

# OHSAA FOOTBALL

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### Welcome to the State Championships!

From 710 schools in Ohio that ended the season playing 11-man football, 14 have advanced to this week's OHSAA state championship games. All seven games will be held at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, which is adjacent to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Spectrum News 1 will televise all seven games live and the OHSAA Radio Network will broadcast the games to 63 affiliates statewide.

Four schools are playing in their first football state championship game, including Mansfield Senior (Div. III), Anna (Div. VI), New Middletown Springfield (Div. VI) and Lucas (Div. VII).

Meanwhile, Maria Stein Marion Local has tied the state record by advancing to the state finals for the 14th time.

Only one state championship game features schools that have ever played each other before in the playoffs (Elder vs. Pickerington Central).

Of the seven teams that won poll championships by being ranked No. 1 in the final Associated Press poll, four have advanced to play for a title on the field. They include Massillon Washington (Div. II), Kirtland (Div. V), Anna (Div. VI) and Maria Stein Marion Local (Div. VII).

### State Finals Schedule

All Games at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium, Canton  
Home team listed first. Pairings shown with record and final rank.

Division II State Championship: No. 1 Massillon Washington (14-0) vs. No. 6 Cincinnati La Salle (12-2) is Thursday, Dec. 5, 7:00 PM

Division VI State Championship: No. 1 Anna (13-1) vs. No. 2 New Middletown Springfield (14-0) is Friday, Dec. 6, 10:00 AM

Division III State Championship: No. 9 Mansfield Senior (13-1) vs. No. 7 Trotwood-Madison (11-3) is Friday, Dec. 6, 3:00 PM

Division I State Championship: No. 9 Cincinnati Elder (12-2) vs. No. 3 Pickerington Central (13-1) is Friday, Dec. 6, 8:00 PM

Division VII State Championship: No. 7 Lucas (12-2) vs. No. 1 Maria Stein Marion Local (12-2) is Saturday, Dec. 7, 10:00 AM

Division IV State Championship: No. 4 Newark Licking Valley (14-0) vs. (not ranked) Clyde (10-4) is Saturday, Dec. 7, 3:00 PM

Division V State Championship: No. 5 Ironton (13-1) vs. No. 1 Kirtland (14-0) is Saturday, Dec. 7, 8:00 PM

### Ticket Information

Fans are encouraged to buy their playoff tickets in advance online at [www.ProFootballHOF.com/tickets](http://www.ProFootballHOF.com/tickets), as the participating schools keep a portion of presale ticket revenue. For state championship games, tickets are \$11 online in advance through a participating school, or \$17 at the gate.

### Media Information

The coaches of the 14 schools will participate in a media teleconference on Monday, Dec. 2. Please contact Tim Stried for details. The deadline to submit credential requests is noon Tuesday.

### Championship Games Return to Canton

After hosting the OHSAA state championship games in Ohio Stadium in Columbus throughout the 1980s, natural grass was installed in the 'Shoe' in the spring of 1990 and OSU asked the OHSAA to move its football state championship games to another location. The OHSAA found a home in Stark County, with Canton Fawcett Stadium and Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium sharing the state championship games for 24 years from 1990-2013. The finals returned to Columbus from 2014-16 before returning to Canton for 2017, 2018 and 2019. The location for the 2020 state championship games has not yet been determined.

### Past Meetings in the Playoffs

Only one state final features schools that have played each other before in the playoffs. Cincinnati Elder and Pickerington Central have played each other once in the playoffs. That occurred in 2008 when Elder won 24-10 in a state semifinal.

### First-Time State Final Qualifiers

Mansfield Senior (Div. III), Anna (Div. VI), New Middletown Spring-

## Media Information

### All Kickoffs at 7:00 PM

Unless otherwise noted, all playoff games during the first four rounds kick off at 7:00 PM.

### Credentials for Playoff Games

For the first four rounds of the playoffs, media must contact the host site's media coordinator by 3 p.m. on Tuesday. Contact information for the media coordinator for each game will be posted within the brackets at [OHSAA.org](http://OHSAA.org). Media coordinators will work with the athletic director at the schools and follow the OHSAA's press box priority seating scale.

### Playoff Games On TV

Spectrum will make its playoff game selections by noon on Mondays. Spectrum has exclusivity of the games it selects. Other games are available for tape-delay telecasts, which can be shown beginning at 11 PM the same day of the game.

### OHSAA Radio Network Programming

On Wednesdays during the playoffs, the OHSAA Radio Network will distribute a 30 minute preview show. The network will also broadcast all seven state championship games. Affiliates have their rights fees waived throughout the playoffs.

field (Div. VI) and Lucas (Div. VII) are making their first football state championship appearances in school history.

Additionally, two storied programs are also looking to win their first football state playoff title in school history: Massillon Washington (Div. II) and Newark Licking Valley (Div. IV). Combined, they account for 73 all-time playoff wins. The two schools rank first (39) and third (34) in the state, respectively, for most all-time playoff wins without a state title.

There were six first-time state semifinal qualifiers this year, including Springfield (Div. I), Mansfield Senior (Div. III), Anna (Div. VI), Howard East Knox (Div. VI), New Middletown Springfield (Div. VI) and Lucas (Div. VII).

#### State Finalists by Seed

- No. 1 seed – 6
- No. 2 seed – 4
- No. 3 seed – 0
- No. 4 seed – 1 (Elder)
- No. 5 seed – 1 (Anna)
- No. 7 seed – 1 (Trotwood-Madison)
- No. 8 seed – 1 (Clyde)

Two state final games feature No. 1 regional seeds facing each other:

- Div. II: Massillon Washington (14-0) vs. La Salle (12-2)
- Div. V: Kirtland (14-0) vs. Ironton (13-1)

#### Proving the Pollsters

Four schools that ended the regular-season ranked No. 1 in the final Associated Press state polls will play this weekend for a chance to win a state title on the field. They include Massillon Washington (Div. II), Kirtland (Div. V), Anna (Div. VI) and Maria Stein Marion Local (Div. VII).

All seven teams that ended the season ranked No. 1 in the final AP poll advanced to last weekend's state semifinal games, including Mentor (Div. I), Massillon Washington (Div. II), Columbus Bishop Hartley (Div. III), Cincinnati Wyoming (Div. IV), Kirtland (Div. V), Anna (Division VI) and Maria Stein Marion Local (Div. VII).

All 70 teams that were ranked in the final Associated Press state poll qualified for the playoffs. 58 of those teams advanced to the second round and 36 advanced to the regional finals.

#### Disproving the Pollsters

Four teams that qualified for the state semifinals did not appear in the final AP poll, including Poland Seminary (Div. IV), Clyde (Div. IV), Howard East Knox (Div. VI) and Mechanicsburg (Div. VI). Of those four, Clyde has advanced to the state finals.

#### Noting the Undefeated and .500

Four teams will look to cap off a perfect 15-0 season this weekend in Canton, as Massillon Washington (Div. II), Newark Licking Valley (Div. IV), Kirtland (Div. V) and New Middletown Springfield (Div. VI) all remain unbeaten. There are no state final matchups between two undefeated teams.

Only 28 teams in Ohio went undefeated this season. Of note, two undefeated schools, Gibsonburg and Northwood, did not qualify for the playoffs. Of the 26 undefeated schools that did qualify, all of them except two hosted a first-round playoff game. There was only one first-round game that featured two undefeated teams. That occurred in Div. VI, Region 21, when Glouster Trimble hosted and defeated Salineville Southern Local.

Six teams with 5-5 records qualified for the playoffs this year and two of them advanced to the regional finals, including Lewis Center Olentangy in Division I and Carey in Division VI. Both teams were defeated in the regional final.

In 2018, of the 24 teams went undefeated, which marked the fewest number of undefeated teams was 2015 when only 22 teams went undefeated. Last year a state record 11 schools with 5-5 records qualified for the playoffs. Only one of those 5-5 teams - Warren John F. Kennedy in Division VII - won their regional quarterfinal game and advanced to the regional finals.

#### Looking Back to 2018 - Noting Last Year's State Finalists

Only three state finalists are making a return trip to Canton from the 2018 state championship games. Massillon Washington is looking to secure the Division II title after falling to Akron Archbishop Hoban last season. The Tigers defeated Hoban this season in the Region 5 final. 2018 Division VI state champion Kirtland and runner-up Maria Stein Marion Local are both back but playing in different divisions, as Kirtland moved up to Division V and Marion Local moved down to Division VII. Here's a look at all of the 2018 state finalists:

Division I - Lakewood St. Edward (champion) lost in the regional final to Mentor, and Cincinnati Colerain (runner-up) lost in the regional final to Cincinnati Elder.

Division II - Massillon Washington (runner-up) defeated Akron Archbishop Hoban (champion) in the regional final.

Division III - Chagrin Falls Kenston (champion) lost to New Philadelphia in the first round of the playoffs and Kettering Archbishop Alter (runner-up) lost to Hamilton Badin in the regional semifinals.

Division IV - Cincinnati Wyoming (champion) lost to Clyde in the state semifinal, and Girard (runner-up) lost to Perry in the first round.

Division V - Orrville (champion) lost to Oak Harbor in the Region 18 final, and Johnstown-Monroe (runner-up) did not qualify for the playoffs.

Division VI - Kirtland (champion) plays in the Div. V state final, while Maria Stein Marion Local (runner-up) plays in the Div. VII state final.

Division VII - McComb (champion) lost to Edgerton in the first round of the playoffs, and Glouster Trimble (runner-up) lost to New Middletown Springfield in the second round of the Div. VI playoffs. Glouster Trimble moved from Division VII to Division VI.

#### In the Beginning... to Seven Divisions

When the OHSAA created the football playoffs in 1972, there were three divisions (called Class A, AA and AAA) and only one playoff qualifier per region (12 total playoff qualifiers). Now in its 47th year, the postseason now has seven divisions and 224 total playoff qualifiers. Expansion occurred in 1980 to five divisions and two qualifiers per region, and then again in 1985 to four qualifiers per region. In 1994, a sixth division was added, while in 1999, the number of qualifiers per region increased to eight. The playoffs expanded to seven divisions in 2013.

#### OHSAA Football by the Numbers

- 710 - High schools in Ohio that ended the season playing 11-man football in 2019
- 7 - Divisions for the playoffs
- 28 - Total Regions (4 per division)
- 8 - Playoff qualifiers per region
- 32 - Playoff qualifiers per division
- 224 - Total playoff qualifiers
- 31.7 - Percentage of football playing schools that qualify
- 72 - Schools in Division I
- 108 - Average number of schools in Division II through VII

#### About the Regionals and State Semifinals

The regional playoffs follow bracket format, beginning with the regional quarterfinals.

**Regional Quarterfinals (Nov. 8 and 9):** During the first round, the

higher seed will host the playoff game at its home stadium or the stadium of its choosing. The No. 8 seed will play at the No. 1 seed, the No. 7 seed at No. 2, etc.

**Regional Semifinals (Nov. 15 and 16), Regional Finals (Nov. 22 and 23) and State Semifinals (Nov. 29 and 30):** Neutral sites are selected by the OHSAA. There are many factors that go into determining playoff sites, such as quality of field surface, seating capacity, quality of lighting, size of locker rooms and distance from field, press box size, parking spaces available, and a separate locker room for officials. After all those factors are taken into consideration, it must be confirmed that the site is available and willing to host a playoff game on the date needed.

### First-Round Playoff Results by Seed

In the first round of the playoffs, the higher seeds (home teams) went 85-27. No. 1 seeds went 23-5, No. 2 seeds went 23-5, No. 3 seeds went 19-9 and No. 4 seeds went 20-8. Five No. 8 seeds won, including Kettering Archbishop Alter (Div. III, R12), Clyde (Div. IV, R14), Carey (Div. VI, R22), Sherwood Fairview (Div. VI, R23) and New Bremen (Div. VII, R28).

In 2018, home teams went 82-30 in the first round. No. 1 seeds went 26-2, No. 2 seeds went 20-8, No. 3 seeds went 21-7 and No. 4 seeds went 15-13. The two No. 8 seeds to win at No. 1 seeds included Rocky River in Division III (defeated Clyde 27-17) and Leipsic in Division VII (defeated Sycamore Mohawk 40-14).

In 2017, the higher seeds went 83-29 in the first round and there was one No. 8 seed that won, as Reading defeated Casstown Miami East 27-25 in Div. V. In 2016, first-round hosts went 80-32 and five No. 8 seeds won, including Avon Lake in Div. II (27-26 at Avon), Akron East in Div. III (50-37 at Marlinton), Philo in Div. VI (42-7 at Heath), Garrettsville Garfield in Div. V (31-21 at Canfield South Range) and Columbus Bishop Ready in Div. VI (28-21 at Hannibal River).

### Making History

Entering the 2019 season, 58 OHSAA member schools had never made the football playoffs. That number has now decreased by five, as Xenia (Div. II), Delaware Olentangy Berlin (Div. II, opened in 2018), Columbus Centennial (Div. III), Worthington Christian (Div. VI) and Cincinnati College Prep Academy (Div. VII) qualified this year for the first time. All five of those schools lost in the first round of the playoffs.

In 2018, two schools (Toledo Start in Div. I and Springfield Northwestern in Division IV) qualified for the playoffs for the first time. The number of first-time playoff participants since 2000 includes five in 2019, two in 2018, four in 2017, eight in 2016, eight in 2015, 10 in 2014, two in 2013, seven in 2012, eight in 2011, six in 2010, 14 in 2009, 12 in 2008, 14 in 2007, 10 in 2006, 12 in 2005, 16 in 2004, 12 in 2003, 21 in 2002, 17 in 2001 and 26 in 2000.

### Speaking of Making History...

While five schools qualified for the playoffs for the first time this year, Newark Catholic (Div. VII) made the playoffs for the 36th time, which allows the Green Wave to take the top spot in OHSAA history.

**MOST OHSAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES, INCLUDING 2019:**

1. Newark Catholic, 36 (made playoffs in 2019)
- tie-2. Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller, 35
- tie-2. Ironton, 35 (still in playoffs in 2019)
4. Mogadore, 33 (made playoffs in 2019)
5. Steubenville, 32 (made playoffs in 2019)
6. Wheelersburg, 31 (made playoffs in 2019)
- tie-7. Youngstown Cardinal Mooney, 29
- tie-7. Cleveland St. Ignatius, 29

### Welcome Back

Several schools qualified for the playoffs this year after a long hiatus. Leading the pack was Cleveland Heights Lutheran East (Div. V) and Reedsville Eastern (Div. VII), which both qualified for the first time since 2001. Others included New Bremen (Div. VII, 2004), Union City Mississinawa Valley (Div. VII, 2004), Howard East Knox (Div. VI, 2005), Harrod Allen East (Div. VI, 2006), Dola Hardin Northern (Div. VII, 2006), Wellston (Div. V, 2006), Cincinnati Princeton (Div. I, 2007) and Groveport Madison (Div. I, 2007).

Among those schools, New Bremen, East Knox and Groveport Madison advanced to the regional finals and East Knox won its regional championship game to advance to the state semifinals.

### Coldwater Sets Playoff Streak

Coldwater qualified for the playoffs this year for the 23rd-consecutive season, which set a new state record held previously by Cleveland St. Ignatius from 1988 through 2009. Coldwater recently went to the state championship game eight straight years (2009-16) to tie Newark Catholic (1980-87) for the state record of consecutive title game appearances. Cleveland St. Ignatius won the state championship six years in a row (1991-96).

*\* denotes active streak*

School	Consecutive Years in Playoffs (Years)
Coldwater *	23 (1997-2019)
Cleveland St. Ignatius	22 (1988-2009)
Mogadore *	21 (1999-2019)
Kettering Archbishop Alter *	19 (2001-2019)
Steubenville *	19 (2001-2019)
Columbus St. Francis DeSales	18 (1994-2011)
Clarksville Clinton-Massie *	18 (2002-2019)
Toledo Central Catholic *	16 (2004-2019)
Maria Stein Marion Local *	15 (2005-2019)
Akron Manchester	15 (1991-2005)
Pickerington Central *	14 (2006-2019)
Aurora	13 (2005-2017)
Cin. Archbishop Moeller	13 (2002-2014)

### First Round Success

In the first round, Coldwater lost to Archbold on a last-second touchdown pass to snap the Cavaliers' 21-game first-round winning streak that dated back to 1998. Meanwhile, Cincinnati Colerain won its first-round game and is now 21-0 in the first round, although one of its first-round games (1995) was later forfeited.

Maria Stein Marion Local is 21-1 all-time in the first round of the playoffs. Since 1998, Coldwater is also 21-1 in the first-round (22-3 all-time in the first round). St. Henry has been in the playoffs 17 times and is 17-0 in first-round playoff games. In addition, three schools won their first-round playoff game nine straight years before losing, including Germantown Valley View, Mogadore and Newark Licking Valley.

### Consecutive Playoff Wins Record

Coldwater (streak ended in 2016) and Maria Stein Marion Local (streak ended in 2015) recently set the OHSAA record for most consecutive playoff victories with 24.

No.	School	Years
24	Coldwater	2012-13-14-15-16
24	Maria Stein Marion Local	2011-12-13-14-15
23	Cleveland St. Ignatius	1991-92-93-94-95-96
22	Akron Archbishop Hoban	2015-16-17-18-19
17	Cincinnati La Salle	2014-15-16-17
17	Youngstown Ursuline	2008-09-10-12
17	Newark Catholic	84-85-86-87-88
16	Delphos St. John's	1997-98-99-2000
15	Versailles	1993-94-95-96
13	Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller	1975-76-77-79-80-81

# All-Ohio Teams Announced

The Division VI and VII football All-Ohio teams were announced Sunday by a statewide media panel. The teams were selected by members of the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association.

On Monday, the Division IV and V All-Ohio teams will be announced, followed by the Division II and III teams on Tuesday. The Division I All-Ohio team and the Ohio Mr. Football Award will be announced Wednesday.

The All-Ohio teams will be posted at OHSAA.org as they are released each day.

More about the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association can be found at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/news/OP-SWA>

## OHSAA STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS BY CONFERENCE

Note: Schools are listed by current conference, in alphabetical order.

Akron City Series: Akron Buchtel (2) TOTAL: 2  
All-American Conference: Poland Seminary (1) TOTAL: 1  
Blanchard Valley Conference: McComb (2) TOTAL: 2  
Central Catholic League: Columbus Bishop Hartley (4), Columbus Bishop Ready (1), Columbus Bishop Watterson (2), Columbus St. Francis DeSales (3) TOTAL : 10  
Chagrin Valley Conference: Aurora (1), Kirtland (4) TOTAL: 5  
Cincinnati Hills League: Cincinnati Wyoming (2) TOTAL: 2  
Columbus City League: Columbus Brookhaven (1) TOTAL: 1  
Eastern Cincinnati Conference: Loveland (1) TOTAL: 1  
Federal League: Canton McKinley (3) TOTAL: 3  
Firelands Conference: Norwalk St. Paul (1) TOTAL: 1  
Fort Ancient Valley Conference: Cincinnati Anderson (1), Cincinnati Winton Woods (1) TOTAL: 2  
Greater Catholic League: Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller (9), Cincinnati Elder (2), Cincinnati Purcell Marian (1), Cincinnati St. Xavier (3), Dayton Chaminade Julianne (1), Hamilton Badin (1), Kettering Archbishop Alter (2), Middletown Bishop Fenwick (2), Cincinnati La Salle (3) TOTAL: 24  
Greater Miami Conference: Cincinnati Colerain (1), Cincinnati Princeton (3), Fairfield (1) TOTAL: 5  
Greater Western Ohio Conference: Lebanon (1), Piqua (1), Trotwood-Madison (2) TOTAL: 4  
Inter Tri-County League: Lisbon David Anderson (1) TOTAL: 1  
Lake Erie League: Maple Heights (1), Warren G. Harding (2) TOTAL: 3  
Licking County League: Newark Catholic (8), TOTAL: 8  
Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference: Marion Pleasant (3), Galion (1) TOTAL: 4  
Mid-State League: Amanda-Clearcreek (2), Gahanna Columbus Academy (2), West Jefferson (2) TOTAL: 6  
Midwest Athletic Conference: Coldwater (6), Delphos St. John's (6), Fort Recovery (1), Maria Stein Marion Local (10), Minster (3), St. Henry (6), Versailles (6\*) TOTAL: 38\*  
\* Only one of Versailles' state championships came while in the MAC  
Muskingum Valley League: Crooksville (1) TOTAL: 1  
North Coast League: Akron Archbishop Hoban (4), Bedford St. Peter Chanel (1), Cleveland Benedictine (7), Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit (1), Garfield Heights Trinity (1), Mentor Lake Catholic (3), Parma Heights Holy Name (1), Warren John F. Kennedy (1) TOTAL: 19  
Northeastern Buckeye Conference: Beloit West Branch (1) TOTAL: 1  
Northern Buckeye Conference: Fostoria (2) TOTAL: 2  
Northern Lakes League: Sylvania Southview (1) TOTAL: 1  
Northern 10 Conference: Carey (1) TOTAL: 1  
Northwest Central Conference: Dola Hardin Northern (1) TOTAL: 1  
Northwest Conference: Columbus Grove (1) TOTAL: 1  
Northwest Ohio Athletic League: Archbold (1), Hamler Patrick Henry (1), Liberty Center (1), Wauseon (1) TOTAL: 4  
Ohio Capital Conference: Dublin Scioto (1), Hilliard Davidson (2), Pickerington Central (1), Sunbury Big Walnut (1), Upper Arlington (1) TOTAL: 6  
Ohio Cardinal Conference: Orrville (1) TOTAL: 1  
Ohio Valley Athletic Conference: Steubenville (3), Steubenville Catholic Central (1) TOTAL: 4  
Portage Trail Conference: Mogadore (3) TOTAL: 3  
Premier Athletic Conference: Chardon (1) TOTAL: 1  
Principals Athletic Conference: Orrville (1) TOTAL: 1  
Sandusky Bay Conference: Clyde (1), Norwalk (1), Sandusky Perkins (1), Tiffin Calvert (2) TOTAL: 5  
SOUTH CENTRAL OHIO LEAGUE: Clarksville Clinton-Massie (2) TOTAL: 2  
Southern Ohio Conference: Wheelersburg (3) TOTAL: 3  
Southwestern Buckeye League: Germantown Valley View (3) TOTAL: 3  
Southwestern Conference: Avon Lake (1), Brecksville-Broadview Heights (1), Olmsted Falls (1) TOTAL: 3  
Steel Valley Conference: Youngstown Ursuline (4) TOTAL: 4  
Three Rivers Athletic Conference: Lima Senior (1), Toledo Central Catholic (3), Toledo St. Francis deSales (2) TOTAL: 6  
Tri-Valley Conference: Nelsonville-York (1) TOTAL: 1  
Wayne county athletic league: Creston Norwayne (1) Total: 1  
West Shore Conference: Elyria Catholic (3) TOTAL: 3  
Western Buckeye League: Defiance (1), Kenton (2), St. Marys Memorial (3) TOTAL: 6  
Western Reserve Conference: Chagrin Falls Kenston (1) TOTAL: 1

### INDEPENDENTS:

Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary (6), Brookfield (1), Canton Central Catholic (3), Cleveland St. Ignatius (11), Cleveland St. Joseph (1), Ironton (2), Lakewood St. Edward (4), Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas (1), Steubenville (1), Youngstown Cardinal Mooney (8) TOTAL: 37

Cincinnati Academy of Physical Education (3, defunct)  
Warren Western Reserve (1, no longer an OHSAA member school)

TOTAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS: 243

## Playoff Qualifiers By Won-Loss Record, 2000-2012

Playoffs Expanded to Eight Teams Per Region in 1999 (192 Total Qualifiers)

Record	2012 Teams	2011 Teams	2010 Teams	2009 Teams	2008 Teams	2007 Teams	2006 Teams	2005 Teams	2004 Teams	2003 Teams	2002 Teams	2001 Teams	2000 Teams
10-0	34	32	37	30	34	29	25	28	21	26	29	26	28
9-0	0	4	2	0	1	0	2	1	4	1	2	2	1
9-0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9-1	47	45	45	49	49	52	58	55	54	56	53	48	52
8-1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8-1	1	3	1	2	1	3	4	0	4	3	0	3	2
8-2	58	54	59	59	54	58	48	51	60	51	53	57	51
7-2	6	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	3	5	1	3	4
7-3	28	40	35	40	36	35	32	36	28	39	41	40	34
6-2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6-3	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	3	2
6-3-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
6-4	11	8	4	7	11	12	14	18	12	9	8	6	13
5-5	1	2	4	2	2	1	4	0	4	1	4	3	5
5-4	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
4-6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
4-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
3-6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192

## Playoff Qualifiers By Won-Loss Record Since 2013

Playoffs Expanded to Seven Divisions in 2013 (224 Total Qualifiers)

Record	2019 Teams	2018 Teams	2017 Teams	2016 Teams	2015 Teams	2014 Teams	2013 Teams
10-0	25	22	31	29	21	37	35
9-0	1	2	2	1	1	2	1
9-0-1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
9-1	55	62	45	50	66	43	57
8-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8-1	1	2	6	2	6	0	1
8-2	67	48	76	53	54	55	63
7-2	3	5	2	4	5	3	4
7-3	46	48	36	63	36	49	34
6-2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
6-3	2	4	0	2	3	1	1
6-3-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6-4	18	20	23	17	22	28	22
5-5	6	11	1	2	5	4	4
5-4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
4-6	0	0	2	0	2	1	1
4-5	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
3-6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	224	224	224	224	224	224	224

### State Champions by Regional Seed Since the OHSAA Expansion to Eight Qualifiers Per Region in 1999

*Entering 2019 Playoffs*

- No. 1 Seeds: 52
- No. 2 Seeds: 26
- No. 3 Seeds: 16
- No. 4 Seeds: 5
- No. 5 Seeds: 7
- No. 6 Seeds: 2
- No. 7 Seeds: 3 (Cle. St. Ignatius in 2001, Piqua in 2006 and Lakewood St. Edward in 2018)
- No. 8 Seeds: 1 (St. Henry in 2004)

### Schools to Play in Consecutive Football State Championship Games in Different Divisions

- Cleveland Benedictine: 1980 (Div. III, W) and 1981 (Div. II, W)
- Cincinnati Academy of Physical Education: 1985 (Div. IV, W) and 1986 (Div. III, W)
- Cincinnati Academy of Physical Education: 1991 (Div. III, L) and 1992 (Div. IV, W)
- Versailles: 1993 (Div. IV, W), 1994 (Div. V, W), 1995 (Div. IV, W) and 1996 (Div. V, L)
- Columbus Bishop Watterson: 2001 (Div. II, L) and 2002 (Div. III, W)
- Kenton: 2002 (Div. IV, W) and 2003 (Div. III, L)
- Maria Stein Marion Local: 2006 (Div. VI, W) and 2007 (Div. V, W)
- Maria Stein Marion Local: 2012 (Div. VI, W) and 2013 (Div. VII, W)
- Maria Stein Marion Local: 2014 (Div. VII, W) and 2015 (Div. VI, L)

### Other Historical Resources Available on the Football Page at OHSAA.org

- Past Tournament Results
- All-Time State Championship Results
- All-Time State Football Tournament Database
- All-Time AP Poll Champions & All-Ohio Teams
- OHSAA Football State Record Book
- Looking Back at the OHSAA Football Championships
- Early Ohio High School State Football Champions Compiled

## **OHSAA PLAYOFF APPEARANCES** (including 2019 playoffs)

1. Newark Catholic, 36
- tie-2. Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller, 35
- tie-2. Ironton, 35
4. Mogadore, 33
5. Steubenville, 32
6. Wheelersburg, 31
- tie-7. Youngstown Cardinal Mooney, 29
- tie-7. Cleveland St. Ignatius, 29
9. Canton McKinley, 27
- tie-10. Columbus St. Francis DeSales, 26
- tie-10. Cincinnati St. Xavier, 26
- tie-10. Massillon Washington, 26
- tie-13. Akron Mahchester, Cincinnati Wyoming, Coldwater, Kettering Archbishop Alter, Lakewood St. Edward, 25
- tie-18. 24 appearances for Hamilton Badin, Marion Pleasant, Orrville and Warren John F. Kennedy

## **OHSAA PLAYOFF WINS** (entering 2019 playoffs)

1. Maria Stein Marion Local, 76
2. Coldwater, 73
- tie-3. Newark Catholic, 72
- tie-3. Cleveland St. Ignatius, 72
5. Steubenville, 67
6. Youngstown Cardinal Mooney, 63
7. Mogadore, 60
- tie-8. Columbus St. Francis DeSales, 54
- tie-8. Delphos St. John's, 54
10. Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller 49
- tie-11. Versailles, 45
- tie-11. Ironton, 45
- tie-11. St. Henry 45
14. Cleveland Benedictine 43

## **OHSAA PLAYOFF WINNING PERCENTAGE** (entering 2019 playoffs)

(minimum 50 playoff games)

1. Maria Stein Marion Local, 76-11, .874
2. Delphos St. John's, 54-12, .818
3. St. Henry, 45-11, .804
4. Coldwater, 73-18, .802
5. Cleveland St. Ignatius, 72-18, .800
6. Versailles, 45-12, .790
7. Columbus Bishop Hartley, 41-13, .759
8. Cleveland Benedictine, 43-14, .754
9. Youngstown Cardinal Mooney, 63-21, .750
- tie-10. Newark Catholic, 72-27, .727
- tie-10. Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary, 43-16, .727
12. Steubenville, 67-27, .713
13. Columbus St. Francis DeSales, 54-22, .711

## **OHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Cleveland St. Ignatius, 11
2. Maria Stein Marion Local, 10
3. Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller, 9
- T-4. Newark Catholic, 8
- T-4. Youngstown Cardinal Mooney, 8
6. Cleveland Benedictine, 7
- T-7. Coldwater, 6
- T-7. Delphos St. John's, 6
- T-7. St. Henry, 6
- T-7. Versailles, 6
- T-7. Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary, 6

## **OHSAA STATE RUNNERS-UP**

- T-1. Ironton, 6
- T-1. Newark Catholic, 6
- T-1. Coldwater, 6
- T-3. Mogadore, 5
- T-3. Columbus St. Francis DeSales, 5
- T-6. Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller, 4

## **Fewest OHSAA Playoff Wins With a State Title**

(Entering 2019 playoffs)

- 3 – Parma Heights Holy Name (3-4 all-time, won 1975 title)
- 3 – Garfield Heights Trinity (3-5 all-time won 1980 title)
- 4 – Galion (4-7 all-time, won 1985 title)
- 4 – Warren Western Reserve (4-3 all-time, won 1972 title)
- 5 – Fairfield (5-9 all-time, won 1986 title)
- 6 – Brecksville-Broadview Heights (6-9 all-time, won 1983 title)
- 6 – Brookfield (6-5 all-time, won 1978 title)
- 6 – Lisbon David Anderson (6-7 all-time, won 1995 title)
- 6 – Loveland (6-3 all-time, won 2013 title)
- 6 – Norwalk (6-3 all-time, won 1974 title)
- 7 – five schools (Beloit West Branch, Cincinnati Purcell Marian, Crooksville, Lima Senior, and Wauseon)

## **Most OHSAA Playoff Wins Without a State Title** (entering 2019 playoffs)

- 35 – Massillon Washington
- 32 – Mentor
- 31 – Shadyside
- 30 – Newark Licking Valley
- 27 – Cuyahoga Heights
- 24 – Huber Heights Wayne
- 23 – Solon
- 23 – Danville
- 21 – Cleveland Glenville
- 20 – Uniontown Lake
- 20 – Findlay Liberty-Benton
- 20 – Sidney Lehman Catholic
- 20 – Toledo Whitmer
- 19 – Bellaire
- 19 – Dublin Coffman
- 19 – Akron Manchester
- 18 – Chagrin Falls

## **Most Recent Schools to Win State Title in First Year in Playoffs**

- Dublin Scioto - 1995
- Wauseon - 1993
- Cleveland St. Ignatius - 1988
- Akron Buchtel - 1987
- Cincinnati Purcell Marian - 1986
- Galion - 1985

## **Most OHSAA State Semifinal Appearances** (entering 2019 playoffs)

1. Newark Catholic, 25
2. Steubenville, 18
- T-3. Maria Stein Marion Local, 17
- T-3. Youngstown Cardinal Mooney, 17
- T-3. Mogadore, 17
6. Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller, 16
- T-7. Cleveland St. Ignatius, 15
- T-7. Coldwater, 15
9. Delphos St. John's, 13
- T-10. Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary, 12
- T-10. Massillon Washington, 12
- T-10. Versailles, 12
- T-13. 11 appearances for Cleveland Benedictine, Columbus St. Francis DeSales, Ironton

## **Most OHSAA State Championship Game Appearances**

(Entering 2019 playoffs)

- tie-1. Newark Catholic, 14
- tie-3. Maria Stein Marion Local, 13
- tie-3. Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller, 13
- tie-3. Cleveland St. Ignatius, 13
- tie-5. Coldwater, 12
- tie-5. Youngstown Cardinal Mooney, 12
7. Versailles, 9
- tie-8. Cleveland Benedictine, 8
- tie-8. Columbus St. Francis DeSales, 8
- tie-8. Ironton, 8
- tie-8. St. Henry, 8

# Associated Press Final 2019 Polls

## DIVISION I

1. Mentor (17) 10-0, 171
  2. St. Edward 9-1, 136
  3. Pickerington Central 9-1, 111
  4. Cincinnati Colerain 9-1, 108
  5. Springfield 9-1, 93
  6. Cincinnati St. Xavier (1) 8-2, 75
  7. Olentangy Liberty 9-1, 72
  7. Fairfield 9-1, 72
  9. Cincinnati Elder 8-2, 48
  10. Toledo Whitmer 9-1, 34
- Others receiving 12 or more points: Springboro 21, Lewis Center Olentangy Orange 22

## DIVISION II

1. Massillon Washington (10) 10-0, 156
  2. Toledo Central Catholic (4) 10-0, 131
  3. Akron Archbishop Hoban (3) 9-1, 122
  4. Avon 10-0, 99
  4. Whitehouse Anthony Wayne 10-0, 99
  6. Cincinnati La Salle (1) 8-2, 93
  7. Cincinnati Turpin 10-0, 86
  8. Mayfield 10-0, 71
  9. Harrison 9-1, 28
  10. Xenia 9-1, 26
- Others receiving 12 or more points: Cincinnati Winton Woods 14, Avon Lake 21

## DIVISION III

1. Columbus Bishop Hartley (10) 9-1, 150
  2. Plain City Jonathan Alder (5) 10-0, 138
  3. Aurora (1) 10-0, 122
  4. Streetsboro 10-0, 103
  5. New Philadelphia 9-1, 78
  6. Jackson (1) 10-0, 69
  7. Trotwood-Madison 7-3, 46
  8. Dayton Chaminade Julienne 8-2, 45
  9. Mansfield 9-1, 43
  10. Wapakoneta (1) 9-1, 32
- Others receiving 12 or more points: Kenston 22, Franklin 24, Norwalk 20, St. Vincent-St. Mary 19, Chardon 18, Granville 12

## DIVISION IV

1. Cincinnati Wyoming (15) 10-0, 171
  2. Perry (3) 10-0, 134
  3. Clarksville Clinton-Massie 9-1, 131
  4. Newark Licking Valley 10-0, 127
  5. Gnadenhutten Indian Valley 9-1, 86
  6. Waynesville 9-1, 74
  7. Wintersville Indian Creek 9-1, 51
  8. Keystone 9-1, 45
  9. St. Bernard Roger Bacon 9-1, 30
  10. Cincinnati Indian Hill 8-2, 29
- Others receiving 12 or more points: Kenton 28, Poland Seminary 19, Germantown Valley View 17, Waverly 12, Gallipolis Gallia Academy 12

## DIVISION V

1. Kirtland (17), 10-0 179
  2. West Lafayette Ridgewood 10-0, 132
  3. Oak Harbor 10-0, 114
  4. Pemberville Eastwood 10-0, 110
  5. Ironton (1) 9-1, 103
  6. Orrville 9-1, 91
  7. West Liberty-Salem 9-1, 61
  8. West Jefferson 9-1, 53
  9. Cincinnati Taft 9-1, 33
  10. Findlay Liberty-Benton 9-1, 18
- Others receiving 12 or more points: Garrettsville 17, Springfield Shawnee 16

## DIVISION VI

1. Anna (11) 9-1, 144
  2. New Middletown Springfield (3) 10-0, 131
  3. Glouster Trimble (3) 10-0, 110
  4. Beverly Fort Frye (1) 10-0, 101
  5. Minster 9-1, 94
  6. Coldwater 8-2, 76
  7. Liberty Center 9-1, 67
  8. Mogadore 9-1, 54
  9. Lima Central Catholic 9-1, 53
  10. Chillicothe Southeastern 10-0, 41
- Others receiving 12 or more points: Howard East Knox 36, Archbold 21, Mechanicsburg 17, Covington 12

## DIVISION VII

1. Maria Stein Marion Local (14) 8-2, 162
  2. Ft. Loramie 9-1, 139
  3. Leipsic 9-1, 128
  4. Canal Winchester Harvest Prep (3) 9-1, 122
  5. Hamilton New Miami (1) 9-0, 104
  6. Cuyahoga Heights 9-1, 95
  7. Lucas 8-2, 53
  8. McComb 8-2, 43
  9. Norwalk St. Paul 8-2, 34
  10. Hamler Patrick Henry 7-3, 24
- Others receiving 12 or more points: Toronto 16, Willow Wood Symmes Valley 15, New Bremen 13, Cincinnati College Prep. 12

## Best Records that Didn't Qualify for the Playoffs

*Shown with division, region, record and regional computer rating finish*

### 2019

- Northwood 10-0 (Div. V, Region 18, finished 9th)  
 Gibsonburg 10-0 (Div. VI, Region 23, finished 9th)  
 Conneaut 9-1 (Div. V, Region 17, finished 10th)

### 2018

- Canal Winchester 9-1 (Div. II, Region 7, finished 9th)  
 New Middletown Springfield 9-1 (Div. VI, Region 21, finished 9th)

### 2017

- Trenton Edgewood 8-2 (Div. II, Region 8, finished 9th)  
 Ashville Teays Valley 8-2 (Div. II, Region 8, finished 10th)  
 Chagrin Falls Kenston 8-2 (Div. III, Region 9, finished 9th)  
 Akron Coventry 8-2 (Div. III, Region 9, finished 12th)  
 The Plains Athens 8-2 (Div. III, Region 11, 12th)  
 Oberlin Firelands 8-2 (Div. IV, Region 14, 9th)  
 Urichsville Claymont 8-2 (Div. IV, Region 15, 9th)  
 Cincinnati Aiken 8-2 (Div. IV, Region 16, 11th)  
 Cincinnati Summit Country Day 8-2 (Div. V, Region 20, 10th)  
 McDonald 8-2 (Div. VI, Region 21, 10th)  
 West Liberty-Salem 8-2 (Div. VI, Region 24, 10th)  
 West Unity Hilltop 8-2 (Div. VII, Region 26, 9th)

### 2016

- Dresden Tri-Valley 9-1 (Div. II, Region 7, finished 9th)  
 Upper Arlington 8-2 (Div. I, Region 3, finished 9th)  
 Akron Ellet 8-2 (Div. II, Region 5, finished 10th)  
 Wooster 8-2 (Div. II, Region 7, finished 10th)  
 Toledo Woodward 8-2 (Div. III, Region 10, finished 9th)  
 Norwood 8-2 (Div. III, Region 12, finished 10th)  
 Cincinnati Mariemont 8-2 (Div. IV, Region 16, finished 10th)

## OHSAA Football Postseason History

Years	Divisions	Regions/ Division	Qualifiers/ Region	Qualifiers/ Division	Total Qualifiers	Playing Schools*
1972-79	3	4	1	4	12	715
1980-84	5	4	2	8	40	720
1985-93	5	4	4	16	80	719
1994-98	6	4	4	16	96	703
1999-2012	6	4	8	32	192	709
2013-	7	2 Div. I 4 Div. II-VII	16 Div. I 8 Div. II-VII	32	224	714

\* Number at beginning of expansion

## Most-Used Playoff Host Sites in Ohio

### Entering the 2019 playoffs

Dayton Welcome Stadium.....	163
Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium.....	147
Canton Fawcett Stadium/Tom Benson HOF Stadium.....	148
Lima Spartan Stadium.....	98
Akron Rubber Bowl.....	86
Parma Byers Field.....	83
Findlay Donnell Stadium.....	81
Berea Baldwin Wallace George Finnie Stadium.....	80
Mansfield Senior Arlin Field.....	71
Zanesville Sulsberger Memorial Stadium.....	70
Ohio Stadium, Ohio State University.....	68
Troy Memorial Stadium.....	59
Wapakoneta Harmon Field.....	57
Tiffin Columbian National Field at Frost-Kalnow Stadium.....	55
Warren G. Harding Mullenkopf Stadium.....	51
Dublin Coffman Stadium.....	50
Piqua Alexander Stadium.....	50
Gahanna Lincoln Stadium.....	47
Bedford Stewart Field at Bearcat Stadium.....	46
Cincinnati Nippert Stadium.....	46
Solon Steward Field.....	46
Steubenville Harding Stadium.....	46
Upper Arlington Marv Moorehead Memorial Stadium.....	46
Fremont Ross Paul Stadium at Harmon Field.....	44
Lakewood Stadium.....	44

## Largest High School Stadiums in Ohio

Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium	16,884
Dayton Welcome Stadium	11,300
Parma Byers Field	11,200
Upper Arlington Marv Moorhead Stadium	10,750
Troy Memorial Stadium	10,500
The Pit - Cincinnati Elder	10,000
Austintown Fitch Greenwood Chevrolet Falcon Stadium	9,209
Steubenville Harding Stadium	9,106
Brunswick AutoMart Stadium	9,000
Mansfield Arlin Field	9,000
Piqua Alexander Stadium, Purk Field	9,000
Euclid Sparky DiBiao Stadium	8,500
Warren Mollenkopf Stadium	8,500
Centerville Stadium	8,000
Cincinnati Lockland Stadium	8,000
Middletown Cris Carter Field at Barnitz Stadium	8,000
Niles McKinley Bo Rein Stadium	8,000
Lakewood First Federal Lakewood Stadium	7,500
Sidney Memorial Stadium	7,500
Portsmouth Clark Athletic Complex	7,300

## Coaches to Lead Multiple Teams to Football State Championship Games

Tom Lombardo - Mentor Lake Catholic (won 2001 D3) and Lakewood St. Edward (won 2015 D1)

John Gibbons - Mentor Lake Catholic (won 1991 and 1992 D3) and Lakewood St. Edward (runner-up 2003 D1)

Thom McDaniels - Canton McKinley (runner-up 1985 D1, won 1997 D1) and Warren G. Harding (runner-up 2002)

Ed Glass - Warren G. Harding (won 1974 Class AAA) and North Canton Hoover (runner-up 1984 D1)

## Schools to Play in Consecutive Football State Championship Games in Different Divisions

Cleveland Benedictine: 1980 (Div. III, W) and 1981 (Div. II, W)

Cincinnati Academy of Physical Education: 1985 (Div. IV, W) and 1986 (Div. III, W)

Cincinnati Academy of Physical Education: 1991 (Div. III, L) and 1992 (Div. IV, W)

Versailles: 1993 (Div. IV, W), 1994 (Div. V, W), 1995 (Div. IV, W) and 1996 (Div. V, L)

Columbus Bishop Watterson: 2001 (Div. II, L) and 2002 (Div. III, W)

Kenton: 2002 (Div. IV, W) and 2003 (Div. III, L)

Maria Stein Marion Local: 2006 (Div. VI, W) and 2007 (Div. V, W)

Kirtland: 2012 (Div. V, L) and 2013 (Div. VI, W)

Maria Stein Marion Local: 2012 (Div. VI, W) and 2013 (Div. VII, W)

Maria Stein Marion Local: 2014 (Div. VII, W) and 2015 (Div. VI, L)

Cuyahoga Heights: 2016 (Div. VI, L) and 2017 (Div. VII, result TBD)

Akron Archbishop Hoban: 2015 (Div. III, W) and 2016 (Div. III, W) and 2017 (Div. II, W)

## Schools to Win Football and Boys Basketball State Championships in the Same School Year

1972-73 Marion Pleasant

1990-91 St. Henry

1996-97 Cleveland Benedictine

2017-18 Maria Stein Marion Local

## Schools to Win Football and Boys Basketball State Championships in the same Calendar Year

St. Henry in 1990, Football (14-0) and Basketball (25-1)

Cleveland St. Ignatius in 2001, Football (11-4) and Basketball (25-2)

St. Henry in 2004, Football (14-1) and Basketball (22-5)

Lakewood St. Edward in 2014, Boys Basketball (26-2) and Football (13-2)

## Schools That Have Won Football and Baseball State Championships in the Same School Year

1973-74 Middletown Bishop Fenwick

1987-88 Newark Catholic

1988-89 Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary

1990-91 Hamilton Badin

1993-94 Steubenville Catholic Central

2001-02 Cleveland St. Ignatius

2012-13 Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller

2013-14 Coldwater

## Schools That Have Won Football and Boys Soccer State Championships in the Same School Year

1997 Columbus St. Francis DeSales

2008 Cleveland St. Ignatius

2011 Cleveland St. Ignatius



# 2019 OHSAA Football Broadcast Information

## OHSAA Radio Network Playoff Preview Shows

The OHSAA Radio Network will produce and distribute a weekly 30-minute football playoff preview show throughout November. The show will include one local break (2:00) and will go around the state to preview each division. A link to the show will be emailed to stations for download.

## Championships on the OHSAA Radio Network

Now in its 10th year, the OHSAA Radio Network will broadcast the football state championship games. Stations that commit to carry at least two state championship game broadcasts from the network will have their rights fees waived throughout the playoffs. The championship games will be available from Skyview Satellite and online. Please contact Tim Stried for details.

## Skyview Networks to Provide Satellite Distribution of OHSAA Radio Network Football Championship Broadcasts

*Satellite provider for Ohio's pro teams to distribute OHSAA football finals from Canton*

Skyview Networks, the radio broadcast satellite provider for Ohio's professional sports teams including the Cavs, Blue Jackets, Reds, Indians, Bengals and Browns, will once again distribute the OHSAA Radio Network broadcasts of the football state championship games.

"Skyview Networks is pleased to partner with the OHSAA Radio Network to deliver state championship broadcasts to its affiliates," said Matt Stys, Vice President of Business Development for Skyview Networks. "The football state championships in Ohio are a prestigious event and we are proud to add that to our client base, which includes hundreds of college and professional teams, many of which are in Ohio. The OHSAA Radio Network continues to grow every year and we look forward to being a part of that growth and service."

Specializing in news and sports programming, Skyview Networks was formed in 1995 to provide broadcast services in the form of distribution, automation, and inventory management, as well as content for the radio industry. Combining cutting-edge technology, extensive resources and unmatched industry expertise, Skyview Networks is the partner of choice for advertisers, radio stations and sports organizations throughout North America.

Skyview Networks is already the satellite provider of the aforementioned professional teams in Ohio along with ABC News Radio and ABC Sports Radio, meaning that most stations in Ohio already have Skyview Networks receivers and can automate the broadcasts.

The OHSAA Radio Network, which has been carried by 76 stations across Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky, was created in 2010 to provide exceptional radio broadcasts of selected OHSAA state tournaments and partner with local affiliates to carry those broadcasts, along with public service announcements and promotional messages. Stations that carry broadcasts receive discounts or waivers for the rights fees they would normally pay to broadcast OHSAA regional and state tournaments.

## Playoff Games on TV

Spectrum is the official television partner of the OHSAA and will televise several playoff games every weekend. Spectrum will announce its playoff selections by noon on Mondays. Spectrum's coverage of those games is exclusive and some games will be shown live. Spectrum will televise the state championship games live. During the first four rounds of the playoffs, other telecasts of non-Spectrum games can begin at 11 PM. Rights fees apply. Please contact Tim Stried for details. Broadcast rates for tape-delayed video and stations that are not OHSAA Radio Network affiliates are posted at: <https://ohsaa.org/Portals/0/News/Media/Tournament-BroadcastRates.pdf>

## Media Credentials and Press Box Seating

In consultation with the OHSAA's Media Advisory Committee, a priority seating scale has been established for press boxes during the football playoffs. Host sites are asked to adhere to the scale according to the media list submitted by the two schools participating at their site. The memo is posted at: <https://ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Sports/Football/FBMediaPressBoxMemo.pdf>

# Division I State Finalists

School	Record	Region	Region Rank	Years In Tournament	Last Appearance	Playoff Record	Regional Champs	State Champs (Last)
Pickerington Central (AP #3)	13-1	3	2	20th	2018	40-18	8th	1 (2017)
Cincinnati Elder (AP #9)	12-2	4	4	21st	2018	38-18	6th	2 (2003)

## Division I Regional Quarterfinals

Region 1=  
 Can. McKinley 29, Solon 25  
 Euclid 28, Massillon Jackson 19  
 Lakewood St. Edward 73, Medina 38  
 Mentor 48, Cle. Hts. 7  
 Region 2=  
 Dublin Coffman 45, Perrysburg 14  
 Dublin Jerome 38, Springboro 31, SOT  
 Springfield 23, Marysville 0  
 Tol. Whitmer 35, Clayton Northmont 21  
 Region 3=  
 Groveport-Madison 18, Hilliard Davidson 17  
 Lewis Center Olentangy Orange 36, Pickerington N. 17  
 Pickerington Cent. 20, Reynoldsburg 14  
 Powell Olentangy Liberty 14, Westerville Cent. 7  
 Region 4=  
 Cin. Colerain 30, Cin. Princeton 7  
 Cin. Elder 42, W. Chester Lakota W. 17  
 Cin. St. Xavier 48, Mason 20  
 Fairfield 37, Hamilton 13

## Division I Regional Semifinals

Region 1=  
 Lakewood St. Edward 47, Euclid 9  
 Mentor 34, Can. McKinley 13  
 Region 2=  
 Dublin Coffman 42, Tol. Whitmer 17  
 Springfield 37, Dublin Jerome 14  
 Region 3=  
 Groveport-Madison 13, Powell Olentangy  
 Liberty 7  
 Pickerington Cent. 44, Lewis Center Olentangy  
 Orange 0  
 Region 4=  
 Cin. Colerain 28, Fairfield 7  
 Cin. Elder 28, Cin. St. Xavier 24

## Division I Regional Finals

Region 1=  
 Mentor 36, Lakewood St. Edward 35, OT  
 Region 2=  
 Springfield 7, Dublin Coffman 3  
 Region 3=  
 Pickerington Cent. 23, Groveport-Madison 7  
 Region 4=  
 Cin. Elder 28, Cin. Colerain 21

## Division I State Seminals

Cin. Elder 31, Springfield 24  
 Pickerington Cent. 28, Mentor 21

## Noting Pickerington Central

By Jarrod Ulrey, Columbus This Week News

Senior Ty Hamilton is an Ohio State commit. Lorenzo Styles Jr. is a Notre Dame commit as a junior  
 Central QB Demeatric Crenshaw set a record for rushing for 6 TDs in the 2017 state championship win over Mentor. It's the fourth consecutive season the Tigers made it to at least a state semifinal, so this will be the 58th game for this senior class (50-7 over past four seasons combined).  
 Tigers are 1-2 in state championship games, losing in 2006 and '11 and winning in '17, all coming under Jay Sharrett, who has been the coach since the school split in 2003. I believe Sharrett's record as coach is 207-39 in 17 seasons.  
 Central is in playoffs for 14th consecutive season

## Noting Elder

By Shelby Dermer, Cincinnati Enquirer

Elder got past Springfield, 31-24, in the Division I state semifinals to advance to the state championship for the fourth time in program history, first since 2008. Elder won back-to-back Division I state titles in 2002-2003. The Panthers are led by quarterback Matthew Luebbe, who has thrown multiple touchdowns in all four playoff games and has run for 100-plus yards in seven consecutive games. Elder has an offensive line full of Division I commits, including Jakob James (Ohio State) and Luke Kandra (Louisville). Tight end Joe Royer, another future Buckeye, has caught 15 touchdowns this season while wide receiver Evan Vollmer is averaging 7 catches per game in the playoffs. Elder is led by head coach Doug Ramsey, the longest-tenured coach in program history (1997).

# Division II State Finalists

School	Record	Region	Region Rank	Years In Tournament	Last Appearance	Playoff Record	Regional Champs	State Champs (Last)
Massillon Washington (AP #1)	14-0	5	1	26th	2018	39-25	13th	0
Cincinnati La Salle (AP #6)	12-2	8	1	9th	2017	21-5	4th	3 (2016)

## Division II Regional Quarterfinals

Region 5=

Akr. Hoban 69, Alliance 6

Massillon Perry 37, Hudson 27

Massillon Washington 55, Warren Harding 0

Mayfield 47, Willoughby S. 21

Region 6=

Avon 33, Wooster 13

Avon Lake 38, Maple Hts. 6

Cle. Benedictine 41, Brecksville-Broadview Hts. 38

Wadsworth 35, Olmsted Falls 7

Region 7=

Lewis Center Olentangy 42, Troy 10

Tol. Cent. Cath. 20, Tol. St. Francis 10

Tol. St. John's 42, Westerville S. 34

Whitehouse Anthony Wayne 44, Delaware

Olentangy Berlin 36

Region 8=

Cin. La Salle 42, Morrow Little Miami 0

Cols. DeSales 27, Cin. Turpin 13

Cols. Walnut Ridge 28, Xenia 7

Harrison 24, Canal Winchester 18

## Division II Regional Semifinals

Region 5=

Akr. Hoban 21, Mayfield 17

Massillon Washington 35, Massillon Perry 7

Region 6=

Avon 49, Cle. Benedictine 28

Avon Lake 31, Wadsworth 21

Region 7=

Lewis Center Olentangy 31, Whitehouse Anthony Wayne 21

Tol. Cent. Cath. 28, Tol. St. John's 6

Region 8=

Cin. La Salle 35, Cols. Walnut Ridge 7

Harrison 42, Cols. DeSales 7

## Division II Regional Finals

Region 5=

Massillon Washington 17, Akr. Hoban 14

Region 6=

Avon 20, Avon Lake 3

Region 7=

Tol. Cent. Cath. 35, Lewis Center Olentangy 14

Region 8=

Cin. La Salle 45, Harrison 8

## Division II State Semifinals

Cin. La Salle 35, Tol. Cent. Cath. 21

Massillon Washington 35, Avon 10

## Noting Massillon

By Chris Easterling, Massillon Independent

\* Massillon head coach Nate Moore has been in the Division II state championship game three times in the last six years. He has made back-to-back title-game trips the last two seasons with the Tigers. He also won the 2014 state title while coaching at Cincinnati La Salle. Moore departed La Salle in January, 2015, to take the Massillon job.

\* Massillon has won 38 of its last 43 games, including its last 21 regular-season games. The 38 wins is the most wins for the program in a three-year span. The Tigers have posted back-to-back undefeated and untied regular seasons for the first time since Earle Bruce's two-year stint as head coach in 1964-65.

\* Massillon's defense has only allowed 28 second-half points this season, including zero in the playoffs. The Tigers' first-unit defense has only allowed one second-half score, that coming in the third quarter of its Week 10 win over Canton McKinley.

\* Massillon senior quarterback Aidan Longwell has been rewriting the passing record book at the school. Longwell holds the career marks for yards (7,460), passing touchdowns (82) and completions (472). He is two behind Justin Zwick's career attempts record with 771. Zwick, the former Ohio State quarterback who played at Massillon from 2000-01, previously held the career passing touchdowns and completions record. Former Iowa State quarterback Kyle Kempt, who played at Massillon from 2010-12, previously held the yardage record.

\* Junior receivers Jayden Ballard and Andrew Wilson-Lamp have garnered plenty of attention from major Division I colleges. Ballard has already committed to Ohio State. Wilson-Lamp has had multiple Power Five programs offer, including Pittsburgh West Virginia and Iowa State. Ballard has 61 catches for 1,114 yards and 17 touchdowns on the season, while Wilson-Lamp has 53 catches for 921 yards and 10 touchdowns. It is the most combined yards two receivers have had in one season for Massillon.

\* The 588 points Massillon has scored is the second-most in school history. Only the 2018 state runner-up team, which scored 670 points, scored more.

\* Massillon uses two kickers: Magnus Haines and Alex Bauer. Haines handles the kickoffs, averaging 54.5 yards with 29 touchbacks on 93 kicks. Bauer is 74-of-76 on point-after tries and 5-of-7 on field goals, with his long of the season being a 35-yarder against Canton McKinley.

## Noting La Salle

By Shelby Dermer, Cincinnati Enquirer

La Salle beat Toledo Central Catholic, 35-21, to return to the Division II state championship game for the fourth time in six years. The Lancers won three consecutive state titles from 2014-16. La Salle has a balanced offense that is anchored by junior quarterback Zach Branam, who has five passing and five rushing touchdowns this postseason. Northwestern commit Cam Porter patrols the backfield and has had a nose for the end zone, totaling eight rushing scores in four playoff games. Porter ran for 103 yards on 14 attempts in the state semifinal win over Toledo Central Catholic. This is La Salle's first state tournament appearance under third-year head coach Pat McLaughlin.

La Salle is one of two state finalists that defeated four playoff teams during the regular season, tied for the most of any team playing this weekend: West Chester Lakota West (31-7 in Week 1), Mason (31-0 in Week 2), Cin. St. Xavier (22-15 in Week 8), Cin. Elder (27-25 in Week 10)

# Division III State Finalists

School	Record	Region	Region Rank	Years In Tournament	Last Appearance	Playoff Record	Regional Champs	State Champs (Last)
Mansfield Senior (AP #9)	13-1	10	2	9th	2017	6-8	0	0
Trotwood Madison (AP #7)	11-3	12	7	15th	2018	41-12	10th	2 (2017)

## Division III Regional Quarterfinals

Region 9=

Aurora 27, Steubenville 21

Chardon 28, Dover 14

New Philadelphia 31, Chagrin Falls Kenston 28

Streetsboro 21, STVM 14

Region 10=

Mansfield Sr. 28, Bay Village Bay 0

Norwalk 22, Cle. Glenville 2

Parma Hts. Holy Name 14, Tiffin Columbian 7

Sandusky 20, Medina Buckeye 14

Region 11=

Cols. Hartley 14, London 8

Granville 41, Zanesville 7

Jackson 70, Cols. Centennial 28

Plain City Jonathan Alder 35, Thornville Sheridan 13

Region 12=

Hamilton Badin 46, Hamilton Ross 14

Kettering Alter 10, Day. Chaminade Julienne 7

St. Marys Memorial 14, Franklin 10

Trotwood-Madison 33, Wapakoneta 21

## Division III Regional Semifinals

Region 9=

Aurora 34, New Philadelphia 17

Chardon 35, Streetsboro 0

Region 10=

Sandusky 31, Norwalk 15

Mansfield Sr. 45, Parma Hts. Holy Name 30

Region 11=

Cols. Hartley 35, Granville 13

Plain City Jonathan Alder 38, Jackson 13

Region 12=

Hamilton Badin 38, Kettering Alter 21

Trotwood-Madison 41, St. Marys Memorial 7

## Division III Regional Finals

Region 9=

Aurora 22, Chardon 19

Region 10=

Mansfield Sr. 15, Sandusky 9, OT

Region 11=

Cols. Hartley 27, Plain City Jonathan Alder 14

Region 12=

Trotwood-Madison 20, Hamilton Badin 7

## Division III State Semifinals

Mansfield Sr. 27, Aurora 21, 2OT

Trotwood-Madison 24, Cols. Hartley 19

## Noting Mansfield Senior

By Jake Furr, Mansfield News Journal

The Mansfield Senior Tygers are playing in their very first state championship game in school history.

The Tygers earned the No. 2 overall seed in Division III Region 10 after a 9-1 regular season in which their only loss came by one point to Ohio Cardinal Conference foe Wooster in the final seconds. The Tygers made their ninth playoff appearance in program history and had a 2-8 record in the playoffs before the 2019 season. They won four playoff games in 2019 doubling their previous win total in the postseason.

The two playoff wins before 2019 both came at home so the first road playoff game won in the 120-year program came in 2019 in a 45-30 win over Parma Heights Holy Name in Week 12.

They Tygers score an average of 32.3 points per game while allowing just 9.8 points a game on defense. The Tygers hang their hats on the defensive side where they are led by three Division I commits headlined by Michigan State signee Angelo Grose, Toledo commit Clay Caudill and Bowling Green commit Anthony Hawkins.

Grose is a Mr. Football finalist out of the Northwest District and is the NW District Division III Defensive Player of the Year. He leads the Tygers with 72 receptions for 1,002 yards and 11 touchdowns, but stands out on defense with 112 total tackles including 16 for a loss from the safety position. Caudill leads the team with 8.5 sacks despite missing three games with a foot injury. Hawkins has 62 tackles on the campaign including 14 for losses.

Tygers head coach Chioke Bradley was a player at Mansfield Senior on the 1993 playoff team. He was named the 2019 Northwest District Coach of the Year in Division III and owns a 4-4 playoff record to go with his 72-37 record in his 10 years at his alma mater.

From Carl Hunnell, Richland Source: Richland County has NEVER had a football team reach the state title game. This year, we have two.

## Noting Trotwood-Madison

By Marc Pendleton, Dayton Daily News

One-and-done seasons don't get it at Trotwood-Madison. That's what happened last year with the Rams, who were bounced in a first-round playoff game by Wapakoneta. Trotwood's goal this season was to return to the highest level of play and make a deep postseason run. The Rams have done it.

Trotwood (11-3) will be making its eighth state-title appearance and seventh since 2010. The Rams were 15-0 to win a Division II state title in 2011 and matched that 15-0 effort to win a D-III championship in 2017. This is the 15th playoff season for Trotwood and 11th straight. The Rams played in four consecutive state championships from 2010-13.

Bordering north of Dayton, Trotwood had a streak of eight consecutive state semifinal appearances snapped last season. That fueled the Rams for this season and they delivered. A No. 7 seed in D-III, Region 12, Trotwood eliminated Wapakoneta (33-21) in a first-round rematch and St. Marys Memorial (41-7), both of the Western Buckeye League, then defeated Hamilton Badin (20-7) in a regional final first-time matchup. Trotwood led another state power, Columbus Bishop Hartley, 24-0 in last week's state semifinal at Piqua, withstood Hartley's comeback and won 24-19.

Trotwood opened the season with a loss to Cincinnati Winton Woods (36-7), but recovered with seven straight wins. However, the Rams ended the regular season with losses at Springboro (28-25) and Springfield (21-20). Springboro (9-2) and Springfield (12-2) advanced to the D-I, Region 2 playoffs; Springfield lost to Cincinnati Elder in a state semifinal.

Overseeing Trotwood's success is head coach Jeff Graham. A Kettering Archbishop Alter grad and former Ohio State and NFL receiver, Graham has maintained a high level of Rams football success that initially was started by another NFL vet and Trotwood grad, Maurice Douglass. He resigned in 2014 to become Springfield's coach.

Hezekiah Hudson-Davis is a rare freshman starter and leads Trotwood with 1,268 yards rushing and 11 touchdowns. Cooper Stewart, a junior QB, has 1,775 yards passing, good for 19 touchdowns and just four interceptions. Senior Carl Blanton Jr. leads Trotwood in receiving with 34 catches for 782 yards (23.0 per catch) and 10 scores. Senior Sammy Anderson has 20 catches for 442 yards (22.1) and nine TDs. He signed with Kentucky as a defensive back.

Senior twins and linebackers Keon'tae and Ke'shawn Hugueley lead an undersized Rams' defense that has allowed just seven points or less in six games. Trotwood, also an established boys basketball state power, is looking to sweep both basketball and football state titles in the same calendar year. The Rams are the defending D-II boys state basketball champions and several of its key returning basketball players also are football standouts, including Blanton, Anderson and Keon'tae Hugueley.

Like several other Montgomery County communities, Trotwood was rocked by the devastating spate of tornadoes – 19 were confirmed – that ravaged the Miami Valley last Memorial Day. Two major Trotwood apartment complexes were extensively damaged and shut down. That displaced scores of Trotwood residents and students at all levels. The Rams' football program participated in clean-up efforts and none of the returning varsity players left the program. However, lower-grade numbers were affected and are a concern moving forward.

This is the final season for Trotwood to be in the Greater Western Ohio Conference. Trotwood was not invited to the rejuvenated Miami Valley League that consisted of 10 former GWOC teams and began play this fall. Trotwood eventually was voted out of the GWOC following the 2019-20 school year after Lebanon announced it would leave the GWOC for the Eastern Cincinnati Conference.

Previously 20 teams, that leaves the GWOC with eight for next fall and Trotwood an independent.

# Division IV State Finalists

School	Record	Region	Region Rank	Years In Tournament	Last Appearance	Playoff Record	Regional Champs	State Champs (Last)
Clyde (AP not ranked)	10-4	14	8	15th	2018	25-13	5th	1 (1995)
Newark Licking Valley (AP #4)	14-0	15	1	19th	2018	34-18	8th	0

## Division IV Regional Quarterfinals

Region 13=

Cuyahoga Falls CVCA 40, Salem 8

Perry 48, Girard 7

Poland Seminary 31, Struthers 0

Wintersville Indian Creek 35, Hubbard 29

Region 14=

Clyde 28, LaGrange Keystone 20

Ottawa-Glandorf 28, Galion 17

Shelby 31, Milan Edison 21

Wauseon 41, Bellevue 18

Region 15=

Bloom-Carroll 48, Gnadenhutten Indian Valley 39

New Concord John Glenn 23, St. Clairsville 6

Newark Licking Valley 28, Cols. Marion-Franklin 6

Waverly 40, Gallipolis Gallia 0

Region 16=

Cin. Indian Hill 61, Kenton 32

Cin. Wyoming 49, Milton-Union 18

Germantown Valley View 42, Clarksville Clinton-Massie 28

St. Bernard Roger Bacon 42, Waynesville 21

## Division IV Regional Semifinals

Region 13=

Poland Seminary 35, Wintersville Indian Creek 0

Perry 37, Cuyahoga Falls CVCA 14

Region 14=

Clyde 35, Shelby 21

Ottawa-Glandorf 21, Wauseon 14

^Region 15=

Bloom-Carroll 49, Waverly 21

Newark Licking Valley 20, New Concord John Glenn 14

^Region 16=

Cin. Wyoming 27, Cin. Indian Hill 7

Germantown Valley View 28, St. Bernard Roger Bacon 27

## Division IV Regional Finals

^Region 13=

Poland Seminary 17, Perry 13

^Region 14=

Clyde 17, Ottawa-Glandorf 10

^Region 15=

Newark Licking Valley 22, Bloom-Carroll 6

^Region 16=

Cin. Wyoming 33, Germantown Valley View 0

## Division IV State Semifinals

Clyde 35, Cin. Wyoming 14

Newark Licking Valley 25, Poland Seminary 24

## Noting Clyde

By Mark Hazelwood, Norwalk Reflector

The Fliers are making their third state championship game appearance and the first since back-to-back appearances in 1994 and 1995. Clyde fell in the Division III state championship game to Beloit West Branch, 28-11, in 1994, with current head coach Ryan Carter as a senior starter on that team. The Fliers then returned and won the state title that next season, using a second-quarter field goal to claim a 3-0 win over Chagrin Falls Kenston. Both of the previous championship games were played at Paul Brown Tiger Stadium in Massillon, as Saturday will mark Clyde's first game at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton. Entering Saturday, Clyde is 25-13 all-time in the state playoffs across 15 appearances, which includes five regional championships.

In an ironic twist, the Fliers were the top seed in Div. III Region 10 in 2018, and fell to No. 8 Rocky River in the first round. This season, Clyde was the eighth and final team in its region, but turned the same trick from the bottom of the bracket.

It's been one comeback after another for the Fliers this season. Clyde finished fourth in the six-team Lake Division of the Sandusky Bay Conference — which boasted five playoff teams in Div. III and IV.

After the Fliers lost 41-40 vs. Norwalk on Oct. 25 on a failed two-point conversion attempt, they entered Week 10 as the No. 11 team in Div. IV Region 14. But they responded with a 28-20 win over Bellevue in the regular season finale on Nov. 1 to earn the eighth and final seed in the region.

In a first-round game at top-seeded Keystone, Clyde trailed 14-0 before rattling off four straight touchdowns in a 28-20 win.

In their regional semifinal matchup against Shelby, Clyde again trailed by two touchdowns, as it faced a 21-7 halftime deficit. However, the Fliers went on to score 28 unanswered points in the second half of a 35-21 win.

Using that momentum, the Fliers never trailed against Ottawa-Glandorf or Cincinnati Wyoming in victories in the regional championship and state semifinals to find their way back to Week 15.

The Nov. 30 win in the semifinals stopped Wyoming's 28-game winning streak. The Cowboys entered the game as defending state champions and 41-1 since the beginning of the 2017 season.

## Noting Licking Valley

By Kurt Snyder, Newark Advocate

Licking Valley's senior class has a knack for making history, and the oldest Panthers can stand above the rest with one more victory. Valley's thrilling 25-24 victory against Poland Seminary in a Division IV state semifinal moved the Panthers to 14-0 for just the second time in program history, matching the 2001 team, which lost in the state final as did the 2007 team.

Last spring, Logan Bragg pitched the Valley baseball team to its first district title since 2003. The ace left-hander on Saturday threw three touchdown passes, including a pair to his center fielder Bodee Creech, and Bragg also threw the go-ahead two-point conversion to Mitchell Ford. Bragg in his only season as starting quarterback has thrown for 1,750 yards and 26 touchdowns to just five interceptions.

TS: In the state semifinal, Licking Valley trailed Poland Seminary 24-10 midway through the fourth quarter but came back to win, 25-24.

# Division V State Finalists

School	Record	Region	Region Rank	Years In Tournament	Last Appearance	Playoff Record	Regional Champs	State Champs (Last)
Kirtland (AP #1)	14-0	17	1	15th	2018	42-10	8th	4 (2018)
Ironton (AP #5)	13-1	19	1	35th	2018	49-32	12th	2 (1989)

## Division V Regional Quarterfinals

Region 17=

Akr. Manchester 44, Rootstown 0

Canfield S. Range 30, Bellaire 7

Kirtland 38, Magnolia Sandy Valley 24

Sugarcreek Garaway 41, Garrettsville Garfield 22

Region 18=

Marion Pleasant 7, Cle. Hts. Lutheran E. 6

Oak Harbor 41, Beachwood 7

Orrville 34, Elyria Cath. 13

Pemberville Eastwood 28, Findlay Liberty-Benton 17

Region 19=

Amanda-Clearcreek 41, Gahanna Cols. Academy 10

Ironton 56, Wellston 6

W. Lafayette Ridgewood 56, Portsmouth 21

Wheelersburg 28, Minford 23

Region 20=

Cin. Taft 35, Blanchester 3

Spring. Shawnee 34, Cin. Hills Christian Academy 18

W. Jefferson 48, Cin. Summit Country Day 24

W. Liberty-Salem 21, Cin. Madeira 14

## Division V Regional Semifinals

^Region 17=

Akr. Manchester 21, Sugarcreek Garaway 14

Kirtland 38, Canfield S. Range 7

^Region 18=

Oak Harbor 34, Pemberville Eastwood 14

Orrville 49, Marion Pleasant 27

^Region 19=

Ironton 31, Amanda-Clearcreek 7

W. Lafayette Ridgewood 42, Wheelersburg 17

^Region 20=

W. Jefferson 62, Spring. Shawnee 28

W. Liberty-Salem 14, Cin. Taft 13

## Division V Regional Finals

^Region 17=

Kirtland 32, Akr. Manchester 7

^Region 18=

Oak Harbor 35, Orrville 28

^Region 19=

Ironton 24, W. Lafayette Ridgewood 14

^Region 20=

W. Jefferson 34, W. Liberty-Salem 0

## Division V State Semifinals

Ironton 49, W. Jefferson 21

Kirtland 28, Oak Harbor 14

## Noting Kirtland

By John Kampf, Willoughby News-Herald  
The Hornets have won three state championships in 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2018. They were state runner-up in 2012, 2014 and 2017. Coach Tiger LaVerde is 173-17 (.911) at Kirtland, which means he could lose 155 straight and still be .500. Kirtland is 42-8 (.839) in the playoffs under LaVerde. Prior to his arrival, Kirtland was 0-2 in playoff appearances. LaVerde was working as an actuary in the Pittsburgh area before a coworker there gave him the idea to go back to school, get a teaching degree and coach. Coworker's name was Pam - he doesn't even remember her last name - but it was her idea

QB Liam Powers, a junior, is the younger brother of last year's state title QB Tommy Powers. RB Luke Gardner ran a 4.36 to win the 40 competition at a Browns camp this summer. At the same camp, OL-DL Mike Alfieri won the bench-press competition. LB Louie Loncar is the third and final of three Loncar brothers who starred at Kirtland. Between the three, they have more than 900 career tackles and four state championship rings. Both of last year's RBs two-time All-Ohioans - Joey Torok and Jake Neibecker. This year's backs, junior Mason Sullivan and senior Luke Gardner have each run for more than 1,200 yards.

Kirtland has won 29 straight games and currently has the longest active winning streak in Ohio dating back to the start of the 2018 season (Kirtland lost to Maria Stein Marion Local in the 2017 state final). This is Kirtland's third-consecutive state title game appearance and eight or the last nine years.

The Hornets have only given up 86 total points this season in 14 games. They are averaging 34 points per game in the playoffs and allowing 13.

## Noting Ironton

Ironton has two state titles — 1979 and 1989 — and the last trip to the state title game was a 16-14 loss to Sandusky Perkins in 1999. Ironton has qualified for the playoffs 35 times — tied with Cincinnati Moeller for the second most all-time — and has 12th state semifinal appearances. Ironton has a 49-32 overall playoff record to go with the two state titles and six runners-up (73, 82, 88, 92, 93, 99). (12 semifinal appearances 1973,75, 79, 82, 85, 88, 89, 92, 93, 95 and 99, 2019)

MT: Ironton has outscored its opponents 548-104 (holding opponents to 7.4 ppg).

BH:

- First appearance in state title game since 1999 (runner-up to Sandusky Perkins in Division IV, 16-14)
  - 9th state championship game appearance in school history
- Two OHSAA state football championships in school history (1979, 1989)
- Only head coach Trevon Pendleton's second season at Ironton
- Ironton has not allowed more than 21 points in a single game this season and those 21 points came in the state semifinal win against West Jefferson (49-21)
- Averaging nearly 33 points in the playoffs and only giving up 12 to its opponents
  - Only given up 104 total points this season (regular and postseason)
- Ironton tied for second-most playoff appearances with 35 in OHSAA history (tied with Cincinnati Moeller)

# Division VI State Finalists

School	Record	Region	Region Rank	Years In Tournament	Last Appearance	Playoff Record	Regional Champs	State Champs (Last)
New Middletown Springfield (AP #2)	14-0	21	1	9th	2016	8-8	1st	0
Anna (AP #1)	13-1	23	5	12th	2018	6-11	1st	0

## Division VI Regional Quarterfinals

Region 21=

Beverly Ft. Frye 48, Dalton 39  
 Gloucester Trimble 26, Salineville Southern 14  
 Mogadore 49, Brookfield 28  
 New Middletown Spring. 34, Berlin Center  
 Western Reserve 7

Region 22=

Attica Seneca E. 14, Creston Norwayne 2  
 Carey 50, Collins Western Reserve 41  
 Howard E. Knox 21, Ashland Crestview 20  
 Jeromesville Hillsdale 25, Galion Northmor 21

Region 23=

Anna 47, Minster 21  
 Archbold 27, Coldwater 21  
 Liberty Center 43, Harrod Allen E. 12  
 Sherwood Fairview 29, Lima Cent. Cath. 27

Region 24=

Cols. Grandview Hts. 35, Bainbridge Paint  
 Valley 28  
 Covington 33, Worthington Christian 27  
 Mechanicsburg 32, Frankfort Adena 7  
 Southeastern 40, Day. Christian 3

## Division VI Regional Semifinals

Region 21=

Mogadore 21, Beverly Ft. Frye 14  
 New Middletown Spring. 20, Gloucester Trimble  
 19

Region 22=

Carey 7, Jeromesville Hillsdale 0  
 Howard E. Knox 21, Attica Seneca E. 20

Region 23=

Anna 54, Sherwood Fairview 20  
 Archbold 31, Liberty Center 30

Region 24=

Covington 36, Southeastern 20  
 Mechanicsburg 48, Cols. Grandview Hts. 7

## Division VI Regional Finals

Region 21=

New Middletown Spring. 35, Mogadore 21

Region 22=

Howard E. Knox 32, Carey 21

Region 23=

Anna 42, Archbold 7

Region 24=

Mechanicsburg 42, Covington 26

## Division VI State Semifinals

Anna 36, Mechanicsburg 6

New Middletown Spring. 42, Howard E. Knox  
 14

## Noting Springfield

By John Vargo, Warren Tribune Chronicle

Sophomore quarterback Beau Brungard has more than 2,000 yards passing and about 1,000 yards rushing with about 40 touchdowns this season, making him one of the prolific players in the Mahoning Valley. Brungard is the son of former Youngstown State University standout Mark Brungard, who led the Penguins to two NCAA Division I-AA national titles in the 1990s. Mark is Springfield's offensive coordinator and a former Springfield standout.

The Tigers (14-0) have not allowed more than 21 points during their playoff run and posted three shutouts during the regular season.

The Springfield baseball team advanced to the Division IV state championship game in 2009, 2011 and 2013, but lost all three times to Hamler Patrick Henry, Minster and Newark Catholic.

This is the furthest the Springfield football team has advanced in the postseason. The 2000 Tigers team, which went 10-0 in the regular season, a feat this year's team duplicated this year, lost in the Division V, Region 17 title game to St. Peter Chanel.

Is one of two state finalists that defeated four playoff teams during the regular season, tied for the most of any team playing this weekend: Canfield South Range (23-20 (OT) in Week 1), Brookfield (49-28 in Week 2), Berlin Center Western Reserve (35-14 in Week 9), McDonald (38-21 in Week 10)

## Noting Anna

By Bryant Billing, Sidney Daily News

Anna (13-1) became the first Shelby County team to earn a berth in a state football championship game by beating Mechanicsburg 36-6 in a state semifinal last Friday in Wapakoneta.

The program, which played its first full varsity season in 2000, hadn't had much playoff success before the current run. The Rockets had a 2-11 record in 11 playoff appearances before this year. They have outscored their first four postseason opponents by an average of 45-13.5.

Anna has scored 42 or more points in 12 of its 14 games and has won with running-clock margins of 30 or more points in 11 of its 13 wins. A high-powered rushing attack led by seniors Riley Huelskamp and Bart Bixler has helped create so many lopsided wins. Huelskamp, a running back, has rushed for 2,505 yards and 41 touchdowns. Bixler, a quarterback, has rushed for 1,359 yards and 25 touchdowns and thrown for 1,533 yards and 16 touchdowns with four interceptions.

The Rockets' defense was among the Midwest Athletic Conference's best in regular season. The squad has allowed an average of 242 yards and 12.6 points per game and has a plus 21 turnover margin this season.

Anna's lone loss came in Week 5 to perennial small-school power Marion Local. The Rockets and Flyers tied for the MAC championship, along with Minster. The Rockets beat Minster 47-21 in a first-round playoff game.

# Division VII State Finalists

School	Record	Region	Region Rank	Years In Tournament	Last Appearance	Playoff Record	Regional Champs	State Champs (Last)
Lucas (AP #7)	11-2	25	2	8th	2018	8-7	1st	0
Maria Stein Marion Local (AP #1)	11-2	28	2	22nd	2018	79-11	18th	10 (2017)

## Division VII Regional Quarterfinals

Region 25=

Cuyahoga Hts. 49, Malvern 6

Louisville Aquinas 35, Toronto 0

Lucas 21, McDonald 20, OT

Warren JFK 41, Independence 7

Region 26=

Edgerton 44, McComb 21

Hamler Patrick Henry 26, Arlington 14

Leipsic 30, Sycamore Mohawk 8

Norwalk St. Paul 35, Edon 21

Region 27=

Canal Winchester Harvest Prep 37, Lancaster

Fisher Cath. 7

Newark Cath. 35, Reedsville Eastern 7

Shadyside 63, Willow Wood Symmes Valley 8

Waterford 48, Sarahsville Shenandoah 30

Region 28=

Ft. Loramie 61, Dola Hardin Northern 7

Lima Perry 44, Cin. College Prep. 0

Maria Stein Marion Local 56, Union City Missis-

sinawa Valley 6

New Bremen 45, Hamilton New Miami 15

## Division VII Regional Semifinals

^Region 25=

Cuyahoga Hts. 33, Warren JFK 14

Lucas 35, Louisville Aquinas 21

^Region 26=

Hamler Patrick Henry 42, Norwalk St. Paul 14

Leipsic 39, Edgerton 6

^Region 27=

Canal Winchester Harvest Prep 35, Waterford

21

Newark Cath. 40, Shadyside 0

^Region 28=

Maria Stein Marion Local 24, Ft. Loramie 21,

OT

New Bremen 42, Lima Perry 14

## Division VII Regional Finals

^Region 25=

Lucas 21, Cuyahoga Hts. 13

^Region 26=

Hamler Patrick Henry 27, Leipsic 13

^Region 27=

Canal Winchester Harvest Prep 22, Newark

Cath. 15

^Region 28=

Maria Stein Marion Local 27, New Bremen 0

## Division VII State Semifinals

Lucas 15, Canal Winchester Harvest Prep 12

Maria Stein Marion Local 40, Hamler Patrick

Henry 6

## Noting Marion Local

By COLIN FOSTER and GARY R. RASBERRY

The Daily Standard, Celina

Marion Local has proved to be one of the most dominant high school programs regardless of size in Ohio. From 2000 to 2018, the Flyers have played in 13 state finals and have brought home 10 championships and three runner-up trophies, all under the guidance of Tim Goodwin.

Since arriving in Maria Stein in 1999, Goodwin's teams have missed the playoffs only once (2004).

The 2019 season had more questions than usual after losing a bulk of their starting lineup to graduation. A Week 2 31-7 loss to Columbus Bishop Watterson proved to be a wakeup call as the Flyers responded with five straight wins before falling to Midwest Athletic Conference rival Minster 27-26 on Oct. 25. Marion won its final two regular season games to claim a share of the MAC title before going 4-0 in the postseason, with only a 24-21 overtime win over Fort Loramie being a close game.

Marion Local split the Midwest Athletic Conference title with Minster and Anna, with each team finishing 7-1. Marion Local handed Anna its only loss with a 17-14 victory on Sept. 27. The Rockets have since won nine straight games by 21-or-more points and advanced to the Division VI state championship game.

Wide receiver Charles Huelsman had what is believed to be a single-game receiving record with seven catches for 250 yards in the Flyers' 40-6 state semifinal victory over Patrick Henry. Huelsman had 238 yards and three scores by halftime. Quarterback Kyle Muhlenkamp finished 10-of-12 passing for 289 yards and three scores.

## Noting Lucas

By Jake Furr, Mansfield News Journal

The Lucas Cubs are playing for their very first state championship in school history. The 2019 Cubs continued a tradition that has reached six consecutive years of advancing to the playoffs. In Week 13 against Cuyahoga Heights, the Cubs won the first regional title in school history after taking runner-up finishes in 2018 and 2015.

The Cubs play an independent schedule full of larger schools. In 2019, the Cubs played just three Division VII schools in the regular season while filling the schedule with four Division VI, one Division V, one Division IV and one Division II school.

The Cubs are 12-2 on the year setting a new school record for wins in a season topping the 11-2 2015 regional runner-up team.

They are led by head coach Scott Spittler who 72-52 in his 11th season with the Cubs. He was named the Division VII Northwest District Coach of the Year in 2019.

The Cubs are a run-dominant team led by senior Tommy Zirzow who has more than 1,700 yards on the year with more than 250 carries. Junior Ethan Sauder is also a 1,000-yard running back who broke off a 75-yard touchdown run in the Cubs state semifinal win over Harvest Prep last week.

The Cubs pulled off a dramatic victory in Week 14 scoring with less than a minute left on a pass play they never ran before and had no name for. The win sends the Cubs to the Division VII state championship game for the first time in school history.

Carl Hunnell, Richland Source: Richland County has NEVER had a football team reach the state title game. This year, we have two.

TS: Lucas trailed Harvest Prep late in the fourth quarter, but went on a 15-play, 80-yard drive and capped it with a 13-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-goal with 57 seconds left to win it.