Jamel Billings and Drew Engle will play key roles for the Clippers as well. Oberlin is hoping their fortunes turn around this fall. They have a new coach in Garrett Mack who comes from Fairview where he was defensive coordi-

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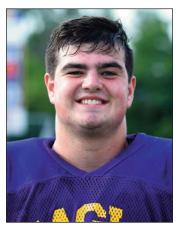
Midview Dustin Crum.

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nator. The Phoenix had a tough 2-8 season last year, but Coach Mack expects big contributions from veteran players such as senior quarterback David Payne, senior wideout Caleb Hughley, and senior tight end Journey Toole offensively, while on defense, senior linebacker Adrian Kilgore will anchor a defense that will look to improve after surrendering 35



Kristin Bauer/The Chronicle Avon Sam Gerak.

points a game last year. Fairview, Lutheran West and Brooklyn are the other three teams on the Stripes side of the PAC.

In the SWC, **Midview** looks to defend their title in the ten team league. Midview enjoyed their second straight 10-0 regular season and playoff berth under DJ Shaw, so the Middies both know and expect success. They also know they need to replace sensational wide receiver/quarterback and 2015 Golden Helmet winner, Logan Bolin. Senior quarterback Dustin Crum should be at full health and lead a high octane offense, featuring Dave Amsden and wide receiver and Alec Forrer and running back. On defense, the Middies return stalwarts Ross Manning in the line, with Jake Snider at linebacker and Keith Johnson in the secondary. Avon finished one game behind Midview in the SWC, and like the Middies, advanced two rounds in postseason. The Eagles will need to replace their great quarterback Jake Sopko, but head coach Mike Elder feels Matt Kelly is ready to assume that role. The line will be anchored by team captain and future Northwestern Wildcat Sam Gerak. Defensively, the Eagles return some great talent in seniors Cameron Judge, Eric Steinmetz and Xavier Holmes. It appears another banner year is in store for the Eagles. North Ridgeville had a 7-4 season including a playoff berth last year, despite the fact DeMario McCall never really got rolling. With McCall now graduated, head coach Luke Durbin will count on quarterback Collin Sullinger to trigger an offense which features the likes of Jamir Malone at running back, and Brandon Cruz and Bryon Shuey at wide receiver. In the trenches, the Rangers will be led by senior center Chris Machovina and senior guard Jordan King. Defensively, King plays in the line, Malone is a linebacker, and Cruz and Shuey are in the secondary. First-Team SWC honoree in the defensive line, Tyler Sycz, is back as well. The Rangers aren't only excited about their team this year, but they will also christen their brand new, state of the art football facility this fall. At Amherst, the Comets struggled through a winless season under Bill Fishleigh in 2015, but fielded a very young team. Hungry for victories and with experience under their belt, returnees such as two-way linemen Cam Haslage and Matt Lee, and two-way players Alec Platz, Mark Harris, Jarod Bradac and Jeremy Smith are being counted on to get the Comets back to winning ways. Dave Dlugosz hopes this season to bring Avon Lake back to over .500. The Shoremen closed out the '15 season at 4-6, but Coach Dlugosz has some solid players to build around this season, including Ryan Sidloski and David Marsh defensively, and a trio of wide receivers in Carson Toy, Hunter Bateman and Zach Sabol, as well as lineman John Skaggs offensively. The other five teams in the SWC include Berea-Midpark, Westlake, Olmsted Falls, North Olmsted, and Lakewood.

After going through the struggle of being an independent for a few seasons, the **Vermilion** Sailors join their new league this fall, as they are welcomed into the Sandusky Bay Conference. The ever evolving SBC will feature 15 schools this year, and the conference recently announced they have extended invites to six Northern Ohio League schools for next year,

which will create a 21 team league for 17-18. This season, Sailors head coach Rob Duray has some outstanding talent both offensively and defensively. Running backs Caine Zannoni and Zack Anderson as well as wide receiver Jonah Pfeil and linemen Seth Lyons and Brock Nail lead the way offensively, while defensively, Vermilion will rely on lineman Tyler Bath, linebacker Trevor Boyd, and defensive backs Eli Balek and Seth Hurd to slow the opposition.

Football is back, albeit in a very unique way, at **Open Door**. After not fielding a team in 2015 due to a lack of players, the Patriots will take the field again in 2016, but will play 8-man football. Ray Lowe's team will play a schedule that features nine teams from Michigan that also play 8-man. The Pats will be led by senior two-way lineman Jafet Hernandez, senior two-way player Alex Schmidt, sophomore wide receiver and defensive back Caleb Daniel, and freshman quarterback and linebacker Niko Lopez. It certainly should be a fun style of football to watch.

Some memorable moments are going to unfold this fall on the local high school gridirons. Hopefully you will be there to see it (or perhaps hear it on AM930 WEOL). Those plays may only take a few seconds to transpire, but the mark they will leave will be indelible. They will create a memory that will last a lifetime. It's the beauty of Friday nights under the lights. Let the games begin.



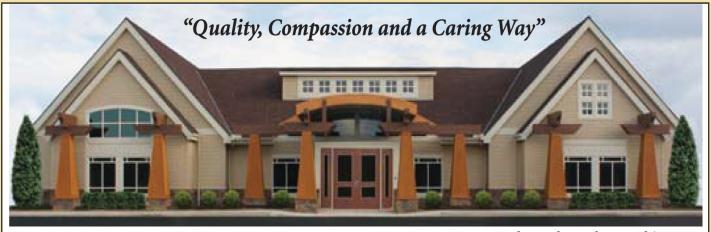
Vermilion Caine Zannoni.





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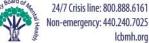
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10/28	Brooklyn	Away

### **Cloverleaf Colts**

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9/9	Buckeye	Away
9/16	Coventry	
9/23	Norton	
9/30	Woodridge	Home
10/7	Akron Springfield	Away
10/14	Ravenna	
10/21	Field	Away
10/28	Streetsboro	Home

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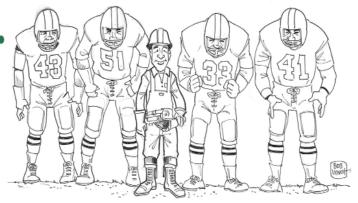
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# **Booster Clubs Today, Tips for Success**

### By "Z" Zoltai

The biggest problem with some booster clubs today is that they don't have the right relationships, both internally and externally, and aren't focused on doing the right things.

Well-run, well-attended booster clubs make a huge difference for some High School sports programs. I know a thing or two about booster clubs because in addition to being a head varsity coach, I was also the President of the Parma Heights Valley Forge Adult Athletic Booster Club for four years. I inherited a club that had a really difficult time just getting parents to show up for a booster club meeting. The organization was rife with dissent, untrustworthiness, ineffectiveness, in fighting, and had let its 501c status expire. Four years later when I left the club, it had raised funds for 17 different sports and with the help of Alan Januzzi CPA- we were once again 501c compliant

A strong, motivated club of boosters can do a whole lot for a school and its sports program. Some factors, such as community wealth will always separate some clubs from others and on-field success is also a prime motivator for a booster club and its volunteers. In all cases, a good Club is only as good as the next group of parents who inherit the reins.

It takes everybody being on the same page - administrators, coaches and parents doing what it takes to support the players. If you are involved with a booster club you should strive to build a family atmosphere around your schools sports teams. To help you and



your Booster Club find this success, like Yoda teaching young Skywalker, I wish to share the wisdom and experience of my booster journey. Here are tested and true elements, tips, and suggestions on how booster clubs can work successfully with volunteer parents.

#### Mission and vision statement

A booster club without a mission or vision statement is kind of like a boat without a rudder. A common mistake for booster clubs is not taking the time to develop a mission statement. Identifying why the club exists and what its mission is, plays a very important role in helping to attract volunteer support from both the school and the community. It also helps provide a club with a road map of what it is trying to achieve. It would surprise you how many people are on different pages when it comes to a purpose

Tip: Make sure your mission or vision statement includes

the following features: (a) it identifies who you are (b) it defines your group's objectives (c) it gives volunteers and supporters a clear understanding of why you exist.

Avoid having senior parents running the booster club. Booster clubs can dramatically reduce the learning curve for volunteers by establishing the framework whereby the clubs officers are made up of junior or underclass parents. Allowing the senior parents to step aside at a time when their focus is most needed on supporting their son or daughter's next step into college, scholarships and senior party activities. This move will help to provide incoming club officers with mentors and existing support channels. Plus, when their kids graduate and the parent-officers move on, a lot of expertise and know-how leaves with them.

Conducting consecutive and/or multiple fundraisers Fundraising has become a



necessary evil and for many booster clubs a means to insuring the continuation of the activity they support. A continual mistake made by many clubs is running one fundraiser after another or running multiple fundraisers at a time. This dramatically distracts from the need, the goal and the reason for fundraising. Picking the "right" fundraiser that meets the clubs needs and goals, then running a program no more than three weeks with a clear and defined reason for fundraising will increase the rewards and reduce volunteer burnout.

Tip: Doing many fundraisers does not mean raising more money. Doing a few fundraisers over the course of a year and doing them well produces better results. Keeping your program short (3 weeks max) will keep them motivated. Never do more than one fundraiser at a time. Keep the goal in front of everyone, space

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your fundraisers out so people have down time, this will keep them moving and from burning out as you move closer to your goal.

### Gaining tax exempt 501(c) 3 status

Estimates show that only 12% of booster clubs have taken the steps to register and become tax exempt organizations, thus giving them and their organization the ability to legally promote and to gain donor contributions with a tax benefit. Although filing for 501(c)3 status is lengthy the benefit is worth the effort. Gain the support from a local attorney and accountants that would be willing to donate some time to assist your organization in filing the paperwork correctly and then helping to see that it remains current.

### Keeping in contact with friends, alumni and business supporters

Communication is a key

component to helping build successful teams and programs. A coaching staff that cannot communicate will lose the game even with the best players.

Tip: Develop a monthly newsletter and send it to current and past supporters. Provide ample opportunities to continually gather new and updated contact information. Including an online link from your club website where supporters can update their contact information. **Understanding the Booster** 

### Club's jobs

Establishing a clear and detailed outline of what the booster club does will help to minimize any potential conflicts with ASB, DECA and the other organizations at the school. A simple rule of thumb for club activities is to remember that we are all here to support the kids. Daytime, at school activities that provide kids with the opportunity to expand and enhance their learning skills should be left to the ASB and DECA groups.





After school events such as football concessions and raffles are better suited for booster clubs and their supporters.

### Committee-izing

Many booster clubs approach fundraising in amateurish, inefficient, ineffective, and not always sustainable and scalable ways. So you have to decide who's going to be in charge of specific fundraisers. The way I handle by asking the people I believe will do the best jobs in a oneon-one situation. Be sure to look them in the eye and ask them exactly what you them to do.

### Keeping the club compliant with state and federal guidelines

It's estimated that each year approximately 65% of clubs who have registered with their state let their registration lapse and become invalid simply because they weren't aware that they needed to submit annual renewal fees and updated information.

Tip: Make sure your club has developed a corporate book or web site pull-down page where your articles, by-laws, state and federal registration forms as well as minutes are all kept. Establish a location at the school where this information can be safely kept and accessed by your club. You can also call Alan V. Januzzi- CPA Establishing a working relationship with school administrators and coaches

Booster clubs must take time

to sit with the school's administrators and coaches to establish a plan of action. Communicating with administrators is a key component to a healthy club and will greatly reduce the traditional barriers that have formed over the years. Lack of policies and procedures

Understanding how to handle a given issue as well as the standard operating procedure for a given task is an area that most booster clubs neglect, which is the cause a great deal of confusion.

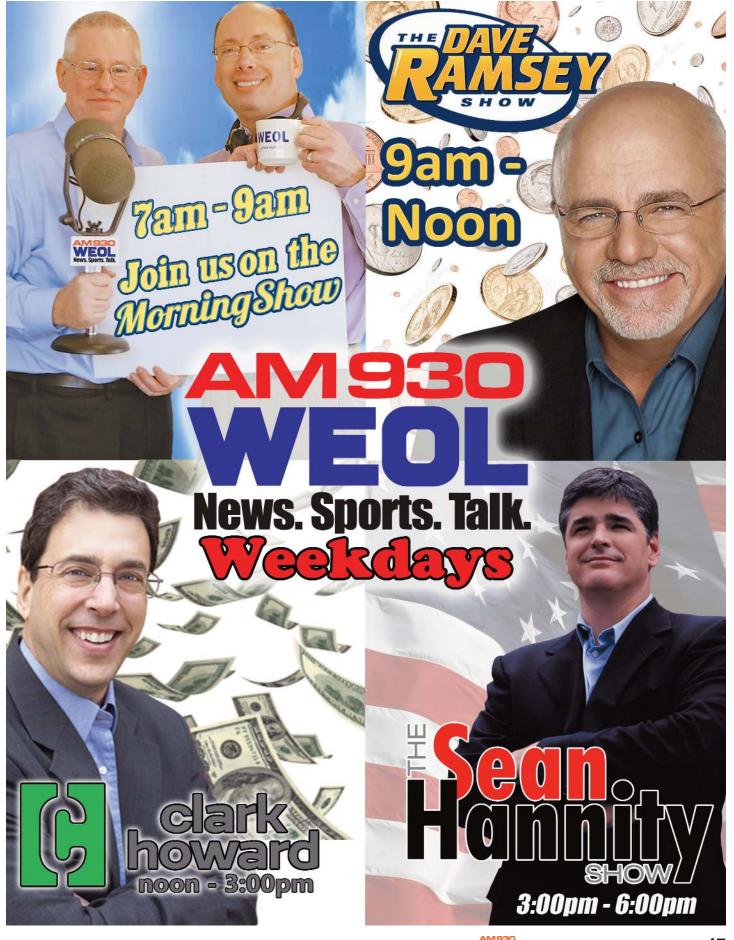
Tip: How you handle major issues should be outlined in your by-laws. Minor issues should be discussed regularly between club officers and a format for reaching a clear understanding must be achieved and then recorded for future reference.

### Outlining job descriptions and areas of responsibility

Booster clubs must have a clear understanding of the responsibilities and job descriptions for each position including sub-committee or co-chair positions. A clear definition will increase the likelihood of a new volunteer stepping into the position come elections as well as helping to better organize the group throughout the year.

No matter what steps you take to run your booster club, be passionate in your efforts and make your club accessible to all of your school's sports and your booster club will grow.







# **The Coaches Memories**

### Mike Elder –Avon-

My favorite moment would have been in 2009 when our team was 4-4 and playing against Fairview at home week 9. We were down by seven late in the 4th quarter. It was fourth down with just 30 seconds to go. We hit

a hook and ladder that went 70 yards for a touchdown. This sent the game into overtime and we were able to get the win. Riding the momentum from the win, we went on to beat the top team in the conference, Bay, in week 10 and we finished the season 6-4. In 2009 we started many sophomores. The next year we went undefeated and in 2011 We were the State Runner-Up with many of the players who started in that Fairview game. I credit what some would call a meaningless game week 9 against Fairview to transforming the expectations of our program.





### Robert Duray – Vermilion –

My most memorable moment as head Coach at VHS has to be our football team participating in Victory Day at Murray Ridge School the last couple of years. Our players, coaches, and cheerleaders spend the day at Murray Ridge teaching some basic fundamentals of the game of football and interacting with the kids. At the end of the day, we give the kids of Murray Ridge medals and footballs for participating. The kids of Murray Ridge are amazing and it is a very rewarding day for my players and staff. Thank you Murray Ridge for letting us spend time with your amazing kids!



### Paul Ferguson – Brookside-

My favorite memory of my current school was leading my team from a come from behind win vs a physical Oberlin team to get my first career victory. I got the cooler dumped on me and all. A moment I will never forget. GO CARDS!



### DJ Shaw – Midview-

My favorite football memory was the Avon game in week 12 of 2014. We met for the second time and in what was a snowy, icy mess. The last two minutes of that game could have gone either way and there was more back and forth than I had ever seen in my life. The resiliency and the ability of our kids to fight and never quit was one of the best memories I will ever have.



Dave Dlugosz – Avon Lake-In 2003, when we fought our way through the playoffs to win a state championship, it was amazing to see the players, coaches, student body, parents and the community of Avon Lake unite with unbridled enthusiasm in support of the SHOREMEN football team. We truly felt that we were playing for something bigger than ourselves.



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### Kevin Fell – Elyria-

My greatest moments in my five years at Elyria came almost back to back in two games against state ranked

Northeast Ohio teams in 2014. We were trailing a fine (8-2) Brunswick team 35-32 when they were forced to punt with 22 seconds left in the game. After an incomplete pass by QB Hunter Parsh, a pass was thrown down the middle where after several tips, running back Mikah Price picked it outof the air and ran for the winning score from 55 yards out.

The following week trailing by 2 TD's to Stow (8-2) with one minute to play, Parsh hit Brad Schneider for a TD. Trailing by five, we forced a punt with 20 seconds left on clock. The center snaped it over the head of the punter, he recovered it on the 25 yard line with eight seconds left. Parsh found Schneider again for the winning score knocking Stow out of the postseason. Some years are luckier than others.



### Bill Fishleigh – Amherst-

My best memory in Amherst was my first win here in 2014 over John Hay. The community was a buzz before and especially after the game and then the faces on all the players after the win was priceless. The community made signs and they were so excited after the first win.

### Dave McFarland – Lorain -



As you know getting our young men to college is our football program's number one goal. Highlight would be seeing all our seniors graduating and continuing their education in college, trade school or the military. Our seniors have represented our school well during their high school playing days and currently in their continual pursuit of academic excellence.

### Mike Collier - Clearview-



Sean Arno Wellington-One of my favorite memories of being a Duke is a tradition they have had here for many years. In

the morning before school starts on game day, players gather in the front of the office. All the players are in their jerseys and they do Duke Jays for the entire school to hear. It demonstrates how important football is for the Wellington Dukes.



I have had so many great memories at Clearview that it's difficult to pinpoint one, but here are a couple that jump out. In 2008, we were able to complete a 10-0 season at Columbia, securing a conference championship for the third straight year as well as a home playoff game. This was only the second 10-0 team in school history and the team and staff created lifelong memories. More memorable than that was the impact of two eye-opening experiences. We pride ourselves on being a family and a tight-knit community at Clearview and nothing demonstrated that more than the way our football team responded both on and off the field with the support for Brad Anderson (Clearview

alumni, football player, and father) and Coach Todd Engle (Clearview Football Coach). Both men were faced with life-threatening illnesses and our team and community stepped up to support them in multiple ways. The toughness, determination, and positive spirit shown by these two men has given us all a great example in overcoming adversity and will stay in our memories for a lifetime.

### Mike Passerrello - Firelands

In 2011, traveling back on the bus after going 10-0 and making the playoffs for the first time in school history. We were going through South Amherst being escorted by the police and everyone was standing on the side of the street welcoming us back shooting off fireworks. The parade continued with fireworks onto the game field.





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### Jason Ward – Columbia-

My favorite memory of coaching at Columbia was our playoff victory VS. Archbold in 2013. It was the first playoff victory and first playoff home game in the school's history and was one of the few "take your breath away" moments I've had in my life. I'll forever be grateful to all of the players and coaches I've been associated with, but especially those players and those coaches for providing that moment for our program, school, and community.

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### Rob Clarico – Keystone-

There are quite a few great memories in 13 years of coaching at Keystone, from our first win, to a last second win against CVCA, to winning our first conference championship in 40 years. However, one moment stands out above the others - our playoff appearance in 2014. It was the first ever in the history of the school, and a fitting conclusion to the careers of a special group of seniors. I vividly remember our charter bus going around the circle in Lagrange a couple times which was packed with fans loudly cheering for us. We stopped in Monroeville for a team dinner which was a very special time. Although we lost that night to Bellevue, we played our best game of the season (maybe the best game in my career at Keystone). It was a very special day that I will remember forever.





### Ray Lowe - Open Door-

I will always remember playing our first ever night game during year two of our program. It was our homecoming game against Whitney Young. Although we were not considered a varsity team yet, just playing under the lights on our home field in front of a packed house was a great experience!

Along with that, I have to say one of the greatest moments for me as a coach was getting the first ever varsity win during year three of our program! We were playing in a rain storm out at Lutheran East. It was 0-0 at halftime. We won 21-0!!

### Luke Durbin - North Ridgeville-

Our 2014 Game vs. North Olmsted. We played a great game both offensively and defensively but a blocked punt, punt return for a TD, and two trick plays allowed North Olmsted back in the game. They beat Demario McCall on a pass in the end zone to tie the game with about a minute remaining. Demario was called for pass interference on the play which allowed North Olmsted to kick the ball off from our own 45. The kick went to the one yard line where Demario caught it, made a shallow cut then got vertical and returned the kick 99 yards for the winning



touchdown. North Olmsted's last chance was cut short by a Nate Asp interception.



### Dave Stupka – Elyria Catholic-

Last season we came from behind to defeat the eventual state runner up, Mogadore. At the end of the game, we were able to deny them of a possible game tying touchdown. Our fans at Knights of Columbus went Crazy!





### 2016 Ohio State football preview



J.T. Barrett

### By Rob Polinsky

Urban Meyer will begin his fifth season as the head coach at Ohio State Labor Day weekend Saturday September 3rd vs. Bowling Green at 12pm at Ohio Stadium in Columbus. Should be an interesting day for Coach Meyer who was previously the head coach at Bowling Green back in 2001 and 2002. Meyer is 50-4 at OSU including 12-1 overall and 7-1 last season in conference play. After the opening game vs. BG the Bucks host Tulsa before heading to Norman Oklahoma to take on Bob

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Stoop's Oklahoma Sooners. That should be a great matchup between two of college football's all time perennial powers. After a bye week the Bucks open conference play at home vs. Rutgers on October 1st.

OSU returns thirty nine letter winners from '15 but just six starters, three on each side of the ball. The returning offensive starters include captains, quarterback J.T. Barrett and center Pat Elflein, along with guard Billy Price. The defensive starters that return are Captain Raekwon McMillan at linebacker, corner back Gareon Conley and Defensive End Tyquan Lewis. Losing sixteen of twenty two starters OSU has a lot of rebuilding to do and will have plenty of young men vying for playing time including Running Back and Wide Receiver. With 5th year senior Bri'onte Dunn recently being kicked off the team, that means OSU will have no running backs with any game experience on the roster. Highly recruited redshirt freshman Mike Webber along with true freshman Antonio Williams should both see the field. At Wide Receiver/ H-Back junior Curtis Samuel and senior Dontre

Wilson return. There are several others looking to break into the lineup including Terry McLaurin, Parris Campbell, James Clark and Johnny Dixon among others. Lorain's Rashod Berry is being considered at Tight End. The Offensive Lineman needs to find three new starters from last season. According to OSU Jamarco Jones, Isaiah Prince, Evan Lisle and Demetrius Knox could win jobs. On the defensive line Elyria's Tracy Sprinkle along with Michael Hill and Donovan Munger could start inside. Tyquan Lewis, Sam Hubbard and Jalvn Holmes are on the ends. At Line Backer who will be next to Raekwon McMillan is the question. Juniors Chris Woodley and Dante Booker are considered the favorites to do so. Seventy five percent of last year's starting Defensive Back's are gone leaving Gareon Conley the only returner. Some young Defensive Back's looking to win spots includes Marshon Lattimore, Damon Webb, Denzel Ward, Cam Burrows, Erick Smith and Malik Hooker.

As young and inexperienced as OSU is this season could be Meyer's greatest challenge since coming to OSU. Combining that with what could be their toughest schedule in years it will be



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interesting to see how long it takes this young group to gel. Some of the highlights in Big Ten play have OSU going to Wisconsin and Penn State on consecutive Saturdays in October. In November they entertain Nebraska before going to East Lansing to play MSU. Remember that the Spartans gave OSU their only loss a year ago in Columbus. They close the regular season out at home vs. Michigan.

The Ohio State football team.

Paul Keels will be in his 19th year as the Voice of the

Buckeyes, Jim Lachey returns for his 20th season as color analyst. New to the broadcast crew is Matt Andrews who will serve as sideline and locker room reporter. Skip Mosic is back for his 32nd season, serving as pregame and halftime host. As always WEOL AM 930 is your Lorain, Medina and Western Cuyahoga Counties home of OSU football. All broadcasts originate ninety minutes prior to the scheduled kickoff time with the pregame show.



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### **Cleveland Browns 2016 Season Preview**

By: Matt Douglass

With memories being the theme of this year's Forecast magazine, it goes without saying that good memories have not been something that Cleveland Browns fans have been able to dwell on since their reestablishment in the NFL in 1999. Since that time, the Browns fans have only seen one playoff appearance, have watched 24 total starting quarterbacks fail to do much of anything, been introduced 16 head coaches, been lead to believe that seven different General Managers would turn this team around and even groaned the name of two different owners.

As the Browns enter the 2016 – 2017 season, the pressure to put a winning product on the field maybe stronger than ever. With the Cavaliers ending a 52 year championship drought in Cleveland, and the Indians showing the city what a winning baseball team can do, the Browns are close to becoming a third fiddle in this football crazed town.

There is no question that first year head coach Hue Jackson will be feeling the brunt of the pressure when he leads the orange and brown on to Lincoln Financial Field for the Browns' opening game against the Philadelphia Eagles on September 11. In January, the former **Bengals Offensive Coordinator** was introduced as the team's new coach. During his 14 seasons in the NFL, Jackson has had stints in Washington, Baltimore, Oakland (where he was named head coach in 2011 but was fired after an 8-8 finish),



### Joe Thomas

and Cincinnati, where he took over as Offensive Coordinator in 2014. The Los Angeles native was also with the Bengals as a Wide Receiver coach from 2004 – 2006 where he coached the dynamic duo of Chad Johnson and TJ Houshmandzadeh, who tore through the league during that time. Recently, it was announced that Chad Johnson will be joining his former coach as an Assistant Wide Receiver coach.

Along with the change at head coach, the Browns have also split ties with GM Ray Farmer and the position of General Manager. Instead the Browns will turn to Sashi Brown who was named the team's executive VP of football operations. Cleveland may be taking a bit of a chance on this one; Brown has never worked at a position like this in major sports. He is a former attorney and business advisor. He did formally work with the Jacksonville Jaguars as a member of their Board of Directors. After being hired by Cleveland in January, one of Browns first moves was to bring in Paul DePodesta as the team's Chief Strategy Officer. That name should sound familiar to MLB fans and Brad Pitt fans alike. DePodesta was a former General Manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers and was portrayed by Jonah Hill in the movie Moneyball. Many skep-

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tics say that analytics are not effective in football, but it seems that the Browns clearly believe in DePodesta's work. Along with Jackson, Brown and DePodesta will have the final say in who suits up for Cleveland when the season starts.

On the field, there have been a number of changes as well. This offseason Hue Jackson played a prominent part in bringing Robert Griffin III to Cleveland. The former Redskins quarterback had a falling out with his previous team and appears to have new vigor as he joins the Browns. While the last three seasons in the league have not been kind to the former

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Heisman winner, due in large part to injuries, the Browns believe that the 2012 NFL Rookie of the Year can renew his skills if given the chance. Of course, in order to do that he will need to stay upright, and that is where the offensive line comes in.

Before the 2015 season, the Browns offensive line was touted as being one of the best the league had to offer. With the departure of center Alex Mack and Mitchell Schwartz, this line is not as durable as it once was. After signing a seven year 80 million dollar deal Joe Thomas will once again be the stronghold of the offense. The question is, who will take over for the missing pieces? While many thought Alex Mack would leave, it was also believed that 2015 first round draft pick Cameron Erving would be the player to fall into that position, however, after a less then stellar rookie season it looks like John Greco will be the Browns' new snapper. Greco played a majority of the 2014 season at center because of Mack's leg injury. Erving may find himself at the guard position after showing

improvement there at the end of last year.

At running back, Duke Johnson will be a favorite. Isaiah Crowell's controversial social media posts about the police have the third year back on thin ice.

RGIII will have a new group of receivers to throw to this season after the Browns parted ways with Dwayne Bowe and former Buckeye Brian Hartline. This year the need for receivers was issued in the draft. The Browns added some much needed speed with first round pick Corey Colemen out of Baylor and fourth rounder Ricardo Louis out of Auburn. While those guys handle the deep ball, Jordan Payton and Rashard Higgins will also be use in offensive arsenal. The middle of the field will once again be patrolled by pro-bowl tight end Gary Barnidge.

On the defensive side of the ball, Joe Haden leads what will be a new look secondary in 2016. Rahim Moore, Ibraheim Campbell, Jordan Poyer and rookie Derrick Kindred will all be vying for two starting safety positions.

At linebacker, Demario Davis comes over from the Jets to try and add some much needed help on the inside. Browns vet-

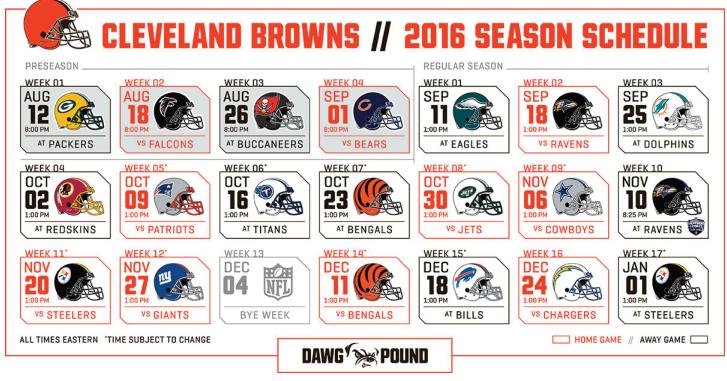


Hue Jackson with Cody Kessler

erans Barkevious Mingo, Paul Kruger and Christian Kirksey will help led the pack. Rookies Joe Schobert and Emmanuel Ogbah will look to make an early impact on opponents running games and quarterbacks, as well.

On the defensive line, an accident in the gym unfortunately has ended the year of Desmond Bryant before the season has begun. Filling this hole will not be easy for the Browns, as the former Harvard grad led the team with six sacks and 24 tackles. Danny Shelton's first year is in the books and while things could have been worse, there is no question the coaches and Shelton himself are expecting a better output in 2016.

It certainly seems that after a 3-13 season in 2015 the Browns have no way to go but up, and if the team wants to stay relevant in a city that is quickly catching the nation's attention for the play of its NBA and the MLB teams, there is little time for the Browns to waste. If the Browns don't make a run to the postseason in the near future, Cleveland's title of Brownstown just might get a new name.



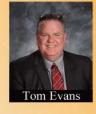






The Midview-Avon playoff game in 2014 was the most extraordinary high school football game I ever called. For the young men from both sides to play at such an incredibly high level under horrendous weather and field conditions is something I will never forget. It was an incredible game, which Midview finally won 42-36. I still get goose bumps when I think of it (The thrill of calling Olmsted Falls, Avon Lake (twice) and Avon playing in state champion-Tim Alcorn ship games in Massillon would rank up there as well).

Had to be the first time I stepped into the press box at the Hall of Fame to do the Brunswick/Canton McKinley playoff game. As a kid growing up, my dad would take vacation every year after the Hall of Fame inductions to see the new inductees. He would haul me and my two older brothers there every year. Then to sit in the press box, in the shadows of the Hall of Fame was overwhelming. I could picture my father in heaven having a good laugh at me. Very memorable.





My favorite moment in a football game happened on October 18th 2002. Elyria was hosting Euclid on senior night at Ely Stadium. Right before the season Elyria senior Kris Lavigne was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease and was going through chemotherapy and was unable to play that season. Kris was given permission to suit up for the game by his doctors. He was named team captain that night and was on the field for the coin toss. Kris got in for one play late in the first half, I will never forget seeing him run on to the field for that one play. It was the most emotional moment that I have ever witnessed and I was proud to be there.

My favorite football memory is actually from last year. DeMario McCall vs Avon Lake in the first half at North Ridgeville. It seemed like every time the kid touched the ball he had a chance to score. Avon Lake's Defense is usually pretty tough and the young man was cutting right through them. Hopefully just a glimpse of what the kid will be doing for the Buckeyes over the next couple of falls!





When I think of all the fall seasons I've spent covering the WEOL HS Gridiron, I can't single out any one particular game or moment I cherish the most. I just know that there is something special about getting to the stadium early as the sun starts to set and the smell of popcorn begins to fill the air. Also, there's nothing like broadcasting a game late in the season when both sides of the stands are packed and the tension is palpable. There is a story unfolding and you're right there to see it written. That's something to cherish.

Craig Couch

I did the PBP with Tom Evans for the Medina Battling Bees shocking 31-28 come-from behind upset of Canton McKinley in the 2010 OHSAA Division I Football playoffs. They did it by overcoming a 21-0 first quarter deficit and 28-14 halftime hole. Medina was a four touchdown underdog. They accomplished the great comeback on the road at Fawcett Stadium no less.





The two championship games we did in which our home team won. Olmsted Falls and Avon Lake. \*The Shoremen claimed the title in 2003 with a 10-7 win over Trenton Edgewood. Olmsted Falls claimed their championship in 2000 by defeating Piqua 21-0 in Massillon.



## More memories from the broadcast team



Although I have many favorite memories in my time at WEOL, the one that sticks out the most was a thriller. Z Zoltai and I were on the call last year when the Avon Eagles escaped North Olmsted with a 41-40 triple overtime victory. Avon running back Gerett Choat carried the ball 51 times for 312 yds and three touchdowns! The game had everything you wanted in a big time area high school football game. Big plays, turnovers, goal line stands and a thrilling finish. Can't wait to start the 2016-17 season!

My favorite football moment with WEOL was being a part of the first game ever at Highland's North Gateway Tire Field last season. It was an honor being a part of the first game ever at the stadium, a playoff type atmosphere in week 1 of the 2015 season when the Hornets defeated the visiting Brunswick Blue Devils.





My memory actually comes from last season, as it was a week three and a pair of Eagles teams took the field, as North Olmsted played host to Avon. It was an incredible game that was full of big plays all night long, going back and forth like an old school AFL game. The game wound up going three overtimes, and with a steady rain falling, the Eagles of Avon were able to pull off a crazy 41-40 win. Both teams showed a lot of heart and put up a great fight in what turned out to be a true classic.

One of my favorite things about broadcasting these games is seeing the amazing plays the young men on the field make. Last year I had the opportunity to call the Elyria High game against Solon. At the end of the first quarter the Pioneers had the ball on the 27 going in. Elyria quarterback Donte Beckett rolled to his right and released a pass that appeared to be wide of his intended receiver Kyle Ringer. As the ball hurled towards the earth, the senior receiver of the Pioneers dove through the air and corralled the ball into his body for the catch and the touchdown.





My favorite WEOL game memory came from just a couple of seasons ago. Brunswick was playing a week 10 game at Solon in what appeared to be a win-and-in game for playoff implications. Both teams were on the cusp and the only way to secure a playoff berth was to win. The teams both played their best games of the season and they were both clicking on all cylinders. The kids left everything on the field, desperately trying to make it to week 11. In the end, Solon won the game on a long field goal (which is much more exciting in high school football than any other level) and both teams managed to get into the postseason. That was the best part, after such an amazing game on both sides, they certainly both deserved to move on, and move on they did!

It was on October 31, 2014 with a playoff berth on the line. The Lorain Titans were home against Warren G Harding. A school from Lorain had not made the OHSAA football postseason since 1985. The Titans were backed up to their own 9 yard line early in the game. As the ball was snapped, it sailed over the head third year quarterback Eddie Williamson. When he scooped up the ball in the end zone I thought " Great...just throw it out of bounds and take the safety. Lorain will get the ball back on the 9 and can punt". Then something incredible happened. Seeing his quarterback struggling in the back of the end zone, Senior receiver Rashod Berry broke off his route and came back to the eight yard line. Williamson got the football to his big target who took the ball 91 yards for the touchdown lifting his team and breaking the spirit of Warren G Harding. Lorain went on to win the game and indeed went to the postseason for the first time in 29 years. It was a great play.





