

BENEDICTINE FOOTBALL MEDIA GUIDE 2026



HOME OF CHAMPIONS

STATE CHAMPIONS: 1957, 1973, 1980, 1981, 1996, 2003, 2004, 2014

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Mailing Address

2900 Martin Luther King Jr Dr, Cleveland, OH 44104

General Information

Location: Cleveland, OH
Founded: 1927
Affiliation: Roman Catholic – Diocese of Cleveland
School colors: Columbia Blue and White
School nickname: Bengals
School motto: Ora et Labora (Prayer and Work)
Staff: 6 Benedictine monks, 35 lay faculty
Enrollment: 285 (Grades 9–12)
Campus: 17 acres in Cleveland, not far from Shaker Square and Shaker Heights
Accreditation: State of Ohio Department of Education
North Central Association
Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association

Administration & Staff

Chancellor: Abbot Gary Hoover, O.S.B. '74
President: Mr. Dave Schroeder '90
Chief Operating Officer: Mr. Chris Lorber '04
Principal: Mr. Dominic Fanelli
Dean of Men: Mr. Steven Miller
Academic Dean: Dr. Elizabeth Salem
Athletic Director: John Carter
Assistant Athletic Director: Samantha Wentz
Campus Number: (216) 421-2080
School Website: cbhs.edu



Team Information

Head Coach: Matt Wilson '02
Years as Head Coach: 1st Season
Record as Head Coach: 0–0
Conference: Independent (NCC 2027)
OHSAA: Division III, Region 9

Home Fields

Don Shula Stadium at John Carroll University
Brooklyn Memorial Stadium
Bedford Bearcat Stadium

Football History

First Season: 1929
All-Time Record: 574–354–25
State Playoff Appearances: 27
State Playoff All-Time Record: 50–20
State Championships: 8
Cleveland City Champions: 13

Athletics Media Relations

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Statistician: Wally Mieskoski '71

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X (Twitter): @BenedictineHS, @BENE_ATHLETICS, @BeneBengalsFB
Facebook: Benedictine High School, Benedictine Athletics

David Schroeder '90 President



David Schroeder has been the President of Benedictine High School since 2023. Schroeder most recently served as senior vice president for Dell, where he worked for nearly six years. While there, he grew his department by more than 500 percent. Prior to that, Schroeder served as vice president for the Palo Alto, Calif. technology firm, VMware, where he played a key role in the new company's \$7-billion growth. David and his wife, Kathy, live in North Royalton, Ohio. They belong to St. Collette Catholic Church and have two grown daughters.

Dominic Fanelli Principal



Dominic Fanelli is the principal of Benedictine High School. He began his administrative career as a principal in Harlem in New York City and was a math teacher and basketball coach before that. He is a proud graduate of the University of Notre Dame and participated in their Alliance for Catholic Education teaching fellows program as well as the Remick Leadership program for Catholic school leaders. He was the 2023 Notre Dame Pressley award winner for excellence in Catholic Education. He strives to create cultures where students and faculty grow, lead and want to be and is passionate about developing leaders at Benedictine to go out and continue to lead through ora et labora.

John Carter Athletic Director



John Carter has been the Athletic Director at Benedictine High School since 2022. He has been involved in youth baseball coaching and instructions for the past 25 years. John's baseball experience comes from playing throughout his childhood and also his 8 years in professional baseball; playing with the Mets, the Pirates, and the Cleveland Indians. After playing professional baseball, John moved to the front office of the Cleveland Indians, serving as Manager of Community Relations for seven years. John currently serves as President of the Cleveland Baseball Federation. As an education-based athletic leader, he is an active member of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA), Executive Board Member of the Northeast Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NEOIAAA) and Northeast District Athletic Board (NEDAB)-Ethnic Minority Representative. John resides in North Ridgeville with his wife Amy and their children, Mary Grace, Jake, and Ellie.

Samantha Wentz Asst. Athletic Director



Samantha Wentz joins Benedictine this year as the Assistant Athletic Director and Head of Strength & Conditioning. Wentz brings experience in coaching at both the collegiate and high school levels, previously serving in strength and conditioning roles at Walsh University and as the Director of Strength and Conditioning at Perkins High School (Sandusky High School). A former collegiate volleyball player at Walsh University (North Canton, OH), Wentz earned her undergraduate degrees in Exercise Science and Psychology from Walsh before completing her Master's degree in Sports Performance Coaching through Setanta College (Ireland). She is certified through the National Strength and Conditioning Association as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) and also holds USA Weightlifting-Level 1 and High School Strength and Conditioning Coach certifications. Wentz has a strong passion for athlete development, leadership, nutrition, recovery, and long-term performance training.

About the Benedictine Sports Broadcasting Network

The Benedictine Sports Broadcasting Network (BSBN) is a student organization at Benedictine High School. The BSBN provides live, multi-camera broadcasts to the Benedictine community through Boxcast and YouTube. The BSBN broadcasts football, basketball, soccer, wrestling, lacrosse, and baseball, as well as other school events like the annual Senior vs Faculty basketball game and Graduation every year. The BSBN is entirely student produced, and operated with the oversight of staff moderator Mr. Brian Devers '08.

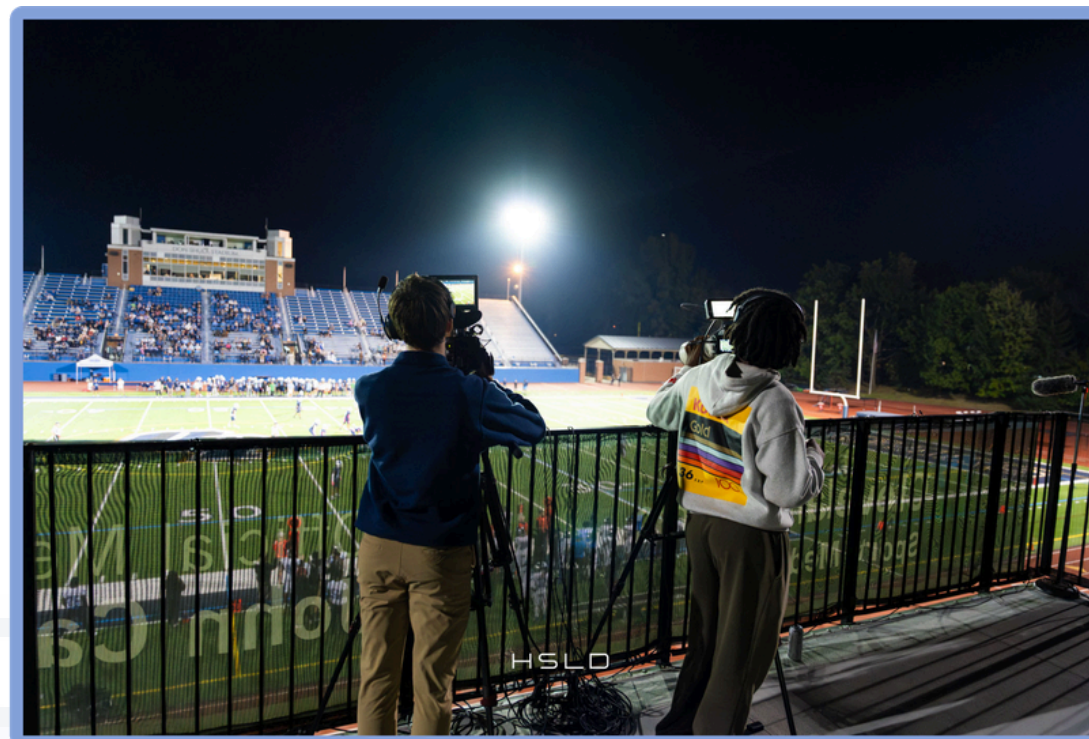
The BSBN will cover as many football games as possible, every home basketball and wrestling event, and a mix of other sports and events throughout the school year. The crew prides themselves in putting together one of the best products in Northeast Ohio High School broadcasting.

Broadcasting at Benedictine was founded in 2019 when Nicholas Pietrzycki and Stephen Zachlin began live streaming football games with one camera. Once they graduated, Mr. Brian Devers took over in the COVID season as a way to bring the games to fans at home with the limited attendance policy at the games. The expectation for live streams of the football games continued, leading to eventually streaming all of the home games and beginning to incorporate multiple cameras. There were a variety of other sports that would be streamed as well. Before the 2023 football season, a new graphics package and scorebug system was added, giving the broadcast a fresh look and feel. The winter of 2023-24 was the first season of broadcasting the entire home basketball slate.

The beginning of the 2024 football season was a big step for broadcasting at Benedictine. The name "Benedictine Sports Broadcasting Network" was born. In addition to that, a new partnership with Rock Entertainment Sports Network was formed. RESN is the television home of the Cleveland Monsters and Charge, as well as multiple minor league affiliates of the Cleveland Guardians. It is also home to Cleveland-area high school sports. To this day RESN re-airs the broadcasts produced by the BSBN students over-the-air and on Spectrum. Coverage is expanding to Columbus and Cincinnati as well.

Before the 2025 football season, the BSBN added instant replay and took the full production on the road for the first time at Padua, NDCL, and Akron East.

Since 2020, the BSBN has broadcasted over 165 live events and they are planning to cover the entire 2026 football season, home and away.



BENEDICTINE BENGALS

2026 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AUG 21 AT GILMOUR

7:00 PM



AUG 28 VS PADUA
@BROOKLYN HS

7:00 PM



SEP 4 AT LUTHERAN
WEST

7:00 PM



SEP 11 VS NDCL
@JOHN CARROLL

YOUTH NIGHT

7:00 PM



SEP 18 AT LAKE
CATHOLIC

7:00 PM



SEP 25 VS ST. IGNATIUS
@JOHN CARROLL

7:00 PM



OCT 2 AT CARDINAL
MOONEY

7:00 PM



OCT 9 OPEN

OCT 16 AT VASJ

7:00 PM



OCT 23 AT STVM

7:00 PM



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Top Row (From L-R): Jermaine Scruggs, Jalon Goode, Eric Charmley, Maurquise Norman, Isaac Sprogis, Brooks Liebel, Jordan Walker, Richard Robinson, August Stromann, Q'Andre Christian, CJ Gunerra

2nd Row (From L-R): Nnaoma Nzekwe, Patrick Blevins, Nathaniel Bonner, Theodore Gambon, Cameron Henderson, Kai Caldwell, Dontryll Wilson, Darian Shepard, Kellan Whaley, Xander Smith

3rd Row (From L-R): Will Eshghy, Donald Stewart, Leighmere Primous, Demarion Garrett, Renaldo Barrion, Kellen Donnelly, Juelz Bryant, Danny Agustin, Greyson Sluzewski, Jaxson Jeffries

4th Row (From L-R): Wyatt Mischler, Jay'veon Levitt, Kameron Hill, Santino Arrietta, Owen Slemc, Antwan Livingston, James Jackson, Anthony Vitantonio, Nathan Majors, ZA'aron Ladson, Davon Powell

5th Row (From L-R): Isaiah Charlton, Matthew Wilson, Sincere Wilson, Dominic Sutcliffe, Michael Shropshire, Giovanni Iacampo, Kayden Forte, Zyen Walker, Earl Jackson, Andy Deleon, Michael Ellis, Jayden Cole

Bottom Row (From L-R): Brennan O'Connell, Jovanni Williams, Jackson Whittington, Gabe Dolan, Caiden Lockwood, Laundon Vanzant, Malaki Carter, Ra'Shad Atahiya, Xavier Jordan, Joey Lemmo, John Fallon

Not Pictured: Antowine Smith, Tramell Reese, Z'iyon Neal, Corde Blair, Jaiden Macon, Gerald Miller, Sean Borders, Caleb McGuire

Benedictine Football							2026 Varsity Roster							
#	FIRST	LAST	POSITION	GRADE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	#	FIRST	LAST	POSITION	GRADE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	
1	Antowine	Smith	DB	12	6'0"	165	51	Davon	Powell	DL	11	5'9"	270	
2	Santino	Arrietta	TE	12	5'10"	200	52	Xavier	Jordan	OL	11	5'6"	200	
3	William	Eshghy	LB	12	6'0"	210	53	Jermaine	Scruggs	OL	10	6'1"	280	
4	Antwan	Livingston	DB	12	5'9"	185	54	Caiden	Lockwood	DL	11	5'6"	210	
5	Giovanni	Iacampo	QB	12	5'9"	160	55	Matthew	Wilson	OL	12	5'9"	220	
6	Xander	Smith	WR	12	6'2"	195	56	Isaac	Sprogis	DL	12	6'3"	175	
7	Kameron	Hill	DB	11	5'9"	150	57	Donald	Stewart	OL	12	5'11"	240	
8	Nnaoma	Nzekwe	LB	12	6'1"	200	58	Laundon	Vanzant	OL	10	5'6"	230	
9	Kayden	Forte	RB	11	5'9"	185	59	Jackson	Whittington	OL	10	5'7"	175	
10	Tramell	Reese	WR	12	6'2"	185	63	Cameron	Henderson	OL	11	6'1"	265	
11	Kellen	Donnelly	DB	11	6'0"	175	64	Joey	Lemmo	LB	10	5'6"	190	
12	James	Jackson Jr.	WR	12	5'8"	150	65	Anthony	Vitantonio	OL	12	5'8"	230	
13	Michael	Shropshire	WR	11	5'8"	130	66	Danny	Agustin	DL	10	5'10"	235	
14	Leighmere	Primous	QB	11	5'10"	155	69	Theodore	Gambon	OL	10	6'0"	280	
15	Z'iyon	Neal	DB	10	5'8"	135	71	Jaxson	Jeffries	OL	10	5'11"	280	
16	Kai	Caldwell	WR	11	6'1"	160	72	August	Stromann	OL	12	6'3"	250	
17	Juelz	Bryant	WR	11	5'10"	170	74	Richard	Robinson	OL	10	6'3"	270	
18	Jay'veon	Levitt	DB	12	5'10"	155	76	Darian (DJ)	Sheppard	OL	10	6'1"	325	
19	Dontryll	Wilson	DL	11	6'2"	260	77	Jalon	Goode	OL	11	6'1"	310	
20	Brennan	O'Connell	LB	10	5'8"	175	78	Eric	Charmley	OL	12	6'3"	255	
21	Corde	Blair	RB	12	5'9"	155	80	Brooks	Liebel	DL-LS	11	6'2"	190	
22	Owen	Slemc	DB	12	5'9"	175	81	Patrick	Blevins	WR	10	6'0"	150	
23	Isaiah	Charlton	DB	10	5'9"	140	82	Malaki	Carter	WR	10	5'5"	130	
25	Gabe	Dolan	LB	12	5'7"	165	84	John	Fallon	WR	10	5'5"	130	
26	Ra'Shad	Atahiya	DB	10	5'5"	135	85	Sean	Borders	WR	11	5'10"	175	
27	Nathan	Majors	K-P	11	5'10"	170	87	Renaldo	Barrian	LB	10	5'11"	170	
28	Kellan	Whaley	TE	10	6'2"	185	88	CJ	Gunerra	TE	10	6'5"	190	
30	Zyen	Walker	LB	11	5'7"	215	90	Caleb	McGuire	K-P	9	5'10"	180	
31	Sincere	Wilson	DB	11	5'8"	150	93	Jordan	Walker	DL	10	6'3"	215	
32	Earl	Jackson Jr.	RB	11	5'9"	165	95	Q'Andre	Christian	DL	10	6'4"	230	
33	Wyatt	Mishler	RB	11	5'10"	165	99	Andy	Deleon	DL	11	5'10"	250	
34	DJ	Garrett	DB	10	5'10"	145	Matt Wilson '02 Head Coach Brian Stephenson Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks Aubrey Ward '17 Running Backs Mike Goolsby Offensive Analyst Mike Henderson Wide Receivers Markee Zrnich '16 Tight Ends Marlowe Wingfield Offensive Line - IOL Jaylen Funches '13 Offensive Line - OT Brad Demmerle Defensive Coordinator Art Bortnick Defensive Line Jerome Baker '15 Outside Linebackers			Carmen Engoglia Defensive Backs Domenic Pavich Inside Linebackers Kyle Roberts Defensive Analyst Ryan Rose Kickers / Punters Edgardo Mendoza Freshman Head Coach Joel Jelinek '95 Freshman Assistant Joe Morse Freshman Assistant Frank Bossu '67 Freshman Assistant			Support Managers Jeremiah Brassfield '27 Angelo Cesa '27 Teagan Fishel '27 Kyle McNeely '29 Michael McNeely '28 Shane Stokes '29 Rocco Walton '28 Mason Woellert '27	
35	Nate	Bonner	LB	11	5'11"	200								
36	Jovanni	Williams	RB	9	5'6"	165								
38	Michael	Ellis	LB	10	5'10"	145								
40	ZA'aron	Ladson	DL	12	5'10"	190								
42	Jaiden	Macon	DL	10	5'9"	210								
43	Jayden	Cole	LB	10	5'9"	190								
45	Gerald	Miller	LB	10	5'11"	160								
46	MaurQuise	Norman	DL	12	6'2"	250								
48	Greyson	Sluzewski	LB	11	5'11"	215								

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A proud Benedictine alum, Matt Wilson will lead his alma mater with a strong sense of purpose, gratitude, and commitment to the young men who wear the Columbia Blue and White.

Known for his energy, authenticity, and relationship-driven approach, Wilson has built his coaching career around developing players both on and off the field. His love for Benedictine and its tradition is matched only by his dedication to the student-athletes he coaches, emphasizing accountability, toughness, and pride in representing something bigger than themselves.

Wilson served as the special teams coordinator while also coaching the defensive line and tight ends for the last two seasons. In 2023, Wilson was the head freshman coach for the Bengals. From 2013-2015, he coached the defensive line at Benedictine and was an assistant coach on the 2014 DIV state football championship team. He began his coaching career in 2012 at St. Peter Chanel, assisting with the offensive and defensive lines.

“Benedictine shaped who I am as a man, and it’s an incredible honor to lead this program. This is about building something rooted in accountability, hard work, and pride in wearing the Columbia Blue and White. We will honor the tradition of Benedictine football while developing young men to be the best versions of themselves on and off the field.” Wilson said.

“Matt Wilson embodies what Benedictine football is about,” said John Carter, Athletic Director at Benedictine High School. “He understands our traditions, values relationships, and is deeply committed to developing young men the right way.”

Wilson is a Mayfield Heights resident and lives with his wife, Michele, and their children: Matthew Jr. '27, Madeline, and Miley. He is the son of Patricia Schnell and Terry Wilson.



MEET THE PLAYERS

#1 Antowine Smith

Pronunciation:
an-TWAHN
Position: DB
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 165
Year: Senior
Years on
Varsity: 4th



2025 Stats:
RECEIVING: 9 catches, 232 yards, 3 TD
RUSHING: 1 carry for 11 yards
1 Interception (0 yards)
2 Fumble Recoveries (0 yards)

#2 Santino Arrietta

Pronunciation:
air-ee-ET-uh
Position: TE
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 200
Year: Senior
Years on
Varsity: 3rd



2025 Stats:
DEFENSE: 1 Solo TKL, 10 Assists, 11 Total TKL

#3 William Eshghy

Pronunciation:
ESH-ghee
Position: LB
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 210
Year: Senior
Years on
Varsity: 3rd



2025 Stats:
DEFENSE: 19 Solo TKL, 39 Assists, 58 Total TKL
4 TFL (-15 yards)
2 Fumble Recoveries (0 yards)

#4 Antwan Livingston

Pronunciation:
LIV-ing-stuhn
Position: DB
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 185
Year: Senior
Years on
Varsity: 3rd



2025 Stats:
DEFENSE: 13 Solo TKL, 16 Assists, 29 Total TKL
1 Interception (0 yards)
2 Fumble Recoveries (0 yards)

#5 Giovanni Iacampo

Pronunciation:
eye-ah-KAHM-poh
Position: QB
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 160
Year: Senior
Years on
Varsity: 4th



2025 Stats:
PASSING: 81 of 158, 1,321 yards, 14 TD, 5 INT
RUSHING: 45 carries for 35 yards, 2 TD

#6 Xander Smith

Pronunciation:
ZAN-der
Position: WR
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 195
Year: Senior
Years on
Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:
RECEIVING: 6 catches, 115 yards, 1 TD
1 Interception (0 yards)

#7 Kameron Hill

Pronunciation:
HILL
Position: DB
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 150
Year: Junior
Years on
Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:
No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#8 Nnaoma Nzekwe

Pronunciation:
nah-OH-mah
en-ZEEK-way
Position: LB
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 200
Year: Senior
Years on
Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:
1 Fumble Recovery (0 yards)

#9 Kayden Forte

Pronunciation:
for-TAY
Position: RB
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 185
Year: Junior
Years on
Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:
RUSHING: 159 carries, 844 yards, 6 TD
1 Kickoff Return TD

#10 Tramell Reese

Pronunciation:
truh-MELL
Position: WR
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 185
Year: Senior
Years on
Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

RECEIVING: 9 catches, 186 yards, 3 TD
2 Kickoff Return TDS
1 2-pt Conversion

#11 Kellen Donnelly

Pronunciation:
DON-uh-lee
Position: DB
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 175
Year: Junior
Years on
Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

RUSHING: 4 carries for 9 yards
2 Interceptions (0 yards)
1 Punt Return TD

#12 James Jackson Jr.

Pronunciation:
JAK-suhn
Position: WR
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 150
Year: Senior
Years on
Varsity: 3rd



2025 Stats:

1 Fumble Recovery (0 yards)

#13 Michael Shropshire

Pronunciation:
SHROP-shy-er
Position: WR
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 130
Year: Junior
Years on
Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#14 Leighmere Primous

Pronunciation:
LAY-meer PRIM-uss
Position: QB
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 155
Year: Junior
Years on
Varsity: 3rd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#15 Z'iyon Neal

Pronunciation:
ZEE-eye-on
Position: DB
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 135
Year: Sophomore
Years on
Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#16 Kai Caldwell

Pronunciation:
KAWLD-well
Position: WR
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 160
Year: Junior
Years on
Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#17 Juelz Bryant

Pronunciation:
JOO-ELZ
Position: WR
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 170
Year: Junior
Years on
Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#18 Jay'veon Levitt

Pronunciation:
jay-VEE-on
Position: DB
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 155
Year: Senior
Years on
Varsity: 3rd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#19 Dontryll Wilson

Pronunciation:
DON-trill
Position: DL
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 260
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 2nd

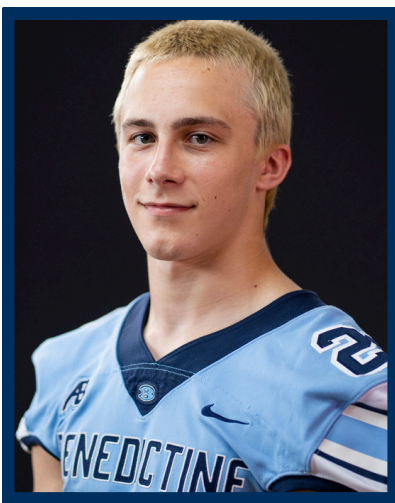


2025 Stats:

DEFENSE: 6 Solo TKL, 10 Assists, 16 Total TKL

#20 Brennan O’Connell

Pronunciation:
oh-KON-uhl
Position: LB
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 175
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

DEFENSE: 1 TKL Assist

#21 Corde Blair

Pronunciation:
kor-DAY
Position: RB
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 155
Year: Senior
Years on Varsity: 3rd



2025 Stats:

RUSHING: 85 carries, 439 yards, 3 TD
3 Fumble Recoveries (0 yards)

#22 Owen Slemc

Pronunciation:
SLEMSSS
Position: DB
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 175
Year: Senior
Years on Varsity: 3rd



2025 Stats:

DEFENSE: 9 Solo TKL, 21 Assists, 30 Total TKL
1 Blocked Punt

#23 Isaiah Charlton

Pronunciation:
CHARL-tun
Position: DB
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 140
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#25 Gabe Dolan

Pronunciation:
DOH-luhn
Position: LB
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 165
Year: Senior
Years on Varsity: 3rd



2025 Stats:

DEFENSE: 3 Solo TKL, 17 Assists, 20 Total TKL

#26 Ra’Shad Atahiya

Pronunciation:
ah-TEE-yuh
Position: DB
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 135
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#27 Nathan Majors

Pronunciation:
MAY-jurz
Position: K-P
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 170
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 3rd

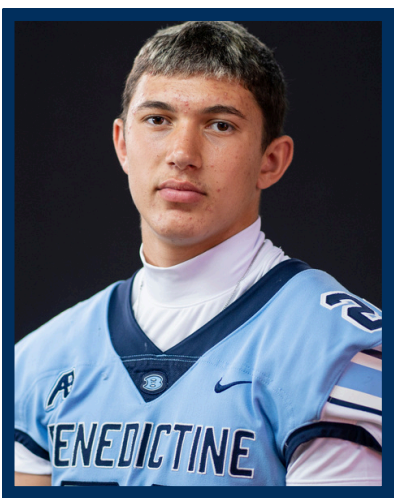


2025 Stats:

27 PAT Kicks,
3 Field Goals (31 yds, 24 yds, 23 yds)
36 total points

#28 Kellan Whaley

Pronunciation:
WAY-lee
Position: TE
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 185
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#30 Zyen Walker

Pronunciation:
WAW-ker
Position: LB
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 215
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#31 Sincere Wilson

Pronunciation:
sin-SEER
Position: DB
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 150
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#32 Earl Jackson Jr.

Pronunciation:
JAK-suhn
Position: RB
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 165
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

RUSHING: 43 carries, 240 yards, 5 TD

#33 Wyatt Mishler

Pronunciation:
MISH-ler
Position: RB
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 165
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#34 Demarion Garrett

Pronunciation:
duh-MAR-ee-on
Position: DB
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 145
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#35 Nathaniel Bonner

Pronunciation:
BON-er
Position: LB
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 200
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#36 Jovanni (JoJo) Williams

Pronunciation:
joh-VAH-nee
Position: RB
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 165
Year: Freshman
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#38 Michael Ellis

Pronunciation:
EL-iss
Position: LB
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 145
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#40 ZA'aron Ladson

Pronunciation:
zah-AH-ron
Position: DL
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 190
Year: Senior
Years on Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#42 Jaiden Macon

Pronunciation:
MAY-kun
Position: DL
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 210
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#43 Jayden Cole

Pronunciation:
JAY-dun
Position: LB
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 190
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#45 Gerald Miller

Pronunciation:
MIL-er
Position: LB
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 160
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#46 MaurQuise Norman

Pronunciation:
mar-KEES
Position: DL
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 250
Year: Senior
Years on Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#48 Greyson Sluzewski

Pronunciation:
SLUH-ZOO-skee
Position: LB
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 215
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#51 Davon Powell

Pronunciation:
POW-uhl
Position: DL
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 270
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 3rd



2025 Stats:

DEFENSE: 11 Tackle Assists

#52 Xavier Jordan

Pronunciation:
JOR-duhn
Position: OL
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 200
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#53 Jermaine Scruggs

Pronunciation:
SKRUGZ
Position: OL
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 280
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#54 Caiden Lockwood

Pronunciation:
LOCK-wood
Position: DL
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 210
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#55 Matthew Wilson

Pronunciation:
WIL-suhn
Position: OL
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 220
Year: Senior
Years on Varsity: 3rd



2025 Stats:

DEFENSE: 1 Solo TKL

#56 Isaac Sprogis

Pronunciation:
SPROH-giss
Position: DL
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 175
Year: Senior
Years on Varsity: 3rd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#57 Donald Stewart

Pronunciation:
STOO-ert
Position: OL
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 240
Year: Senior
Years on Varsity: 3rd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#58 Laundon Vanzant

Pronunciation:
van-ZANT
Position: OL
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 230
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#59 Jackson Whittington

Pronunciation:
WHIT-ing-tun
Position: OL
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 175
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#63 Cameron Henderson

Pronunciation:
HEN-der-sun
Position: OL
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 265
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#64 Joey Lemmo

Pronunciation:
LEM-oh
Position: LB
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 190
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#65 Anthony Vitantonio

Pronunciation:
vih-tan-TOH-nee-oh
Position: OL
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 230
Year: Senior
Years on Varsity: 3rd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#66 Danny Augustin

Pronunciation:
aw-GUS-tin
Position: DL
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 235
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#69 Theo Gambon

Pronunciation:
gam-BON
Position: OL
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 280
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#71 Jaxson Jeffries

Pronunciation:
JEFF-reez
Position: OL
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 280
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#72 August Stromann

Pronunciation:
STROH-muhn
Position: OL
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 250
Year: Senior
Years on Varsity: 3rd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#74 Richard Robinson

Pronunciation:
ROB-in-sun
Position: OL
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 270
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#76 Darian Sheppard

Pronunciation:
SHEP-erd
Position: OL
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 325
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#77 Jalon Goode

Pronunciation:
GOOD
Position: OL
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 310
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#78 Eric Charmley

Pronunciation:
CHARM-lee
Position: OL
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 255
Year: Senior
Years on Varsity: 4th



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#80 Brooks Liebel

Pronunciation:
LEE-buhl
Position: DL-LS
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 190
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#81 Patrick Blevins

Pronunciation:
BLEV-inz
Position: WR
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 150
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#82 Malaki Carter

Pronunciation:
muh-LAH-ky
Position: WR
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 130
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#84 John Fallon

Pronunciation:
FAL-uhn
Position: WR
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 130
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#85 Sean Borders

Pronunciation:
BOR-durz
Position: WR
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 175
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#87 Renaldo Barrion

Pronunciation:
BAIR-ee-an
Position: LB
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 170
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#88 CJ Gunerra

Pronunciation:
goo-NEH-rah
Position: TE
Height: 6'5"
Weight: 190
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#90 Caleb McGuire

Pronunciation:
muh-GWIRE
Position: K-P
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 180
Year: Freshman
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#93 Jordan Walker

Pronunciation:
WAW-ker
Position: DL
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 215
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#95 Q'Andre Christian

Pronunciation:
cue-ON-dray
Position: DL
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 230
Year: Sophomore
Years on Varsity: 1st



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025

#99 Andy Deleon

Pronunciation:
deh-lee-ON
Position: DL
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 250
Year: Junior
Years on Varsity: 2nd



2025 Stats:

No Varsity Statistics Recorded in 2025



OPPONENTS

GILMOUR ACADEMY
Lancers



Week 1
Friday, August 21 at 7:00 PM
Weber Stadium at Gilmour Academy
All-time vs. Benedictine: 0-1

School Information

LOCATION: 2045 SOM Ctr Rd, Gates Mills, OH 44040
AFFILIATION: Private - Roman Catholic
(Congregation of Holy Cross)

Football Information

NICKNAME: Lancers
COLORS: Blue and Gray
CONFERENCE: Independent
OHSAA: Division III - Region 9
STADIUM: Weber Stadium
STATE TITLES: 0
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Sean O'Toole
HEAD COACH: Joey Bates
RECORD AT SCHOOL: 4-6 (2nd Season)
OVERALL RECORD: 4-6

2026 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 21	vs. Benedictine
Aug. 28	vs. Holy Name
Sept. 4	@ Hawken
Sept. 12	@ Lake Catholic
Sept. 18	vs. John Hay
Sept. 26	@ University School
Oct. 3	@ Cleveland Central Catholic
Oct. 9	vs. John Marshall
Oct. 16	vs. Rhodes
Oct. 23	@ Maple Heights

2025 Schedule (Record: 4-6)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
Aug. 23	Benedictine	L, 19-21
Aug. 29	Holy Name	W, 28-12
Sept. 5	Hawken	L, 13-42
Sept. 12	Lake Catholic	L, 14-31
Sept. 19	John Marshall	W, 48-18
Sept. 27	University School	L, 22-29
Oct. 3	Cleveland Central Catholic	W, 35-12
Oct. 11	VASJ	L, 10-59
Oct. 17	Rhodes	W, 28-12
Oct. 25	Maple Heights	L, 24-52

PADUA FRANCISCAN
Bruins



Week 2
Friday, August 28 at 7:00 PM
Brooklyn Memorial Stadium
All-time vs. Benedictine: 6-13

School Information

LOCATION: 6740 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134
AFFILIATION: Private - Roman Catholic (Franciscan
Friars of the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Football Information

NICKNAME: Bruins
COLORS: White, Brown, and Orange
CONFERENCE: North Coast
OHSAA: Division III - Region 10
STADIUM: Padua Stadium
STATE TITLES: 0
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Kevin Leigh
HEAD COACH: Kevin Kubit
RECORD AT SCHOOL: 13-21 (4th Season)
OVERALL RECORD: 13-21

2026 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 21	vs. South Range
Aug. 28	@ Benedictine
Sept. 4	vs. Bedford
Sept. 11	@ Sandusky
Sept. 18	vs. Akron Garfield
Sept. 25	@ Elyria Catholic
Oct. 2	vs. NDCL
Oct. 9	@ Lake Catholic
Oct. 16	@ CVCA
Oct. 23	vs. Holy Name

2025 Schedule (Record: 1-9)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
Aug. 22	Alliance	L, 3-25
Aug. 29	Benedictine	L, 0-7
Sept. 5	Bedford	L, 22-23 (OT)
Sept. 12	Sandusky	W, 47-13
Sept. 19	Elyria Catholic	L, 14-21
Sept. 26	Big Walnut	L, 0-42
Oct. 3	NDCL	L, 6-48
Oct. 10	Lake Catholic	L, 0-30
Oct. 17	CVCA	L, 7-42
Oct. 24	Holy Name	L, 3-14

LUTHERAN WEST Longhorns

Week 3
Friday, September 4 at 7:00 PM
Alumni Field at Lutheran West Stadium
All-time vs. Benedictine: 0-1



School Information

LOCATION: 3850 Linden Rd, Rocky River, OH 44116
AFFILIATION: Private - Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS)

Football Information

NICKNAME: Longhorns
COLORS: Red and Black
CONFERENCE: Chagrin Valley (NCC 2027)
OHSAA: Division III - Region 10
STADIUM: Lutheran West Stadium
STATE TITLES: 0
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Mike Palm
HEAD COACH: Dan Shifley
RECORD AT SCHOOL: 0-0 (1st Season)
OVERALL RECORD: 0-0

2026 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 21	@ Elyria Catholic
Aug. 28	vs. Hawken
Sept. 4	vs. Benedictine
Sept. 10	@ Orange
Sept. 18	@ Harvey
Sept. 25	vs. Eastlake North
Oct. 2	vs. Chardon
Oct. 9	@ Asthtabula Lakeside
Oct. 16	vs. Madison
Oct. 23	@ Willoughby South

2025 Schedule (Record: 0-10)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
Aug. 22	Garfield Heights	L, 8-55
Aug. 29	Aurora	L, 0-47
Sept. 5	Benedictine	L, 0-41
Sept. 12	Edgewood	L, 0-34
Sept. 19	Conneaut	L, 21-31
Sept. 26	Perry	L, 6-41
Oct. 3	Hawken	L, 13-30
Oct. 11	West Geauga	L, 13-42
Oct. 17	Orange	L, 7-21
Oct. 25	Harvey	L, 22-60

NOTRE DAME-CATHEDRAL LATIN Lions

Week 4
Friday, September 11 at 7:00 PM
Don Shula Stadium at JCU
All-time vs. Benedictine: 2-12



School Information

LOCATION: 13000 Auburn Rd, Chardon, OH 44024
AFFILIATION: Private - Roman Catholic (Sisters of Notre Dame)

Football Information

NICKNAME: Lions
COLORS: Blue and Gold
CONFERENCE: North Coast
OHSAA: Division IV - Region 13
STADIUM: Lion Stadium
STATE TITLES: 0
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Ryan Miller
HEAD COACH: Sam Vander Ven
RECORD AT SCHOOL: 0-0 (1st Season)
OVERALL RECORD: 0-0

2026 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 21	@ Struthers
Aug. 28	vs. West Geauga
Sept. 4	vs. Kenston
Sept. 11	@ Benedictine
Sept. 18	@ Bedford
Sept. 24	@ Holy Name
Oct. 2	@ Padua
Oct. 9	vs. CVCA
Oct. 16	vs. Elyria Catholic
Oct. 23	vs. Lake Catholic

2025 Schedule (Record: 1-9)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
Aug. 22	Struthers	W, 50-8
Aug. 29	West Geauga	W, 38-12
Sept. 5	Kenston	W, 48-45 (3OT)
Sept. 12	Benedictine	L, 14-28
Sept. 19	Bedford	W, 27-21
Sept. 26	Holy Name	W, 21-0
Oct. 3	Padua	W, 48-6
Oct. 10	CVCA	L, 7-35
Oct. 17	Elyria Catholic	W, 45-21
Oct. 25	Lake Catholic	L, 14-21
Oct. 31	Hubbard	W, 35-13
Nov. 7	Perry	L, 6-26

LAKE CATHOLIC
Cougars



Week 5
Friday, September 18 at 7:00 PM
Jerome T Osborne Senior Stadium
All-time vs. Benedictine: 19-11

School Information

LOCATION: 6733 Reynolds Rd, Mentor, OH 44060
AFFILIATION: Private - Roman Catholic
(Diocese of Cleveland)

Football Information

NICKNAME: Cougars
COLORS: Forest Green and Silver-gray
CONFERENCE: North Coast
OHSAA: Division III - Region 9
STADIUM: Jerome T Osborne Senior Stadium (Mentor)
STATE TITLES: 3
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Erik Schroeder
HEAD COACH: Marty Gibbons
RECORD AT SCHOOL: 49-33 (8th Season)
OVERALL RECORD: 49-33

2026 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 21	@ Cardinal Mooney
Aug. 28	@ Avon Lake
Sept. 5	@ Akron Buchtel
Sept. 12	vs. Gilmour Academy
Sept. 18	vs. Benedictine
Sept. 25	@ CVCA
Oct. 2	vs. Elyria Catholic
Oct. 9	vs. Padua
Oct. 16	@ Holy Name
Oct. 23	@ NDCL

2025 Schedule (Record: 9-3)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
Aug. 22	Cardinal Mooney	L, 13-30
Aug. 29	Avon Lake	W, 21-14
Sept. 6	Buchtel	W, 36-6
Sept. 12	Gilmour Academy	W, 31-14
Sept. 19	Benedictine	W, 6-3
Sept. 26	CVCA	L, 21-28
Oct. 3	Elyria Catholic	W, 26-0
Oct. 10	Padua	W, 30-0
Oct. 17	Holy Name	W, 35-14
Oct. 25	NDCL	W, 21-14
Nov. 7	Streetsboro	W, 16-0
Nov. 14	Glenville	L, 3-14

SAINT IGNATIUS
Wildcats



Week 6
Friday, September 25 at 7:00 PM
Don Shula Stadium at JCU
All-time vs. Benedictine: 18-15-1

School Information

LOCATION: 1911 West 30th St., Cleveland, OH 44113
AFFILIATION: Private - Roman Catholic (Jesuit)

Football Information

NICKNAME: Wildcats
COLORS: Blue and Gold
CONFERENCE: Independent
OHSAA: Division I - Region 1
STADIUM: Wasmer Field, Huntington Bank Field, JCU
STATE TITLES: 11
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Rory Fitzpatrick
HEAD COACH: Tom Kaufman
RECORD AT SCHOOL: 0-0 (1st Season)
OVERALL RECORD: 21-5

2026 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 2	(Huntington Bank Field) vs. Avon
Aug. 28	@ Pickerington North
Sept. 4	vs. Mentor
Sept. 11	@ Walsh Jesuit
Sept. 18	vs. John Marshall
Sept. 25	@ Benedictine
Oct. 2	vs. St. Edward
Oct. 9	vs. Archbishop Moeller
Oct. 16	@ St. Xavier
Oct. 23	vs. Clarkson North (ON)

2025 Schedule (Record: 1-10)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
Aug. 21	Avon	L, 14-40
Aug. 29	Pickerington North	L, 7-20
Sept. 5	Mentor	L, 21-35
Sept. 12	Walsh Jesuit	L, 31-0
Sept. 19	Riverside	W, 45-33
Sept. 26	Benedictine	L, 14-16
Oct. 3	St. Edward	L, 31-45
Oct. 10	Archbishop Moeller	L, 10-42
Oct. 17	St. Xavier	L, 7-41
Oct. 24	Clarkson North (ON)	L, 13-28
Oct. 31	Perrysburg	L, 17-24 (OT)

CARDINAL MOONEY
Cardinals

Week 7
Friday, October 2 at 7:00 PM
Stambaugh Stadium at YSU
All-time vs. Benedictine: 12-9

School Information

LOCATION: 2545 Erie Street Youngstown, Ohio 44507
AFFILIATION: Private - Roman Catholic
(Diocese of Youngstown)

Football Information

NICKNAME: Cardinals
COLORS: Red and Gold
CONFERENCE: Independent
OHSAA: Division V - Region 17
STADIUM: Stambaugh Stadium at YSU
STATE TITLES: 8
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Toni Chahine
HEAD COACH: Frank Colaprete
RECORD AT SCHOOL: 10-3 (2nd Season)
OVERALL RECORD: 53-57 (college)

2026 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 21	vs. Lake Catholic
Aug. 28	OPEN
Sept. 4	vs. Canfield
Sept. 11	vs. Steubenville
Sept. 19	@ Akron Buchtel
Sept. 25	vs. St. Francis (NY)
Oct. 2	vs. Benedictine
Oct. 9	vs. Warren G. Harding
Oct. 16	@ St. Vincent-St. Mary
Oct. 23	vs. Ursuline

2025 Schedule (Record: 10-3)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
Aug. 22	Lake Catholic	W, 30-13
Aug. 30	VASJ	W, 27-20
Sept. 5	Canfield	L, 14-24
Sept. 12	Steubenville	L, 24-27 (OT)
Sept. 20	Chardon	W, 27-14
Sept. 26	Boardman	W, 35-7
Oct. 3	Chaney	W, 10-7
Oct. 9	Warren G. Harding	W, 7-3
Oct. 17	South Range	W, 38-30
Nov. 7	South Range	W, 48-12
Nov. 14	Garrettsville Garfield	W, 56-14
Nov. 21	Girard	W, 48-14
Nov. 28	Wheelersburg	L, 10-24



VILLA ANGELA-ST. JOSEPH
Vikings

Week 9
Friday, October 16 at 7:00 PM
Gutbrod Field
All-time vs. Benedictine: 4-8

School Information

LOCATION: 18491 Lakeshore Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44119
AFFILIATION: Private - Roman Catholic (Ursuline Sisters
and the Society of Mary)

Football Information

NICKNAME: Vikings
COLORS: Red, Scarlet, Columbia blue
CONFERENCE: Independent
OHSAA: Division II - Region 5
STADIUM: Gutbrod Field
STATE TITLES: 1 (Championship won by St. Joseph High
School before merging with Villa Angela Academy.)
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Jeff Teringo
HEAD COACH: Jeff Rotsky
RECORD AT SCHOOL: 42-14 (6th Season)
OVERALL RECORD: 218-93

2026 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 21	@ Sandusky Perkins
Aug. 28	vs. Cincinnati Taft
Sept. 4	@ Nordon
Sept. 11	vs. St. Francis DeSales
Sept. 18	vs. Garfield Heights
Sept. 25	vs. St. Vincent-St. Mary
Oct. 2	vs. Bishop Hartley
Oct. 9	@ Youngstown East
Oct. 16	vs. Benedictine
Oct. 23	@ Delaware Hayes

2025 Schedule (Record: 1-9)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
Aug. 22	Walnut Ridge	W, 27-16
Aug. 30	Cardinal Mooney	L, 20-27
Sept. 5	Mansfield Senior	W, 47-7
Sept. 19	St. Vincent-St. Mary	W, 37-7
Sept. 26	John F Kennedy	W, 56-0
Oct. 3	Centennial	W, 57-6
Oct. 10	Gilmour Academy	W, 59-10
Oct. 17	Benedictine	W, 33-22
Oct. 17	Delaware Hayes	W, 48-17
Nov. 7	Maple Heights	W, 69-32
Nov. 14	Canfield	W, 32-0
Nov. 21	CVCA	L, 7-42



ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY
Fighting Irish

Week 10
Friday, October 23 at 7:00 PM
VanDevere Automotive Family Stadium
All-time vs. Benedictine: 4-11



School Information

LOCATION: 15 N Maple St, Akron, OH 44303
AFFILIATION: Private - Roman Catholic
(Society of Mary, Diocese of Cleveland)

Football Information

NICKNAME: Fighting Irish
COLORS: Green and Gold
CONFERENCE: Independent
OHSAA: Division III - Region 10
STADIUM: VanDevere Automotive Family Stadium
STATE TITLES: 8 (1st championship won by St. Mary High School before merging with St. Vincent).
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Mark Hassman
HEAD COACH: Marcus Wattley Sr.
RECORD AT SCHOOL: 20-6 (1st Season of 2nd tenure)
OVERALL RECORD: 31-15

2026 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 21	vs. Nordon
Aug. 28	vs. Massillon Perry
Sept. 4	@ Hudson
Sept. 11	vs. Firestone
Sept. 18	vs. Elyria Catholic
Sept. 25	@ VASJ
Oct. 2	@ Walsh Jesuit
Oct. 9	@ Boardman
Oct. 16	vs. Cardinal Mooney
Oct. 23	vs. Benedictine

2025 Schedule (Record: 0-9)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
Aug. 22	Nordon	L, 0-42
Aug. 29	Massillon Perry	L, 0-36
Sept. 5	Hudson	L, 0-49
Sept. 12	Warren G. Harding	L, 6-42
Sept. 19	VASJ	L, 7-37
Sept. 26	Elyria Catholic	L, 14-28
Oct. 10	Harvest Prep	L, Forfeit
Oct. 17	Walsh Jesuit	L, 7-51
Oct. 24	Benedictine	L, 13-24





DON SHULA STADIUM

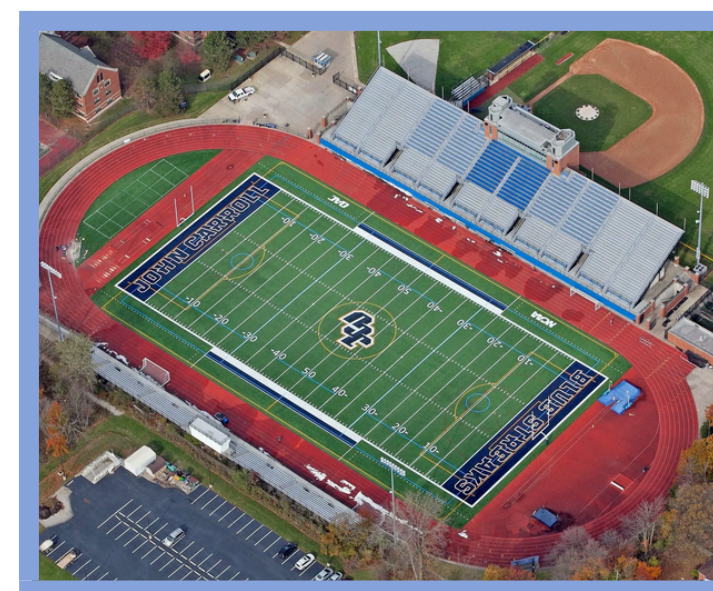
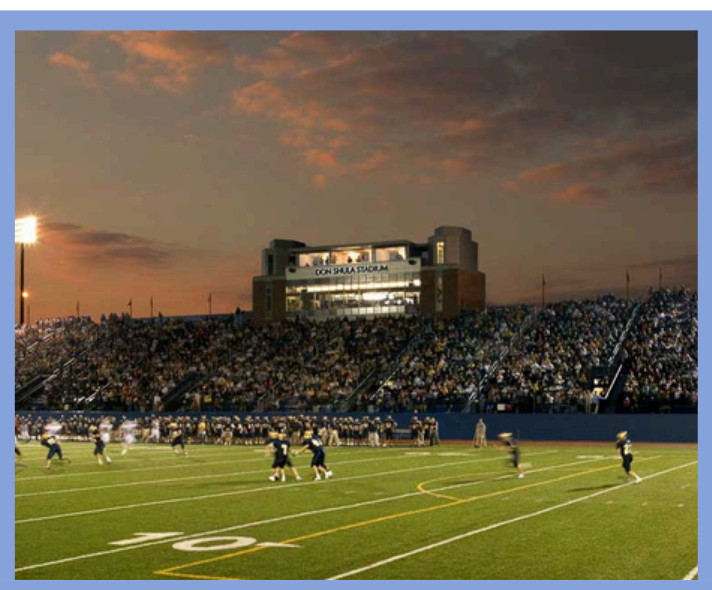
HOME STADIUMS

Don Shula Stadium at Wasmer Field Home of John Carroll University Athletics

20700 North Park Boulevard
University Heights, OH 44118
Built: 1968
Playing Surface: ProGrass Turf
Capacity: 5,416
Bengals' Record: 9-4



In 1968, Wasmer Field became the first home that was on-campus for John Carroll Athletics. In 2003, JCU honored Don Shula by naming the facility after the graduate of 1951. Shula owns the NFL record for most wins as a head coach, with 347. The 5,416-seat stadium features locker rooms, a weight room and training room, and offices. It also has a concession stand located under the home bleachers and a Memorabilia room in honor of Don Shula across from the concession stand. In the summer of 2019, the turf was replaced and the logo at midfield was changed from a lighting bolt to their current JCU logo. The turf is ProGrass Artificial Turf. John Carroll also added a new press box and coaches booth on the visiting side of the stadium. The BSN will set up their broadcast in that booth. The stadium hosts several varsity and club teams as well as other community events and all-star games. The field is surrounded by a track, with places for fielding events. This past summer, the stadium's scoreboard was updated, but is still located in the northeast corner. The lighting system was updated as well to brand new LED lights. The school's baseball and softball fields are located behind the stadium, and the main press box on the south side can be used to overlook those recently replaced turf fields as well. The Bengals have a 9-4 record in 12 home games at Don Shula Stadium over the past two seasons, winning their only away game against Saint Ignatius. Similarly to last season, Ignatius and Benedictine will play at the stadium, but this time, Benedictine will serve as the home team.



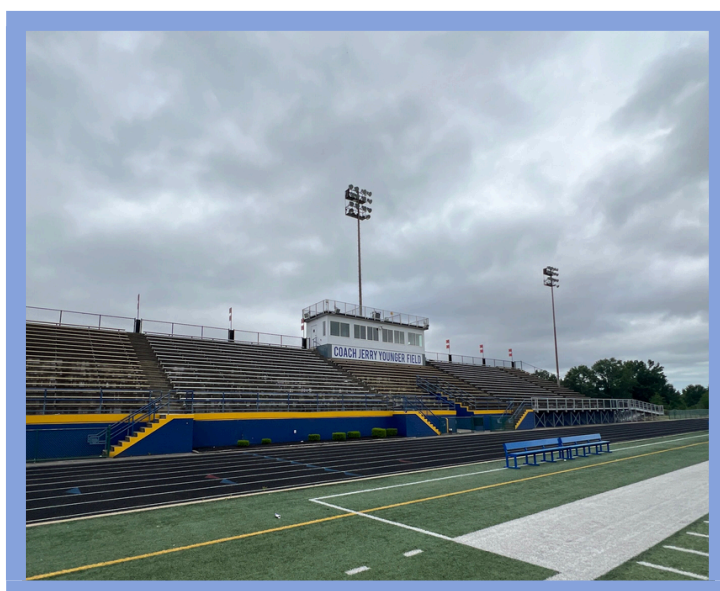
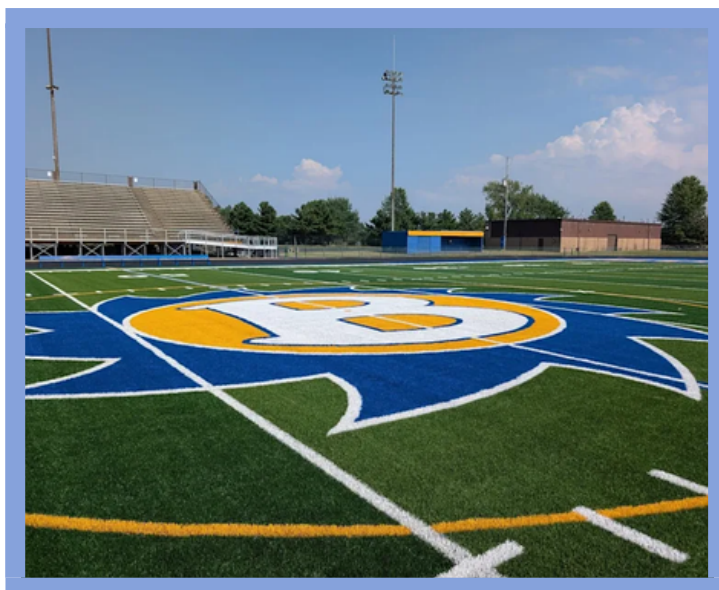
Benedictine Football

Jerry Younger Field at Brooklyn Memorial Stadium Home of Brooklyn High School Athletics

4500 Hurricane Alley
Brooklyn, OH 44144
Built: 1950
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf
Capacity: 3,113
Bengals' Record: 7-0



In 1950, Brooklyn Memorial Stadium became the home for Brooklyn High School Athletics. In 2021, the field was named in honor of Coach Jerry Younger, who coached at Brooklyn from 1972 to 1990. In that span, he won over 100 games, and multiple conference championships. The Bengals played two playoff games at Brooklyn Memorial Stadium in 2024, defeating Tiffin Columbian and Defiance. In the first round against Columbian, Chris Maloney set a school record for rushing yards with 386. He also ran for 5 touchdowns in the game. Following the 2024 playoffs, Brooklyn Stadium saw a major face lift in the summer of 2025. In partnership with the Cleveland Browns, brand new artificial turf was installed throughout the entire stadium. The Browns launched the field project in 2016 and began by replacing 5 fields in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Brooklyn's field was the 17th field the Browns worked to replace. This is possible through The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program, a partnership between the NFL Foundation and LISC, is a nationwide effort to enhance the quality, safety, and accessibility of local football fields. In addition to the playing surface, a brand new Daktronics video scoreboard was installed, a long overdue addition to the stadium. It might look a little different this year for Bengals fans but only in positive ways, as the Bengals will take on Padua Franciscan at Brooklyn. The Bengals have an all-time record of 7-0 in the stadium, according to records, and they will hope to stay perfect this season.



Brooklyn Memorial Stadium





AWAY STADIUMS

Weber Stadium Week 1



2045 SOM Center Rd, Gates Mills, OH 44040

Built: 1960s

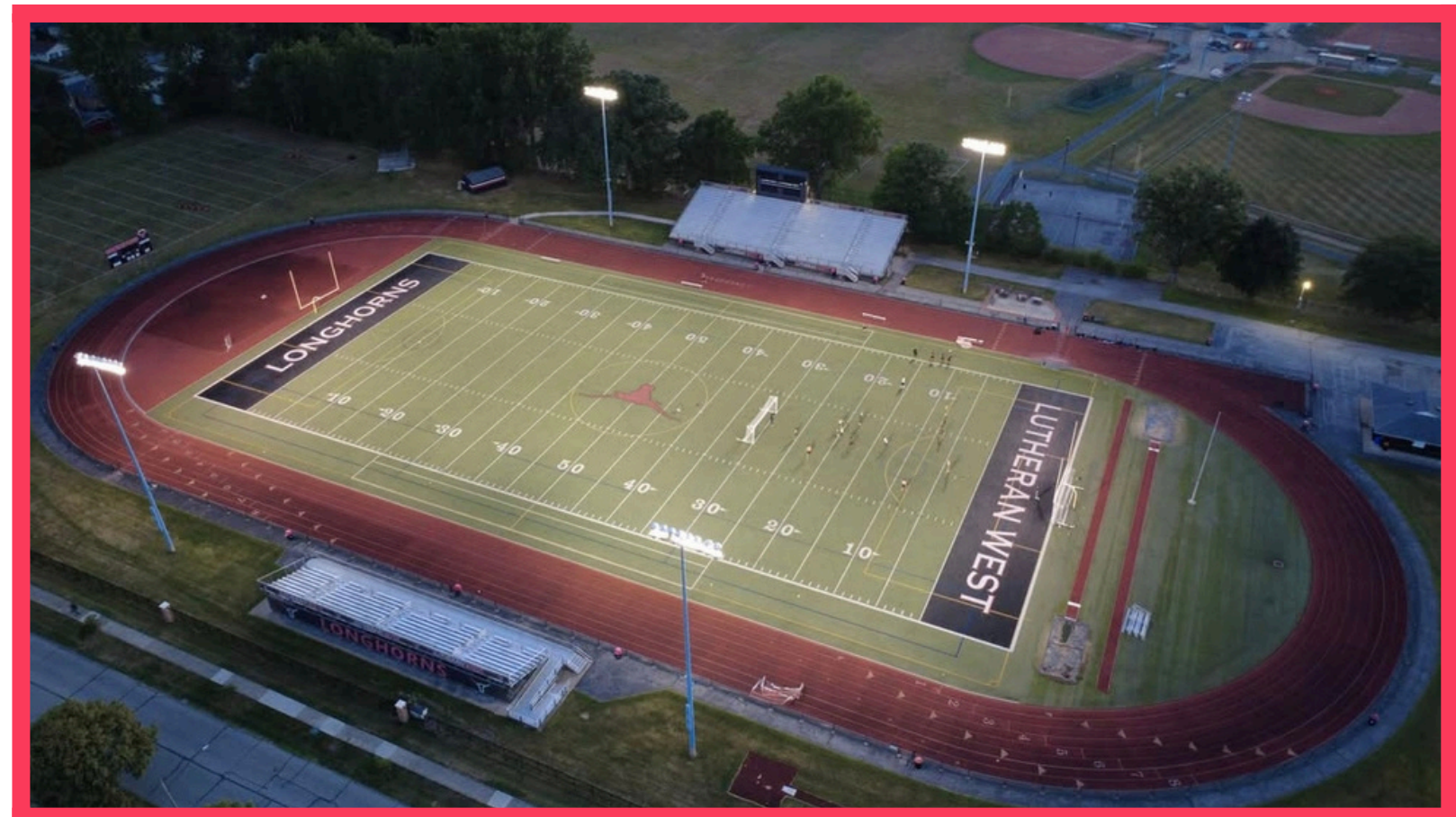
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

Capacity: 1,800

Bengals' Record: 0-0

Built in the 1960s, Weber Stadium serves as one of the primary athletic venues for Gilmour Academy athletics. The stadium is named in honor of Vern Weber, who served as the Lancers' football coach from 1958-82, athletic director from 1960-79 and school ambassador for seven decades. Over his 25 years as football coach, the Lancers went 136-82-11, including a 77-14-2 stretch in the 1960s that featured undefeated campaigns in 1963, 1964 and 1968. In 1965, Gilmour was on a 26-game winning streak, the longest in Ohio. Prior to 2019, Weber Stadium looked nothing like it does in it's current state. In 2019, The turf was replaced and a brand new press box was added. In 2022, a historic lighting installation was made, adding LED light towers which allowed Gilmour to host their first ever night football games in 75 years. Benedictine and Gilmour will square off under these lights during Week 1. Gilmour hosts Soccer, Lacrosse, and Track inside the stadium as well. While Benedictine's football team has never played in the stadium, Benedictine Soccer has played there, most recently in 2025, in a game that resulted in a Lancer victory. Benedictine Lacrosse played in Weber Stadium most recently in 2019 in a game that also resulted as a win for Gilmour. Benedictine Football will play in the stadium for the first time, to kick off the 2026 season, on August 21st. They will look to make it two straight wins over Gilmour. Kickoff from Weber Stadium is set for 7:00 PM.

Alumni Field at Lutheran West Stadium Week 3



3850 Linden Rd, Rocky River, OH 44116

Built: 1999

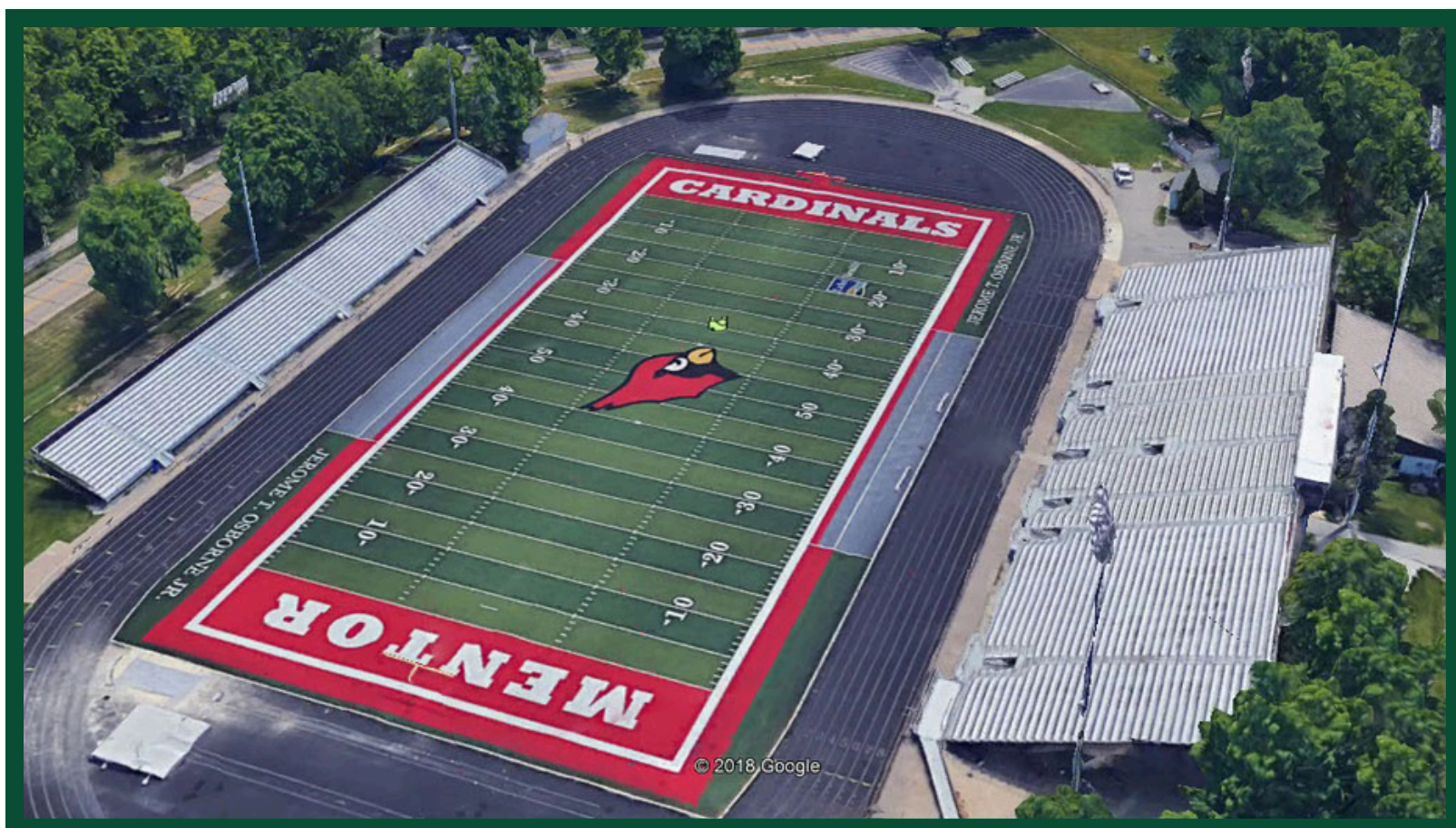
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

Capacity: 2,000

Bengals' Record: 0-0

Alumni Field serves as the home of Lutheran West athletics in Rocky River, Ohio. Alumni Field hosts Lutheran West football, soccer, track and field, and other school events throughout the year. Benedictine Football has never played at Lutheran West. The first meeting between the teams was in 2025 where the Bengals won in commanding fashion at JCU. Benedictine Soccer has played at Alumni Field and lost the most recent matchup against LW in 2025. The stadium features artificial turf, a two-story press box, a concession stand, and a scoreboard located outside of the track on the south end of the field. The stadium sits beside the baseball/softball field which was heavily improved in 2024, making it possible to play both sports on the one field. The Longhorns have not won in the stadium since Week 5 of 2024 when they beat Madison 7-6. It was one of only two wins that season. The last Longhorns winning season was in 2023 and the last playoff game hosted at Alumni Field was on October 28, 2022 when LW defeated Toledo Scott 31-0. They would go on to lose to Holy Name in the second round. The Bengals and Longhorns will square off on Spetember 4th with kickoff from Alumni Field set for 7:00 PM

Jerome T Osborne Stadium Week 5



8600 Munson Rd, Mentor, OH 44060

Built: 1983

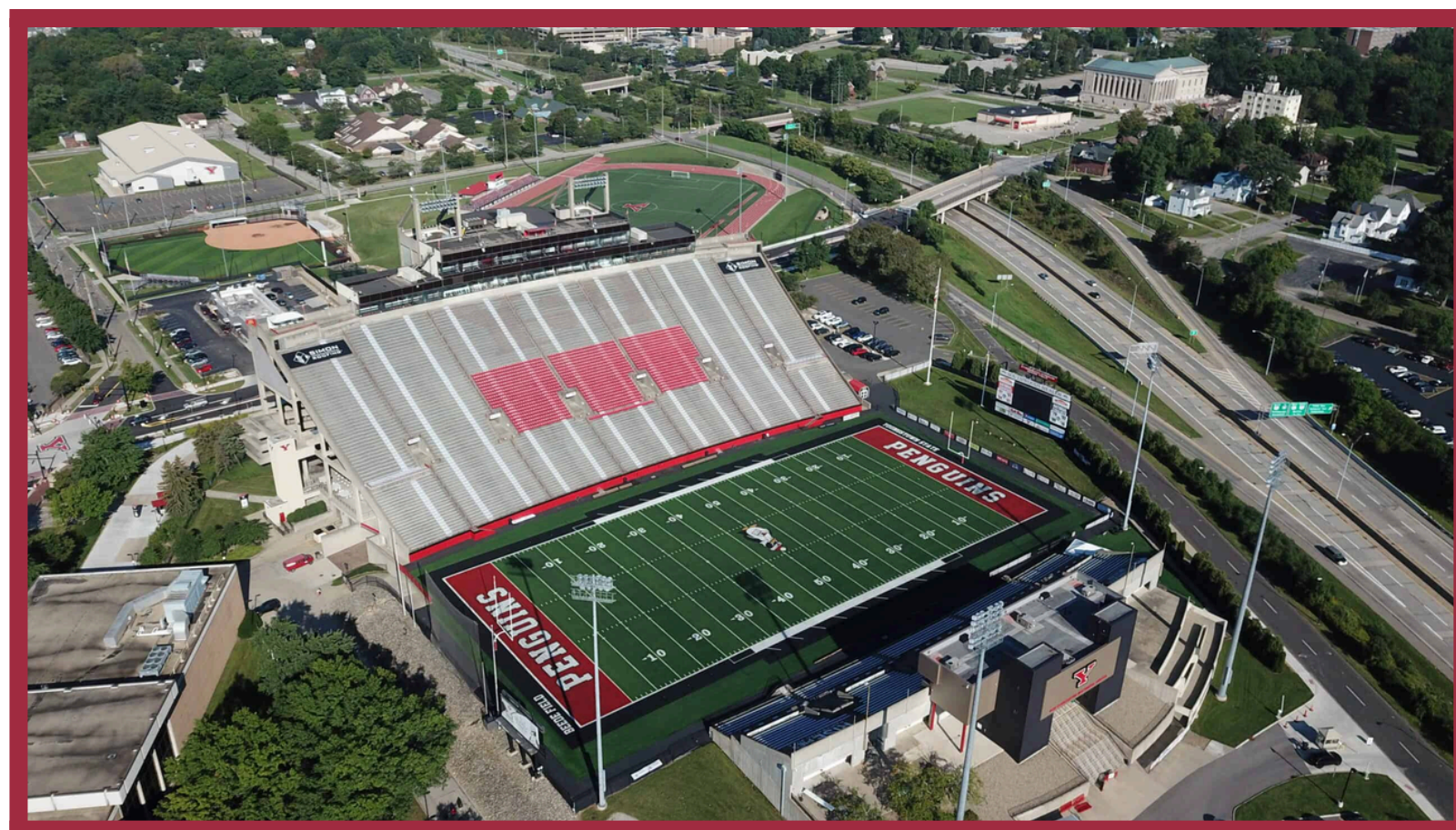
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf (FieldTurf)

Capacity: 7,333

Bengals' Record: 3-10

Though built in 1983, JTO Stadium looks the way it does today thanks to a massive renovation in 2006. For 20 years, the facility was named Mentor Cardinal Stadium. In 2006, with the renovation, it was renamed to Jerome T Osborne Stadium. A brand new turf field and a video scoreboard were installed. The original turf has since been replaced, with the switch being made in 2014. The Osborne Family financed the initial renovations with a \$1 million donation. Though primarily the home of the Mentor Cardinals, the JTO also hosts the Lake Catholic Cougars. The school board also accepted a \$300,000 gift from Lake Catholic to help with the cost of installing the new field in 2006. Lake Catholic's contribution comes by way of a donation the Osbornes made to the Mentor private school several years ago. The scoreboard in the stadium has video display capability with a 14-by-15-foot screen. The back wall under the press box includes a ring of honor that highlights some of the greatest to go through the Mentor football program. This includes two Mr. Football award winners, Bart Tanski (2007) and Mitch Trubisky (2012). Lake Catholic played 6 regular season games in the stadium in 2025, going 4-2 with losses to Cardinal Mooney and CVCA. They won their only playoff game in the stadium, defeating Streetsboro, 16-0. The last time the Bengals played in the stadium was in 2018, when they lost to Lake Catholic 35-17. Benedictine will look to avenge a 6-3 loss last year with a rematch against Lake Catholic from the JTO on September 18th with kickoff set for 7:00 PM.

Stambaugh Stadium at Youngstown State University Week 7



577 Fifth Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44502

Built: 1982

Playing Surface: Artificial Turf (SprinTurf)

Capacity: 20,630

**Bengals' Record: 7-5 (1 forfeit win over Ursuline)
(Ursuline 5-0, Mooney 2-5)**

Built in 1982, Stambaugh Stadium serves as the home of the Division I Youngstown State Penguins. Sitting high above the Youngstown State campus, the complex features an HD videoboard, state-of-the-art Musco Lighting and an upgraded seating area. More changes came with the addition of the Don Constantini Multimedia Center which opened before the 2019 season on the east side of the facility. The stadium is the tallest building in the city of Youngstown. The stadium features state of the art locker rooms, film rooms, luxury suites, club areas, and lounges. When it opened in 1982, Stambaugh had one large grandstand on the west side, with a seating capacity of approximately 17,000. The stadium was upgraded and expanded prior to the 1997 athletic season with the addition of over 3,000 bleacher seats on the east side of the field. In addition, a new press box was created and 14 additional luxury suites were built, along with a stadium club, which hosts the football team's weekly press conferences and is rented out for private events. Since 1997, the stadium's capacity is 20,630, making it the largest stadium in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. Historically, Stambaugh Stadium has been a primary venue for Cardinal Mooney, with the Cardinals playing many of their marquee matchups there throughout the 1990s, 2000s, and 2010s before periodic venue changes. Their current stretch at the stadium began in the fall of 2024 when they moved back. Prior to that, they played at Mineral Ridge High School for three years, but they returned to Stambaugh and have been there ever since. Mooney will play 7 games there this season with only two away games on the schedule. The Bengals have played numerous games at the stadium over the years, most recently in 2019, when they blew out Youngstown Ursuline. The Bengals and Cardinal Mooney will face of for what should be an instant classic in Week 7, with kickoff at 7:00 PM.

Gutbrod Field

Week 9



18491 Lakeshore Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44119

Built: 1950

Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

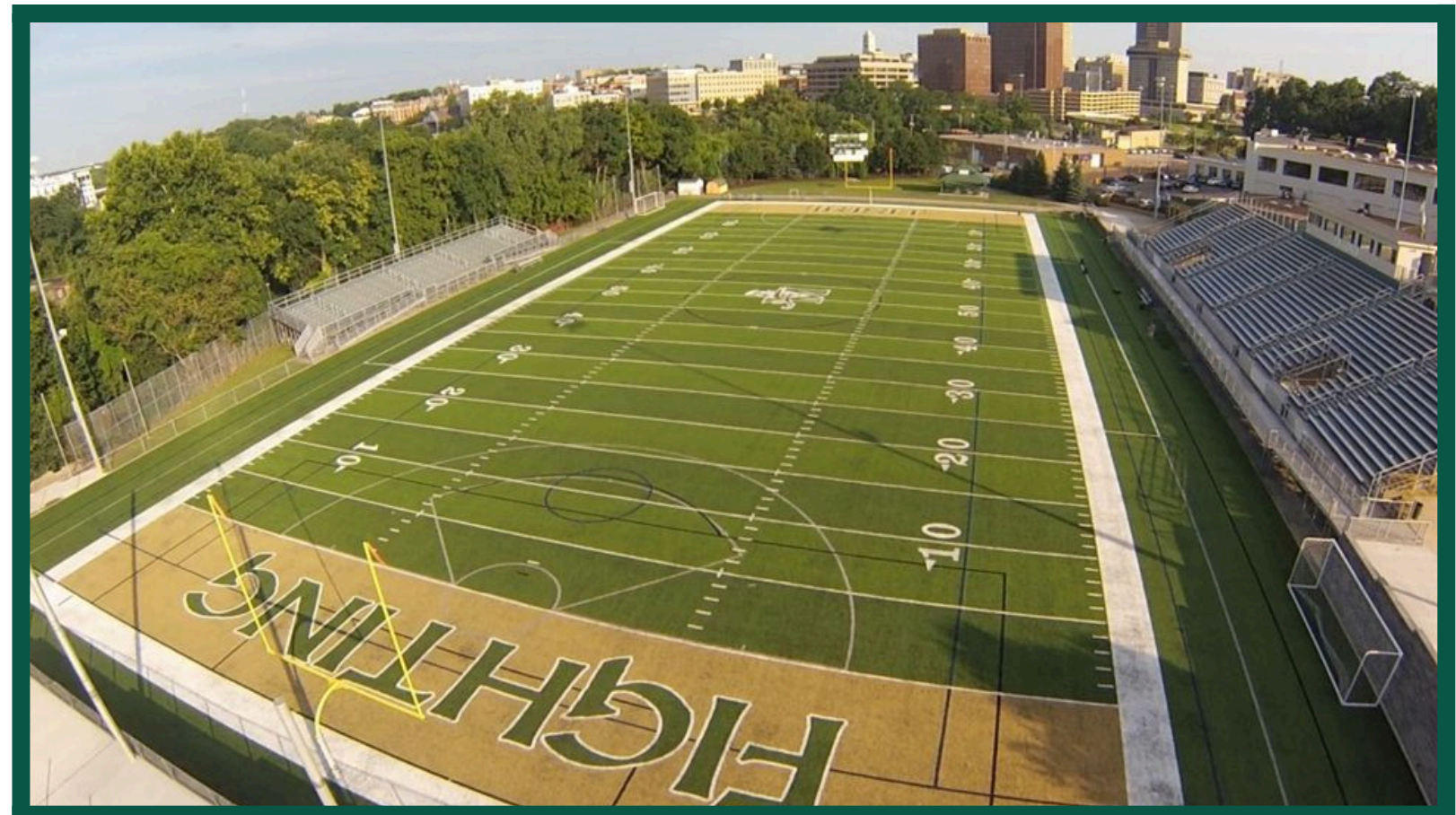
Capacity: 1,000

Bengals' Record: 0-0

Since 1950, Gutbrod Field has served as the on-campus home for Villa Angela-St. Joseph Athletics. For all those years, it was a grass playing surface, with no press box, and minimal bleacher space. The football team hosted home games at Euclid's Sparky DiBiasio Stadium, and then Case Western Reserve University once Euclid began playing in their new stadium. With the beautiful view of Lake Erie that sits right next to the stadium, incredible potential existed to make Gutbrod Field one of the most visually pleasing facilities in Northeast Ohio. Finally, in October of 2023, VASJ debuted brand new turf on Gutbrod Field and began playing home games there. Phase 2 of the renovation was completed this past winter, adding brand new bleachers and expanding the stadium's capacity as well as a new press box which sits on the new bleachers, adjacent to Lake Erie. VASJ went an undefeated 4-0 on the field last season. VASJ is 7-1 all-time since the turf replacement and will open their new season with the fully completed stadium renovation (including the new bleachers and press box) on August 28th against Cincinnati Taft. They will play 5 games on the field this season and the Bengals will look to get revenge after a 33-22 loss at John Carroll last season. The Bengals and Vikings will kickoff from Gutbrod Field on October 16th with kickoff set for 7:00 PM.

VanDevere Automotive Family Stadium

Week 10



15 N Maple St Akron, OH 44303

Built: 1949

Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

Capacity: 3,000

Bengals' Record: 5-3

Formerly known as Green Street Stadium, John Cistone Field at VanDevere Automotive Family Stadium serves as the home stadium for Saint Vincent-Saint Mary Athletics. Built in 1949, John Cistone Field was grass for many years before the switch to artificial turf was made in 2005 along with other renovations. Updates to the turf and surrounding areas of the stadium were made in the summer of 2015. A new project just finished in the stadium. The project includes new state-of-the-art turf, installation of a new digital scoreboard, new signage and sponsorship opportunities, construction of a gated entryway called the Eddie Wentz Plaza and installation of large custom STVM letters inside the stadium. The new turf looks similar to what was in place before (pictured), though the end zones have a more generic font and the sidelines where the benches are located is gold instead of white. Additionally, "John Cistone Field" has been added on each side of the field. The stadium features six, 70-foot high, aluminum light poles (three poles per side). The highlight is the incredible view of the Akron city skyline beyond the south end zone. STVM has not won in the stadium since 2023 when they defeated Benedictine 20-7. Since that game, STVM has only one win and Benedictine has defeated them twice. The last playoff game in the stadium was right after that STVM win over Benedictine, where STVM lost to Warren G. Harding by 5 touchdowns. Benedictine will close out the season at the stadium where they will take on the Fighting Irish at 7:00 PM.



@ Gilmour Academy
Lancers: 1-0
August 21st

2025 WIN 21-19



vs. Padua Franciscan
Bruins: 13-6
August 28th

1963 WIN 56-0
1972 LOSS 13-7
1980 WIN 10-3
1981 WIN 21-14
1982 WIN 17-8
1983 WIN 7-6
1985 WIN 38-14
1986 WIN 17-6
2011 WIN 28-17
2012 LOSS 33-0
2013 WIN 56-21
2014 WIN 28-14
2015 WIN 44-15
2016 LOSS 21-14
2017 LOSS 31-17
2018 LOSS 31-28
2019 WIN 40-7
2024 LOSS 42-28 (Playoff)
2025 WIN 7-0



@ Lutheran West
Longhorns: 1-0
September 4th

2025 WIN 41-0



vs. NDCL
Lions: 12-2
September 11th

2007 WIN 28-7
2008 WIN 35-14
2009 LOSS 27-16
2010 WIN 30-13
2011 WIN 42-16
2012 LOSS 44-7
2013 WIN 38-28
2014 WIN 55-16
2015 WIN 45-17
2016 WIN 23-22
2017 WIN 31-24 (OT)
2018 WIN 30-26
2019 WIN 38-20
2025 WIN 28-14



@ Lake Catholic
Cougars: 11-19
September 18th

1973 LOSS 7-0
1982 LOSS 3-0
1983 LOSS 14-7
1984 LOSS 34-7
1996 WIN 24-10 (Playoff)
2000 LOSS 31-28
2001 WIN 23-0

2001 LOSS 35-17 (Playoff)
2002 WIN 24-7
2003 WIN 49-7
2003 WIN 33-20 (Playoff)
2004 WIN 25-19
2005 LOSS 41-27
2005 LOSS 21-17 (Playoff)
2006 LOSS 21-14
2007 WIN 21-7
2008 LOSS 38-21
2009 LOSS 35-0
2010 LOSS 45-3
2011 LOSS 30-6
2011 LOSS 47-21 (Playoff)
2012 LOSS 13-0
2013 WIN 31-23
2014 WIN 29-15
2015 WIN 21-3
2016 LOSS 27-20
2017 LOSS 24-7
2018 LOSS 35-17
2019 WIN 44-7
2025 LOSS 6-3



vs. St. Ignatius
Wildcats: 15-18-1
September 25th

1929 LOSS 32-0
1931 LOSS 19-13
1932 LOSS 32-0
1934 WIN 7-6
1935 LOSS 27-6
1936 LOSS 12-7
1942 LOSS 25-7
1943 LOSS 13-0
1944 LOSS 2-0
1945 LOSS 34-19
1946 WIN 26-0
1947 WIN 19-6
1948 WIN 6-3
1950 TIE 14-14 (City Champ.)
1952 WIN 26-18 (City Champ.)
1955 WIN 47-6 (City Champ.)
1956 WIN 19-7 (City Champ.)
1957 WIN 27-3 (City Champ.)
1962 LOSS 6-0 (City Champ.)
1963 WIN 30-16 (City Champ.)
1964 LOSS 48-6 (City Champ.)
1969 WIN 18-7 (City Champ.)
1970 WIN 38-12 (City Champ.)
1982 LOSS 20-13
1983 WIN 22-20
1984 WIN 16-14
1985 LOSS 34-32
1986 WIN 27-0
1987 LOSS 15-7
1988 LOSS 40-0
1989 LOSS 32-14
1990 LOSS 19-7
2004 LOSS 43-6
2025 WIN 16-14



@ Cardinal Mooney
Cardinals: 9-12
October 2nd

1981 WIN 21-17 (Playoff)
1985 LOSS 47-0 (Playoff)
1994 WIN 33-13 (Playoff)
1995 LOSS 31-7
1996 LOSS 3-0
1997 WIN 30-23 (2 OT)
1998 LOSS 42-6
1999 LOSS 36-0
2000 LOSS 42-35
2001 WIN 23-10
2002 WIN 24-21
2003 WIN 17-0
2004 WIN 49-25
2005 WIN 28-13
2006 LOSS 52-14
2007 LOSS 31-17
2008 LOSS 31-14
2009 LOSS 42-7
2010 LOSS 42-17
2013 LOSS 28-21 (Playoff)
2014 WIN 56-16 (Playoff)



@ VASJ
Vikings: 8-4
October 16th

1992 WIN 24-0
1993 LOSS 27-18
1994 WIN 21-0
1995 WIN 59-0
1996 WIN 54-11
1997 WIN 49-14
1998 WIN 34-14
1999 LOSS 24-20
2001 LOSS 34-31 (OT)
2002 WIN 40-19
2003 WIN 30-10
2025 LOSS 33-22



@ STVM
Fighting Irish: 11-4
October 16th

1995 WIN 20-0
1996 WIN 48-0
1997 WIN 38-9
1998 LOSS 14-12
1999 LOSS 14-13
2000 WIN 31-25
2001 WIN 34-27
2002 WIN 42-14
2003 WIN 48-7
2004 WIN 26-15
2018 LOSS 55-21
2020 WIN 42-28
2023 LOSS 20-7
2024 WIN 39-8
2025 WIN 24-13

August 21st (Won 1, Lost 0)

OPPONENT: @ Gilmour Academy

2003 Benedictine 31, Warren Howland 3

August 28th (Won 1, Lost 2)

OPPONENT: vs. Padua Franciscan

2004 St. Ignatius 43, Benedictine 6
2009 NDCL 27, Benedictine 16
2014 Benedictine 62, Normandy 13

September 4th (Won 5, Lost 3)

OPPONENT: @ Lutheran West

1975 Benedictine 13, Cleveland Heights 6
1982 Lake Catholic 3, Benedictine 0
1987 Benedictine 37, John Hay 0
1992 Benedictine 28, Sandusky 6
1999 Akron Garfield 14, Benedictine 0
2009 Lake Catholic 35, Benedictine 0
2015 Benedictine 24, Youngstown Ursuline 14
2020 Benedictine 42, Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary 28

September 11th (Won 4, Lost 2)

OPPONENT: vs. NDCL

1964 Benedictine 36, St. Edward 14
1981 Benedictine 40, Ashland 0
2004 Benedictine 25, Lake Catholic 19
2009 Benedictine 28, Chardon 0
2010 Chardon 31, Benedictine 28
2020 Akron Hoban 31, Benedictine 24

September 18th (Won 5, Lost 6)

OPPONENT: @ Lake Catholic

1936 Benedictine 6, Parma 0
1948 Benedictine 23, Holy Name 0
1949 Benedictine 7, Holy Name 6 (later forfeited to HN)
1959 Holy Name 6, Benedictine 0
1970 Massillon 32, Benedictine 7
1981 Benedictine 17, John Marshall 0
1987 Benedictine 20, Mansfield Malabar 8
1992 Benedictine 14, St. Edward 8
1998 Euclid 38, Benedictine 7
2009 Fremont Ross 28, Benedictine 21 (OT)
2020 Massillon 28, Benedictine 10

September 25th (Won 8, Lost 4)

OPPONENT: vs. St. Ignatius

1931 Shaker Heights 16, Benedictine 0
1942 Benedictine 6, Central 0
1943 Cathedral Latin 27, Benedictine 6
1953 Benedictine 7, Cathedral Latin 6
1959 Benedictine 26, Mansfield 13
1964 Benedictine 28, East Tech 8
1981 Benedictine 17, Mansfield Madison 9
1982 Benedictine 14, Youngstown Rayen 6
1987 Benedictine 7, Holy Name 6
1998 Walsh Jesuit 55, Benedictine 7
2010 Cleveland Central Catholic 18, Benedictine 14
2015 Benedictine 27, Columbus Watterson 7

October 2nd (Won 5, Lost 4, Tied 1)

OPPONENT: @ Cardinal Mooney

1954 Benedictine 13, John Adams 13 (Tie)
1959 Benedictine 8, Cathedral Latin 0
1965 Benedictine 27, Cathedral Latin 20
1971 Benedictine 56, John Adams 6
1981 Benedictine 12, Fremont Ross 10
1987 Benedictine 14, Fremont Ross 13
1992 Mansfield Senior 28, Benedictine 26
1998 Youngstown Ursuline 21, Benedictine 3
2010 St. Edward 45, Benedictine 0
2020 St. Edward 31, Benedictine 10

October 16th (Won 9, Lost 4, Tied 2)

OPPONENT: @ VASJ

1931 Benedictine 6, John Hay 6 (Tie)
1936 John Hay 20, Benedictine 0
1937 Benedictine 14, Parma 12
1948 Benedictine 40, Collinwood 0
1953 Benedictine 33, Glenville 0
1954 Benedictine 0, Akron St. Vincent 0 (Tie)
1959 Massillon 30, Benedictine 6
1970 Benedictine 19, East 6
1971 Benedictine 43, Glenville 16
1992 Benedictine 35, Garfield Heights 0
1993 Canton Central Catholic 27, Benedictine 13
1999 Youngstown Mooney 36, Benedictine 0
2009 Benedictine 14, Walsh Jesuit 3
2015 Benedictine 21, Lake Catholic 3
2020 Benedictine 35, Willoughby South 0

October 16th (Won 9, Lost 4, Tied 2)

OPPONENT: @ STVM

1943 John Adams 2, Benedictine 0
1948 Benedictine 6, St. Ignatius 3
1953 Warren Harding 34, Benedictine 13 (game forfeited to Benedictine)
1960 Benedictine 34, St. Edward 6
1965 Benedictine 54, East Tech 0
1970 Benedictine 15, East Tech 6
1971 Benedictine 62, East 14
1987 Benedictine 14, Walsh Jesuit 0
1999 Villa Angela-St. Joseph 24, Benedictine 20
2009 Benedictine 28, Louisville Aquinas 7
2010 Benedictine 28, Louisville Aquinas 16
2015 Benedictine 48, Walsh Jesuit 21



2025 SEASON

WEEK 1 vs. Gilmour Academy

Week One:
Benedictine 21, Gilmour Academy 19
Saturday, August 23, 2025

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Gilmour Academy	7	0	6	6	19
Benedictine	7	0	7	7	21

1st Quarter

BENE - Tramell Reese 91 yard kick return (Nate Majors kick)
GA - Bruno Cook 18 yard pass from Sean Pitrone (Evan Saline kick)

3rd Quarter

BENE - Kayden Forte 12 yard run (Majors kick)
GA - Nathan Lennon 35 yard run (kick failed)

4th Quarter

BENE - Corde Blair 24 yard run (Majors kick)
GA - CJ Santagata 30 yard run (pass failed)

	BENE	GA
FIRST DOWNS	14	17
PASSING YARDS	82	78
RUSHING YARDS	179	208

Individual Stats:

PASSING

Benedictine
Matthew Furst 2 of 3 for 55 yards
Giovanni Iacampo 3 of 6 for 27 yards
Gilmour Academy
Sean Pitrone 10 of 20 for 78 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT

RUSHING

Benedictine
Kayden Forte 18 carries for 107 yards, 1 TD
Corde Blair 11 carries for 64 yards, 1 TD
Gilmour Academy
Nathan Lennon 15 carries for 77 yards, 1 TD
Dom Dunlevy 8 carries for 71 yards

RECEIVING

Benedictine
John Jones 1 catch for 40 yards
Gilmour Academy
Bruno Cook 6 catches for 57 yards
CJ Santagata 4 catches for 21 yards

Don Shula Stadium at John Carroll University

Start Time: 7:02 PM // End of Game: 9:56 PM
Total Time Elapsed: 2:54
Game-time Temp: 76°F, Warm, Humid

The Bengals Survive Week One,
Escaping with 21-19 Victory

By Wally Mieskoski '71

The Bengals began the 2025 campaign in exciting fashion as junior Tramell Reese took the opening kickoff 91 yards to the house. Tramell Reese’s 91-yard kick-off return is the 11th time that a Bengals player has opened the game with a touchdown scoring play. The other 91-yard return (but not an opening game return) was recorded by Marshall Howell against Akron Hoban in 2012. After a few failed drives from both sides, Gilmour stormed down the field, and with the help of some conversions on later downs, scored on a pass over the middle from Sean Pitrone to Bruno Cook. After one, the score was tied at 7.

After no scoring was done in the 2nd Quarter, The Bengals got on the board first in the second half, when Kayden Forte scored his first varisty touchdown, punching it in on 2nd & 11. The Lancers were quick to respond on their next drive, as Nathan Lennon took a first down run along the sideline to the house for a touchdown. In a crucial turning point, the PAT was missed by Evan Saline, allowing the Bengals to cling on to a 1 point lead.

The Bengals winning drive began with difficulty. After a Gilmour punt was downed on the four-yard line, the Bengals began moving 96 yards downfield picking up first downs and keeping the ball on the ground for the entire eight-play effort. Sophomore Kayden Forte and junior Corde Blair shared the carries with Blair getting the score from 24 yards. It was a determined, old-school offensive drive that would make those Bengals who played for Joe Rufus or Augie Bossu very proud and happy to see.

Though Gilmour scored again on a 30 yard run from CJ Santagata, the Bengals defense held Gilmour on the crucial two-point conversion pass attempt that would have tied the game. In addition, their tight coverage forced the Gilmour quarterback to miss connections on his last seven passes of the game.

Although the game was played in nice weather conditions of 75 degrees and cloudy skies, the players for both teams, but mostly Gilmour players were falling victim to cramps which often led to stoppages of play. That resulted in a very disjointed game with little flow and rhythm that was frustrating and inconsistent and took much longer for this contest to be completed. There was no official count of players who were stopped by cramps but estimates ranged anywhere from a dozen to 20.

Sophomore kicker Nate Majors, in his first year as a starter, proved to be the difference in this game. He made all three conversion kicks. Gilmour also scored three touchdowns but its conversion attempts were not as successful which ultimately cost them the game.

WEEK 2 at Padua Franciscan

Week Two:
Benedictine 7, Padua Franciscan 0
Friday, August 29, 2025

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Padua Franciscan	0	0	0	0	0
Benedictine	7	0	0	0	7

1st Quarter
BENE – Kayden Forte 2 yard run (Nate Majors kick)

	BENE	PADUA
FIRST DOWNS	12	6
PASSING YARDS	39	65
RUSHING YARDS	190	66

Individual Stats:
PASSING
Benedictine
Giovanni Iacampo 4 of 5 for 41 yards
Padua Franciscan
Landon Hanover 6 of 16 for 49 yards

RUSHING
Benedictine
Kayden Forte 21 carries for 94 yards, 1 TD
Corde Blair 13 carries for 85 yards
Padua Franciscan
Landon Hanover 13 for 61 yards

RECEIVING
Benedictine
Jonathan Spikes 2 catches for 29 yards
Padua Franciscan
Athan Miday 3 catches for 18 yards
Brady Devore 2 catches for 31 yards

Padua Stadium

Start Time: 7:01 PM // End of Game: 9:13 PM
Total Time Elapsed: 2:12
Game-time Temp: 65°F, Clear, Dry, Chilly

The Bengals Scrape Out 7-0 Win
in a Trench Battle in Parma
By Wally Mieskoski '71

In a playoff rematch in week two, it was nothing like the 2024 Regional Semi-Finals. A game that was expected to be full of offense, was anything but. The Bengals opened up the game with what turned out to be the winning drive. They went 69 yards in 15 plays before Kayden Forte took it in from two yards out for the game’s only touchdown with 5:16 left in the first quarter. Sophomore Nate Majors added the conversion kick. The Bengals kept the ball on the ground for all by one play when Giovanni Iacampo hit Tramell Reese for a seven-yard gain.

There weren’t as many points scored as in 2024, but the Bengals made the most of seven points to get the win over Padua in 2025. In the pervious year’s state playoff loss to Padua, the Bengals and Bruins combined for 70 total points with Padua earning a 42-28 win. This game was a big contrast from that playoff game as only 7 points were scored in a 7-0 Bengals win.

This win over Padua marks the 19th time that Benedictine has been involved in a 7-0 game. They’ve won 10 games and lost nine. The first time was in 1930 when Holy Name won 7-0. The first winning 7-0 score came over John Hay during the 1935 season. The last 7-0 Bengals victory came in the 1980 Division III state playoffs when Benedictine defeated Orrville 7-0 to advance to the Division III state title game. A week later, the Bengals defeated Hamilton Badin 9-3 to win the school’s second playoff football title. The last 7-0 score came when Youngstown Wilson defeated Benedictine in 1989.

The only real scoring chance for Padua in the game came at the end of the first half when the Bruins attempted a 40 yard field goal. Kicker Caleb Zolkowski missed it wide right keeping the score at 7-0 going into the half. The Bruins attempted the field goal on first down and might have had a chance to get in the end zone, though time was not on their side.

The Bengals were able to drag out the final 6 minutes of clock in the fourth quarter, which included a fourth down conversion from a QB sneak, when Senior QB Matthew Furst ran for a first down. The drive was capped off by an 11 yard run from Corde Blair to convert on 3rd down and seal the victory.

WEEK 3 vs. Lutheran West

Week Three:
Benedictine 41, Lutheran West 0
Friday, September 5, 2025

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Lutheran West	0	0	0	0	0
Benedictine	13	7	14	7	41

1st Quarter
BENE – Luke Carlton 14 yard pass from Giovanni Iacampo (Nate Majors kick)
BENE – Jonathan Spikes 9 yard pass from Matthew Furst (pass failed)
2nd Quarter
BENE - Carlton 43 yard pass from Iacampo (Majors kick)
3rd Quarter
BENE – Corde Blair 1 yard run (Majors kick)
BENE – Earl Jackson 4 yard run (Majors kick)
4th Quarter
BENE- Xander Smith 11 yard pass from Iacampo (Majors kick)

	BENE	LW
FIRST DOWNS	11	4
PASSING YARDS	154	0
RUSHING YARDS	100	30

Individual Stats:
PASSING
Benedictine
Giovanni Iacampo 6 of 10 for 110 yards, 3 TD
Matthew Furst 3 of 7 for 44 yards, 1 TD
Lutheran West
Dev McDonald 1 of 2 for 0 yards

RUSHING
Benedictine
Corde Blair 10 carries for 61 yards, 1 TD
Lutheran West
Ryan Dweh 14 carries for 45 yards

RECEIVING
Benedictine
Antowine Smith 3 catches for 37 yards
Luke Carlton 2 catches for 57 yards, 2 TD
Lutheran West
Lavelle Ramsey 1 catch for 0 yards

Don Shula Stadium at John Carroll University
Start Time: 7:28 PM // End of Game: 9:35 PM
Total Time Elapsed: 2:07
Game-time Temp: 69°F, Cool, Comfortable, Light Breeze

The Bengals Dominate Lutheran West 41-0, Move to 3-0

By Wally Mieskoski '71

The Bengals “passed” this test with four of the six touchdowns coming through the air. Senior Luke Carlton put the Bengals on the scoreboard with a 14 yard pass reception from Giovanni Iacampo with 6:40 left in the first quarter. Nate Majors added the PAT. Then, after a recovering a fumbled kick-off at the Longhorns nine-yard line, the Bengals struck immediately only seven seconds later on the first play from scrimmage.

Jonathan Spikes added to the lead with a scoring pass from Matthew Furst. The point-after pass attempt failed. Another Luke Carlton TD catch from Iacampo covering 43 yards in the second gave the Bengals a 20-0 halftime lead.

Two scores in the third quarter – short runs by Corde Blair of one yard and Earl Jackson of four yards, gave the Bengals a 34-0 lead late in the third quarter. That began the running clock as the point differential reached 30 or more points.

Benedictine added a final score in the final quarter on an 11 yard pass to Xander Smith from Iacampo (his third of the game) to make it 41-0. Nate Majors connected on all five of his conversion attempts in the game.

The last time the Bengals scored 41 points came in 2019 outlasting Brecksville-Broadview Heights 41-38 at Bedford Stadium in the Division II state playoffs. The last time Benedictine put together back-to-back shutouts occurred in 2003 when the Bengals blanked Walsh Jesuit 34-0 and Youngstown Cardinal Mooney 17-0 in consecutive games. That year Benedictine won the Division III state title finishing the season with a 14-1 record.

The last time Benedictine won a game by the score of 41-0 came on September 21, 1979 against John Marshall. On that day, Benedictine was celebrating its Golden Football Anniversary. Amazingly, it was exactly 50 years to the day as the first game in school history on September 21, 1929, an 80-0 loss to Lorain High, still the worst loss in school history. The only other previous 41-0 game was a 1951 victory over Glenville.

Lutheran West’s offense was quiet all night, picking up 0 yards through the air and only 45 yards on the ground. Special teams was an issue for the Longhorns as the Bengals got the ball back off of fumbled punts multiple times and the Longhorns had a punt blocked by Owen Slemc in the first quarter.

WEEK 4 at NDCL

Week Four:
Benedictine 28, Lutheran West 14
Friday, September 12, 2025

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
NDCL	7	0	7	0	14
Benedictine	7	14	0	7	28

1st Quarter
NDCL – Casey McInnerney 4 yard run (Ryan Cvitkovic kick)
BENE - Earl Jackson 47 yard run (Nate Majors kick)
2nd Quarter
BENE - E. Jackson 3 yard run (Majors kick)
BENE – Luke Carlton 18 yard pass from Giovanni Iacampo (Majors kick)
3rd Quarter
NDCL – Blake Dumermuth 20 yard pass from Brady Capel (Cvitkovic kick)
4th Quarter
BENE – Corde Blair 5 yard run (Majors kick)

	BENE	NDCL
FIRST DOWNS	16	7
PASSING YARDS	182	105
RUSHING YARDS	219	121

Individual Stats:
PASSING
Benedictine
Giovanni Iacampo 10 of 17 for 182 yards, 1 TD
NDCL
Brady Capel 13 of 23 for 105 yards, 1 TD

RUSHING
Benedictine
Corde Blair 23 carries for 118 yards, 1 TD
Earl Jackson 12 carries for 92 yards, 2 TD
NDCL
Brady Capel 7 carries for 59 yards

RECEIVING
Benedictine
Jonathan Spikes 3 catches for 83 yards
John Jones 2 catches for 29 yards
Luke Carlton 3 catches for 34 yards, 1 TD
NDCL
Casey McInnerney 6 catches for 40 yards, Rushing TD
Dylan Hoenigman 3 catches for 26 yards
Blake Dumermuth 2 catches for 26 yards, 1 TD

Lion Stadium

Start Time: 7:02 PM // End of Game: 9:51 PM
Total Time Elapsed: 2:49
Game-time Temp: 64°F, Clear, Crisp

The Bengals Win Biggest Test of the Year, Stay Undefeated
By Wally Mieskoski '71

There is nothing more satisfying for a visiting team than to take the home team cheering section out of the game. That’s exactly what happened in this 28-14 Bengals win at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, on the night the host school welcomed back the old Cathedral Latin alums.

After NDCL, wearing the purple color jerseys of the old Lions, scored first to take a 7-0 lead in the first quarter, the Bengals then scored three straight touchdowns to take a 21-7 lead at halftime. They played “old-school” running the football, which was appropriate on this night. But it was the 18-yard touchdown pass play with just 16 seconds before halftime, from Giovanni Iacampo to Luke Carlton, that catapulted the Bengals into a strong position entering the second half.

Latin cut the margin to 21-14 with 1:43 left in the third but then the Bengals mixed a blend of passes and runs to add another score for the final 28-14 margin with 8:09 left in the game.

The Bengals defense repeatedly kept the Lions offense off-balance. It was a classic, bend, but don’t break brand of football. Overall, it was a great effort, likely the best game of the season, on both sides of the football for the Bengals.

With the win over NDCL, the Bengals lengthened their winning streak over the Lions to eight games dating back to 2013. The previous last time the teams played came in 2019, a Bengals 38-20 victory.

This 28-14 score has been accomplished now for the fourth time in Benedictine Football history, the last time being in 2014, a win over Padua Franciscan.

Gio Iacampo played one of the best games of his young career completing 10 of his 17 passing attempts. He threw for 182 yards, the most he’s thrown for so far this season. At the end of the first half, Iacampo led a beautiful drive, completing a long pass near the Bengals’ sideline to Xander Smith, followed by a quick first down find to John Jones. He capped off the drive with a dart over the middle to Luke Carlton.

That drive served as a turning point in the game, and the Bengals carried that momentum the entire way. Earl Jackson emerged as a weapon for the Bengals, tying the game with a 47 yard run in the 1st Quarter and then giving the Bengals the lead with a 3 yard punch-in in the 2nd Quarter. He finished with 92 yards on the ground.

WEEK 5 vs. Lake Catholic

Week Five:
Benedictine 3, Lake Catholic 6
Friday, September 19, 2025

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Lake Catholic	6	0	0	0	6
Benedictine	3	0	0	0	3

1st Quarter
LC – Pete Malchesky 64 yard pass from Max Pisano (kick failed)
BENE – Nate Majors 31 yard FG

	BENE	LC
FIRST DOWNS	12	7
PASSING YARDS	67	98
RUSHING YARDS	116	113

Individual Stats:

PASSING

Benedictine
Giovanni Iacampo 5 of 17 for 67 yards, 1 INT
Lake Catholic
Max Pisano 4 of 6 for 85 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT
Liam Coyne 1 of 3 for 13 yards, 1 INT

RUSHING

Benedictine
Corde Blair 14 carries for 55 yards
Kayden Forte 15 carries for 50 yards
Lake Catholic
Danny Zmorowski 13 carries for 66 yards

RECEIVING

Benedictine
Sean O'Connell 2 catches for 27 yards
Lake Catholic
Pete Malchesky 2 catches for 69 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT

Don Shula Stadium at John Carroll University
Start Time: 7:30 PM // End of Game: 9:54 PM
Total Time Elapsed: 2:24
Game-time Temp: 68°F, Clear, Evening Breeze

The Bengals drop one to Lake Catholic in Low Scoring Affair
By Wally Mieskoski '71

All the scoring took place in the first quarter and then the defenses took over. Lake Catholic scored first on a 64-yard pass play from QB Max Pisano to Pete Malchesky with 6:46 left in the first period.

Benedictine answered with 1:29 left in the first on a 31-yard field goal by sophomore Nate Majors.

From there, neither team could find any real offensive momentum as interceptions, fumbles and defensive stops kept both teams from finding any game rhythm.

Lake Catholic Senior, multi-sport athlete, Pete Malchesky was the star of the show as he opened up the scoring in the 1st quarter, scoring the only touchdown of the game and then snagging an interception, making an incredible leaping catch for the takeaway.

The Bengals' lone points of the night came when Sophomore kicker Nate Majors drilled his first varsity field goal in his first ever attempt. To that point, he had only been sent out for PATs. The drive leading up to the field goal was a slow, methodical one, that stayed on the ground most of the way. The Bengals started with good field position following a good kickoff return to the Bengals' 46 yard line from Kayden Forte. From there, only two passing attempts were made on the drive. A first down completion was made to Junior Xander Smith over the middle and then an incomplete passing attempt was made to Senior Pat Shea while the Bengals were near the red zone. Corde Blair and Kayden Forte combined in the effort to get the Bengals into field goal range.

Benedictine had a golden opportunity with 4 and a half minutes left in the 4th quarter with the ball on the Cougars 5 yard line. The Bengals were set up against a 4th & Inches and decided to go for it instead of take the game tying field goal. Senior Matthew Furst was put in to execute and QB sneak, much like he did so well against Padua a few weeks before. He picked up plenty of yardage to move the sticks but unfortunately, the ball came free and Lake Catholic recovered it.

The Bengals would fall in a low scoring affair, failing to put more than 3 points on the board, even though the defense held a top tier Cougars team to only 6 points.

Bright spots from this game included the first interception in Kellen Donnelly's career as well as a pick from Antowine Smith. The run game looked strong with production from Blair and Forte.

WEEK 6 vs. St. Ignatius

Week Six:
Benedictine 16, Saint Ignatius 14
Friday, September 26, 2025

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
St. Ignatius	0	0	7	7	14
Benedictine	7	3	0	6	16

1st Quarter
BENE – Tramell Reese 74 yard pass from Giovanni Iacampo (Nate Majors kick)
2nd Quarter
BENE- Majors 23 yard FG
3rd Quarter
SIHS – Trey Haddad 69 yard pass from Jacob Mikin (Kyle Ritt kick)
4th Quarter
SIHS – Owen Colwell 1 yard run (Ritt kick)
BENE - Reese 96 yard kickoff return (kick failed)

	BENE	SIHS
FIRST DOWNS	9	9
PASSING YARDS	166	186
RUSHING YARDS	69	27

Individual Stats:
PASSING
Benedictine
Giovanni Iacampo 9 of 20 for 166 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT
Saint Ignatius
Jacob Mikin 13 of 35 for 186 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT

RUSHING
Benedictine
Kayden Forte 20 carries for 69 yards

RECEIVING
Benedictine
Jonathan Spikes 4 catches for 42 yards
Tramell Reese 1 catch for 74 yards, 1 TD, Kickoff Return TD
Xander Smith 2 catches for 36 yards
Saint Ignatius
Luke Simms 6 catches for 58 yards
Marcus Tekancic 3 catches for 22 yards
Trey Haddad 2 catches for 79 yards, 1 TD
Owen Colwell 2 catches for 13 yards, 1 Rushing TD

Don Shula Stadium at John Carroll University
Start Time: 7:32 PM // End of Game: 10:26 PM
Total Time Elapsed: 2:54
Game-time Temp: 65°F, Dry, Calm, Comfortable

The Bengals Beat a Long-Time Rival in Thrilling Fashion
By Wally Mieskoski '71

Two big plays - one at the start of the game and another near the end – proved to be the difference in this old-school rivalry renewal. On the first play from scrimmage, junior Tramell Reese scored on a 74-yard pass play from junior QB Giovanni Iacampo. Reese caught the deep pass and was able to outmaneuver several Wildcat would-be tacklers to reach the end zone.

The Bengals increased the lead to 10-0 in the second quarter on Nate Majors 23-yard field goal. St. Ignatius had their own big play scoring on a 69-yard pass play from Mikin to Trey Haddad in the third. They scored again late in the fourth with an Owen Cowell touchdown run following a short drive to take a 14-10 lead.

Tramell Reese shut the door as he ran back the kick-off 96 yards that allowed the Bengals to take back the lead and take the game. Stout defense by both teams made it difficult for the offensive units to generate any consistent yardage. Penalties were a big nuisance, particularly for St. Ignatius, which lost potential big gains when the yellow flags hit the ground.

St. Ignatius only held the lead for a total of 12 seconds in the contest. The Wildcats scored the go-ahead touchdown to move ahead 14-10 with 4:40 left in the fourth quarter. By the time the game clock hit 4:28, Benedictine had already regained the lead thanks to the long kick-off return by Tramell Reese.

Reese’s kick-off return is tied for the fourth-longest in school history with Anthony Urbania, who had a 96-yarder against Walsh Jesuit on the opening kick-off in 2008. Reese is familiar with kick-off returns for touchdowns. He opened the 2025 season with a 91-yard touchdown kick return against Gilmour Academy.

With 1:17 left in the game, on a fourth down play, sophomore linebacker Earl Jackson chased down the St. Ignatius QB for a minus 14-yard sack. A sophomore, Jackson was more well-known on offense as being in the rotation of the team’s running backs.

Then with 2.9 seconds left in the game, junior linebacker Gabe Dolan broke through the Ignatius line and made the first hit on the QB, knocking him to the ground and ending the game. Tyrell O’Neal came up to add support but the Wildcat QB was not going anywhere. Dolan will be remembered for a long time for this sack of the St. Ignatius QB on the last play of the game.

WEEK 7 vs. Lutheran East

Week Seven:
Benedictine 28, Lutheran East 7
Friday, October 3, 2025

Score By Quarters	1	2	Total
Lutheran East	0	7	7
Benedictine	14	14	28

1st Quarter
BENE - Kayden Forte 2 yard run (Nate Majors kick)
BENE - Earl Jackson 1 yard run (Majors kick)
2nd Quarter
BENE - Sean O'Connell 4 yard pass from Giovanni Iacampo (Majors kick)
LE - Jeremiah Turner 1 yard run (Andrej Cindric kick)
BENE - Jonathan Spikes 11 yard pass from Iacampo (Majors kick)

	BENE	LE
FIRST DOWNS	6	8
PASSING YARDS	89	42
RUSHING YARDS	104	142

Individual Stats:
PASSING
Benedictine
Giovanni Iacampo 8 of 10 for 89 yards, 2 TD, 0 INT
Lutheran East
Jeremiah Turner 7 of 12 for 42 yards, 0 TD, 1 INT

RUSHING
Benedictine
Kayden Forte 6 carries for 54 yards, 1 TD
Earl Jackson 8 for 50 yards, 1 TD
Lutheran East
Jeremiah Turner 17 carries for 133 yards, 1 TD

RECEIVING
Benedictine
Jonathan Spikes 4 catches for 43 yards, 1 TD
Sean O'Connell 1 catch for 4 yards, 1 TD
Lutheran East
Sam'ir Scott 3 catches for 25 yards
Davonte Miller 2 catches for 13 yards

Don Shula Stadium at John Carroll University
Start Time: 7:29 PM // End of Game: 8:48 PM
Total Time Elapsed: 1:19
Game-time Temp: 67°F, Dry, Calm, Comfortable

The Bengals Win Shortened Contest over Lutheran East
By Wally Mieskoski '71

In what was likely the shortest game in Benedictine history, the Bengals beat Lutheran East 28-7 after only playing the first half.

A disturbance broke out on the outside perimeter of the facility involving a handful of non-Benedictine students during the halftime break. Police were called and in the interest of safety, the stands were emptied in an orderly manner. The teams had not come out of the locker rooms to begin the second half. After discussions of the school's administrators, it was decided that the game was officially over and the final score would be 28-7.

As far as the game action, Benedictine jumped to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter on short runs by Kayden Forte and Earl Jackson. The lead increased to 21-0 on a Giovanni Iacampo 4-yard pass to Sean O'Connell. After Lutheran East narrowed the margin to 21-7, the Bengals increased the lead to 21 points again on a Iacampo to Jonathan Spikes 11 yard scoring pass. Nate Majors connected on all four PAT kicks.

Senior TE/DE Sean O'Connell scored his first career TD on a four-yard pass from Giovanni Iacampo with 8:28 left in the second quarter. A defensive stalwart last year, he is playing more on offense this season.

The last time the Bengals started the season with a 6-1 record came in 2021 when they ran off six consecutive wins before falling to Akron Hoban, 28-10, for the season's first loss.

Benedictine has now taken down both Lutheran schools on its schedule in 2025.

WEEK 8 at Cathedral Prep

Week Eight:
Benedictine 53, Cathedral Prep 23
Friday, October 10, 2025

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Cathedral Prep	7	6	3	7	23
Benedictine	13	6	14	20	53

1st Quarter
BENE - Antowine Smith 35 yard pass from Giovanni Iacampo (Nate Majors kick)
ECP - DaZaire Carson 2 yard run (Matthew Oblich kick)
BENE - A. Smith 71 yard pass from Iacampo (kick failed)
2nd Quarter
ECP - Carson 1 yard run (kick failed)
BENE - Kayden Forte 3 yard run (kick failed)
3rd Quarter
ECP - Oblich 28 yard FG
BENE - Forte 6 yard run (Majors kick)
BENE - Forte 3 yard run (Majors kick)
4th Quarter
ECP - Carson 2 yard run (Oblich kick)
BENE - Iacampo 55 yard run (Majors kick)
BENE - Kellen Donnelly 20 yard punt return (Majors kick)
BENE - Earl Jackson 9 yard run (kick failed)

	BENE	ECP
FIRST DOWNS	13	18
PASSING YARDS	171	84
RUSHING YARDS	286	197

Individual Stats:

PASSING
Benedictine
Giovanni Iacampo 5 of 8 for 171 yards, 2 TD
Cathedral Prep
Davin Friedman 9 of 22 for 79 yards, 0 TD, 1 INT

RUSHING
Benedictine
Kayden Forte 22 carries for 165 yards, 3 TD
Giovanni Iacampo 2 carries for 60 yards, 1 TD
Earl Jackson 5 carries for 56 yards, 1 TD
Cathedral Prep
DaZarie Carson 26 carries for 115 yards, 3 TD
Davin Friedman 9 carries for 56 yards

RECEIVING
Benedictine
Antowine Smith 3 catches for 144 yards, 2 TD
Cathedral Prep
Gavin Easter 3 catches for 23 yards

Dollinger Field at Hagerty Family Events Center
Game-time Temp: 53°F, Dry, Brisk, Breezy

The Bengals Offense Explodes for 53 Points in Win over Cathedral Prep

By Wally Mieskoski '71

The game started with a bang and ended in quiet reflection. When Prep's team stormed onto the field they were triggered by the very loud cannon blast that startled many unsuspecting fans. After the hard-fought game on the field, both teams gathered at the Grotto in the corner of the stadium to offer prayerful thanks. It was an incredible display of sportsmanship and faith.

On the field, Benedictine dominated the game with touchdowns on long pass plays and short runs. In the first quarter, the Bengals scored twice on long touchdown passes of 35 yards and 71 yards from junior Giovanni Iacampo to junior Antowine Smith that gave the Bengals a 14-7 lead.

Then Benedictine scored three times by sophomore RB Kayden Forte on runs of three, six and three yards. That helped the Bengals to a 33-16 lead at the end of three quarters. In the fourth quarter, the Bengals scored three times on a 55-yard run by Iacampo, a 20-yard punt return by sophomore Kellen Donnelly and a nine-yard run by sophomore Earl Jackson for the final of 53-23.

Kellen Donnelly's short 20-yard punt return for a touchdown after a poor kick certainly got everyone's attention about his quick jaunt into the end zone. But as far as records go, he ranks 8th all-time among the shortest returns for touchdowns in school history. Gerry Modzelewski '74 holds the record for the shortest punt return for a score with a two-yarder against East High in 1971. Last year, Michael Duckworth '25 had a three-yard touchdown punt return against SVSM for the second-shortest. For Donnelly, a sophomore defensive back, it was his first touchdown for the Bengals.

Midway in the fourth quarter, Giovanni Iacampo ran a counter play that completely fooled the Prep defense. He broke free just past midfield and was not caught until near the goal-line when a determined defender from Prep tackled him just as Iacampo crossed the goal line for the touchdown. The 55-yard run was the longest of his career.

The 53 points scored against Prep are the most by the Bengals in this series history. Those 53 points were the most scored by the Bengals in 2025 and the 23 points scored by Prep were also the most allowed by Benedictine this year. The 53 points was the fourth-most points scored by a team in the series. Prep owns the top three scores, reaching above the 53-point mark in 2017, 2018 and 2022.

WEEK 9 vs VASJ

Week Nine:
Benedictine 22, VASJ 33
Friday, October 17, 2025

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
VASJ	7	13	13	0	33
Benedictine	0	14	0	8	23

1st Quarter
VASJ - DeAngelo White 33 yard run (Jack Sable kick)
2nd Quarter
VASJ – T.J. Moore 3 yard run (Sable kick)
BENE – Giovanni Iacampo 1 yard run (Nate Majors kick)
VASJ - Joe Efford 1 yard run (kick failed)
BENE- John Jones 15 yard pass from Iacampo (Majors kick)
3rd Quarter
VASJ - Moore 5 yard run (Sable kick)
VASJ - Savion Lewis 54 yard INT return (pass failed)
4th Quarter
BENE – Patrick Shea 3 yard pass from Iacampo (Jonathan Spikes pass from Iacampo)

	BENE	VASJ
FIRST DOWNS	16	13
PASSING YARDS	77	121
RUSHING YARDS	103	121

Individual Stats:

PASSING
Benedictine
Giovanni Iacampo 12 of 30 for 103 yards, 2 TD, 2 INT
VASJ
Joe Efford 5 of 9 for 97 yards, Rushing TD, 0 INT

RUSHING
Benedictine
Kayden Forte 22 carries for 87 yards
VASJ
TJ Moore 10 carries for 62 yards, 2 TD

RECEIVING
Benedictine
Jonathan Spikes 4 catches for 48 yards
Kayden Forte 4 catches for 33 yards
John Jones 2 catches for 20 yards, TD
VASJ
Savion Lewis 3 catches for 77 yards

Don Shula Stadium at John Carroll University
Start Time: 7:33 PM // End of Game: 10:29 PM
Total Time Elapsed: 2:56
Game-time Temp: 60°F, Dry, Partly Cloudy

The Bengals Drop Their Second of the Season to VASJ

By Wally Mieskoski '71

Benedictine played catch-up the entire game. VASJ used quick strikes to foul up the Bengals plans. Taking advantage of Benedictine turnovers at the start of the game, the Vikings started their first two scoring drives in the first quarter on the Bengals 33-yard line and 34-yard line. A third drive started on the Bengals 27-yard line but VASJ failed to score when the field goal attempt was missed. Those two VASJ touchdowns were scored just about 90 seconds apart.

The Bengals got on the scoreboard midway through the second quarter on a Giovanni Iacampo one-yard run to cut the margin to 14-7. After VASJ moved ahead 20-7, Iacampo led the Bengals downfield that culminated in a 15-yard scoring pass to John Jones with 35 seconds left in the half to make it a 20-14 game.

To start the second half, the Vikings struck quickly again, scoring twice within a 28-second time frame. They opened the second half scoring on a five-yard run to take a 27-14 lead. Then, on the game’s next possession, the Vikings returned an intercepted pass for a touchdown to increase the margin to 33-14.

Later in the fourth quarter, the Bengals closed out the scoring on Iacampo’s second TD pass of the game, this time to senior TE Patrick Shea to make it a 33-22 final.

There were 150 yards of penalties assessed to VASJ in this game as a result of 17 penalties. And they still won. The Bengals were not exactly angels as they were flagged for 52 yards. In 2023, Benedictine defeated Normandy 59-20 and both teams were penalized heavily. The Bengals had 130 yards while the Invaders had 117 yards in penalties. In the 2024 loss to Buffalo St. Francis, the Bengals were called for 145 yards in penalties and St. Francis had 125 yards.

33 points is the most points allowed by the Bengals this season. This game was also the first time the score of 33-22 was accomplished in Benedictine history.

WEEK 10 vs STVM

Week Ten:

Benedictine 24, STVM 13

Friday, October 24, 2025

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
STVM	7	0	0	6	13
Benedictine	13	0	8	3	24

1st Quarter

BENE – Kayden Forte 81 yard kick-off return (kick failed)

BENE - Antowine Smith 55 yard pass from Iacampo (Nate Majors kick)

SVSM – JaNeal Baker 37 yard pass from Rylan Hurley (Christian Clayton kick)

3rd Quarter

BENE -Tramell Reese 30 yard pass from Iacampo (Reese pass from Iacampo)

4th Quarter

BENE - Majors 24 yard FG

SVSM – Marcus Reed 35 yard punt return (kick failed)

	BENE	STVM
FIRST DOWNS	17	10
PASSING YARDS	201	118
RUSHING YARDS	169	59

Individual Stats:

PASSING

Benedictine

Giovanni Iacampo 12 of 17 for 201 yards, 2 TD, 1 INT

STVM

Rylan Hurley 7 of 23 for 118 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT

RUSHING

Benedictine

Corde Blair 9 carries for 45 yards

Kayden Forte 12 carries for 93 yards

STVM

Brandon Nicholson 7 carries for 33 yards

RECEIVING

Benedictine

Jonathan Spikes 5 catches for 62 yards

Tramell Reese 2 catches for 34 yards, 1 TD

Antowine Smith 2 catches for 64 yards, 1 TD

STVM

JaNeal Baker 2 catches for 73 yards, 1 TD

The Bengals Wrap Up the Regular Season with a Win

By Wally Mieskoski '71

This game was much closer than would have been expected when looking at previous scores. STVM entered the game with a winless record and left this game with the same winless mark intact.

The game started with an opening kick-off return by Kayden Forte to give the Bengals an early lead. Then, another big play boosted the Bengals lead to 13-0 on an Antowine Smith 55-yard touchdown pass from Giovanni Iacampo midway through the first quarter. But then the Bengals bogged down. The Fighting Irish closed the gap before halftime to 13-7 on a JaNeal Baker 37 yard pass from QB Rylan Hurley, who was Mr. Everything for STVM.

It wasn't until 3:43 left in the third quarter that the Bengals hit paydirt again on the 30-yard pass from Iacampo to Tramell Reese to make it 21-7. Then Nate Majors added to the margin with a 24 yard field goal in the fourth quarter. SVTM closed out the scoring with a 35-yard punt return with 3:40 left in the game.

This 24-13 score has never been accomplished before in Benedictine history. There had been one 24-12 score and four 24-14 scores previously, but never a 24-13. 13 points by SVTM is the second most scored by the Irish in a single game this season. Their previous best was 14 points in a loss to Elyria Catholic.

The trouble with comparing scores of a team is that it doesn't always follow a steady pattern. Each game should stand on its own, regardless of a team's previous record. SVTM had not scored many points and gave up a lot of points throughout the season. Even with the Bengals scoring on the opening game kickoff for a touchdown, the Irish gave Benedictine a much tougher game they were likely not expecting considering the Fighting Irish record.

For the second time this season, a Bengals game was shortened by decision of the referees. As the play was getting especially chippy near the end of the game, there was a brief kerfuffle on the field. The referee called a penalty on a SVTM player at the line of scrimmage and then shortly afterward declared the game to be over with 1:05 left on the game clock.

Don Shula Stadium at John Carroll University

Start Time: 7:32 PM // End of Game: 10:22 PM

Total Time Elapsed: 2:50

Game-time Temp: 45°F, Cloudy, Damp, Chilly

OHSAA Playoffs vs Akron East

Week Eleven (OHSAA Playoffs):
Benedictine 7, Akron East 19
Friday, October 31, 2025

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Akron East	0	0	6	13	19
Benedictine	0	7	0	0	7

2nd Quarter
BENE – John Jones 79 yard pass from Giovanni Iacampo (Nate Majors kick)
3rd Quarter
EAST – Lavance Bratton 38 yard run (kick failed)
4th Quarter
EAST – Emmanuel Jefferson 25 yard run (pass failed)
EAST - Bratton 1 yard run (Lamine Soumah kick)

	BENE	EAST
FIRST DOWNS	15	13
PASSING YARDS	95	212
RUSHING YARDS	164	85

Individual Stats:
PASSING
Benedictine
Giovanni Iacampo 7 of 18 for 164 yards, 1 TD
Akron East
Marlin Engram 8 of 14 for 85 yards
RUSHING
Benedictine
Kayden Forte 20 carries for 108 yards
Akron East
Emmanuel Jefferson 5 carries for 75 yards
RECEIVING
Benedictine
John Jones 2 catches for 102 yards, 1 TD
Tramell Reese 3 catches for 33 yards
Akron East
Terrell Wharton 2 catches for 28 yards
Terrel Karim 2 catches for 19 yards

Joseph B. Yost Stadium at Ellet CLC
Start Time: 7:01 PM // End of Game: 9:36 PM
Total Time Elapsed: 2:35
Game-time Temp: 45°F, Damp, Chilly, Misty

The Bengals Get Knocked Out in a First Round Heartbreaker

By Wally Mieskoski '71

This season marked Benedictine’s 27th appearance in the state playoffs since the format began in 1972. It also is the third year in a row. That’s tied for the third longest consecutive season streak in school history with the teams in 19, 20 and 21.

The Bengals could not capitalize on a 79-yard touchdown play that led to a 7-0 halftime lead. John Jones took a sideline pass from Giovanni Iacampo and cut up field, made a move on an Akron East defender, tip-toed along the sidelines and sprinted away for the score with 5:21 left in the second quarter.

Akron East got on the scoreboard with 4:29 left in the third quarter on a Lavance Bratton 38-yard run. The point-after conversion kick failed. The Bengals led 7-6. Then, in the fourth quarter, East began to move the ball. Emmanuel Jefferson scored on a 25-yard run to give the East Dragons a 12-7 lead with 6:27 left in the game, after the two-point pass failed.

The Dragons just about wrapped up the game when Bratton scored his second TD of the game with 1:01 remaining to give his team a 19-7 lead. Benedictine still had a chance and moved the ball downfield but failed to score.

The game was mostly a defensive struggle with both teams rarely reaching the scoring zone. Oftentimes, penalties wiped out big plays by both teams. While the Bengals held the Dragons to below their season scoring average of 24.2 points, they also fell short of their per-game offensive production of 24.3 points.

The Bengals pieced together back-to-back 8-win regular season records. That’s the first time it’s happened since the 2014 and 2015 seasons. In 2014, Benedictine won the state title after putting together a 9-1 regular season. In 2015, the Bengals lost to state finalist Toledo Central Catholic 31-30 in double overtime in the Regional Finals. That year Benedictine had a perfect 10-0 regular season record.

PASSING YARDS

GIOVANNI IACAMPO 81 of 158 for 1,321 yards, 14 TD, 5 INT
Matthew Furst 6 of 13 for 97 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT

RUSHING YARDS

KAYDEN FORTE 159 carries for 844 yards, 6 TD
CORDE BLAIR 85 carries for 439 yards, 3 TD
EARL JACKSON 43 carries for 240 yards, 5 TD
GIOVANNI IACAMPO 45 carries for 35 yards, 2 TD
Matthew Furst 8 carries for 15 yards
ANTOWINE SMITH 1 carry for 11 yards
CASHLYN FORT 4 carries for 11 yards
KELLEN DONNELLY 4 carries for 9 yards
LEIGHMERE PRIMOUS 1 carry for 3 yards

RECEIVING

Jonathan Spikes 25 catches for 340 yards, 2 TD
John Jones 10 catches for 249 yards, 2 TD
ANTOWINE SMITH 9 catches for 232 yards, 3 TD
TRAMELL REESE 9 catches for 186 yards, 3 TD
Luke Carlton 8 catches for 112 yards, 3 TD
KAYDEN FORTE 7 catches for 77 yards, 1 TD
XANDER SMITH 6 catches for 115 yards, 1 TD
Sean O’Connell 5 catches for 46 yards, 1 TD
Patrick Shea 3 catches for 28 yards, 1 TD
Jeremiah Krieger 2 catches for 10 yards

SCORING

KAYDEN FORTE 7 TD, 42 points
NATE MAJORS 0 TD, 36 points (27 PAT kicks + 3 FG)
EARL JACKSON 5 TD, 30 points
TRAMELL REESE 4 TD, 26 points +2 point PAT
Luke Carlton 3 TD, 18 points
CORDE BLAIR 3 TD, 18 points
ANTOWINE SMITH 3 TD, 18 points
Jonathan Spikes 2 TD, 14 points +2 point PAT
GIOVANNI IACAMPO 2 TD, 12 points
John Jones 2 TD, 12 points
XANDER SMITH 1 TD, 6 points
Sean O’Connell 1 TD, 6 points
KELLEN DONNELLY 1 TD, 6 points
Patrick Shea 1 TD, 6 points

INTERCEPTIONS

KELLEN DONNELLY 2 (0 yards), John Jones 1 (17 yards), Jonathan Spikes 1 (14 yards), Sean O’Connell 1 (6 yards), ANTWAN LIVINGSTON 1 (0 yards), ANTOWINE SMITH 1 (0 yards), XANDER SMITH 1 (0 yards), Sean Borders 1 (0 yards).

FUMBLE RECOVERIES

CORDE BLAIR 3 (0 yards), ANTWAN LIVINGSTON 2 (0 yards), ANTOWINE SMITH 2 (0 yards), WILL ESHGHY 2 (0 yards), JAMES JACKSON 1 (0 yards), TRAMELL REESE 1 (0 yards), NNAOMA NZEKWE 1 (0 yards), Shepard Charlton 1 (0 yards).

TACKLES FOR LOSS

Sean O’Connell 13 (-45 yards)
Tyrell O’Neal 6 (-39 yards)
WILL ESHGHY 4 (-15 yards)

TACKLES	Solo Assists Total		
Jonathan Spikes	23	45	68
WILL ESHGHY	19	39	58
Sean O’Connell	18	34	52
OWEN SLEMC	9	21	30
ANTWAN LIVINGSTON	13	16	29
KELLEN DONNELLY	8	15	23
GABE DOLAN	3	17	20
John Jones	12	6	18
DONTRYLL WILSON	6	10	16
SANTINO ARRIETTA	1	10	11
DAVON POWELL	0	11	11
Micah Smith	2	8	10

TEAM STATISTICS

	Offense	Defense	Diff
Benedictine	3,022	2,215	+807

*CAPITAL LETTERS indicates returning player

Stats courtesy of Wally Mieskoski ’71

2026 Composite Calendar

Team	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
										
										
										
										
										
										
										
										
					