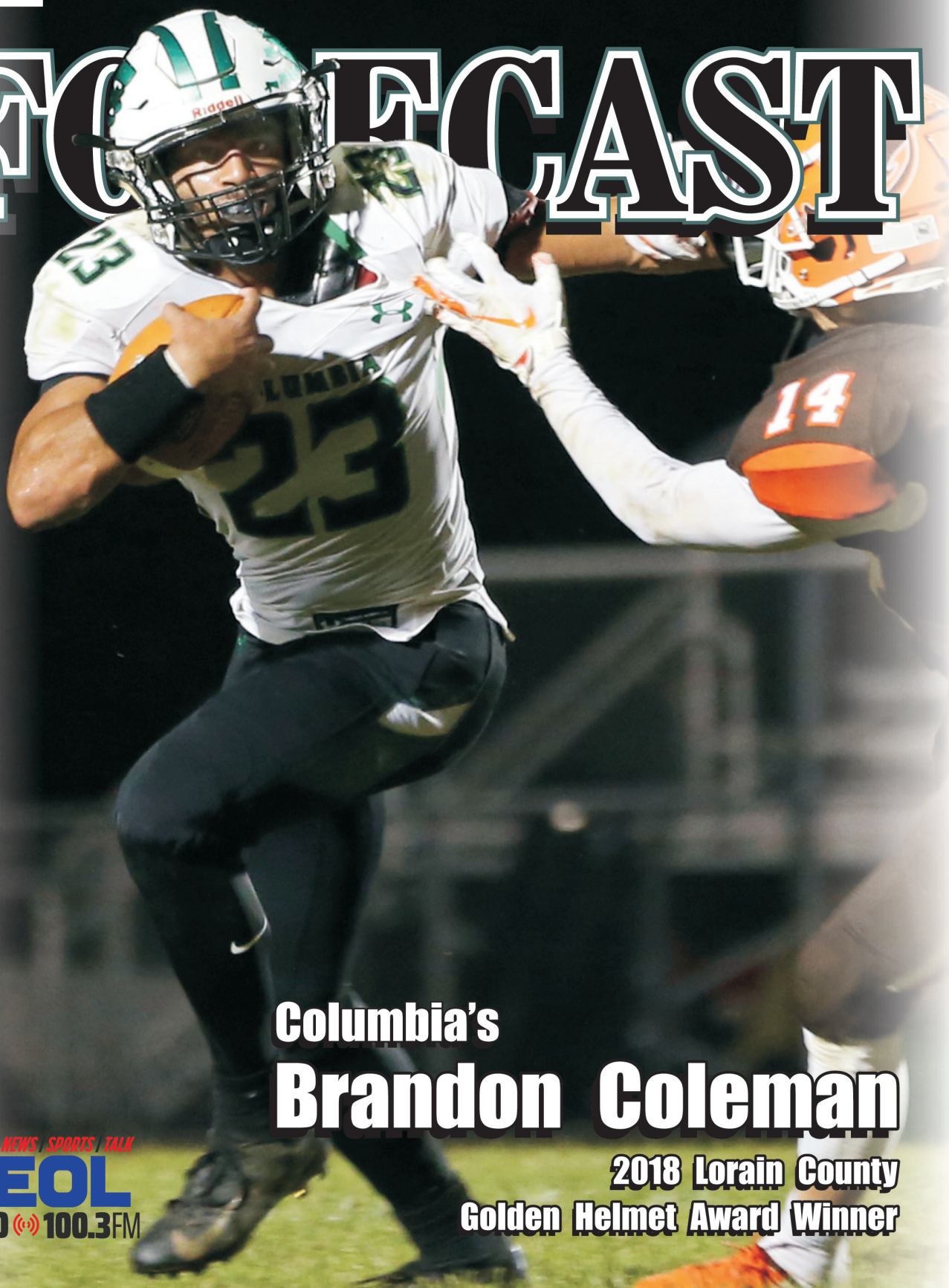




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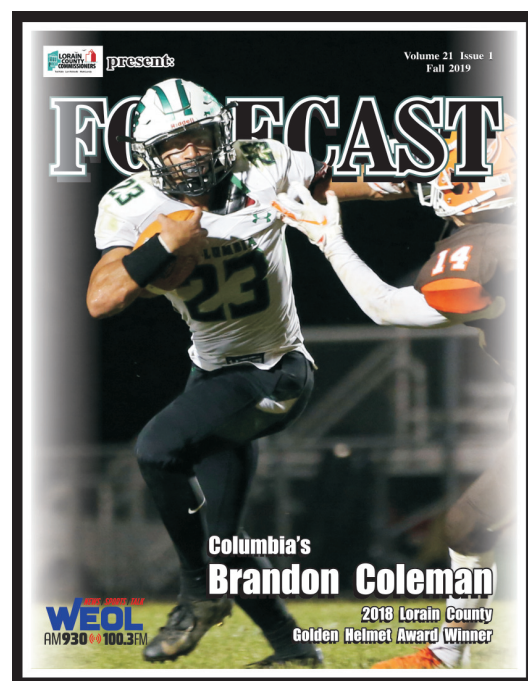
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After a junior year that ended early do to an ACL Injury, Columbia's Brandon Coleman returned to true form in 2018. On his way to capturing the Lorain County Golden Helmet Honor, the Raiders running back rushed for 1,698 yards and scored 23 touchdowns. During his four seasons at Columbia, Coleman set an new Lorain County record rushing for 5,141 yards. While he was outstanding on the offensive side of the ball, it will be defense where Coleman tries to make his mark in the future. In 2019 Coleman will join the line-backer corps at Kent State University.



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## Welcome to another edition of FORECAST!

It's true...I can't believe it's time to write another 'welcome letter' for the Fall FORECAST! It seems like only yesterday we had a chilly wet spring followed by an extremely hot mid-July.

Yet here we are, ready to enjoy another season, mostly under the lights, of high school, collegiate and professional football.

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This year also brings a new era...the Ryan Day era...of Ohio State University football on WEOL.

And of course, the Cleveland Browns will try to build on last year's end-of-season momentum. For some, it's still difficult to grasp the Browns have All-Pro wide receiver Odell Beckham, Jr. on their roster!

We hope this edition of FORECAST will help you enjoy the 2019 campaign...with features and schedules that you can revisit all season long.

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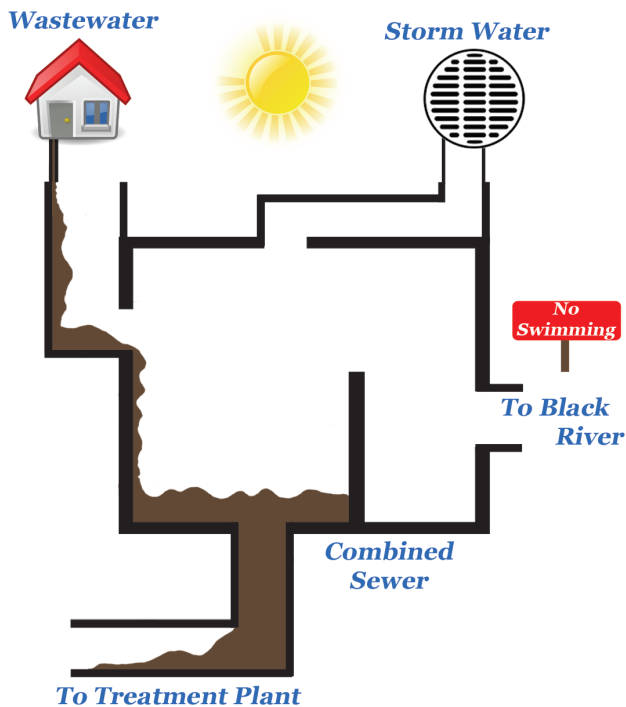
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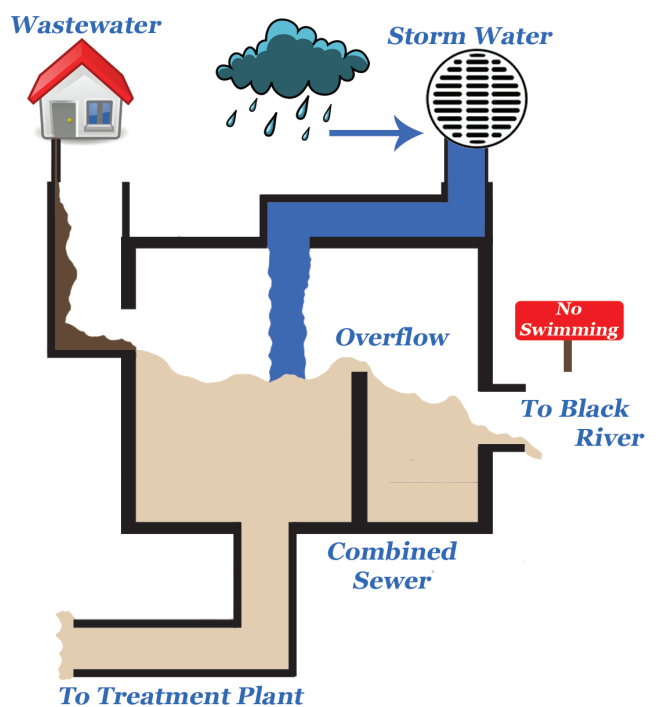


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# 2019 High School Football Preview



David Richard

Avon Eagles celebrate late season win.

## By Tim Alcorn

The famous author Stephen King once said, "sooner or later everything old is new again." That's certainly true for the upcoming high school football campaign. A new conference with a name that's similar to an old league moniker, new players ready to excel at programs where winning never gets old, and fans of gridiron action, old and new alike, getting excited for a season to kick off. The anticipation of high school football starting never gets old, so let's see what's in store for this new campaign we are embarking on.

Some old rivalries will be renewed in the brand new Lorain County League this fall. This new eight-team conference incorporates Lorain County teams who previously competed in the PAC and some of those had also been in the Lorain County Conference (see Tim Gebhardt's article in this edition of Forecast for an in-depth look at the new "LC8").

**Clearview** is the team in the new league coming off the best season in '18. Mike Collier's Clippers roared to a 9-1 regular season and also notched a playoff

win to finish 10-2 last year. It was Clearview's second straight playoff appearance. The Clips will have senior Jason Christensen back at quarterback, leading an attack that scored over 34 points per game last year. Christensen also plays defensively in the secondary. Other two-way standouts returning for Clearview are two wide receivers/defensive backs, Joseph Norris and Jordan Reed; CJ Fleming, a running back and defensive end; Robert Davis, a running back and defensive back; and Stacey Littlejohn, a two way lineman.

**Columbia** is also coming off yet another playoff year, as Jason Ward's Raider team finished the regular season at 7-3 before falling in the first round of the postseason. Some solid players return for the Raiders this season, including 2-year starter Carson Heidecker at tackle and Lukas McKee at center on the offensive line. Andrew Champagne will take over at quarterback, while Joe Governale at running back and Drew Saki and Owen Menge at wide receiver will lead the offense. Defensively, Coach Ward is counting on Eli Caraballo and

Nick Reljin on the line and Tom Reljin at linebacker.

**Keystone** was a young squad last season, yet got to .500, finishing 5-5. Big things could be in store in Lagrange this fall. Don Griswold welcomes back senior quarterback Jacob Shackelford who sparkled last year by rushing for over 1000 yards and throwing for over 1100. Another senior, running back Dylan Naylor also rushed for over 1000. That's two big weapons for an offense that averaged over 27 points per game in '18. Defensively, the Cats gave up 29 points per game last year, so they will need to shore up that side of the ball. Coach Griswold is counting on Naylor (who racked up 95 tackles at safety last season), as well as linebackers Gavin Norris (who had 117 tackles in '18) and Gideon Lampron, along with lineman Alex Pataky to be key contributors defensively.

**Firelands** comes off a 4-6 season, but with 17 returning starters (9 on offense and 8 on defense); the expectations are high for the Falcons this year. Head Coach Ryan O'Rourke, now in his third year, has two great weapons returning on offense, 1st Team All

County, 2nd Team All Ohio wide receiver Alex Angle and another All County wide receiver in Caden Bombback. Junior quarterback Jacob Farley, who threw for seven touchdowns in three starts in '18, will try to get the ball to that duo as often as possible. Jacob Schmitz will anchor the offensive line for Firelands. The Falcons surrendered nearly 30 points per game last year, but those eight defensive returnees, led by senior linebackers Bryce Keown, Matt Loranger, and Nat Pignatella gained valuable experience and that area should improve this season.

**Oberlin** slipped to 3-7 last year, but Coach Mike Akers thinks things will improve this year. He has a bevy of returnees that allows him to feel that way. The Phoenix were another team that surrendered a ton of points last year (over 43 per game) so improving that side of the ball is a must. Key returnees include Aaron Hopkins, Riley Horning, and Charles Hershberger at linebacker, along with linemen Alex Rucker, Sam Thompson, and Jere-

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# FOOTBALL

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miah Sutton. On offense, the Phoenix will be led by quarterback Azarie Hairston, along with Hopkins, Micha Jones Smith, and Donte Colbert at running back, and wide receiver Jayden Harris and newcomer Sam Fairplay. Continuing south on Route 58.

**Wellington** second year head coach Rob Howells returns nearly everybody from an incredibly young team that went 1-9 last year. Wellington will return 10 starters on each side of the ball, and their overall numbers are expected to increase dramatically as well. The Dukes know they gained some valuable experience a year ago as they prepare for the '19 season. Coach Howells will count heavily on four outstanding seniors. Two-way standout and 1st Team All County player Mason McClellan had a great year at running back last season, leading the team in rushing and receiving (averaging 21 yards per catch), compiling over 1,500 all-purpose yards, while also excelling on defense, totaling 50 tackles. Ben Higgins will start at quarterback



David Richard

Keystone's Dylan Naylor makes a touchdown grab.

for the third straight year, and he has a great target (and blocker) in senior tight end Nick Laposky,

who also shone on defense, leading the team with 78 tackles. Nick was a first team All-County selection. Another senior, Jayson Keenan, was second in tackles with 60, and was big contributor at guard on offense. Keenan was another All-County pick.

One of three new head coaches in Lorain County this season is Scott O'Donnell at **Brookside**. O'Donnell arrives on the scene after serving as the head coach at Lake Catholic for five years. He inherits a program that has struggled of late, coming off a 1-9 season last year. Coach O'Donnell will rely on sophomore running back Kenny Grobolssek, senior wide receiver Zak Csalos, and junior wideout Matthew O'Donnell to create points in a balanced attack. On defense, the Cards return two senior linemen in John Pickens and Erik Kebeiks and another senior at linebacker in Christian Adkins. Brookside will have a blend of those seniors and several underclassmen as well, as Coach O'Donnell implements his program.

A remarkable coaching run has come to an end at **Black River**, where Al Young stepped down as the head coach of the Pirates after 29 years. In that time, Young's

teams won 198 games and he led them to ten playoff appearances. Former Black River star Kyle Clark, who had been Young's defensive coordinator for the past four years, will now take the helm. The Pirates are coming off a 6-4 campaign in 2018.

It was the tale of two diametrically opposite football seasons in Elyria last fall. At **Elyria Catholic**, head coach Brian Fox burst onto the scene and led the Panthers to a Great Lakes Conference championship and a post season berth before dropping a heartbreaking 42-41 game to Genoa in the regional semifinal. Fox was named the Ohio Division V Coach of the Year as the Panthers finished 9-3. EC graduated some terrific talent off that playoff team, but Fox has several outstanding players back, including All-State tackle Branson Taylor and all conference center Darrius Randleman, as well as two all-conference wide receivers in junior Jaret Frantz and senior Connor Trockley. On defense, another All-Ohio player in cornerback Jack Griffin is back, as well as veteran linebackers Zach Gorcezyca and Josh Miller.

At **Elyria**, the Pioneers were

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winless in '18 so new head coach Devlin Culliver's first goal is to simply change the culture. Culliver had previous head coaching stints at Maple Heights and Painesville Harvey. The good news for Elyria is several starters will be returning in '19, including three of five on the offensive line, led by senior Nate Bryant. Dylan Sharlow is back at quarterback, and will count on returnees such as running back Jaheim Atkinson and wide receiver Jesse Stevens to put points on the board. Defensively, Bryant, along with veterans Ben Doehr and Mike Knapp, will lead a contingent that Coach Culliver expects to run and hit aggressively. Competing in the rugged Greater Cleveland Conference and coming off a year in which Elyria surrendered 44 points a game, the Pioneers must improve on that side of the ball.

In **Lorain**, the Titans come off a 6-4 season. Dave McFarland's club returns some dynamite offensive players from a team that averaged 36 points per game in '18. Quarterback Jordan Jackson, receiver Tyshawn Lighty, and running backs Daylin Dower and Savon Chavis will provide some firepower. Chavis and Lighty along with Devante Jackson are holdovers on defense, which graduated eight starters.

The SWC provides terrific football year and year out. This season should be no different. **Avon** has one of the premier programs in Ohio, and the Eagles will look to keep things rolling in 2019. Coming off a 12-2 season and a second straight state semi-final appearance, the Eagles will reload this fall. Offensively, it starts up front where Ball State commit Tommy Lorincz and D1 prospect Joe Svec will anchor the line that also features veteran center Mason Bingham. Dynamic running back Nick Perusek, who rushed for over 1,200 yards last season returns as does leading receiver Tommy Purcell and wideout Joey Lance. Danny Zeh will become the quarterback for an offense that averaged over 45 points per game. Just up Route 83.

**Avon Lake** comes off a great year as well. The Shoremen tied



Steve Manheim

Clearview's CJ Flemming running past Wellington defense.

the Eagles for the SWC title and finished 10-2 after advancing two rounds in the playoffs. Matt Kostelnik's team returns six veterans on offense and five on defense so another special season could unfold. Offensively, Nate Sidlowski, and Creed Bolognia are a marvelous tandem at wide receiver, while on defense, Nick Marsh, Jack McCrum, Zac Kovacs will anchor the line, backed up Nico LaBianca at line-backer and Kai Kuwalu and Josh Vlasak in the secondary. The Shoremen also have an extraordinary kicker in Harry Hebert.

At **Amherst**, the Comets battled the upper echelon in the SWC before finishing at 6-4. Coach Mike Passarello will be relying on veterans such as senior Aidan Johnson, a first team All-County player who led the Comets in tackles last year, as well as fellow seniors Kyle Ferguson, a two-way player at wide receiver and defensive back, and Clay Carpenter, a two-way lineman. Lavell Gibson is another two-way line-men expected to be a leader on the team. **Midview** struggled

through a 2-8 season last year, but will return numerous starters on both sides of the ball. Head coach DJ Shaw is counting on several veteran two-way players to bring the Middies back to winning ways. Among those are quarterback/safety Zac Gill, running back/defensive end Ty Nelson, running back/defensive back Dom Roman, wide receiver/defensive back Nathan Bashak, and two-way lineman Dan Bucknavich. The Middies surrendered over 41 points per game in '18, so that side of the ball will be a primary focus this year.

At **North Ridgeville**, the Rangers look to improve on a 4-6 record last year and coach Luke Durbin has several excellent players returning to help them accomplish that. Up front offensively senior linemen John Leili and Dustin McElhaney are back as is tight end Alex Habyt. Senior running back Shane Swindig who led the Rangers in rushing in '18 returns as well. On the defensive side, Howell will be in the line along with veteran Patrick Cas-

selberry, while returning at line-backer is Tyler Richmond and Mason Grow. The always tough Bulldogs from Olmsted Falls, along with North Olmsted, Westlake, Berea-Midpark and Lakewood round out the 10-team SWC. This will be Lakewood's final year in the league before they head to the Great Lakes Conference next season.

**Vermilion** enters 2019 off a 3-7 record in '18, and without a senior on the squad this year. The Sailors will be young and learn on the fly, with only one returning starter in two-way player Ryan Baxter, who performed at linebacker and running back last season. Second year head coach Brett Colohan and his staff will certainly need to have patience as this young squad develops through the season, especially in the competitive Sandusky Bay Conference.

It's that time of year. High School football is about to begin. The coaches, the players, and everyone involved in this great game are ready to start. Are you ready? Let's kick it off.

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9/6	Avon @ Lorain	10/11	Avon @ North Olmsted
9/13	Vermilion @ Firelands	10/18	Clearview @ Columbia
9/20	Clearview @ Keystone	10/25	TBA
9/27	Padua @ Elyria Catholic	11/1	TBA

## **WEOL.com Stream 2**

8/30	Elyria @ Midview
9/6	Firelands @ Amherst
9/13	Elyria Catholic @ Bay
9/20	Columbia @ Firelands
9/27	Avon Lake @ North Ridgeville
10/4	Wellington @ Clearview
10/11	Shaker Heights @ Elyria
10/18	Maple Heights @ Lorain
10/25	TBA
11/1	TBA

## **Tri-C Medina County Match-up**

8/30	Lorain @ Brunswick
9/6	Medina @ Highland
9/13	Wadsworth @ Medina
9/20	Elyria Catholic @ Buckeye
9/27	Strongsville @ Brunswick
10/4	Keystone @ Black River
10/11	Springfield @ Cloverleaf
10/12	Buckeye @ Holy Name
10/18	Aurora @ Highland
10/25 & 11/1	TBA





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8/30	Lakewood .....	Away
9/6	Firelands.....	Home
6/13	Midview.....	Home
6/20	North Olmsted .....	Away
6/27	Olmsted Falls .....	Home
10/4	Avon Lake.....	Away
10/11	Berea-Midpark.....	Home
10/18	Westlake.....	Away
10/25	North Ridgeville.....	Home
11/1	Avon .....	

#### Avon Eagles

8/30	Avon Lake.....	Home
9/6	Lorain.....	Away
9/13	Lakewood .....	Away
9/20	Berea-Midpark.....	Home
9/27	Midview .....	Away
10/4	Westlake .....	Home
10/11	North Olmsted .....	Away
10/18	North Ridgeville.....	Home
10/25	Olmstd Falls.....	Away
11/1	Amherst .....	Home

#### Avon Lake Shoremen

8/30	Avon.....	Away
9/6	Clinton-Massie.....	Away
9/13	Berea-Midpark .....	Away
9/20	Westlake .....	Home
9/27	North Ridgeville.....	Away
10/4	Amherst .....	Home
10/11	Lakewood .....	Away
10/18	Midview.....	Home
10/25	North Olmsted .....	Away
11/1	Olmsted Falls .....	Home

#### Bay Rockets

8/30	Keystone.....	Home
9/6	Buckeye.....	Away
9/13	Elyria Catholic.....	Home
9/20	Valley Forge.....	Home
9/27	Fairview .....	Away
10/4	Holy Name .....	Home
10/10	Normandy .....	Away
10/18	Rocky River.....	Away
10/25	Parma .....	Home
11/1	Revere .....	Away

#### Berea - Midpark Titans

8/30	Strongsville.....	Home
9/6	Olmsted Falls.....	Away
9/13	Avon Lake.....	Home
9/20	Avon .....	Away
9/27	Westlake .....	Away
10/4	North Ridgeville.....	Home
10/11	Amherst .....	Away
10/18	Lakewood.....	Home
10/25	Midview .....	Away
11/1	North Olmsted.....	Home

#### Black River Pirates

8/30	Kenston .....	Home
9/6	Northwestern.....	Home
9/13	Ontario.....	Away
9/20	Wellington.....	Home
9/27	Firelands .....	Away
10/4	Keystone .....	Home
10/11	Oberlin.....	Away
10/18	Brookside.....	Away
10/25	Clearview .....	Away
11/1	Columbia.....	Home

#### Brecksville-Broadview Heights Bees

8/30	Olmsted Falls .....	Home
9/6	Green.....	Away
9/13	Strongsville .....	Away
9/20	Stow-Munroe Falls .....	Home
9/27	Hudson .....	Away
10/4	Cuyahoga Falls.....	Home
10/11	Twinsburg.....	Away
10/18	Nordonia .....	Home
10/25	North Royalton .....	Home
11/1	Wadsworth.....	Away

#### Brooklyn Hurricanes

8/31	John Marshall .....	Away
9/6	East Tech .....	Home
9/13	Lincoln-West.....	Home
9/20	Independence .....	Away
9/27	Cuyahoga Hts. ....	Away
10/4	Trinity .....	Home
10/11	Fairport Harding .....	Away
10/18	Lutheran West.....	Home
10/25	Cardinal .....	Away
11/1	Richmond Hts.....	Home

#### Brookside Cardinals

8/30	Cloverleaf.....	Away
9/6	Lutheran West.....	Home
9/13	JFK .....	Home
9/20	Oberlin .....	Away
9/27	Wellington .....	Away
10/4	Firelands.....	Home
10/11	Keystone.....	Home
10/18	Black River .....	Home
10/25	Columbia .....	Away
11/1	Clearview .....	Away



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9/6	North Royalton.....Away
9/13	Rhodes.....Home
9/20	Solon.....Away
9/27	Strongsville.....Home
10/4	Shaker Hts.....Home
10/11	Mentor.....Away
10/18	Euclid.....Away
10/25	Elyria.....Home
11/1	Medina.....Away

## Buckeye Bucks

8/30	Revere.....Away
9/6	Bay.....Home
9/13	Cloverleaf.....Away
9/20	Elyria Catholic.....Home
9/27	Valley Forge.....Away
10/4	Fairview.....Home
10/12	Holy Name.....Away
10/18	Normandy.....Home
10/25	Rocky River.....Home
10/31	Parma.....Away

## Clearview Clippers

8/30	Scott.....Away
9/6	Vermilion.....Away
9/13	John Hay.....Home
9/20	Keystone.....Away
9/27	Oberlin.....Home
10/4	Wellington.....Home
10/11	Firelands.....Away

10/18	Columbia.....Away
10/25	Black River.....Home
11/1	Brookside.....Home

## Cloverleaf Colts

8/30	Brookside.....Home
9/6	Keystone.....Away
9/13	Buckeye.....Home
9/20	Streetsboro.....Away
9/27	Field.....Home
10/4	Ravenna.....Away
10/11	Springfield.....Home
10/18	Woodridge.....Away
10/25	Norton.....Home
11/1	Coventry.....Away

## Columbia Raiders

8/30	Independence.....Home
9/6	Waynedale.....Away
9/13	Northwestern.....Home
9/20	Firelands.....Away
9/27	Keystone.....Away
10/4	Oberlin.....Home
10/11	Wellington.....Away
10/18	Clearview.....Home
10/25	Brookside.....Home
11/1	Black River.....Away

## Elyria Pioneers

8/30	Midview.....Away
9/6	Bedford.....Home
9/13	Lorain.....Away

9/20	Mentor.....Home
9/27	Euclid.....Away
10/4	Medina.....Home
10/11	Shaker Hts.....Home
10/18	Strongsville.....Away
10/25	Brunswick.....Away
11/1	Solon.....Home

## Elyria Catholic Panthers

8/30	Perkins.....Home
9/6	Parma.....Home
9/13	Bay.....Away
9/20	Buckeye.....Away
9/27	Padua.....Home
10/4	Valley Forge.....Home
10/11	Fairview.....Away
10/18	Holy Name.....Home
10/25	Normandy.....Away
11/1	Rocky River.....Away

## Fairview Warriors

8/30	Lutheran West.....Away
9/6	Normandy.....Away
9/13	Rocky River.....Home
9/20	Parma.....Away
9/27	Bay.....Home
10/4	Buckeye.....Away
10/11	Elyria Catholic.....Home
10/18	Valley Forge.....Away
10/25	John Marshall.....Home
11/1	Holy Name.....Home

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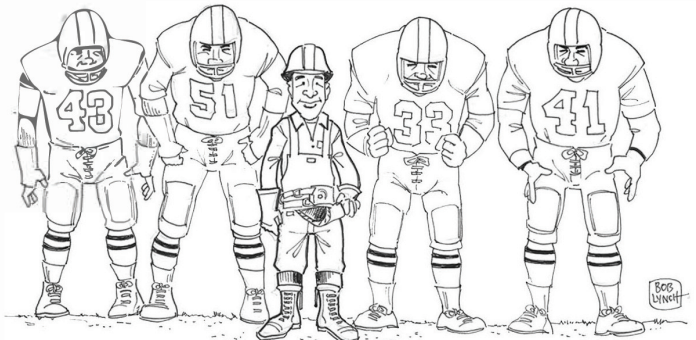


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## Firelands Falcons

8/30	Edison	Away
9/6	Amherst	Away
9/13	Vermilion	Home
9/20	Columbia	Home
9/27	Black River	Home
10/4	Brookside	Away
10/11	Clearview	Home
10/18	Keystone	Home
10/25	Oberlin	Away
11/1	Wellington	Away

## Highland Hornets

8/30	Wadsworth	Away
9/6	Medina	Home
9/13	North Royalton	Away
9/20	Barberton	Home
9/27	Kent	Away
10/4	Revere	Away
10/11	Canfield	Home
10/18	Aurora	Home
10/25	Copley	Away
11/1	Tallmadge	Home

## Holy Name Green Wave

8/31	C.C.C.	Away
9/6	Padua	Away
9/13	Normandy	Home
9/21	Rocky River	Home
9/27	Parma	Home
10/4	Bay	Away
10/12	Buckeye	Home
10/18	Elyria Catholic	Away
10/25	Valley Forge	Home
11/1	Fairview	Away

## Keystone Wildcats

8/30	Bay	Away
9/6	Cloverleaf	Home
9/13	South Central	Home
9/20	Clearview	Home
9/27	Columbia	Home
10/4	Black River	Away
10/11	Brookside	Away
10/18	Firelands	Away
10/25	Wellington	Home
11/1	Oberlin	Home

## Lakewood Rangers

8/30	Amherst	Home
9/6	Garfield Hts.	Away
9/13	Avon	Home
9/20	Midview	Away
9/27	North Olmsted	Home
10/4	Olmsted Falls	Away
10/11	Avon Lake	Home
10/18	Berea-Midpark	Away
10/25	Westlake	Home
11/1	North Ridgeville	Away

## Lorain Titans

8/30	Brunswick	Away
9/6	Avon	Home
9/13	Elyria	Home
9/20	Clarkson (Can)	Home
9/27	Scott	Home
10/4	Cleveland Hts.	Home
10/11	Warrensville Hts.	Away
10/18	Maple Hts.	Home
10/25	Bedford	Away
11/1	Shaw	Away

## Lutheran West Longhorns

8/30	Fairview	Home
9/6	Brookside	Away
9/13	Lutheran East	Home
9/20	Fairport Harding	Away
9/27	Richmond Hts.	Home
10/4	Berkshire	Home
10/11	Independence	Away
10/18	Brooklyn	Away
10/25	Cuyahoga Hts.	Home
11/1	Trinity	Home

## Mapleton Mounties

8/30	Hillsdale	Away
9/6	Wellington	Away
9/13	Rittman	Home
9/20	Crestview	Home
9/27	South Central	Home
10/4	St. Paul	Home
10/11	Plymouth	Away
10/18	New London	Home
10/25	Monroeville	Away
11/1	Western Reserve	Away

## Medina Battling Bees

8/30	Cleveland Hts.	Home
9/6	Highland	Away
9/13	Wadsworth	Home
9/20	Euclid	Home
9/27	Mentor	Away
10/4	Elyria	Away
10/11	Strongsville	Home
10/18	Solon	Away
10/26	Shaker Hts.	Away
11/1	Brunswick	Home

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#### Midview Middies

8/30	Elyria.....	Home
9/6	North Ridgeville.....	Home
9/13	Amherst.....	Away
9/20	Lakewood.....	Home
9/27	Avon.....	Home
10/4	North Olmsted.....	Away
10/11	Olmsted Falls.....	Home
10/18	Avon Lake.....	Away
10/25	Berea-Midpark.....	Home
11/1	Westlake.....	Away

#### Normandy Invaders

8/30	Cuyahoga Falls.....	Away
9/6	Fairview.....	Home
9/12	Holy Name.....	Away
9/19	Garfield Hts.....	Home
9/27	Rocky River.....	Away
10/4	Parma.....	Away
10/10	Bay.....	Home
10/18	Buckeye.....	Away
10/25	Elyria Catholic.....	Home
11/1	Valley Forge.....	Home

#### North Olmsted Eagles

8/30	Eastlake.....	Away
9/6	Westlake.....	Home
9/13	North Ridgeville.....	Away
9/20	Amherst.....	Home
9/27	Lakewood.....	Away
10/4	Midview.....	Home
10/11	Avon.....	Home
10/18	Olmsted Falls.....	Away
10/25	Avon Lake.....	Home
11/1	Berea-Midpark.....	Away

#### North Ridgeville Rangers

8/30	North Royalton.....	Home
9/6	Midview.....	Away
9/13	North Olmsted.....	Home
9/20	Olmsted Falls.....	Away
9/27	Avon Lake.....	Home
10/4	Berea-Midpark.....	Away
10/11	Westlake.....	Home
10/18	Avon.....	Away
10/25	Amherst.....	Away
11/1	Lakewood.....	Home

#### Oberlin Phoenix

8/30	Wickliffe.....	Away
9/6	South Central.....	Away
9/13	Trinity.....	Home
9/20	Brookside.....	Home
9/27	Clearview.....	Away
10/4	Columbia.....	Away
10/11	Black River.....	Home
10/18	Wellington.....	Home
10/25	Firelands.....	Home
11/1	Keystone.....	Away

#### Olmsted Falls Bulldogs

8/30	Brecksville.....	Away
9/6	Berea-Midpark.....	Home
9/13	Westlake.....	Away
9/20	North Ridgeville.....	Home
9/27	Amherst.....	Away
10/4	Lakewood.....	Home
10/11	Midview.....	Away
10/18	North Olmsted.....	Home
10/25	Avon.....	Home
11/1	Avon Lake.....	Away

#### Padua Bruins

8/30	Sandusky.....	Home
9/6	Holy Name.....	Home
9/13	Maple Hts.....	Home
9/20	Aurora.....	Away
9/27	Elyria Catholic.....	Away
10/4	Notre Dame.....	Away
10/11	Walsh Jesuit.....	Home
10/18	Archbishop Hoban.....	Away
10/26	Benedictine.....	Away
11/1	Lake Catholic.....	Home

#### Parma Redmen

8/29	Lincoln West.....	Home
9/6	Elyria Catholic.....	Away
9/14	Valley Forge.....	Away
9/20	Fairview.....	Home
9/27	Holy Name.....	Away
10/4	Normandy.....	Home
10/11	Rocky River.....	Home
10/17	Garfield Hts.....	Home
10/25	Bay.....	Away
10/31	Buckeye.....	Home

#### Rocky River Pirates

8/29	Westlake.....	Away
9/6	Valley Forge.....	Home
9/13	Fairview.....	Away
9/21	Holy Name.....	Away
9/27	Normandy.....	Home
10/4	Tallmadge.....	Home
10/11	Parma.....	Away
10/18	Bay.....	Home
10/25	Buckeye.....	Away
11/1	Elyria Catholic.....	Home



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8/29	Mentor.....Home
9/7	Cass Tech (MI).....Away
9/13	Cathedral Prep (PA).....Away
9/21	Elder.....Home
9/28	Winton Woods.....Away
10/5	Buchtel.....Home
10/12	St. Ignatius.....Home
10/18	Clarkson (CAN).....Home
10/26	Moeller.....Home
11/1	National Christian (MD).....Home

## St. Ignatius Wildcats

8/31	Loyola Academy (IL).....Away
9/6	Mentor.....Away
9/13	Hoban.....Away
9/21	DeMatha Catholic (MD).....Away
9/28	Clarkson (CAN).....Home
10/5	Rockledge (FL).....Home
10/12	St. Edward.....Away
10/19	Moeller.....Away
10/26	St. Xavier.....Home
11/2	West Toronto (CAN).....Home

## Strongsville Mustangs

8/30	Berea-Midpark.....Away
9/6	Hudson.....Away
9/13	Brecksville.....Home
9/20	Shaker Hts.....Home
9/27	Brunswick.....Away
10/4	Euclid.....Home
10/11	Medina.....Away
10/18	Elyria.....Home

10/25	Solon.....Away
11/1	Mentor.....Home

## Valley Forge Patriots

8/30	John Hay.....Home
9/6	Rocky River.....Away
9/14	Parma.....Home
9/20	Bay.....Away
9/27	Buckeye.....Home
10/4	Elyria Catholic.....Away
10/10	Garfield Hts.....Away
10/18	Fairview.....Home
10/25	Holy Name.....Away
11/1	Normandy.....Away
10/26	Bay.....Home

## Vermilion Sailors

8/30	Bowsher.....Away
9/6	Clearview.....Home
9/13	Firelands.....Away
9/20	Perkins.....Away
9/27	Tiffin.....Home
10/4	Oak Harbor.....Away
10/11	Port Clinton.....Home
10/18	Huron.....Home
10/25	Edison.....Home
11/1	Willard.....Away

## Wadsworth Grizzlies

8/30	Highland.....Home
9/6	Wooster.....Home
9/13	Medina.....Away

9/20	Hudson.....Away
9/27	Nordonia.....Away
10/4	Stow-Munroe Falls.....Home
10/11	Cuyahoga Falls.....Away
10/18	North Royalton.....Away
10/25	Twinsburg.....Home
11/1	Brecksville.....Home

## Wellington Dukes

8/30	Western Reserve.....Home
9/6	Mapleton.....Home
9/13	New London.....Away
9/20	Black River.....Away
9/27	Brookside.....Home
10/4	Clearview.....Away
10/11	Columbia.....Home
10/18	Oberlin.....Away
10/25	Keystone.....Away
11/1	Firelands.....Home

## Westlake Demons

8/29	Rocky River.....Home
9/6	North Olmsted.....Away
9/13	Olmsted Falls.....Home
9/20	Avon Lake.....Away
9/27	Berea-Midpark.....Home
10/4	Avon.....Away
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# Lorain County Conference



David Richard

Fireland's Alex Angle celebrates in the endzone with Sam Solowiej.

## By Tim Gebhardt

There's always excitement in the air when the high school football season approaches but this year just may come with a little more anticipation.

The reason? The formation of the "New" Lorain County Conference consisting of seven county former Patriot Athletic teams and Black River, who's district actually stretches into part of Lorain County. Brookside, Clearview, Columbia, Firelands, Keystone, Oberlin and Wellington join Black River in forming the "New" Lorain County Conference.

The "old" conference disbanded in 2005. Originally, the Lorain County Conference formed in 1986 and consisted of Avon, Brookside, Clearview, Elyria West, Firelands, Keystone, Oberlin and Wellington. Midview replaced West in 1996 when West closed its doors.

The new conference promises to be very competitive. The schools are all very close in enrollments. According to the Ohio High School Athletic Association, Clearview, with 234 boys enrolled, is the largest and Columbia, with 118 boys, the smallest. The rest are all in between. By comparison, the old PAC schools that have left, were Buckeye (307 boys), Lutheran West (182), Fairview (196) and Brooklyn (167).

Two of the "dean" of Lorain County coaches – Clearview's Mike Collier and Columbia's Jason Ward both expressed excitement with the new set-up.

"The new league is perfect as far as I'm concerned," said Ward. "It's exciting to play all the smaller Lorain County schools every year instead of once every couple years for crossover games. I think Columbia fans will miss the

rivalry we've had with Lutheran West a little bit but this league opens up the possibility of new rivalries for everyone."

Collier, who is both the football coach and athletic director at Clearview pretty much echoed Ward's feelings.

"We are very excited about the Lorain County League," he said. "There are many long-standing rivalries that will continue and be enhanced by facing area teams on a more consistent basis. We believe this will be good for our student-athletes and our communities. Our relationships, respect and rivalries will make this an outstanding league for our school districts."

Jeff Jump, who is Columbia's AD but was at Wellington previously, also agrees with the new league.

"We are very excited about the new league," he said. "We've

always had a good rivalry with Clearview but are excited about the new ones that will develop. The one we'll miss would be Lutheran West but I like the idea of all Lorain County teams. We'll have one division and play all the teams and have a true conference champion."

While Collier and Ward have been around a while, all the other coaches in the new league feel good about moving forward with the "New" LCC.

Mike Akers, Oberlin's coach, promised he'd bring stability to the Phoenix program and he certainly has done that. Oberlin, one of the smaller schools, should benefit from the change.

"I like it," Akers said. "It's like the old LCC before the PAC came in. It's good we don't have to see Buckeye and I think because of

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the local teams playing each other. I don't know if have any rivalries nor do I think we lost any so it's not an issue for us. It'll help at the county meetings, too."

John Carter, Oberlin's Athletic Director, agreed with Akers. Oberlin will play some of its home games at Oberlin College's Dill Field, a turf facility.

"I agree with Mike 100 percent," he said. "This will be good for Oberlin because we'll play Wellington and Firelands every year and we haven't played either in football in about three years. We're also excited to be playing both of them at the college this year."

Black River may be the only school located outside of Lorain County but the Pirates have had a long history of playing against Wellington and Keystone and is happy to be included in the new set up. Ted Gordon, the AD at Black River, was pleased that the other schools from the PAC landed in conferences also.

"The four schools – Buckeye, Brooklyn, Fairview and Lutheran West – all had conferences to go into," said Gordon, who also spent a number of years teaching and coaching at Keystone. "You'll still see them popping up on the schedules here and there."

"The nice thing is the eight-team league gives us the opportunity to play every year. For example, we weren't seeing Columbia maybe every few years and only once a year in basketball. Now with the home-away, we'll see Columbia and Clearview and Oberlin. Having that opportunity will be nice for both schools and the league."

Keystone Athletic Director Jonathon Bailey is new to the area but understands the value of the new league for the Wildcats.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "I think it will be competitive for all sports and drive competition between our local schools. We are very fortunate in Lorain County to have fantastic sports following and this new league will be a great platform to feature the smaller schools in Lorain County."

Ryan O'Rourke, who was a Golden Helmet winner in 2008, is back for his second year at Fire-



Chuck Humel

Columbia's head coach speaks with a player during practice.

lands and is looking forward to the new conference.

"I think it's a great layout with the teams in it now," he said. "Feels a bit like the Lorain County Conference of old when my brother (Justin) played at Avon. I think it's going to be a conference with great competition year-in and year-out with schools that are in a similar situation."

"Give all the credit to Buckeye and what they did in the PAC for years. They have a great staff and program and I wish them the best along with Lutheran West, Fairview and Brooklyn in their new conferences."

Firelands' AD, Ty Stillman, is also looking forward to the competition of the new league.

"I love the fact that it is a Lorain County league for schools that have D4 through D6 football small school feel. It will be great for our kids, parents and communities. It will be the job of the individual schools to broaden the conferences' reach throughout Northeast Ohio as one that can take on all comers. Some of the teams already do that – Keystone in softball and Columbia in football. It's a good move for Firelands and I look forward to years and years of great conference play."

Black River's long-time coach Al Young retired this past year but assistant coach Kyle Clark will take the reins of the Pirates this season.

"Kyle played for Al back in the early 2000s," said Gordon. "He played at Ashland University and he's been our defensive coordinator for the past three-four years."

Clark isn't the only new coach for the new conference. Brookside and Wellington also have

new faces leading their respective programs.

Wellington's athletic director John Bowman likes the fact the Dukes will play Oberlin and Clearview every year.

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"This will continue our rivalries with Keystone and Black River and renew our old rivalries with Oberlin and Clearview," Bowman said. "There's a lot of history between all eight schools in the league and all games will be important. I like the fact the league is not divided into divisions like the PAC was."

Wellington's 2nd year head coach Rob Howells admitted he doesn't know the history but he's excited just the same.

"I feel the conference will be great for the local smaller schools and should generate many rivalries and excitement for all athletic contests because we're all so close geographically," said Howells.

Count Brookside AD Dick Kerschbaum on the positive side as is Cardinals' new head coach Scott O'Donnell.

"It'll renew on a regular basis many of the old rivalries for our school," said Kerschbaum. "Competively, I think it will be good for Brookside in getting



Roger Sommer

Brookside's Kenny Grobolsek takes on Oberlin's Sam Thompson.

athletes and fans to increase participation."

"I know our players and our

community are excited," said O'Donnell. "I know there's a couple rivalries that won't exist any-

more and I think we'll miss playing those teams but the new teams should fill the void."

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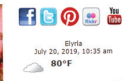
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9/14	at Central Michigan .....	3 pm
9/21	Troy .....	TBA
9/28	at UMass.....	TBA
10/12	Kent State.....	3:30 pm
10/19	Buffalo .....	TBA
10/26	at Northern Illinois .....	3:30 pm
11/2	at Bowling Green .....	TBA
11/12	Eastern Michigan .....	7:30 pm
11/20	at Miami.....	7:30 pm
11/26	Ohio.....	7 pm

## Ashland University

Date	Opponent	Time
8/30	Indianapolis.....	7 pm
9/14	at Walsh.....	1 pm
9/21	Ferris State .....	7 pm
9/28	at Northwood .....	1 pm
10/5	at Grand Valley State .....	7 pm
10/12	Davenport.....	1 pm
10/19	at Wayne State .....	6 pm
10/26	Michigan Tech .....	1 pm
11/2	at Saginaw Valley.....	1 pm
11/9	at Findlay .....	12 pm
11/16	Northern Michigan .....	1 pm

## Baldwin Wallace University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	at Alma .....	1 pm
9/14	at Otterbein.....	2 pm
9/21	at Mount Union.....	1:30 pm
9/28	Heidelberg .....	1:30 pm
10/5	Capital.....	2 pm
10/19	at Muskingum.....	2 pm
10/26	Wilmington.....	1:30 pm
11/2	Marietta.....	1:30 pm
11/9	at Ohio Northern.....	1:30 pm
11/16	John Carroll.....	1:30 pm

## Bowling Green State University

Date	Opponent	Time
8/29	Morgan State .....	7 pm
9/7	at Kansas State .....	12 pm
9/14	Louisiana Tech.....	5 pm
9/21	at Kent State.....	3:30 pm
10/5	at Notre Dame .....	3:30 pm
10/12	Toledo .....	TBA
10/19	Central Michigan .....	TBA
10/26	at Western Michigan .....	12 pm
11/2	Akron .....	TBA
11/13	at Miami.....	8 pm
11/19	Ohio.....	7:30 pm
11/29	at Buffalo .....	TBA

## Capital University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/5	at Westminster.....	6:30 pm
9/14	Marietta.....	7 pm
9/21	at Heidelberg .....	7 pm
10/5	at Baldwin Wallace .....	2 pm
10/12	John Carroll.....	1:30 pm
10/19	at Mount Union.....	1:30 pm

10/26	at Ohio Northern.....	1:30 pm
11/2	Otterbein.....	1:30 pm
11/9	at Wilmington.....	1:30 pm
11/16	Muskingum.....	1:30 pm

## Case Western Reserve University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	at Rochester .....	7 pm
9/21	Grove City .....	7 pm
9/28	at Thiel .....	7 pm
10/5	Westminster.....	7 pm
10/12	Walsh. & Jeff.....	1:30 pm
10/19	at St. Vincent.....	1 pm
10/26	Geneva .....	2 pm
11/2	Bethany.....	2 pm
11/9	at Waynesburg.....	1:30 pm
11/16	at Carnegie Mellon.....	2 pm

## University of Cincinnati

Date	Opponent	Time
8/29	UCLA .....	7 pm
9/7	at Ohio State .....	12 pm
9/14	Miami .....	12 pm
9/28	at Marshall.....	5 pm
10/4	UCF .....	8 pm
10/12	at Houston.....	TBA
10/19	Tulsa .....	TBA
11/2	at ECU.....	TBA
11/9	UConn .....	TBA
11/16	at USF .....	TBA
11/23	Temple .....	TBA
11/29	at Memphis .....	TBA

## University of Dayton

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	at Indiana State .....	1 pm
9/14	at Robert Morris.....	3 pm
9/21	Duquesne.....	1 pm
10/5	Jacksonville.....	12 pm
10/12	at Valparaiso .....	2 pm
10/19	at Stetson .....	1 pm
10/26	San Diego .....	Noon
11/2	at Morehead State .....	1 pm
11/9	Marist .....	1 pm
11/16	at Drake.....	2 pm
11/23	Butler.....	1 pm

## Denison University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	Ohio Northern .....	7 pm
9/21	Hiram .....	7 pm
9/28	at Wabash.....	2 pm
10/5	at Allegheny .....	6 pm
10/12	Oberlin .....	1 pm
10/19	at Wooster .....	2 pm
10/26	at Wittenberg .....	1 pm
11/2	DePauw.....	TBA
11/9	at Ohio Wesleyan.....	1 pm
11/16	Kenyon.....	1 pm

## Heidelberg University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	at Adrian.....	6 pm
9/14	Wilmington.....	1:30 pm
9/21	Capital .....	7 pm
9/28	at Baldwin Wallace .....	7 pm

10/12	at Marietta .....	2 pm
10/19	Otterbein.....	7 pm
10/26	Mount Union .....	1:30 pm
11/2	at Muskingum.....	1:30 pm
11/9	John Carroll.....	1:30 pm
11/16	at Ohio Northern.....	1:30 pm

## Hiram College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	Marietta.....	7 pm
9/14	Wittenberg .....	1 pm
9/21	at Denison.....	7 pm
9/28	at Kenyon.....	12 pm
10/12	DePauw .....	1 pm
10/19	at Oberlin .....	1 pm
10/26	Ohio Wesleyan .....	1 pm
11/2	at Allegheny.....	1 pm
11/9	at Wabash.....	1 pm
11/16	Wooster .....	1 pm

## John Carroll University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	Univ. Wis.-Stevens Point.....	1 pm
9/21	at Otterbein.....	2 pm
9/28	Mount Union .....	1:30 pm
10/5	Muskingum.....	1:30 pm
10/12	at Capital.....	1:30 pm
10/19	Ohio Northern .....	1:30 pm
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11/2	Wilmington .....	TBA
11/9	Heidelberg .....	1:30 pm
11/16	Baldwin Wallace .....	1:30 pm

## Kent State

Date	Opponent	Time
8/29	at Arizona State .....	10 pm
9/7	Kennesaw State .....	12 pm
9/14	at Auburn .....	7 pm
9/21	Bowling Green .....	3:30 pm
10/5	at Wisconsin .....	TBA
10/12	Akron.....	3:30 pm
10/19	at Ohio .....	TBA
10/26	Miami.....	TBA
11/5	at Toledo.....	7 pm
11/14	Buffalo .....	7 pm
11/23	Ball State.....	TBA
11/29	at Eastern Michigan .....	TBA

## Kenyon College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	at Catholic Uni. of America.....	1 pm
9/14	Ohio Wesleyan .....	2 pm
9/21	DePauw .....	12 pm
9/28	Hiram .....	12 pm
10/5	at Oberlin .....	3 pm
10/19	at Allegheny .....	1 pm
10/26	Wooster .....	12 pm
11/2	at Wabash.....	1 pm
11/9	Wittenberg .....	12 pm
11/16	at Denison.....	1 pm

## Lake Erie College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/5	at Mercyhurst .....	7 pm
9/14	Davenport .....	2 pm
9/21	at Hillsdale.....	4 pm
9/28	Kentucky Wesleyan .....	2 pm
10/5	Walsh.....	3 pm
10/12	at Alderson Broadus .....	12 pm

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10/26	Tiffin.....	1 pm
11/2	Findlay.....	1:30 pm
11/9	at Ohio Dominican.....	12 pm
11/16	at Indianapolis.....	2 pm

## Marietta College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	at Hiram.....	7 pm
9/14	at Capital.....	7 pm
9/21	Muskingum.....	7 pm
10/5	at Ohio Northern.....	1:30 pm
10/12	Heidelberg.....	2 pm
10/19	at Wilmington.....	1:30 pm
10/26	John Carroll.....	1:30 pm
11/2	at Baldwin Wallace.....	1:30 pm
11/9	Otterbein.....	1:30 pm
11/16	Mount Union.....	1:30 pm

## Miami University

Date	Opponent	Time
8/31	at Iowa.....	7:30 pm
9/7	Tennessee Tech.....	2:30 pm
9/14	at Cincinnati.....	12 pm
9/21	at Ohio State.....	TBA
9/28	vs Buffalo.....	TBA
10/12	at Western Michigan.....	TBA
10/19	Northern Illinois.....	2:30 pm
10/26	at Kent State.....	TBA
11/6	at Ohio.....	7:30 pm
11/13	Bowling Green.....	8 pm
11/20	Akron.....	7:30 pm
11/29	at Ball State.....	TBA

## Mount Union

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	at Rose-Hulman.....	7 pm
9/21	Baldwin Wallace.....	1:30 pm
9/28	at John Carroll.....	1:30 pm
10/5	Otterbein.....	1:30 pm
10/12	at Wilmington.....	1:30 pm
10/19	Capital.....	1:30 pm
10/26	at Heidelberg.....	1:30 pm
11/2	Ohio Northern.....	1:30 pm
11/9	Muskingum.....	1:30 pm
11/16	at Marietta.....	1:30 pm

## Muskingum College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	Waynesburg.....	1:30 pm
9/14	Ohio Northern.....	1:30 pm
9/21	at Marietta.....	7 pm
9/28	Wilmington.....	1:30 pm
10/5	at John Carroll.....	1:30 pm
10/19	Baldwin Wallace.....	2 pm
10/26	at Otterbein.....	1:30 pm
11/2	Heidelberg.....	1:30 pm
11/9	at Mount Union.....	1:30 pm
11/16	at Capital.....	1:30 pm

## Notre Dame College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	Concord.....	12 pm
9/12	at West Liberty.....	7 pm
9/21	Fairmont State.....	12 pm
9/28	at Urbana.....	1 pm
10/5	WV Wesleyan.....	12 pm
10/12	at Charleston.....	1 pm
10/19	Wheeling Jesuit.....	1 pm
10/26	Findlay.....	12 pm
11/2	at Frostburg.....	1 pm

11/9	Glenville.....	12 pm
11/16	at West Virginia State.....	12 pm

## Oberlin College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	Kalamazoo.....	1 pm
9/14	at Wooster.....	1 pm
9/21	at Ohio Wesleyan.....	1 pm
10/5	Kenyon.....	3 pm
10/12	at Denison.....	3 pm
10/19	Hiram.....	3 pm
10/26	Wabash.....	1 pm
11/2	at Wittenberg.....	7 pm
11/9	at DePauw.....	1 pm
11/16	Allegheny.....	1 pm

## Ohio University

Date	Opponent	Time
8/31	Rhode Island.....	2 pm
9/7	at Pittsburgh.....	11 am
9/14	at Marshall.....	6:30 pm
9/21	Louisiana.....	TBA
10/5	at Buffalo.....	3:30 pm
10/12	Northern Illinois.....	3:30 pm
10/19	Kent State.....	TBA
10/26	at Ball State.....	TBA
11/6	Miami.....	TBA
11/12	Western Michigan.....	TBA
11/19	at Bowling Green.....	7:30 pm
11/26	at Akron.....	7 pm

## Ohio Northern

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	at Denison.....	7 pm
9/14	at Muskingum.....	1:30 pm
9/21	at Wilmington.....	2 pm
9/28	Otterbein.....	6 pm
10/5	Marietta.....	1:30 pm
10/19	at John Carroll.....	1:30 pm
10/26	Capital.....	1:30 pm
11/2	at Mount Union.....	1:30 pm
11/9	Baldwin Wallace.....	1:30 pm
11/16	Heidelberg.....	1:30 pm

## Ohio Wesleyan University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	Otterbein.....	2 pm
9/14	at Kenyon.....	2 pm
9/21	Oberlin.....	2 pm
9/28	Allegheny.....	1 pm
10/5	at Wabash.....	1 pm
10/19	DePauw.....	1 pm
10/26	at Hiram.....	1 pm
11/2	at Wooster.....	1 pm
11/9	Denison.....	1 pm
11/16	at Wittenberg.....	1 pm

## Otterbein College

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	at Ohio Wesleyan.....	2 pm
9/14	Baldwin Wallace.....	2 pm
9/21	John Carroll.....	2 pm
9/28	at Ohio Northern.....	6 pm
10/5	at Mount Union.....	1:30 pm
10/19	at Heidelberg.....	7 pm
10/26	Muskingum.....	1:30 pm
11/2	at Capital.....	1:30 pm
11/9	at Marietta.....	1:30 pm
11/16	Wilmington.....	1:30 pm

## Tiffin University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	at Northwood.....	1 pm
9/14	at Saginaw Valley.....	1 pm
9/21	at Walsh.....	1 pm
9/28	Ohio Dominican.....	4 pm
10/5	St. Anselm.....	1 pm
10/12	at Kentucky Wesleyan.....	2 pm
10/19	Alderson Broaddus.....	1 pm
10/26	at Lake Erie.....	1 pm
11/9	Hillsdale.....	1 pm
11/16	at Findlay.....	12 pm

## University of Toledo

Date	Opponent	Time
8/31	at Kentucky.....	12 pm
9/14	Murray State.....	7 pm
9/21	at Colorado State.....	TBA
9/28	BYU.....	TBA
10/5	Western Michigan.....	3:30 pm
10/12	at Bowling Green.....	TBA
10/19	at Ball State.....	2 pm
10/26	Eastern Michigan.....	TBA
11/5	Kent State.....	TBA
11/13	North Illinois.....	8 pm
11/20	at Buffalo.....	7:30 pm
11/29	at Central Michigan.....	TBA

## Walsh University

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	at Duquesne.....	4 pm
9/14	Ashland.....	1 pm
9/21	Tiffin.....	1 pm
9/28	at Hillsdale.....	1 pm
10/5	at Lake Erie.....	3 pm
10/12	Findlay.....	1 pm
10/19	West Liberty.....	1 pm
10/26	at Ohio Dominican.....	12 pm
11/2	Kentucky Wesleyan.....	7:30 pm
11/9	at Alderson Broaddus.....	1 pm

## College of Wooster

Date	Opponent	Time
9/7	Bluffton.....	1 pm
9/14	Oberlin.....	1 pm
9/21	at Wittenberg.....	4:30 pm
10/5	at DePauw.....	1 pm
10/12	Wabash.....	1 pm
10/19	Denison.....	2 pm
10/26	at Kenyon.....	1 pm
11/2	Ohio Wesleyan.....	1 pm
11/9	at Allegheny.....	1 pm
11/16	at Hiram.....	1 pm

## Youngstown State

Date	Opponent	Time
8/24	Samford (FCS Kickoff).....	3 pm
9/7	Howard.....	2 pm
9/14	Duquesne.....	2 pm
9/28	Robert Morris.....	6 pm
10/5	at Northern Iowa.....	5 pm
10/12	South Dakota State.....	6 pm
10/19	at Southern Illinois.....	3 pm
10/26	Western Illinois.....	2 pm
11/2	North Dakota State.....	6 pm
11/9	at South Dakota.....	3 pm
11/16	at Indiana State.....	1 pm
11/23	Illinois State.....	12 pm



# High School Memories from the Pros

**By: Craig Adams**

**Ross Douglas**

Remember the name. It's a statement, not a question. You might remember Ross as an All-Ohio running back/defensive back who played for the Avon Eagles from 2010 through 2012. He went onto play at the University of Michigan, then Rutgers, moving from running back to free safety and eventually, strong-side linebacker.

This year, Ross will begin his first year as a defensive assistant at Rutgers and will work primarily with defensive backs. "Coaching is something I always wanted to do. My life's motto has been, play football as long as I can, and when I can't play anymore, coach."

Ross says, he began thinking about that career path in middle school. "My dad coached me at peeewee football, and I feel the way my dad impacted me on the football field, that's the impact I want to have on other kids. Football is my passion, that's what I love to do, so the next best thing to playing is coaching. I feel I have a lot to give to the game."

Ross was a star in the classroom as well; a 2017 Academic All-Big Ten selection, graduating from Michigan with a bachelor's degree in general studies with a concentration in history. He earned a master's degree in labor studies and employment relations from Rutgers in 2018.

"My mom was an educator.



Ross Douglas turns the corner against Elyria Catholic's Lucas Ball.

She worked in higher education ever since I was born, and my mom always stressed academics, because everyone has an expiration date when you play football, but your mind can take you places that your body can't take you. My mom was very hard on me academically; she constantly checked my grades. If I didn't do homework assignments, I couldn't hang out with my friends or do certain things, so I just

knew there was a certain standard in my household for academic excellence."

Looking back at his high school days, Ross has high praise for Avon head football coach Mike Elder. "Coach Elder is a guy I look up to. I thank Coach Elder for my personal development. Everything I was as a football player in high school and college, I owe to Coach Elder."

Ross says Coach Elder changed the culture of Avon football...a culture that continues to this day. "Hit, hustle, know your assignments, care about your teammates...the four pillars of the Avon High School football program that I took with me through my college career. I've used that motto, what I learned from Avon football, to propel me through my college football career and now my coaching career, and those pillars are near and dear to me."

**C.J. Conrad**

"Give it your best" ...C.J. Conrad, the 2014 Lorain County Golden Helmet Award Winner, says that's what his parents would tell him when he competed for Keystone High School and more recently, the University of Ken-



**Ross Douglas**

tucky.

C.J., wearing #13 in Keystone colors, is seen eluding a tackler on the cover of Volume 17, Issue 1, of the Fall 2015 issue of FORECAST...a magazine that C.J. says, his parents are proud to have.

At 6'4" and about 210 pounds, C.J. played several positions in high school, leading the Wildcats to an 8-3 season.

"My senior year, going to the playoffs for the first time in school history, that was my



UK Athletics

CJ Conrad dives for yardage, at UK.

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# MEMORIES

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favorite moment in my career there...with the guys I grew up playing with in LaGrange starting in second grade", said C.J.

Not bad for a Keystone kid who then went on to play tight end for the University of Kentucky. C.J. says he learned a lot at Keystone, but there is a difference when you make the jump to a major college program. "It's just a full-time job. Guys are really, really talented. You have to prepare yourself everyday to compete against the best."

C.J. has spent his summer, getting ready to compete against the best of the best. He has earned an invitation to the New York Giants training camp after performing well at their mini-camp earlier this year. All he can do, as his parents have said, is, 'give it your best'.

## Matt Wilhelm

Matt Wilhelm knew he wanted to play football when he saw his older brother on the field, playing CYO ball for St. Peter Elementary School in Lorain. Matt took the field as a 5th grader and continued to play until he won a Super Bowl ring with the Green Bay Packers.

In between, Matt earned All-Ohio honors at Elyria Catholic High School, playing both sides of the ball. "I wanted to play at E-C because of its tradition and his-



Bruce Bishop

Matt Wilhelm talks with students at Elyria Catholic.

tory...with great education and sports opportunities. I wanted to strive to be special...I wanted to create my own legacy." That he did, with the school retiring his #34 jersey in 2002.

Matt attracted the attention of major universities across the country, but decided to stay close to home and attend The Ohio State University. "At Ohio State, I knew I'd get a great education and be part of a great sports program."

He became the Buckeyes' starting middle linebacker as a sophomore, and in his senior season, Matt was named first-team All-American and helped OSU win the BCS National Championship over the Miami Hurricanes.

A few months later, the NFL came calling, and the San Diego Chargers drafted Matt in the 4th round. As for the transition from college to the pros... "mainly, it's a mindset. In college, you're still kind of dependent on your parents, but once

you get to the NFL, it's much more of a business with teams constantly evaluating you and your value to the team." As for being a rookie on a team that included several players in their 30's...Matt said, 'I kept my mouth shut, I watched the veterans and learned from them'.

Matt played for the Chargers for 6 seasons, one with the San Francisco 49ers, and one that he'll always remember...being a member of the Packers' winning team in Super Bowl XLV. "It was so very special...to have my mom and dad in the stands along with my wife and kids...Unreal."



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Matt Wilhelm celebrates Super Bowl win.



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# 2019 Ohio State Football Preview



Chris Olave just before he blocks UM punt.

**By Rob Polinsky**

Ryan Day officially became the 25th Head Coach in the 130th year of OSU football on January 2nd 2019, one day after OSU beat Washington 28-23 in the 2019 Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

One of the biggest storylines for OSU this season is will be how Day takes over the reins for former Coach Urban Meyer. Meyer lost a total of nine games in his seven seasons as the head coach in Columbus. That alone tells you

the challenge that awaits Coach Day replacing Meyer. Long time University of Michigan Defensive Coordinator Greg Mattison now holds the same position with the Buckeyes, taking over for the departed Greg Schiano. Former Indiana University head coach Kevin Wilson is now with Ohio State as the team's Offensive Coordinator and may take over play calling from Ryan Day as the season progresses.

Looking at the team, Ohio State



Justin Fields scrambles during the spring game.

returns 51 letter winners, 19 on offense side of the ball, 29 on the defensive side, and three specialists. Ohio State also returns 13 starters, four on offense and nine on defense.

Who will replace Heisman Finalist Dwayne Haskins as the OSU signal caller? That task will more than likely go to University of Georgia transfer Justin Fields, who is the preseason favorite at quarterback. However, he will have competition from West Virginia University transfer Chris Chugunov for the top spot.

At running back, J.K. Dobbins is

back for his junior season. He is the first Buckeye running back in school history to rush for over 1,000 yards in both his freshmen and sophomore seasons.

K.J. Hill, a fifth year senior, is expected to lead the receiving core. Hill is currently on a streak of catching at least one pass over a span of 34 consecutive games. During his time at Ohio State, he has 144 career receptions. Along with Hill, teammates Austin Mack (21 career starts), Binjimen Victor (12 career TD's) and Chris Olave (2 TD's vs. University of Michigan last season and a blocked punt that went for a touchdown on special teams) are also expected to contribute.

The Buckeyes have plenty of depth at tight end including former Lorain Titan Rashod Berry. The fifth year senior started four games at TE a year ago.

Graduation has hit the offensive line hard. Gone are Isaiah Prince, Michael Jordan, Demetrius Knox, and Malcolm Pridgeon. The Buck-



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# OSU

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eyes foursome started a combined 116 games in scarlet and gray. Thayer Munford returns to the O-Line after starting 13 games last season. He is expected to settle back in at left tackle this season. After missing a year to injury, Branden Bowen is back and healthy. He had started six games in 2017 before being injured.

The Buckeye defense should be their strength in 2019 with nine starters returning from last year's 13-1 squad. The D-Line has depth, back are starting defensive ends Chase Young and Jonathon Cooper. At defensive tackle, Robert Landers and Davon Hamilton have also returned to the silver bullet front. Pushing this unit are a group of sophomores who saw playing time as true freshmen, among this group are Tyreke Smith, Tyler Friday, Taron Vincent, and Tommy Togiai.

If running backs sneak past that tenacious front they will be met by a group of line backers led by Tuf Borland (67 tackles in 2018), Malik Harrison (81 tackles in 2018), and

	August 31 vs FAU		October 18 @ Northwestern
	September 7 vs Cincinnati		October 26 vs Wisconsin
	September 14 @ Indiana		November 9 vs Maryland
	September 21 vs Miami		November 16 @ Rutgers
	September 28 @ Nebraska		November 23 vs Penn State
	October 5 vs Michigan State		November 30 @ Michigan

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Pete Werner (58 tackles in 2018).

New defensive back coach and Co-Defensive Coordinator Jeff Hailey joins the staff in 2019, having spent the previous seven seasons coaching in the National Football League. He leads a contingent of experienced cornerbacks headed by Damon Arnette, Jeffrey Okudah, and Shaun Wade. That trio started a combined 27 games a year ago. Senior captain Jordan Fuller will lead the safeties along with Powell, Ohio native Brendon White, who was the defensive MVP of the 2019 Rose Bowl.

Looking at the schedule, Ohio State will begin the 2019 regular season Labor Day weekend hosting Coach Lane Kiffin's Florida Atlantic University Owls on Saturday August 31st. Three of the first four games this season will be played in Columbus. That should help the Buckeyes get off to a good start to 2019.

The middle part of the schedule will test Ohio State with some interesting matchups. The Buckeyes start that stretch on the road in Lincoln against Nebraska, September 28th. The Bucks return to

Columbus the following Saturday for a night game versus Michigan State University. Following a bye week, OSU will play on Friday night October 18th at Northwestern and end the tough stretch at home against Wisconsin on Saturday October 26th. How the Buckeyes do over that four game stretch will more than likely determine their postseason chances.

They will end the regular season on Saturday November 30th in Ann Arbor against the Wolverines. That game could very well determine who wins the Eastern Division and goes to the Big Ten Championship game the following Saturday in Indianapolis.

How will Ryan Day do in his first season as the head coach in Columbus? Find out by listening to every game and following the Buckeyes on your home for OSU football, AM 930 WEOL & FM 100.3.



JK Dobbins runs past UM defense.

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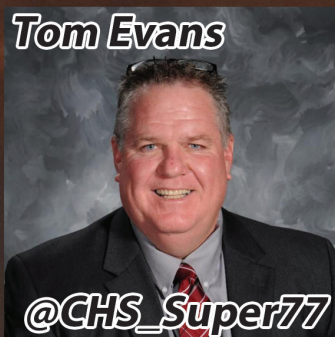


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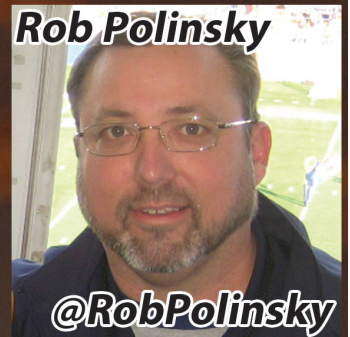
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# High Expectations on the Horizon



Steve Manheim

Myles Garrett eyes Baker Mayfield during practice.

**By: Andy "Bull" Barch**

After suffering through two and a half years of the Hue Jackson era in Cleveland, Browns fans finally had something to cheer about for most of last season, when they saw their first seven win season since 2014, and were just a win away from their first winning season in 12 years. The Browns made a flurry of moves in trades and free agency that certainly made headlines throughout the off season, which will give fans much higher expectations in the 2019 season.

Beginning with the most important position in all of sports, the Browns appear to finally have their man at quarterback. Baker Mayfield was everything Browns fans had hoped for and then some in his rookie sea-

son, when he set a new NFL record for rookies by throwing 27 touchdown passes last season. The first year signal caller completed 63.8-percent of his passes, while throwing for 3,725 yards and the aforementioned 27 touchdowns in his rookie campaign, which certainly sets the bar high for a sophomore season. Not only did he post very impressive passing numbers, but more importantly, the Browns were 7-7 in games in which Mayfield started, a far cry from going 0-16 the previous season.

In the backfield with Mayfield will be another 2018 draftee, tailback Nick Chubb. Chubb, like Mayfield, was all Browns fans hoped he would be, rushing for 996 yards and eight touchdowns, while averaging 5.2 yards per

carry. He also added 20 receptions for 149 yards and hauled in a pair of touchdown passes as well. What's more impressive is that Chubb did this while sharing a good chunk of the load through half the season. Joining Chubb in the backfield will be Cleveland area native Kareem Hunt, who's signing comes with a bit of controversy. Because of that, he'll be sidelined for half the season. Should he return in the shape he was in before being released in 2018, Hunt and Chubb would form a 1-2 punch in the backfield that would be hard for anyone in the NFL to match. In his first two seasons in the NFL, Hunt ran for 2,151 yards, 15 touchdowns, and averaged 4.7 yards per carry. He also caught 79 passes for 833 yards during that stretch with 10 touchdown grabs. It remains to be seen if Duke Johnson will be a part of this group.

What was once looked at as the team's primary weakness, the void of playmakers, this year's wide receiving corps will be looked at as one of the most talented in the NFL. Not only do the Browns return Jarvis Landry, their leading receiver last year who hauled in 81 passes for 976 yards and four touchdowns, but they will pair him with his college teammate, the charismatic Odell Beckham Jr. The 2019 season will be Beckham's sixth in the NFL, and he's coming off a strong 2018 season where he caught 77 passes for 1,052 yards and six touchdowns. He's caught 90 passes or more in three of his first five seasons, and he's registered four 1,000-plus yard receiving seasons

in his career as well. His last two seasons have been riddled with a few injuries, limiting him to just four games in 2017 and only 12 games last year. If he stays healthy, pairing him next to Landry will give opposing teams fits all throughout the fall, and perhaps into January.

Complimenting that dynamic receiving duo will be second year pro Antonio Callaway, Rashard "Hollywood" Higgins, and tight end David Njoku. Callaway caught 43 passes for 586 yards and five touchdowns last year while Higgins was on the receiving end of 39 passes for 572 yards and caught a career best four touchdown passes. Njoku, a first round pick in 2017, had the finest year of his career, catching 56 passes for 639 yards and four touchdown passes. Based on all of that, I think it's safe to say that this group is about as talented as this unit has been in at least 10 years.

It's always difficult to assess the success of an offensive line through numbers. On the whole, if you're not talking about the big boys up front, that's probably a good thing. This unit doesn't have a whole lot of depth, but it does have some talent, and more importantly, reliability. They'll have the all important job of keeping Baker Mayfield upright, and creating running room for Chubb, Hunt, or whomever is in the backfield with Mayfield. The group returns 4 of 5 starters from a season ago, but will have to replace right guard Kevin Zeitler who was traded to the Giants in the off season. The Browns are hopeful that

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their second round pick in 2018, Austin Corbett, can fill in admirably and shine in his second season as a pro. It is imperative that he performs well for this unit to succeed. Last year, when Greg Robinson took over at left tackle nine weeks in, this unit allowed only 5 sacks the rest of the season.

Defensively, there's plenty of room for improvement, but the Browns have made some moves on paper that should have the fan base very excited. On the defensive front, the Browns are very talented and they have a lot of experience with this group. Myles Garrett has done what you expect a first overall pick to do over his first two years in Cleveland. He'll be paired with Olivier Vernon, who the Browns received in a trade with the New York Giants this off season. Vernon, a 6-foot-2-inch 260 pound defensive end, registered seven sacks last season, despite playing just 11 games. He's totaled 6.5 sacks or more in each of his last six seasons. On the interior, the Browns have the tandem of Larry Ogunjobi and newly acquired



Steve Manheim

## Baker Mayfield

Sheldon Richardson. Richardson was a massive addition this off season. The 13th overall pick in the 2013 draft has had a terrific career. He should have no problems shedding blockers, and in this defense could see fewer double teams, leading to more time in opposing teams' backfields.

The linebacker group on this team is a bit raw at this point. Last year, this group was riddled with some injuries and a lot of missed

tackles cost them. The two familiar faces in this group, Joe Schobert and Christian Kirksey, will lead a group primarily made of rookies. One thing is for sure, while there are some unknowns in this group, the experienced and very talented defensive line in front of them should occupy lots of blockers, giving these guys plenty of opportunities to shine.

In the defensive backfield, much like the linebackers, this is a group with some excitement, and a bit of uncertainty as well. Denzel Ward, one of the Browns' first round picks in 2018, saw a nice rookie season cut short due to injuries. He did have three interceptions in 13 games and defended 11 passes before his season came to an end. He'll be joined by Greedy Williams, a second round pick this past April out of LSU. While the Browns are young at the cornerback position, they have a bit more experience at the two starting safety spots, with Damarious Randle returning for his second season with the Browns, and Morgan Burnett, a former Pittsburgh Steeler and Green Bay Packer, will join the mix as well.

The moves the Browns made on

paper look great, but as we all know, games aren't won and lost on paper. A big question coming into this season is how will first year Head Coach Freddie Kitchens mesh all of these larger than life personalities? After serving as the interim offensive coordinator during the last half of the 2018 season, Kitchens will now wear the headset that matters most on Sundays, and faces a much different challenge than any other Browns coach over the last 11 years. His challenge requires winning right away, and the expectation is that they will need to win at least 8 games for this year to be looked at as an improvement. Whereas every other coach that has taken over through the last 11 years has inherited a roster with very little talent, knowing that a 5 or 6 win season would be considered an improvement.

I don't think I'm going out on a limb here by saying 5 or 6 wins this year will not be acceptable in any form or fashion. For this year to be considered a success, the Brown and Orange are going to have to be in playoff contention, and anything less than 9 or 10 wins should be considered a bit of a disappointment.

## CLEVELAND BROWNS 2019 SCHEDULE

1	VS		SEPT. 8
2	AT		SEPT. 16 ★
3	VS		SEPT. 22 ★
4	AT		SEPT. 29
5	AT		OCT. 7 ★
6	VS		OCT. 13
7	BYE		OCT. 20
8	AT		OCT. 27
9	AT		NOV. 3
10	VS		NOV. 10
11	VS		NOV. 14 ★
12	VS		NOV. 24
13	AT		DEC. 1
14	VS		DEC. 8
15	AT		DEC. 15
16	VS		DEC. 22
17	AT		DEC. 29

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