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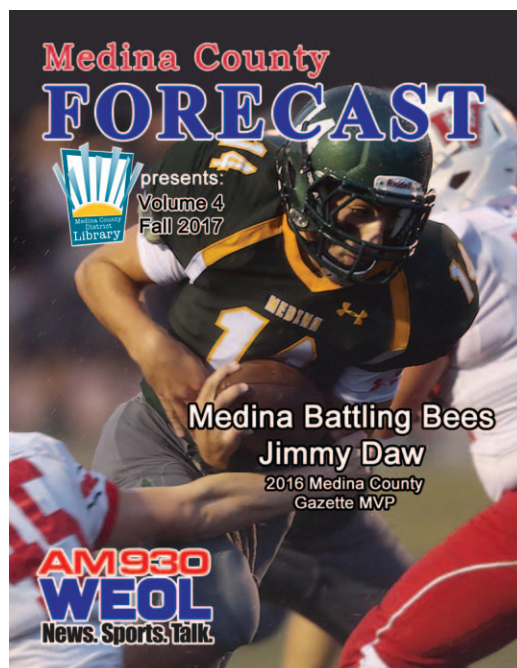
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## About the Cover:

It was a record setting year in 2016 for Medina's Jimmy Daw who helped lead the Bee's to a 9-2 record and a second round playoff appearance on his way to claiming the Medina County Gazette MVP. During his senior season Daw set a Medina County record for rushing touchdowns and total touchdowns scored in a year. With the ball in his hands the Bee's running back was nearly unstoppable posting 229 carries, 248 points, 1,385 rushing yards and 32 touchdowns. Through the air Daw was just as dangerous bringing in 36 receptions for 818 yards and nine touchdowns. In 2016 Daw posted six games of at least four touchdowns. Along with being named the Medina Gazette MVP, Daw was named the Greater Cleveland Conference player of the year and earned First Team All-Ohio honors. Daw will continue his football career this season at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.





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# Medina County High School Football Preview

**By Brad Bournival**

Save the name tags. While three coaches are "new" to their respective football teams as head coaches, they're hardly new to Medina County.

Why the quotation marks?

Mark Pinzone might be new as the head coach at Brunswick, but the former Buckeye and Holy Name coach was an assistant with the Blue Devils from 1995-2009.

He also teaches at Brunswick.

In his place with the Bucks is Greg Dennison, who was an assistant coach at Brunswick last year and was Wadsworth's head man from 1995-2015, sending the Grizzlies to the playoffs in 1996, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2007, 2009, 2001 and 2013-14.

Not lost in the coaching shuffle is Larry Laird, who is back at Medina. Laird spent three years at Strongsville and one year at Avon Lake as head coach, but was the first to coach the Bees to a state

playoff win in 2010.

Confused?

Here's a look at the seven area teams:

## Black River

Al Young returns as coach and the Medina County Sports Hall of Famer has a team ready to take the next step.

While losing Curtis Roupe on both sides of the ball will be tough, the Pirates have quite a bit coming back.

Black River returns from a play-off run and are loaded in the backfield once again. Young's run-first, run-often offense will be just fine this year with a three-headed senior backfield led by Special Mention All-Ohio fullback Jacob Campbell (6-foot-1, 200 pounds), Riley Gibbs (5-9, 170) and Travis Sexton (6-1, 190).

Campbell is the leading rusher in the county among returners with 1,296 yards. Gibbs also broke the 1,000-yard rushing plateau,



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Black River's Jacob Campbell

finishing with 1,041 and had a team-leading 17 touchdowns. Sexton wasn't that far behind with 833 yards on the ground and eight scores.

Campbell and Sexton will also

play linebacker with Gibbs checking in at defensive back.

## Brunswick

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# FOOTBALL

From 4

Devils had last year aren't very common for the school on state Route 303.

That said, Pinzone brings a coaching staff that is not only used to winning, it's one that expects to win and win right away.

Pinzone is no stranger to success after leading Buckeye to the playoffs the last four years and being a part of the Blue Devils long postseason run. He'll have to bring back the winning culture after Brunswick went 2-8 last season while completely changing the offense formerly run under coach Luke Beal.

Senior quarterback/slot receiver/defensive back Cole Zamiska (5-11, 160) will need to be just as versatile as his multiple titles to succeed.

Senior wide receiver Ethan Flanigan (6-1, 180) had 169 yards receiving and two touchdowns last year and should be his main target.

Look for senior two-way linemen Steve Spickler (5-11, 240) to be the rock Pinzone needs to secure both sides in the trenches.

## Buckeye

It will be interesting to watch what Dennison does with an offense that ran like a top under Pinzone. That said, the veteran coach has a knack for winning so don't expect there to be any kind of drop off.

While Dennison's offense at Wadsworth was vastly different from the one the Bucks ran under Pinzone, Buckeye has learned to adapt time and again in the Patriot Athletic Conference.

Dennison has the horses and will rely on standout wide receiver Justin Canedy (6-2, 175) to once again lead the Bucks. The senior had 1,191 yards from scrimmage and scored nine touchdowns.

Senior Adam Fauver (5-11, 185) takes over at quarterback for Michael Doerge, who accounted for 26 touchdowns during Buckeye's nine-win season.

Two-way lineman Dom Kriz (5-11, 235) will be counted on to keep a team that churned out 332.5 yards per game moving in the right direction.



RON SCHWANE / GAZETTE

Wadsworth's Mitchell Blackburn.

## Cloverleaf

While they didn't win a game last season, the Colts did give 7-3 Ravenna a game in Week 7 before losing 27-23. Coach Justin Voorhees can build from that as he tries to put the Colts, who have lost 18 games in a row, back in the win column.

Cloverleaf hasn't made the playoffs since 2008 and many aren't expecting a postseason run this season. Instead, it should be a year to grow in the Portage Trail Conference.

Senior quarterback Travis Hissom (6-1, 180) is back at quarterback and looking to build on a junior season where he threw for 1,125 yards and nine touchdowns. The versatile Hissom also scored 24 points as the team's kicker and will play wide receiver, defensive back and punt this season.

He'll rely on two-way junior lineman Nate Clingan (6-0, 235) to keep him protected and build on an offense that gained 204.4 yards per game last year.

Senior middle linebacker Cory Stallings (5-9, 195) will be the glue on the team's defense.

## Highland

The Hornets played late in the

season before missing out on the postseason for the first time since 2012.

Coach Mike Gibbons isn't one to rest on past accomplishments and has already put his Highland squad in a position where it will work best.

Senior wide receiver/cornerback Evan Kasulones (5-11, 170) is back and ready to build on a season where he caught 27 passes for 320 yards and scored three touchdowns.

Senior wide receiver/tight end/strong safety Ryan Fredrick (6-3, 185) is the perfect complement and actually had better numbers, hauling in 19 passes for 352 yards and adding five touchdowns.

Senior Max Bier (6-1, 225) will be at running back and middle linebacker and looks to bolster a squad that is ready to get back at it.

## Medina

The biggest question is what to do without Gazette MVP and first-team All-Ohio standout Jimmy Daw, who led the county in rushing (1,385) and set an area record with 41 touchdowns.

One of Laird's greatest attrib-

utes is getting his teams to believe and he has the athletes to get things done.

He hopes to continue along the lines of what former coach Dan Sutherland started last season during a campaign where the Bees reached the Division I, Region 2 semifinals before falling to eventual state semifinalist Olentangy Liberty during a 9-3 season.

Look for All-Gazette senior wide receiver Dylan Fultz (6-1, 175) to build on a fantastic junior year where he caught 29 passes for 784 yards and scored 10 touchdowns. Defensive back J.T. Scoarste (5-11, 180) was gigantic defensively for Medina last season and should pick right back up from a junior season where the Division I All-Northeast Inland honorable mention selection led the area with seven interceptions. He had 57 tackles and 2½ sacks as well.

Senior Gavin Montgomery (6-3, 180) is back at quarterback and will look to build on a 2016 season where he was 37-for-71 for 663 yards with eight touchdowns against two interceptions.

## Wadsworth

The biggest question mark will be how to replace Alex Jones and his 15 touchdowns.

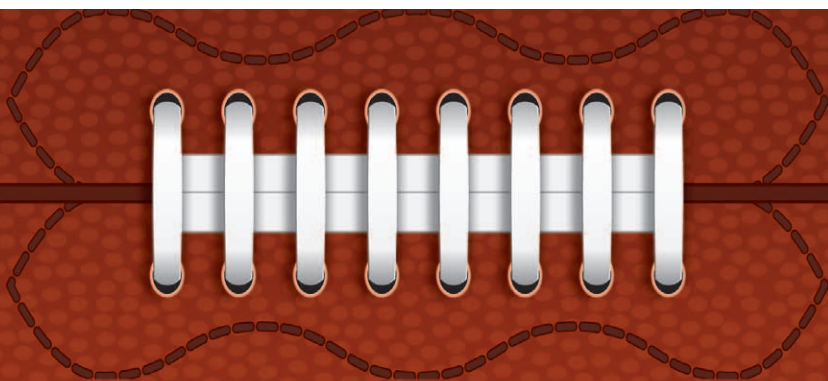
Jones wasn't just great offensively. He along with Cody Surratt and Craig Palidar made up a strong defensive unit.

The good news, if there is any, is that the Grizzlies learned to play without their three-sport star when he was on the mend the first four weeks of the season.

Look for All-Ohio senior quarterback Joey Baughman (6-0, 190), who rushed for 1,246 yards and 11 touchdowns and threw for 1,643 yards and 15 touchdowns, to lead a team that went 5-5 last year.

Wide receiver Mitchell Blackburn (5-10, 170) had 440 yards receiving and scored four touchdowns.

Defensive end Joey Fernholz (6-1, 200) was the stalwart on the other side of the ball with 5½ sacks and eight tackles. Both are looking to build off of solid junior seasons.



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**Medina v Highland**

Fri. Sept. 8  
7:00pm



**Wadsworth v Medina**

Fri, Sept. 15  
7:00pm



**Fairview v Black River**

Fri. Sept. 22  
7:00pm



**Norton v Cloverleaf**

Fri, Sept. 29  
7:00pm



**Wellington v Buckeye**

Fri. Oct. 6  
7:00pm



**Buckeye v Black River**

Fri, Oct. 13  
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**Medina v Elyria**

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9/22	Oberlin	Away
9/29	Keystone	Away
10/6	Buckeye	Home
10/13	Brookside	Home
10/20	Firelands	Away
10/27	Wellington	Away

### Brunswick Blue Devils

8/25	Highland	Away
9/1	Austintown Fitch	Home
9/8	Collinwood	Home
9/15	Shaker Heights	Home
9/22	Mentor	Away
9/28	Solon	Away
10/6	Elyria	Home
10/13	Euclid	Away
10/20	Medina	Away
10/27	Strongsville	Home

### Buckeye Bucks

8/25	Revere	Home
9/1	Rocky River	Away
9/8	Cloverleaf	Away
9/15	Lutheran West	Home
9/22	Columbia	Away
9/29	Wellington	Home
10/6	Black River	Away
10/13	Firelands	Home
10/20	Keystone	Away
10/27	Brookside	Home

### Cloverleaf Colts

8/25	Canton South	Home
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9/1	Keystone	Away
9/8	Buckeye	Home
9/15	Coventry	Away
9/22	Norton	Home
9/29	Woodridge	Away
10/6	Akron Springfield	Home
10/13	Ravenna	Away
10/20	Field	Home
10/27	Streetsboro	Away

### Columbia Raiders

8/25	Independence	Home
9/1	Kirtland	Away
9/8	Northwestern	Home
9/15	Keystone	Away
9/22	Buckeye	Home
9/29	Lutheran West	Away
10/6	Clearview	Home
10/13	Brooklyn	Home
10/20	Fairview	Away
10/27	Oberlin	Away

### Copley Indians

8/25	Twinsburg	Home
9/1	Firestone	Home
9/8	Lake	Away
9/15	Bedford	Away
9/22	Barberton	Home
9/28	Revere	Away
10/6	Tallmadge	Home
10/13	Highland	Home
10/20	Aurora	Away
10/27	Roosevelt	Home

### Firelands Falcons

8/25	Edison	Away
9/1	New London	Away
9/8	Vermilion	Home
9/15	Brooklyn	Home
9/22	Fairview	Away

9/29	Brookside	Home
10/6	Wellington	Away
10/13	Buckeye	Away
10/20	Black River	Home
10/27	Keystone	Home

### Green Bulldogs

8/25	Ashland	Away
9/1	Riverside	Home
9/8	Orange	Home
9/15	McKinley	Away
9/22	GlenOak	Home
9/29	Highland	Home
10/6	Perry	Away
10/13	Hoover	Home
10/20	Jackson	Away
10/27	Lake	Home

### Highland Hornets

8/25	Brunswick	Home
9/1	Medina	Home
9/8	North Royalton	Away
9/15	Roosevelt	Away
9/22	Revere	Away
9/29	Green	Away
10/6	Aurora	Home
10/13	Copley	Away
10/20	Tallmadge	Home
10/27	Barberton	Home

### Keystone Wildcats

8/25	Bay	Away
9/1	Cloverleaf	Home
9/8	Norwayne	Away
9/15	Columbia	Home
9/22	Brooklyn	Away
9/29	Black River	Home
10/6	Brookside	Away
10/13	Wellington	Home
10/20	Buckeye	Home



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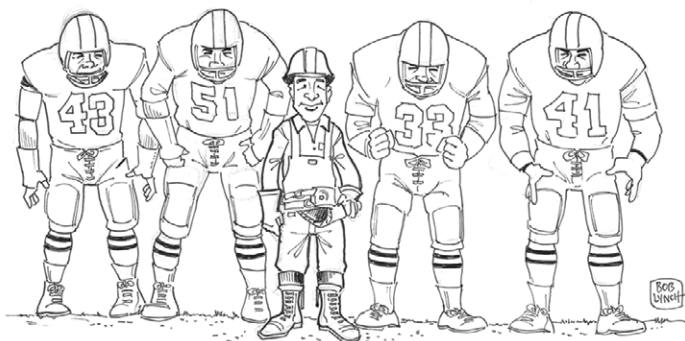


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9/8 Wadsworth .....Home  
9/15 Euclid .....Home  
9/23 Shaker Heights .....Away  
9/29 Mentor .....Away  
10/6 Strongsville .....Home  
10/13 Elyria .....Away  
10/20 Brunswick .....Home  
10/27 Solon .....Away

## Nordonia Knights

8/25 Bedford .....Home  
9/1 Woodridge .....Home  
9/8 Mayfield .....Away  
9/15 Wadsworth .....Home  
9/22 Hudson .....Away  
9/29 Stow .....Home  
10/6 Brecksville .....Away  
10/13 Cuyahoga Falls .....Home  
10/20 North Royalton .....Away  
10/27 Twinsburg .....Away

## Oberlin Phoenix

8/25 Vermilion .....Away  
9/1 John Adams .....Home  
9/8 Trinity .....Home  
9/15 Brookside .....Away  
9/22 Black River .....Home  
9/29 Clearview .....Away  
10/6 Fairview .....Home  
10/13 Lutheran West .....Away  
10/20 Brooklyn .....Away  
10/27 Columbia .....Home

## Revere Minutemen

8/25 Buckeye .....Away  
9/1 Eastlake North .....Home

9/8 Firestone .....Home  
9/15 Barberton .....Away  
9/22 Highland .....Home  
9/28 Copley .....Home  
10/6 Roosevelt .....Away  
10/13 Aurora .....Away  
10/20 Bay .....Home  
10/27 Tallmadge .....Home

## Strongsville Mustangs

8/25 Berea-Midpark .....Away  
9/1 Hudson .....Away  
9/8 Central Catholic .....Home  
9/15 Mentor .....Home  
9/22 Solon .....Away  
9/29 Euclid .....Home  
10/6 Medina .....Away  
10/13 Shaker Heights .....Home  
10/20 Elyria .....Home  
10/27 Brunswick .....Away

## Tallmadge Blue Devils

8/25 Ravenna .....Home  
9/1 Ellet .....Away  
9/8 Coventry .....Away  
9/15 Aurora .....Home  
9/22 Dover .....Home  
9/29 Roosevelt .....Home  
10/6 Copley .....Away  
10/13 Barberton .....Home  
10/20 Highland .....Away  
10/27 Revere .....Away

## Wadsworth Grizzlies

8/25 Firestone .....Home  
9/1 Wooster .....Home  
9/8 Medina .....Away  
9/15 Nordonia .....Away  
9/22 Stow .....Home  
9/29 Cuyahoga Falls .....Away

10/6 North Royalton .....Away  
10/13 Twinsburg .....Home  
10/20 Brecksville .....Home  
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## Wellington Dukes

8/25 Normandy .....Home  
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# 2017 Ohio State University Football Preview



The Ohio State University football team.

**By: Rob Polinsky**

Urban Meyer's sixth season in Columbus will begin with a couple of oddities. The Buckeyes' 128th year of college football opens up on Thursday August 31st in Bloomington Indiana vs. the Indiana Hoosiers. Very strange that the Bucks begin with a conference game on a week-night on the road. The game will serve as a homecoming for new OSU offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson, who served as Indiana's head coach the last six years from 2011 – 2016. Meyer's career in Columbus is 61-6, including 11-2 a year ago and a season ending 31-0 loss to eventual national champion Clemson on New Year's Day in the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale Arizona. After the season opener, OSU returns to the Horseshoe for three straight non-conference tilts vs. Oklahoma, Army, and UNLV.

OSU returns 48 letter winners from 2016, 20 on offense, 26 on defense and two on special teams. They lost 26 letter winners from last year, 10 on offense, 13 on defense and three special

teamers. They return 15 starters, eight on the offensive side of the ball and seven on defense. Heading into fall camp, the eight offensive starters are quarter back J.T. Barrett, linemen Billy Price, Jamarco Jones, Michael Jordan, Isaiah Prince, tight end Marcus Baugh, running back Mike Weber, and wide receiver Parris Campbell. On defense, they are linemen Tyquan Lewis, Michael Hill, Dre'Mont Jones, Sam Hubbard, line backers Chris Worley, Jerome Baker, and safety Damon Webb. Of the 48 returning letter winners, 16 are seniors and 24 are juniors.

There is an old football adage that games are won and lost up front in the trenches along the lines. If that is the case, OSU is in good shape this season because they return all four starters on the defensive line and four out of five starters on the offensive line. Defensive end Tyquan Lewis was the Big Ten's Defensive Lineman of the Year. Tracy Sprinkle hopes to bounce back after suffering a season ending injury in week one a year ago. Offensive lineman Billy Price is the veteran of that

group with 41 consecutive starts including every game the past three years.

By position, the biggest question marks look to be at wide

receiver and in the defensive secondary. The top two receivers from a year ago are gone and

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**Urban Meyer**



# OSU

From 11

three of the four starting defensive backs from 2016 are not returning. The top returning receivers by number of catches in 2016 are K.J. Hill (18), Parris Campbell (13), and Terry McLaurin (11). Damon Webb, who started every game a year ago, is the only returning defensive back. Looking at the linebacker spot two starters return, Chris Worley and Jerome Baker. Replacing two time leading tackler Raekwon McMillan at middle line backer could be this group's biggest challenge.

At quarterback, fifth year senior J.T. Barrett brings a career 26-4 record to the position. Joe Burrow looks to be his backup.

At running back, Mike Weber and Demario McCall are back. A year ago, McCall, who was Weber's backup, had 49 carries for 270 and three touchdowns.

Starting tight ends Marcus Baugh and A.J. Alexander will return to their roles when the



**JT Barrett**

Bucks go with a two tight end set.

OSU was very young last year and they gained a lot of experience, which should help this year. If they beat Oklahoma in the home opener they could very well be undefeated heading into a showdown with Penn State on

October 28th in Columbus. The month of November starts with a visit to Kinnick Stadium for a Big Ten match-up with Iowa, and the season ends November 25th against Michigan in the Big House.

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	September 16 Army		NOVEMBER 4 @ Iowa
	September 23 UNLV		NOVEMBER 11 Michigan State
	September 30 @ Rutgers		NOVEMBER 18 Illinois
	OCTOBER 7 Maryland		NOVEMBER 26 @ MICHIGAN

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Tim Alcorn

My all-time favorite football game took place on January 20, 1991, when the Buffalo Bills crushed the LA Raiders 51-3 in the AFC Championship Game to earn their first ever Super Bowl appearance.

I attended the game at Rich Stadium in Orchard Park, but watched it on television. I had received a media credential, but was not in the press box or stands, as I joined a contingent of media who watched the game on TV in a meeting room in the stadium. I was lucky to sit next to San Diego Charger and NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Dan Fouts the entire game and talk with him about the Bills' high powered offense. As the game wound down, we were escorted out of the meeting room to make our way to the locker room areas and I can still hear the huge roar of the Bills' crowd as the clock ticked away the final few seconds. I made a beeline for the Bills' locker room and did several interviews etc. including a chat with the late Ralph Wilson who owned the team. For this unabashed Bills fan, it was the thrill of a lifetime. The game itself was a complete blowout, but the moments and memories are incredibly special.

I have been blessed to be a part of or in attendance at many memorable games. At the top of the list for me is Cuyahoga Heights' recent run to the State Championship game. Down 21-3 to perennial state finalist Maria Stein, the Redskins mounted a second half comeback only to end the game inside Maria Stein territory as time ran out and behind 21-17. The way a State Title run brings a community together is a tremendous happening.

Runners-up: In attendance for the 2002 Ohio State - Michigan game, when Will Allen's interception sealed the victory and "The Drive" game in 1987. Sitting in the upper deck behind the left goal post, I will go to my grave believing the Rich Karlis' field goal in overtime did not go through the uprights.



Tom Evans



Rob Polinsky

My all time favorite football game was back on November 14th 1987, Notre Dame 37 Alabama 6. The score of the game wasn't significant. It is my favorite game because it was the only time that I went to a Notre Dame game with my grandfather. He was a huge Notre Dame fan and he is the reason I am a Notre Dame fan. I grew up watching Irish games on TV with him for years, but the only time I got to go to a game with just him was that day. Traveling to and from South Bend, Grandpa told me a lot of stories about growing up and why he was a Notre Dame fan. He passed away two years later. Not only was this my favorite football game, it also was a great memory that I have with him on that day.

My favorite football game is actually a good Browns memory—the 1989 Divisional Playoff vs the Buffalo Bills. Ronnie Harmon of Buffalo dropped a pass in the end zone with :09 left on the clock. Clay Mathews made the game saving interception on the next play right in front of the end zone where my family and I were sitting. The Dawg Pound went wild!



Adam Cahill



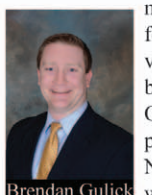
Craig Couch

Wow that's a tough one! As a Midview alum you can pick almost any of their battles with Avon over the last several years, but the one that stands out the most for me was the 2014 DII regional semifinal overtime thriller that saw the Middies come away victorious 42-36. The last four minutes of that game will be remembered for many, many years to come still!

November 2nd, 2002. I attended the Akron Zips - Marshall game, played at the Rubber Bowl on a cold dreary November night. Marshall entered 6-1 overall and #25 in the polls, while Akron was a lowly 1-7. The Zips WON 34-20 (led 24-10 at halftime)—what a game! I took my oldest daughter, age fifteen at the time, to her first NCAA football game that night, and we had seats on the 50 yard line to witness what I feel is the biggest win in Zips history. Zips QB, Charlie Fry, came of age that game; throwing for one touchdown and running for another. Thundering Herd All-American QB, Byron Leftwich, got knocked out of the game in the first quarter with a broken leg as the Zips defense really beat him up. BUT- Leftwich, wanting to rally his team from a 34-17 deficit, returned early in the fourth quarter unable to even walk! After each play he was carried by 2-3 offensive linemen to the line of scrimmage to snap the ball each play.



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Brendan Gulick

While I am proud to be the voice of Baldwin Wallace University Athletics, my favorite football game came last fall courtesy of my alma mater - for the first time since 1989, John Carroll beat Mount Union, 31-28 on November 12, 2017. Even though the Ohio Athletic Conference doesn't have a championship game, the two teams met on the final day of the regular season with the OAC crown on the line. The victory completed John Carroll's clean sweep of the OAC, securing their first conference championship since 1994. I happened to be broadcasting the Baldwin Wallace vs. Ohio Northern game when the game in Alliance became final. Even though Baldwin Wallace and Ohio Northern consider John Carroll to be a football rival, I will never forget the overwhelming cheers from both fan bases when the public address announcer informed everyone that Mount Union had been defeated. Prior to that contest, the often top-ranked team in NCAA DIII football hadn't lost a regular season game to a conference opponent since Ohio Northern beat them in 2005. John Carroll went on to the National Semi-finals before ending their season, but the win against Mount Union sparked a magical playoff run that included a double-overtime win at home against Wesley College in the second round and a dominating win at newly top-ranked Wisconsin-Whitewater one week later. The game also changed the perception of John Carroll's program on a national stage. It was a proud day for John Carroll and one I will never forget!



# Favorite Game

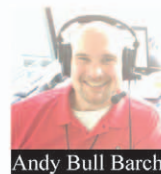


Chad Meyer

It was a heartbreaking loss, but it was one of the greatest games I ever played in. I was a wide receiver for Ashland University. We were playing Grand Valley State, who was a Division II powerhouse at the time. I never wanted to beat a team so bad in my life. This was my senior year so this was my last chance to do it.

We were down 34-6 at the half, and came out in the second more motivated than ever. I ended up having the best game of my LIFE with 14 catches for 210 yards and three touchdowns. Our defense shut them out in the second half. This was a GVSU team that had won something like 55 of 58 games over the previous four or five years, and here we were with the comeback of the century! I scored my third TD with :35 to go in the fourth to make it 34-33 GVSU. All our kicker had to do was kick the extra point and he banked it off of the upright and fell at the goal line. A heartbreaker yes, but one of the greatest games I was ever a part of.

My favorite football game is the Ice Bowl between the Packers and the Dallas Cowboys, which was the NFL Championship game on December 31, 1967. While I wasn't alive to see it, it's one of the reasons I've remained a Packers fan over all these years. I've always admired players of that era, enduring the elements and playing in adverse conditions. Hearing the stories from all of the old timers who played in this game has always been a treat to me. The Packers of course won, 21-17, on Bart Starr's quarterback sneak as time expired. The game time temperature at Lambeau Field was -15, with a -40 wind chill factor.



Andy Bull Barch



Matt Loede

My all-time favorite game would have to be Super Bowl XLIII in Tampa back in February of 2009, a game that I was honored to be working and was able to attend. It's not every day that you have the chance to see your favorite team win a title, and the way the game was back and forth for the final six minutes with the Steelers pulling out a crazy 27-23 win is a memory in my years covering games I will never forget. Being at a Super Bowl is truly a great honor, and it is even better seeing the team I've always rooted for bring home their sixth title.

I'll start this out by letting you know I grew up in Northern Indiana. On one fall Saturday, a friend of mine called me early in the morning to tell me he had a couple of extra tickets to the Notre Dame vs Connecticut game that day if I wanted them. I did. While neither side was power house that year, it was a good back and forth game that Connecticut would end up winning in the second overtime. What stuck out most about that game was that it was the first win by the Huskies that year after they had lost their cornerback Jasper Howard. He had been stabbed to death after a homecoming event on the school's campus.

I was sitting in the end zone where Connecticut had scored the winning touchdown. Watching the team carry out Howard's old jersey and celebrated the win is one of those moments that stays with you.



Matt Douglass



Michael Keefe

My all-time favorite football game occurred the day after Thanksgiving in 2007 at Kyle Field in College Station, Texas. I was in my first year of graduate school at Texas A&M and it was my first and only taste of the Lone Star Showdown between the Aggies and the Texas Longhorns. The now-defunct Texas A&M - Texas rivalry is still the third oldest football rivalry in the NCAA, and I had never experienced an atmosphere like Kyle Field with 88,000 people packed into it. The Aggies were a pretty average team that year, and Texas came into the game ranked tenth in the nation. Led by Colt McCoy and Jamal Charles, the Longhorns should have totally dominated the Aggies, who were led by Stephen McGee, but the Aggies led from wire to wire. It was one of those games that saw the Longhorns scratch and claw and continuously cut it to a one-score lead, but the Aggies always answered.

A&M won 38-30. It was the perfect balance of comfort and nerves. When the game was over, and the crowd was in the middle of the Aggie War Hymn, you could feel the stadium moving with the fans. It was the most incredible football experience I have ever had and it was one of many reasons I will always be a loud, proud Aggie 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's a little challenging to do the best football moment.

Was it when I was 17 and a senior playing for Admiral King? I was fortunate enough to recover a fumble on the 11 yard line against Elyria. We scored a couple of plays later and ended Elyria's 13 game winning streak during their undefeated '79 season.

Was it when I was coaching the last freshman football team at South Amherst? The boys had been practicing every week including two a days, and every week we promised them a game. Five weeks they practiced but hadn't played a game for various reasons.

Week 6 we finally played. We were beating a middle school freshman team from Westlake 8-6 with time winding down. We got a first down with less than a minute left. Our tailback, Chad Maley, called a time out. As he came to the sidelines I looked at him quizzically ... Why? Now remember this kid and his teammates had gone through about eight weeks of practicing against the varsity. He looked though his helmet at me and said "Coach ... We can score again!" I responded by telling Chad we had this one. We ran out the clock.

The final South Amherst freshman football team finished undefeated at 1-0.

Chad passed away from cancer several years later in his early 20s after a great career at Firelands .



Gary Pelter



Rob Clarico

My favorite all time football game was the 1986 Browns-Jets double overtime playoff game at Browns stadium. I was a freshman at Miami University home on break. A bunch of my high school friends and I got tickets in the bleachers. It was a great time to be a Browns fan. Bernie Kosar was 23 years old and was clearly a franchise QB. We were going to be good for the next 10 years at least!

The Browns trailed by 10 with only four minutes left to play. Kevin Mack scored a TD late in the game and the Browns got the ball back with less than a minute left. They drove and Kosar hit wide receiver Webster Slaughter to set up a game-tying field goal by Mark Mosley with just seven seconds left in regulation. What a tremendous comeback! It was a city-wide party.

What I miss about those times is no matter what, EVERYONE believed we were going to find a way to win. There is no way we should have been able to win that game against the Jets, but the stadium believed Bernie would find a way. Thirty one years later I hope to have that feeling again.



# Cleveland Browns 2017 season preview



Cody Kessler

**By: Andy "Bull" Barch**

Hope is all Browns fans really have to hang on to these days, as they will enter yet another season where they "hope" that things will get better. After yet another season that was difficult to stomach, where the Browns went 1-15, one must wonder, can it get any worse? Well, mathematically, yes, it could indeed get worse.

However, what is different about the Browns this year, as opposed to last year, is that they went out and made some moves in free agency that should really give them a boost in a few areas where they REALLY needed it.

Examine Exhibit A: The offensive line. Besides Joe Thomas, there has been no stability whatsoever to speak of with this unit dating back to the late 90's. This year, the Browns added a couple of key pieces to this unit, that aren't exactly household names, but on the offensive line, that is not a bad thing. Joining 10-year veteran left tackle Joe Thomas on the offensive line are center JC Tretter, and guard Kevin Zeitler.

Tretter comes to the Browns after spending the last four seasons with the Green Bay Packers,

serving as the starting center for parts of his last two seasons with the Packers. While Tretter has proven to be an effective center and certainly provides an upgrade at the position, his durability is a major concern, as he missed nine weeks of the regular season last year, and missed half the season in 2014 as well due to injury.

Zeitler joined the Browns as a free agent and comes to Cleveland after a successful five year run with the Cincinnati Bengals. The Browns made the former first round pick the highest paid guard in the NFL this past spring, with hopes that he'll provide some stability up front, on a unit that had little to none a year ago. Zeitler, a 6-foot 4-inch 315-pound guard from Wisconsin, has not only been effective over the course of his career, but he's been very dependable. The 27-year old guard has started all 16 games in three of his first five years, and he's played in no fewer than 12 games in every one of his first five years in the NFL as well.

Those were arguably the two biggest free agent additions to the Browns on that side of the ball.

While they did add veteran wide receiver Kenny Britt, they also lost their most productive receiver from a year ago, in former Ohio State quarterback Terrell Pryor. The Browns are hopeful that their first pick in the 2016 draft, Corey Coleman, will turn in a much better sophomore campaign, to improve on an injury riddled rookie season in Cleveland where he was limited to just 10 games.

When talking about the Browns, the ever changing quarterback carousel cannot be ignored. Cody Kessler is the only candidate in what appears to be a three horse race who returns from last year's team. Brock Osweiler, the 6-foot 7-inch signal caller joins the Browns via a trade from the Houston Texans, but the most intriguing option in this mix is this year's second round pick, DeShon Kizer from Notre Dame. Kizer, who has all of the physical tools that you want in a quarterback, is far from a finished product, and one would think that he's at least a year or two away from becoming what the Browns have been longing for at the position. However, with the lack of stability at that position over the years, the

Browns may have no choice but to start Kizer at some point in the 2017 season.

Perhaps the biggest improvements in this off season were made to the Cleveland Browns' defensive unit, which surrendered 392.4 yards per game, second most in the NFL a season ago, and they allowed 28.2 points per game, third worst in the league as well.

The Browns made a change at the top, bringing in veteran defensive coordinator Greg Williams to replace Ray Horton. Williams has a bit of a controversial past, but he has a successful track record as well. He was given some immediate assistance, as the Browns used the first overall pick in the NFL Draft on Texas A&M Defensive End, Myles Garrett. Garrett is expected to make an immediate impact, and improve a Cleveland Browns pass rushing unit that produced only 26 sacks a season ago. They also used a first round pick on Jabrill Peppers out of Michigan, who did a little bit of everything in college, but will be asked to play a lot of safety in Williams's system.

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They also went out and traded for safety Calvin Pryor, a former first round pick. Pryor will be asked to step in and contribute immediately in a secondary that suffered some injuries last year, and struggled mightily because of that. The Browns are hopeful that with the addition of Pryor, Peppers, and a healthy Joe Haden, the secondary can improve on a dismal 2016, where they surrendered 249.8 yards per game through the air a year ago, and 36 passing touchdowns, which were the most in the league.

Pryor, 24, was selected 18th overall by the New York Jets in the 2014 NFL Draft. Over the last three seasons, he started 38 of 44 games, and made 15 starts a season ago. Through the first three years of his young career, the Free Safety has registered 191 tackles, defended 14 passes and



Jamie Collins

come away with a pair of interceptions.

The Browns were also able to sign linebacker Jamie Collins to an extension for four years and \$50 million, after performing well with the Browns in the second half of last season. Collins came to the Browns in a trade with the New England Patriots, one year after he made the Pro Bowl. Last year, Collins registered 112 tackles and three sacks

while coming away with a pair of interceptions in his time with the Browns and Patriots combined. Both Collins and Haden will be relied upon heavily to lead a very young defense that appears to have a lot of potential.

While the NFL is designed to keep teams from dwelling in the cellar from year to year, the Browns have been stuck there for quite some time. At some

point, you just can't help but think the fortunes are going to change. They have to at some point, right?

Head Coach Hue Jackson has said a lot of the right things, he's the kind of guy you want to see succeed, and one that the players seem to enjoy playing for, but last year had to be incredibly frustrating for him to be a part of. The reality is, the Browns are going to have to win at least five, maybe six games if Coach Jackson is going to be around to see round three. If he survives that long, he would be the first Browns coach since Romeo Crennel (2005-08) to last more than two seasons.

For Browns fans, that's a very tough pill to swallow, because they'll have to hang their hat on improvement, and another losing season. They've been told to trust the process, but the process they've been told to trust has failed them for the last two decades. Could this one be different?

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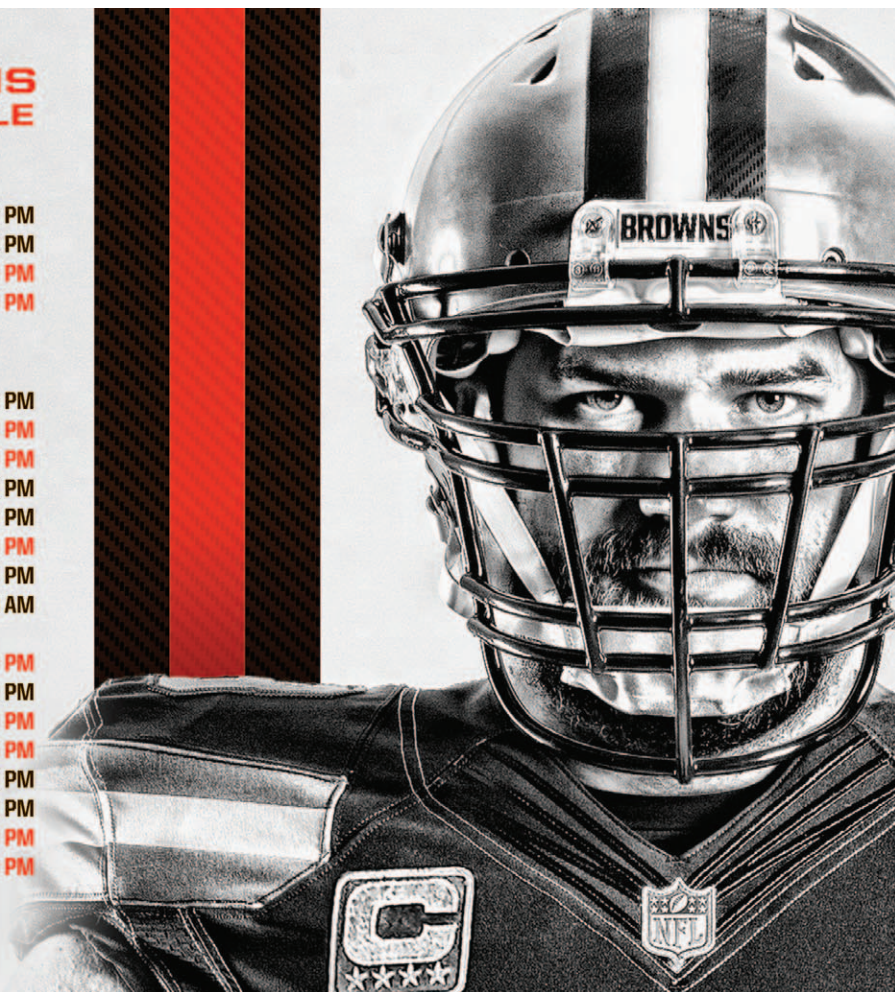
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OCT 08	vs NEW YORK JETS	1:00 PM
OCT 15	at Houston Texans	1:00 PM
OCT 22	vs TENNESSEE TITANS	1:00 PM
OCT 29	vs MINNESOTA VIKINGS (LONDON)	9:30 AM
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NOV 12	at Detroit Lions	1:00 PM
NOV 19	vs JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	1:00 PM
NOV 26	at Cincinnati Bengals	1:00 PM
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