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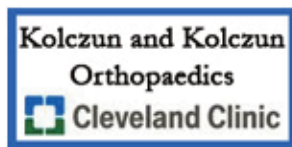
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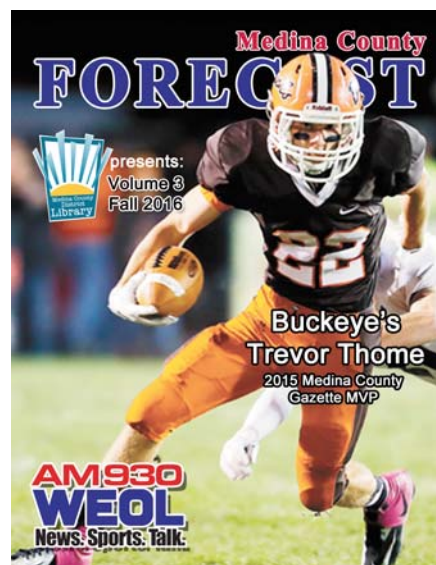
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ABOUT THE COVER

In his senior season Trevor Thome helped lead the Buckeye Bucks to their third consecutive Patriot Athletic Conference Stars Division title and a perfect 10-0 regular season record. While it was always a “Team first” mentality for the downhill running back, Thome amassed 978 rushing yards, 444 receiving yards and set school record with 29 touchdowns and 176 points. Along with being named the Medina Gazette MVP, the York Township native was named Division III All-Ohio Second-Team. In the 2016-2017 season, Thome will look to carry the ball with the same gusto at NCAA D-III Mount Union.



2016 Medina County high school football preview



Ron Schwane

Highland Hornets take the field.

By: Brad Bournival

As camp breaks for the 2016 high school football season, Medina County coaches will learn quickly what they have in their teams.

From Black River, which started out 2015 with three wins in its first four games, but fell to the wayside, to Wadsworth, who has replaced longstanding coach Greg Dennison with Justin Todd, there are storylines everywhere.

Last year, Buckeye and Highland reached the playoffs, but lost in the first round.

Here's a look at the seven area schools:

Black River

With 173 career wins, Al Young is Medina County's all-

time career leader and a three-time Patriot Athletic Conference champion (2010, 2011, 2013).

But 4-6 doesn't cut it in Sullivan Township. That said, he has a ton of talent back and is looking to climb the mountain once again.

Junior fullback/linebacker Jacob Campbell (6-foot, 190) is back and looking to improve on a 785-yard, 13-touchdown season from a year ago. He's not the only one with a resume as 6-2, 250-pound senior starter Mike Hazlett is back at quarterback.

Last season, the Pirates put a little bit of air under the ball as Hazlett threw for 677 yards and six touchdowns in the wing-T offense.

Everyone knows Black River goes as its line goes and guard/linebacker Curtis Roupe (6-2, 250) is returning. In 2015, he made 76 tackles and helped the Pirates rush for 233.0 yards a game.

Brunswick

The 2015 campaign wasn't nice to a Blue Devils team returning no starters. It led to a 3-7 season, but Brunswick picked up some needed experience.

Coach Luke Beal is back and looking to return his squad to the playoffs after a one-year hiatus.

Fullback/linebacker Alex Gillespie (6-0, 230), Running back/defensive back Jake Martin (6-1 185) and running back/defensive back Nolan Smerekovsky (5-9, 170) will be

leaned on heavily as Beal continues to reshape Brunswick's look.

Gillespie led the Blue Devils in rushing when the then-junior rushed for 751 yards and three touchdowns, while Martin, also a senior, had 700 combined yards from scrimmage.

Smerekovsky was one off the county lead in pass breakups with 10. The senior will be relied on to help in the secondary in a Greater Cleveland Conference league known for passing.

Buckeye

The Bucks came close to winning their first playoff game in school history, but lost 35-28 in triple overtime to

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PREVIEW

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West Geauga.

This season is a different animal as Gazette MVP Trevor Thome and Gazette Senior Athlete of the Year Nate Polidori have graduated from a team that ran the table in the regular season to win the PAC Stars Division.

Two-way senior lineman Hunter Gray (6-1, 240) is back and needs to be the glue for an offense missing most of its key starters from 2015.

Senior linebacker Dustin McCoullough (5-9, 195) returns and his 79 tackles will be key to stopping the run-happy Stars Division.

The biggest question comes in how fast junior quarterback Adam Fauver can learn the offense and step into the shoes of Polidori, who was key in the Bucks offense last year.

Cloverleaf

The Portage Trail Conference was supposed to bring the re-emergence of the Colts, but they struggled to a 1-9 mark under first-year coach Justin Vorhies.

But it's a year later and Vorhies is ready to turn the page.

He has a weapon in senior wide receiver/cornerback Nick Soika (5-11, 175), who had 34 receptions for 429 yards last year. Junior middle linebacker Cory Stallings (5-9, 175), who took over as a starter in week four should help defensively. He made 62 tackles and had eight tackles for loss as a sophomore.

Junior guard/defensive end Deric Tober (6-2, 215) brings athleticism and is a hard-nosed defensive end, returning 24 tackles and a sack from last season.

Highland

Mike Gibbons was supposed to struggle with the shadow of Tom Lombardo last season.

The first-year coach answered all questions by leading the Hornets to a 6-5 season and Division III, Region 4 playoff appearance.

Defense will be the name of the game this season for Highland with some big names back.

Senior defensive back Chris Burnside (5-10, 195) was second on the squad with 75 tackles and had five sacks last season, while his senior counterpart Chris Petrilla (5-11, 185) was third on the team with 70 tackles.



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Wadsworth defense.

Two-way linemen Joey D'Amico (5-10, 280) is back and looking to improve on an All-Suburban League campaign when he was a sophomore.

Medina

The Bees showed tremendous improvement last year with a 4-6 campaign that included a 31-14 win over GCC playoff representative Elyria.

All-Ohio running back Jimmy Daw (6-4, 215) is back as a senior and has the eye of Division I college programs. He rushed for 1,078 yards and was second in the county with 18 touchdowns.

Three-year starting senior Nick Pankow (6-0, 190) will see time at safety and wide receiver this season after an honorable mention All-Gazette campaign. Junior

Dylan Fultz (5-10, 175) returns as a corner/slot receiver.

Fultz had over 1,000 yards of total offense last season and scored eight touchdowns.

Wadsworth

The question becomes how will the Grizzlies replace 2014 first-team All-Ohio back Dan Weinerman and adapt to Todd as their coach?

Junior Joey Baughman (6-0, 185) should slide over from his spot as an All-Gazette honorable mention corner-back and take over at quarter-back for the graduated Connor Montgomery.

Senior wide receiver/defensive back Craig Palidar (6-0, 185) brings back 65 tackles from last season and if senior linebacker Alex Jones (6-1, 190) can come back from injury, defense shouldn't be a concern for the Grizzlies.



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Buckeyes Hunter Gray

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Fri, Aug. 26
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Highland v Brunswick

Fri, Sept. 2
7:00pm



Keystone v Cloverleaf

Fri. Sept. 9
7:00pm



Medina v Wadsworth

Fri, Sept. 16
7:00pm



Solon v Brunswick

Fri. Sept. 23
7:00pm



Medina v Strongsville

Fri, Sept. 30
7:00pm



Medina v Brunswick

Fri. Oct. 7
7:00pm



Copley v Highland

Fri, Oct. 14
7:00pm



Ravenna v Cloverleaf

Fri. Oct. 21
7:00pm



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9/9	McDonald.....	Home
9/16	Brooklyn.....	Away
9/23	Columbia.....	Home
9/30	Keystone.....	Home
10/7	Buckeye.....	Away
10/14	Brookside.....	Away
10/21	Firelands.....	Home
10/28	Wellington.....	Home

Brunswick Blue Devils

8/26	Highland.....	Home
9/2	Austintown-Fitch.....	Away
9/9	Brecksville.....	Away
9/16	Solon.....	Home
9/23	Elyria.....	Away
9/30	Medina.....	Home
10/8	Shaker Heights.....	Away
10/14	Euclid.....	Home
10/21	Mentor.....	Home
10/28	Strongsville.....	Away

Buckeye Bucks

8/26	Revere.....	Away
9/2	Rocky River.....	Home
9/9	Cloverleaf.....	Home
9/16	Fairview.....	Away
9/23	Clearview.....	Home
9/30	Wellington.....	Away
10/7	Black River.....	Home
10/14	Firelands.....	Away
10/21	Keystone.....	Home
10/28	Brookside.....	Away

Cloverleaf Colts

8/26	Northwest.....	Away
9/2	Keystone.....	Home
9/9	Buckeye.....	Away
9/16	Coventry.....	Home
9/23	Norton.....	Away
9/30	Woodridge.....	Home
10/7	Akron-Springfield.....	Away
10/14	Ravenna.....	Home
10/21	Field.....	Away
10/28	Streetsboro.....	Home

Columbia Raiders

8/26	Independence.....	Away
9/2	Wellington.....	Home
9/9	Northwestern.....	Away
9/16	Brookside.....	Home
9/23	Black River.....	Away
9/30	Lutheran West.....	Home
10/7	Clearview.....	Away
10/14	Brooklyn.....	Away
10/21	Fairview.....	Home
10/28	Oberlin.....	Home

Copley Indians

8/26	Twinsburg.....	Away
9/2	Firestone.....	Home
9/9	Lake.....	Home
9/16	Barberton.....	Away
9/23	Revere.....	Home
9/30	Tallmadge.....	Away
10/7	Highland.....	Away
10/14	Aurora.....	Home
10/21	Roosevelt.....	Away
10/28	Bedford.....	Home

Firelands Falcons

8/26	Edison.....	Home
9/2	Brooklyn.....	Home
9/9	Vermilion.....	Away
9/16	Clearview.....	Away
9/23	Oberlin.....	Home
9/30	Brookside.....	Away
10/7	Wellington.....	Home
10/14	Buckeye.....	Home
10/21	Black River.....	Away
10/28	Keystone.....	Away

Green Bulldogs

8/26	Stow.....	Home
9/2	Howland.....	Away
9/9	Collinwood.....	Home
9/16	McKinley.....	Home
9/23	GlenOak.....	Away
9/30	Ellet.....	Home
10/7	Perry.....	Home
10/14	Hoover.....	Away
10/21	Jackson.....	Home
10/28	Lake.....	Away

Highland Hornets

8/26	Brunswick.....	Away
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9/9	North Royalton.....	Home
9/16	Revere.....	Home
9/23	St. Charles.....	Home
9/30	Aurora.....	Away
10/7	Copley.....	Home
10/14	Tallmadge.....	Away
10/21	Barberton.....	Away
10/28	Roosevelt.....	Home

Keystone Wildcats

8/26	Cuyahoga Heights.....	Home
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9/9	Galion.....	Home
9/16	Lutheran West.....	Away
9/23	Fairview.....	Home
9/30	Black River.....	Away
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10/14	Wellington.....	Away
10/21	Buckeye.....	Away
10/28	Firelands.....	Home

Medina Battling Bees

8/26	Lakewood.....	Away
9/2	Kenston.....	Home
9/9	Wadsworth.....	Away
9/16	Elyria.....	Home
9/23	Strongsville.....	Away
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10/7	Mentor.....	Home
10/14	Shaker Heights.....	Home
10/20	Euclid.....	Away
10/28	Solon.....	Home

Nordonia Knights

8/26	Mayfield.....	Home
9/2	Bedford.....	Away
9/9	Dover.....	Away
9/16	Hudson.....	Home
9/23	Stow.....	Away
9/30	Brecksville.....	Home
10/7	Cuyahoga Falls.....	Away
10/14	North Royalton.....	Home
10/21	Twinsburg.....	Home
10/28	Wadsworth.....	Away

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9/23	Firelands	Away
9/30	Clearview	Home
10/7	Fairview	Away
10/14	Lutheran West	Home
10/21	Brooklyn	Home
10/28	Columbia	Away

Revere Minutemen

8/26	Buckeye	Home
9/2	Valley Forge	Away
9/9	Normandy	Away
9/16	Highland	Away
9/23	Copley	Away
9/30	Roosevelt	Home
10/7	Aurora	Home
10/14	Garfield Heights	Home
10/21	Tallmadge	Away
10/28	Barberton	Home

Strongsville Mustangs

8/26	Avon	Away
9/2	Hudson	Home
9/9	Brush	Home
9/17	Shaker Heights	Away
9/23	Medina	Home
9/30	Euclid	Away
10/7	Solon	Home
10/13	Mentor	Away

10/21	Elyria	Away
10/28	Brunswick	Home

Tallmadge Blue Devils

8/26	Ravenna	Away
9/2	Ellet	Home
9/9	Garfield	Home
9/16	New Philadelphia	Away
9/23	Roosevelt	Away
9/30	Copley	Home
10/7	Barberton	Away
10/14	Highland	Away
10/21	Revere	Home
10/28	Aurora	Away

Wadsworth Grizzlies

8/26	Ashland	Away
9/2	Wooster	Away
9/9	Medina	Home
9/16	Stow	Away
9/23	Cuyahoga Falls	Home
9/30	North Royalton	Home
10/7	Twinsburg	Away
10/14	Brecksville	Away
10/21	Hudson	Home
10/28	Nordonia	Home

Wellington Dukes

8/26	Chippewa	Away
9/2	Columbia	Away
9/9	New London	Home
9/16	Oberlin	Away
9/23	Brooklyn	Home

9/30	Buckeye	Home
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10/14	Keystone	Home
10/21	Brookside	Home
10/28	Black River	Away



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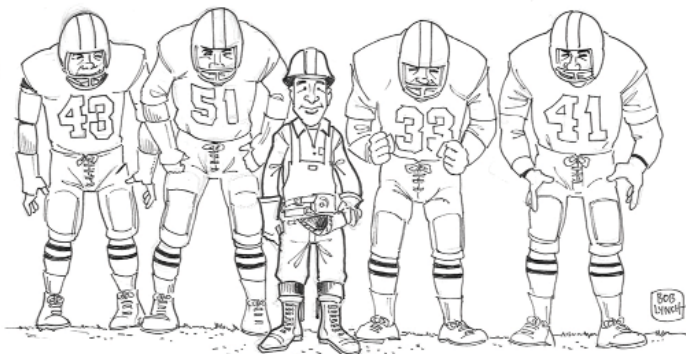


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Memories from the broadcast team



Tim Alcorn

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 championship 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.



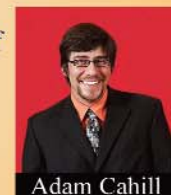
Tom Evans



Rob Polinsky

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!



Adam Cahill



Craig Couch

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.

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.



"Z" Zoltai



Bob Tomaszewski

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



Chad Meyer

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.



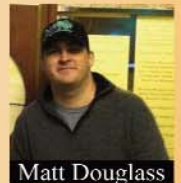
Howard Regal



Matt Loede

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 hurtled 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.



Matt Douglass



Michael Keefe

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.



Gary Pelter

2016 Ohio State football preview



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The Ohio State football team.

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 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



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OSU

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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 Jalyn 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



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Mike Weber

Gareon Conley the only returner. Some young Defen-

sive 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 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.

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 Mosaic is back for his 32nd season, serving as pregame and half-time 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.

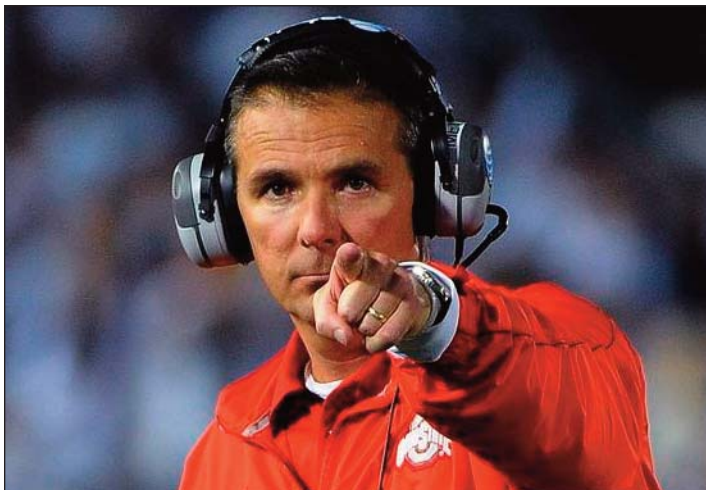


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AM 930
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9/3 VS BOWLING GREEN NOON

9/10 VS TULSA 3:30PM

9/17 @ OKLAHOMA 7:30PM

10/1 VS RUTGERS NOON

10/8 VS INDIANA TBA

10/15 @ WISCONSIN 8:00PM

10/22 @ PENN STATE 8:00PM

10/29 VS NORTHWESTERN 5:30PM

11/5 VS NEBRASKA 8:00PM

11/12 @ MARYLAND TBA

11/19 @ MICHIGAN STATE TBA

11/26 VS MICHIGAN TBA

12/3 **BIG CHAMPIONSHIP 8:00PM**

2016 COLLEGE FOOTBALL

University of Akron

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	VMI	6:30pm
9/10	at Wisconsin	3:30pm
9/17	at Marshall	12pm
9/24	Appalachian State	TBA
10/1	at Kent State	3:30pm
10/8	Miami (OH)	3pm
10/15	Western Michigan	TBA
10/22	at Ball State	3pm
10/27	at Buffalo	7:30pm
11/2	Toledo	7:30pm
11/9	Bowling Green	8pm
11/22	at Ohio	7pm

Bowling Green State University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	at Ohio State	12pm
9/10	North Dakota	3pm
9/17	Middle Tennessee	12pm
9/24	at Memphis	TBA
10/1	Eastern Michigan	3pm
10/8	at Ohio	2pm
10/15	at Toledo	3:30pm
10/22	Miami	TBA
11/9	at Akron	8pm
11/15	Kent State	6pm/7pm
11/25	Buffalo	TBA

University of Cincinnati

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	Texas State	3:30pm
9/10	at Kansas	2:30pm
9/17	at Tennessee	12pm
9/24	Gardner-Webb	TBA
10/1	at Miami (Oh)	2pm
10/8	Bowling Green	2pm
10/15	Eastern Michigan	TBA
10/22	at Kent State	TBA
10/27	at Toledo	7:30pm
11/3	Buffalo	6pm
11/15	at Central Michigan	6pm
11/22	Akron	7pm

Heidelberg College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	Cortland St.	12pm
9/17	Ohio Northern	7pm
9/24	at John Carroll	1:30pm
10/1	Muskingum	1:30pm
10/8	at Mount Union	1:30pm
10/15	at Otterbein	7pm
10/22	Marietta	1:30pm
10/29	at Wilmington	1:30pm
11/5	Baldwin Wallace	1:30pm
11/12	at Capital	1:30pm

Kent State University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	at Penn State	3:30pm
9/10	N Carolina A&T State	6pm
9/17	Monmouth	3:30pm
9/24	at University of Alabama	TBA
10/1	Akron	3:30pm
10/8	at Buffalo	3:30pm
10/15	at Miami (Oh)	TBA
10/22	Ohio	TBA
10/29	at Central Michigan	TBA
11/8	Western Michigan	7:30pm
11/15	at Bowling Green	6pm/7pm
11/25	N. Illinois	TBA

Ashland University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/1	Mercyhurst	6pm
9/10	Wayne State	7pm
9/17	Findlay	7pm
9/24	at Ferris State	3:30pm
10/1	at Tiffin	1:30pm
10/8	Northwood	1pm
10/15	at Lake Erie	1pm
10/22	at Ky. Wesleyan	1pm
10/29	at Michigan Tech	1pm
11/5	Walsh	1pm
11/12	at Ohio Dominican	12pm

Capital University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	at Wittenberg	7pm
9/17	at Muskingum	7pm
9/24	Wilmington	7pm
10/1	at Otterbein	2pm
10/8	Ohio Northern	1:30pm
10/15	Mount Union	1:30pm
10/22	at John Carroll	1:30pm
10/29	Baldwin Wallace	1:30pm
11/5	at Marietta	1:30pm
11/12	Heidelberg	1:30pm

University of Dayton

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	Central State	7pm
9/10	Robert Morris	1pm
9/17	at Duquesne	12pm
9/24	at San Diego	7pm
10/1	Drake	1pm
10/8	Morehead State	1pm
10/15	at Jacksonville	12pm
10/22	at Butler	1pm
10/29	Stetson	1pm
11/5	Valparaiso	1pm
11/12	at Marist	1pm

Hiram College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	at Westminster (Pa)	7pm
9/17	Kenyon	1pm
9/24	at DePauw	1pm
10/1	Wabash	1pm
10/8	Denison	7:30pm
10/15	at Ohio Wesleyan	1pm
10/22	at Wittenberg	1pm
10/29	Allegheny	1pm
11/5	at Wooster	1pm
11/12	Oberlin	1pm

Kenyon College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	Sewanee	12pm
9/10	Oberlin College	1pm
9/17	at Hiram	1pm
9/24	Allegheny	1pm
10/1	at DePauw	1pm
10/8	at Ohio Wesleyan	2pm
10/15	Wabash	1pm
10/29	at Wooster	1pm
11/5	at Wittenberg	1pm
11/12	Denison	1pm

Baldwin-Wallace University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/1	Defiance	7pm
9/17	at John Carroll	7pm
9/24	Mount Union	6:30pm
10/1	at Marietta	1:30pm
10/8	at Wilmington	2pm
10/15	Muskingum	1:30pm
10/22	Otterbein	2pm
10/29	at Capital	1:30pm
11/5	at Heidelberg	1:30pm
11/12	Ohio Northern	1:30pm

Case Western Reserve University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	Chicago	12pm
9/17	at Grove City	7pm
9/24	at Waynesburg	1:30pm
10/1	St. Vincent	6pm
10/8	at Bethany (WV)	2pm
10/15	Theil	1pm
10/22	Geneva	6pm
10/29	at Washington (Mo)	1pm
11/5	at Westminster (Pa)	1pm
11/12	Carnegie Mellon	2pm

Denison University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	at Marietta	7pm
9/17	at Oberlin	6pm
9/24	Wooster	1pm
10/2	Ohio Wesleyan	1pm
10/8	at Hiram	7:30pm
10/15	Wittenberg	7pm
10/22	Allegheny	2pm
10/29	at DePauw	2pm
11/5	Wabash	1pm
11/12	at Kenyon	1pm

John Carroll University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	at Wisconsin-Oshkosh	2pm
9/17	Baldwin Wallace	7pm
9/24	Heidelberg	1:30pm
10/1	at Wilmington	1:30pm
10/8	Marietta	1:30pm
10/15	at Ohio Northern	6pm
10/22	Capital	1:30pm
10/29	at Muskingum	1:30pm
11/5	Otterbein	1:30pm
11/12	at Mount Union	1:30pm

Malone College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	Taylor	2pm
9/10	at Truman State	1pm
9/17	Notre Dame (Oh)	2pm
9/24	at Robert Morris (Pa)	7pm
10/1	at St. Francis (Pa)	1pm
10/8	Alderson Broadus	2pm
10/15	College of Faith	2pm
10/22	at Walsh	TBA
10/29	Univ. of God's Chosen	2pm
11/5	at Kentucky Wesleyan	TBA
11/12	at West Alabama	3pm

2016 COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Marietta College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	Denison	7pm
9/17	at Mount Union	1:30pm
9/24	at Muskingum	1pm
10/1	Baldwin Wallace	1:30pm
10/8	at John Carroll	1:30pm
10/15	Wilmington	1:30pm
10/22	at Heidelberg	1:30pm
10/29	Ohio Northern	1:30pm
11/5	Capital	1:30pm
11/12	at Otterbein	1:30pm

Muskingum College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	at Waynesburg	1:30pm
9/17	Capital	7pm
9/24	Marietta	1pm
10/1	at Heidelberg	1:30pm
10/8	Otterbein	1pm
10/15	at Baldwin Wallace	1:30pm
10/22	at Ohio Northern	1:30pm
10/29	John Carroll	1:30pm
11/5	Mount Union	1pm
11/12	at Wilmington	1:30pm

Ohio Northern University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/10	at Utica (NY)	12pm
9/17	at Heidelberg	7pm
9/24	at Otterbein	1:30pm
10/1	Mount Union	1:30pm
10/8	at Capital	1:30pm
10/15	John Carroll	6pm
10/22	Muskingum	1:30pm
10/29	at Marietta	1:30pm
11/5	Wilmington	1:30pm
11/12	at Baldwin Wallace	1:30pm

Tiffin University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/1	at Grand Valley State	7pm
9/10	Davenport	1:30pm
9/17	Hillsdale	3pm
9/24	at Wayne State	12pm
10/1	Ashland	1:30pm
10/8	at Walsh University	12pm
10/15	Michigan Tech	1:30pm
10/22	University of Findlay	1:30pm
10/29	Northwood Univ.	1pm
11/5	at Lake Erie College	1pm
11/12	Northern Michigan	1:30pm

Wittenberg University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	Capital	7pm
9/17	at Ohio Wesleyan	7pm
9/24	Wabash	1pm
10/1	at Wooster	2pm
10/8	DePauw	1pm
10/15	at Denison	7pm
10/22	Hiram	1pm
10/29	at Oberlin	3pm
11/5	Kenyon	1pm
11/12	at Allegheny	1pm

Miami University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	at Iowa	3:30pm
9/10	Eastern Illinois	3:30pm
9/17	Western Kentucky	3:30pm
9/24	at Cincinnati	TBA
10/1	Ohio	2:30pm
10/8	at Akron	3pm
10/15	Kent State	TBA
10/22	at Bowling Green	TBA
10/29	at Eastern Michigan	TBA
11/4	Central Michigan	6pm
11/12	at Buffalo	TBA
11/22	Ball State	7pm

Oberlin College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	at Kalamazoo	1pm
9/10	at Kenyon	1pm
9/17	Denison	6pm
9/24	Ohio Wesleyan	6pm
10/1	at Allegheny	1:30pm
10/8	at Wabash	1pm
10/15	Wooster	3pm
10/29	Wittenberg	3pm
11/5	DePauw	1pm
11/12	at Hiram	1pm

Ohio Wesleyan University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	at Mary Hardin-Baylor	7pm
9/17	Wittenberg	7pm
9/24	at Oberlin	6pm
10/1	at Denison	1pm
10/8	Kenyon	2pm
10/15	Hiram	1pm
10/22	at DePauw	1pm
10/29	Wabash	1pm
11/5	at Allegheny	1pm
11/12	Wooster	1pm

University of Toledo

Date	Opponent	Time
9/2	at Arkansas State	9pm
9/10	Maine	7pm
9/17	Fresno State	3pm
9/30	at Brigham Young	10:15pm
10/8	at Eastern Michigan	3pm
10/15	Bowling Green	3:30pm
10/22	Central Michigan	TBA
10/29	Ohio	7:30pm
11/2	at Akron	7:30pm
11/9	at Northern Illinois	8pm
11/16	Ball State	TBA
11/25	at Western Michigan	TBA

College of Wooster

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	at Washington & Jefferson	1pm
9/10	Allegheny	7pm
9/17	DePauw	2pm
9/24	at Denison	1pm
10/1	Wittenberg	2pm
10/15	at Oberlin	3pm
10/22	at Wabash	1pm
10/29	Kenyon	1pm
11/5	Hiram	1pm
11/12	at Ohio Wesleyan	1pm

Mount Union College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/10	at N.C. Wesleyan	12:30pm
9/17	Marietta	1:30pm
9/24	at Baldwin Wallace	6:30pm
10/1	at Ohio Northern	1:30pm
10/8	Heidelberg	1:30pm
10/15	at Capital	1:30pm
10/22	Wilmington	1:30pm
10/29	at Otterbein	1:30pm
11/5	at Muskingum	1pm
11/12	John Carroll	1:30pm

Ohio University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	Texas State	3:30pm
9/10	at Kansas	2:30pm
9/17	at Tennessee	12pm
9/24	Gardner-Webb	TBA
10/1	at Miami (Oh)	2pm
10/8	Bowling Green	2pm
10/15	Eastern Michigan	TBA
10/22	at Kent State	TBA
10/27	at Toledo	7:30pm
11/3	Buffalo	6pm
11/15	at Central Michigan	6pm
11/22	Akron	7pm

Otterbein College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	at Buffalo	12pm
9/17	at Wilmington	7pm
9/24	Ohio Northern	1:30pm
10/1	Capital	2pm
10/8	at Muskingum	1:30pm
10/15	Heidelberg	7pm
10/22	at Baldwin Wallace	2pm
10/29	Mount Union	1:30pm
11/5	at John Carroll	1:30pm
11/12	Marietta	1:30pm

Wilmington College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	at Bluffton	1:30pm
9/17	Otterbein	7pm
9/24	at Capital	7pm
10/1	John Carroll	1:30pm
10/8	Baldwin Wallace	2pm
10/15	at Marietta	1:30pm
10/22	at Mount Union	1:30pm
10/29	Heidelberg	1:30pm
11/5	at Ohio Northern	1:30pm
11/12	Muskingum	1:30pm

Youngstown State University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/1	Duquesne	7:30pm
9/10	at West Virginia	2pm
9/17	Robert Morris	4pm
10/1	South Dakota	4pm
10/8	at Illinois State	3pm
10/15	UNI	7pm
10/22	at South Dakota State	3pm
10/29	Indiana State	4pm
11/5	at North Dakota State	3:30pm
11/12	Southern Illinois	12pm
11/19	at Missouri State	3pm

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



Photo Provided

Joe Thomas

was fired after an 8-8 finish), 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 opera-

tions. 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 skeptics 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 Heisman winner, due in large part to injuries, the Browns believe that the 2012 NFL Rookie of the Year can release

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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 than 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 Coleman 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 veterans Barkevious Mingo, Paul Kruger and Christian Kirksey will help led the pack. Rookies Joe Schobert and Emmanuel



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Hue Jackson with Cody Kessler

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.



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PRESEASON

WEEK 01 AUG 12 8:00 PM AT PACKERS	WEEK 02 AUG 18 8:00 PM VS FALCONS	WEEK 03 AUG 26 8:00 PM AT BUCCANEERS	WEEK 04 SEP 01 8:00 PM VS BEARS
WEEK 04 OCT 02 1:00 PM AT REDSKINS	WEEK 05* OCT 09 1:00 PM VS PATRIOTS	WEEK 06* OCT 16 1:00 PM AT TITANS	WEEK 07* OCT 23 1:00 PM AT BENGALS
WEEK 11* NOV 20 1:00 PM VS STEELERS	WEEK 12* NOV 27 1:00 PM VS GIANTS	WEEK 13 DEC 04 BYE WEEK	WEEK 14* DEC 11 1:00 PM VS BENGALS

REGULAR SEASON

WEEK 01 SEP 11 1:00 PM AT EAGLES	WEEK 02 SEP 18 1:00 PM VS RAVENS	WEEK 03 SEP 25 1:00 PM AT DOLPHINS
WEEK 08* OCT 30 1:00 PM VS JETS	WEEK 09* NOV 06 1:00 PM VS COWBOYS	WEEK 10 NOV 10 8:25 PM AT RAVENS
WEEK 15* DEC 18 1:00 PM AT BILLS	WEEK 16 DEC 24 1:00 PM VS CHARGERS	WEEK 17* JAN 01 1:00 PM AT STEELERS

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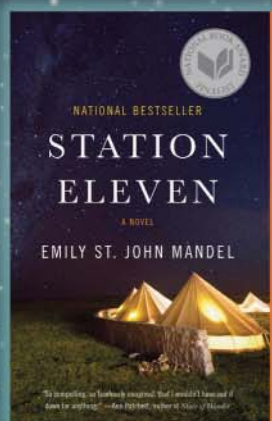
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