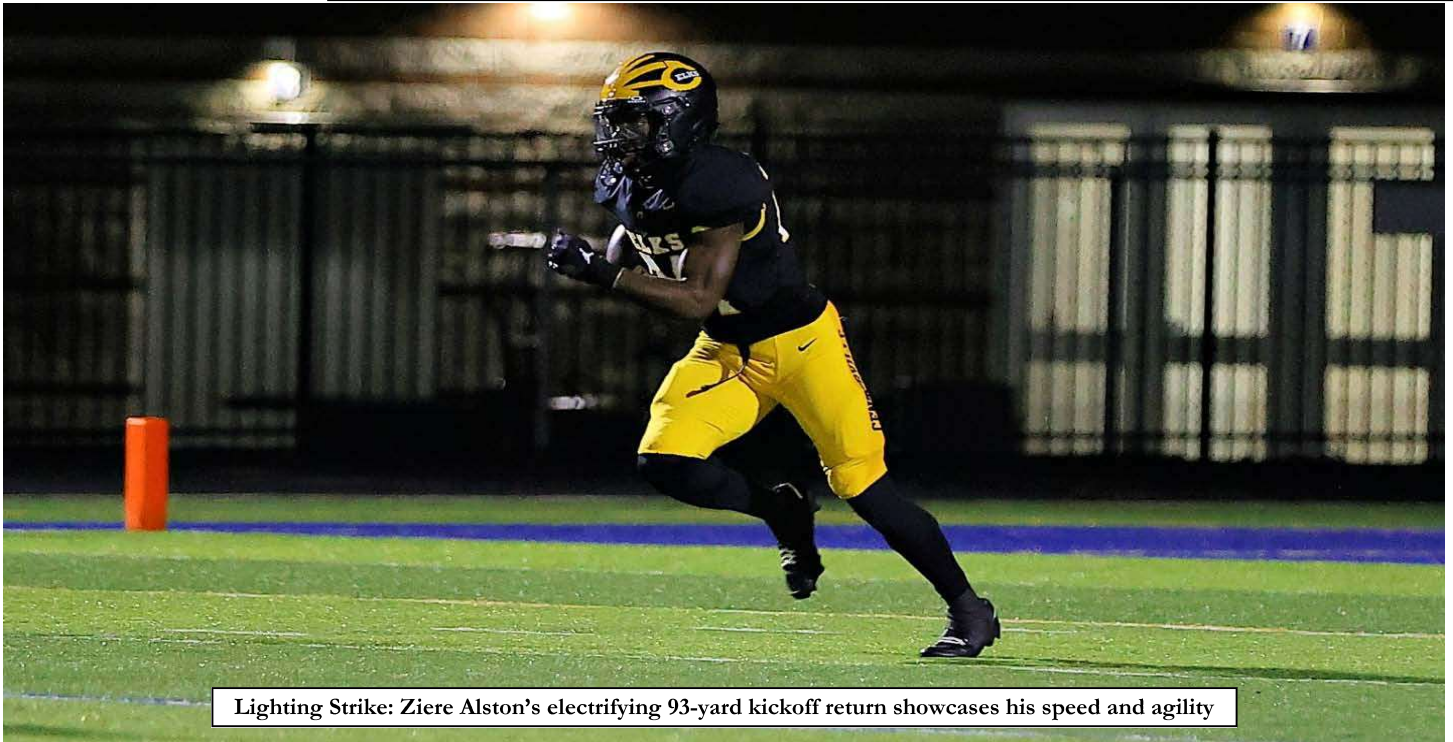


Elks Roll the Rocks



Lighting Strike: Ziere Alston's electrifying 93-yard kickoff return showcases his speed and agility

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Centerville Elks Dominate Dublin Coffman, Set Up Rivalry Clash with Wayne

The Centerville Elks continued their playoff march on Friday night, defeating the Dublin Coffman Rocks 42-7 in the third round of the OHSAA state playoffs. The win not only propelled Centerville to the regional finals but also set the stage for their eagerly anticipated 71st meeting with the Wayne Warriors, their fierce rival in southwest Ohio.

The game was essentially decided in the first half, as the Elks exploded for 28 unanswered points before the break. The opening kick-off saw Centerville's sophomore defensive back and kick returner, Ziere Alston, electrify the Elk Nation crowd with a stunning 93-yard touchdown return, setting the tone early.

Centerville's offense was just as efficient, with junior quarterback Shane Cole putting on a clinic. He completed all 11 of his passes for 230 yards, including two touchdown passes—one to senior receiver Ryan Swanson and another to junior Soren Vitas. Swanson also had a standout performance, contributing 110 receiving yards and a touchdown, showcasing his ability to gain yards after the catch.

"That was a great job sticking to the process, making it about the process, rather than the results," said Centerville head coach Brent Ullery, highlighting his team's disciplined execution.

Coffman's offense struggled to find a rhythm, despite a strong individual performance by quarterback Amari Valerio-Hudson. The Army commit was under constant pressure from the Black Shirts defense, which sacked him once and disrupted his rhythm throughout the game. Valerio-Hudson did manage to break free for a 3-yard rushing touchdown, but it came with just seconds left in the game, long after the outcome had been decided.

Despite having 294 total yards of offense, the Rocks couldn't capitalize on their opportunities in the red zone, converting only 1 of 3 attempts into points. With a first and goal from the Elks five yard line, the Black Shirts had their finest hour with a goal line stand, crushing the Rocks spirit. In contrast, Centerville was efficient, converting 2 of 3 red zone chances into touchdowns.

The Elks' defense, led by senior linebacker Jackson Puckett and senior defensive back Andrew Erwin, shut down Coffman's offense for much of the game. Erwin led with 8 tackles, and Puckett added 5 tackles, with a crucial pass break up to stop Coffman on the Elks three-yard line.

With this victory, the Elks now sets its sights on Wayne, a team they defeated earlier this season, 38-14. The next battle at Welcome Stadium in this storied rivalry is sure to be another thrilling chapter in high school football.

Elk's Football Schedule

TEAM	OPPONENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Varsity	Wayne Warriors	Friday 11-22	7:00 PM	Welcome Stadium



Week 13 Results

TEAM	OPPONENT	DATE	ELKS	OPPONENT
Varsity	Dublin Coffman	11/15/24	42	7

Inside the Headset



The Dublin Coffman game was one of the best performances in all three areas of the game in recent history. Looking back, what did you see were the keys to delivering this impressive win?

I think it's directly-related to the mindset that this team and coaches have. All year, we have been facing a nameless and faceless opponent. The opponent has not mattered. Our main focus, and our primary "opponent," has always been ourselves. We have been laser-focused on improving ourselves and examining ourselves under a microscope. Additionally, this mindset has freed us from having to look into the future. We don't have to wait for another opponent each week or change what we do and how we do it. I think when you have this kind of mindset, you allow yourself the opportunity to be constantly improving and that's what this team has been doing. They show up each day. They put in the work each day. All of the credit goes to the players and their assistant coaches. They have done a great job of getting better each day and last Friday was simply a byproduct of that.

In the locker room before taking the field, you told the players, specifically the kickoff return team, to execute the return better than they ever had before, then the offense to do the same, and keep stacking these plays and the results will be great. Would you agree that the opening kickoff return was the turning point in the game?

Big plays in special teams can be major turning points in the game. In the playoffs, these plays can mean even more. That play was fun and exciting, but in my opinion, returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown can actually be the least-impactful of the big plays if that makes sense. There was only 12 seconds elapsed on the play I believe. There was still a ton of time and the opponent was getting the ball. Yes, there's momentum and it's exciting, but there's still a lot of football to play. Our players still had to make great plays and play a great game after that. That play was great because it was a team-play. Everyone had to make blocks and the ball carrier had to do a great job. That play was not great because it was a kickoff return for a touchdown at the beginning. In our locker room, since I was a player here, we have had a sign that reads "5 or 6 plays are going to decide the outcome of the game." The thing is, we just don't know what those 5 or 6 plays are until the game is over. That play was one of those plays, but there were definitely others.

In two of the three playoff games the Elks have had the advantage of a running clock for the entire second half, whereas the Wayne Warriors have not had the running clock in any of their three playoff games. How big is the benefit of resting your starters for two quarters as the Elks continue this deep run in the playoffs?

There are a lot of factors that go into being successful in the playoffs. A little bit of luck goes a long way, some calls and bounces in your direction can go a long way. One thing we talk to our team about is how health and longevity can go a long way too. We have to take care of our bodies. We have to get great treatment with Brandon whenever we are free. We have to get great rest, nutrition, and hydration. We have to constantly work on improving our bodies. When you can play in a running clock, and limit the amount of impact on a Friday night, that can help and has been beneficial to us. Yes, we prefer the difficult games where we have to strain and learn more about ourselves, but playing in a running clock definitely helps to keep guys more fresh. However, I'll say this: This is Centerville vs Wayne. It's a great game. Everyone finds a way to play in it. We will see all of their players and they will see all of ours. The guys love playing in this game, and whether a player is dinged-up a little won't matter. They will all play and they will all play very hard.

Inside the Headset

The Elks and the Warriors met was in the regional semi-finals 14 years ago in front of a capacity crowd at Welcome Stadium. That game was recognized as an “Instant Classic” by the media, featured two future **NFL players**, and was decided on Wayne’s last play of the second overtime period. Do you and your staff share moments in this incredible rivalry tradition with the current Elks?

We define Tradition as paying it forward, and leaving this place better than we found it. We define Tradition as pouring into whatever situation you're in and leaving it better than you found it. But in order to live with great Tradition, we believe it's important to understand the Tradition of Centerville Football. Our players get a constant education in our tradition. Whether it be direct lessons about a history with a team (they get this every week) or simply stories and anecdotes from the coaches, our players are learning more and more about our Tradition daily. Whether we talk about that game this week still remains to be determined and will stay within our locker room walls. The players have already learned that every time they play Wayne, it's a big game. They have already seen it once this year when we played in week 10. We don't need to hype it up or anything like that. We need to keep our focus on getting better each day.

A reporter asked Indiana Coach Cignetti how he was going to prepare the Hoosiers this week in the “biggest game” in Indiana football history, playing Ohio State in Columbus. Coach Cignetti’s response has been trending across social media, “We will approach this like any other game, it is a big game, because it is the next game. We are process-driven, process-oriented, we got to stack moments, and days to put ourselves in the best position to have success, play our game, and play it well.” His reply reminded me of your coaching philosophy with the Elks. It is obvious that this approach is working well for your team and the staff. Have you always coached with this approach, how did it evolve, and who was your mentor that first introduced it to you?

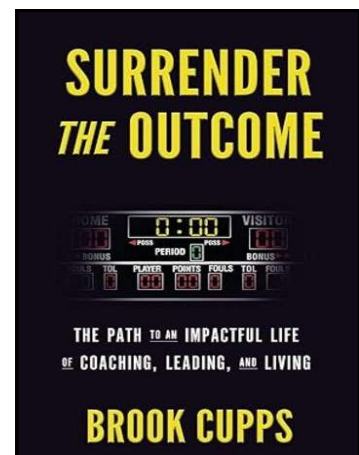
I'll admit, I have not. I used to stew over hours of film and look for ways to try and beat teams with scheme, plays, special drills, etc... However, about 4 or 5 years ago I decided to open up my ears more and close my mouth more. When I did that, I was able to see that our basketball coach, Brook Cupps, really knows what he's talking about. I also found his business partner, and Centerville Football alumni, Ryan Hawk. They both speak to surrendering the outcome and embracing the process. It was hard at first, but through consistency, we were able to find ways to embrace the process and think less and less about the result. Now, as we move through the season, we think less and less about the opponent and more about how we can improve on what we did yesterday. We don't evaluate whether we won or lost, but rather, did we improve on what we were working on and if we are working on the correct things. It's actually very refreshing when you embrace this process. You control a lot more than you think. You stop trying to control the other team and you start controlling yourself, your effort, and your attitude a lot more. I will say this, while Brook and Ryan have been great people for me to study, talk to, and learn from, I'll say that I've learned that a lot more successful people have this approach. It's seems like it must be a prerequisite for success to completely ignore the success and embrace the process. Coach Cignetti knows this, but even greats like Kobe Bryant, Tiger Woods, and Nick Saban all think exactly like this.



Braxton Miller from Wayne



Michael Bennett from Centerville



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024

PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

Centerville, Wayne win to set up all-GWOC regional final; Alter advances; MAC goes 5-0

By Travis Erickson
Staff Writer

Centerville and Wayne are headed for an all-Greater Western Ohio Conference regional final after winning their Division I, Region 2 playoff games on Friday night.

Centerville beat Dublin Coffman 42-7 and Wayne topped Hilliard Davidson 31-7.

Centerville got off to a quick start when Ziere Alston returned the opening kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown.

Parker Johnson scored on a 24-yard run and Shane Cole tossed TD passes to Soren Vitas and Ryan Swanson to send Centerville into the half up 28-0.

Alston and Ethan Ireland each added second-half scoring runs and Centerville moved on to its third regional final in school history.

For Wayne, Tyrell Lewis hit Jamier Averette-Brown on a pair of long touchdown passes to grab an early lead.

Lewis tacked on two more TD runs and Carson Limberg booted a short field goal.

Alex Corbin and Aden Vaughn each snagged interceptions to lead the Wayne defense.

Wayne improved to 8-5 and Centerville moved to 10-3 heading into next Friday's regional final. The Ohio High School Athletic Association will announce all regional finals sites on Sunday.



Centerville's Parker Johnson carries the ball for a 24-yard touchdown against Dublin Coffman during Friday's Division I, Region 2 playoff game at Springfield. BILL LACKEY/STAFF

Centerville won the regular-season matchup, 38-14.

**Division III
Region 12**

London 30, St. Marys Memorial 7: Undefeated London (13-0) advances to play Bellbrook (12-1). St. Marys ends the season with a 10-3 mark.

**Division IV
Region 16**

Alter 37, Taylor 13: Rod Owens and Noah Jones ran for two touch-

downs apiece to lead Alter and Wyatt Reifschneider returned an interception for a TD. Alter (8-5) advances to face Taft with a chance to avenge a 36-7 regular-season loss.

**Division V
Region 20**

Indian Lake 28, Greeneview 13: Madden Lillard tossed four touchdowns, two to Quest Clay, to lead Indian Lake. Indian Lake (11-2) moves on to face West Liberty-Salem (12-1). Chase Walker ran for a touchdown and returned an

interception for a score in a losing effort for Greeneview, which closes the season with a 12-1 mark.

**Division VI
Region 24**

Anna 56, Cincinnati Country Day 14: Zach Osborn accounted for four touchdowns as Anna (10-3) advanced for a rematch with Midwest Athletic Conference foe Coldwater (12-1). Coldwater won the regular-season matchup 34-18.

Coldwater 56, SBEP 0: Coldwater booked a trip to the regional finals for the 15th time in the last 17 seasons.

**Division VII
Region 26**

Delphos St. John's 21, Leipsic 13: 15th seed Delphos St. John's continued its improbable run, earning its first trip to the regional finals since 2017. DSJ (6-7) will face top-seeded Columbus Grove.

Region 28

Minster 42, CCPA 0: Minster booked its first trip to a regional final since 2017, setting up a second all-MAC showdown next week against top-seeded Marion Local. Minster (11-2) held Marion Local (13-0) to a season-low 21 points on Oct. 18.

Marion Local 61, Ansonia 0: Undefeated Marion Local extended its OHSAA record win streak to 61 games.

<p>DIVISION I Region 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Centerville 42, Dublin Coffman 7 ■ Wayne 31, Hilliard Davidson 7 <p>Region 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Moeller 28, Princeton 10 ■ St. Xavier 16, Lakota West 13 	<p>DIVISION II Region 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Anderson 42, Mount Healthy 0 ■ La Salle 37, Harrison 0 <p>DIVISION III Region 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Bellbrook 24, Wapakoneta 21 ■ London 30, St. Marys Memorial 7 	<p>DIVISION IV Region 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Alter 37, Taylor 13 ■ Taft 30, Indian Hill 14 <p>DIVISION V Region 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Indian Lake 28, Greeneview 13 ■ West Liberty-Salem 45, Waynesville 42 	<p>DIVISION VI Region 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Anna 56, Cincinnati Country Day 14 ■ Coldwater 56, St. Bernard-Elmwood Place 0 	<p>DIVISION VII Region 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Columbus Grove 35, Sycamore Mohawk 13 ■ Delphos St. John's 21, Leipsic 13 <p>Region 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Marion Local 61, Ansonia 0 ■ Minster 42, CCPA 0
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

TAKEAWAYS

Liberty, North win playoff thrillers

Centerville takes control early against Dublin Coffman

Centerville put a quick end to Coffman's late-season surge, dominating the 14th-seeded Shamrocks (4-9) in a Division I, Region 2 semifinal that went to a running clock in the third quarter. The second-seeded Elks (10-3) opened a 21-0 lead in the first quarter.

"We're not good enough," Coffman coach Geron Stokes said. "This was coming. We played a good team. Their defense is great. You go down 7-0 quick."

Ziere Alston returned the opening kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown.

Centerville held Coffman quarterback Amari Valerio-Hudson in check for most of the night after he had led the Shamrocks to three straight wins. Valerio-Hudson, who entered the game with 2,115 yards and 31 touchdowns rushing, scored on a 3-yard run in the final minute and finished with 123 yards on 21 carries.

"They have a good defense," Valerio-Hudson said. "They did what they were supposed to do. We could have executed better, but overall they played hard. ... They flew around. It was tough."

Dublin Coffman coach pleased with late-season surge

Faced with a 1-8 record and saddled with a seven-game losing streak heading into the regular-season finale, Coffman won three in a row, beating Hilliard Bradley 49-28 before playoff wins over Westland (49-42) and Lebanon (56-20).

Stokes was impressed with his team's resiliency.

"I'm just proud of the people that stood with us," Stokes said. "There's only a few. There's our locker room and our staff and a handful of parents. ... We went on a seven-game losing streak and these kids never flinched, never changed. There's a lot of people who can't do that. There's a lot of people who talk and don't have the toughness to continue to stay with us and our guys did."

Valerio-Hudson, an Army commit, was pleased with his team's improvement.

"It was a great run," he said. "We were very resilient, relentless. I'm so proud of my guys that they fought back all year. It was great to see that."

Balanced effort helps Centerville cruise to win

Centerville received contributions from its offense, defense and special teams as it advanced to the Region 2 final against eighth-seeded Huber Heights Wayne (8-5), which beat fifth-seeded Hilliard Davidson 31-7.

In addition to Alston's kickoff return, Parker Johnson scored on a 24-yard run and Shane Cole connected with Soren Vitas for a 40-yard TD pass to make it 21-0 in the first quarter. Johnson rushed for 131 yards and Cole passed for 230 yards and two scores.

Centerville outgained Coffman 445-294. Coach Brent Ullery was impressed with his team's defensive effort.

"Our defense practices really hard, plays really hard," he said. "They get off the ball and do what they can to control the line of scrimmage, and after the snap they get hats on the ball. They gang tackle with the best of them and they pursue to the ball. When you do that, you bottle up an electric offensive player."

—Frank DiRenna

Warriors Preview

Wayne Warriors
Huber Heights, OH
Montgomery County

2024 Wayne Football (5-4)
Coach: Roosevelt Mukes Jr.
Division I, Region 2



2024 VARSITY FOOTBALL

- Aug 23 @ FAIRFIELD
- Aug 30 vs. PICKERINGTON CENTRAL
- Sep 6 vs. LAWRENCE NORTH (N)
- Sep 13 @ SPRINGBORO
- Sep 20 vs. FAIRMONT
- Sep 27 @ NORTHMONT
- Oct 4 @ SPRINGFIELD
- Oct 11 vs. MIAMISBURG
- Oct 18 vs. BEAVERCREEK
- Oct 25 @ CENTERVILLE

OHSAA FOOTBALL STATE TOURNAMENTS ALL-TIME TEAM PARTICIPANTS LIST

SCHOOL	TOTAL TOURN. APPEARANCES	LAST APPEARANCE	ALL-TIME RECORD	STATE CHAMPION	STATE RUNNER-UP	STATE SEMIFINALIST (as a Final 4 team)
Huber Heights Wayne - 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 (2nd), 2014 (2nd), 2013, 2012, 2010 (2nd), 2009, 2008, 2006, 2005, 2003, 2002, 2000, 1999 (2nd), 1994, 1990, 1989, 1988, 1987	25	2023	25-25		4 (15, 14, 10, 99)	4 (15, 14, 10, 99)

Offensive Leaders - All Games

	TEAM	G	YDS	YPG	RUSH	RUSH YPG	PASS	PASS YPG	PTS	PTS/G
1	Wayne	13	4525	348.1	2114	162.6	2411	185.5	364	28.0
2	Centerville	13	3693	284.1	2324	178.8	1369	105.3	388	29.8

Defensive Leaders - All Games

	TEAM	G	YDS	YPG	RUSH	RUSH YPG	PASS	PASS YPG	PTS	PTS/G
5	Centerville	13	3257	250.5	1307	100.5	1950	150.0	208	16.0
7	Wayne	13	4047	311.3	2389	183.8	1658	127.5	282	21.7

Kicking Leaders - All Games

	NAME	G	XPM	XPA	XP%	FGM	FGA	FG%	LNG	PTS
1	Leland Gantz, Centerville	13	49	50	98.0	10	17	58.8	49	79
5	Carson Limberg, Wayne	13	26	28	92.9	3	7	42.9	35	35

Punting Leaders - All Games

	NAME	G	PUNTS	YDS	AVG	LNG	IN20	TB
2	Leland Gantz, Centerville	13	46	1667	36.2	64	11	3
11	Carson Limberg, Wayne	13	10	295	29.5	40	3	0

Kickoff Leaders - All Games

	NAME	G	KICKOFFS	YDS	AVG	TB
3	Leland Gantz, Centerville	13	73	4025	55.1	47
7	Carson Limberg, Wayne	13	66	3417	51.8	21

Drew Pasteur's Matchup

PICK: Centerville to win by 10

#21 Centerville Elks (10-3) 167.8

#59 Wayne Warriors (7-5) 150.7

Rankings

#9 of 71 in Division 1
#1 of 17 in Region 2
Strength of schedule #10 in D1
Resume ranking **#7 in D1** (+349 WP+)
Made Region 2 playoffs as #2 seed

Rankings

#25 of 71 in Division 1
#4 of 17 in Region 2
Strength of schedule #23 in D1
Resume ranking **#25 in D1** (+78 WP+)
Made Region 2 playoffs as #8 seed



Centerville Elks

OHSAA regional playoffs

11/01 (week 11) W 42-0 H **#248 Beavercreek (3-8) D1 R2**, pick: W by 38 (99%), perf. rating 175
11/08 (week 12) W 14-7 H **#54 Springboro (7-5) D1 R2**, pick: W by 17 (87%), perf. rating 160
11/15 (week 13) W 42-7 N **#83 Dublin Coffman (4-9) D1 R2**, pick: W by 14 (82%), perf. rating 197
11/22 (week 14) N **#36 Wayne (8-5) D1 R2**, pick: W by 10 (74%)



Wayne Warriors

OHSAA regional playoffs

11/01 (week 11) W 26-20 H **#93 Middletown (5-6) D1 R2**, pick: W by 9 (72%), perf. rating 149
11/08 (week 12) W 20-10 A **#34 Kettering Fairmont (9-3) D1 R2**, pick: L by 11 (23%), perf. rating 176
11/15 (week 13) W 31-7 N **#50 Hilliard Davidson (8-5) D1 R2**, pick: L by 9 (28%), perf. rating 189
11/22 (week 14) N **#21 Centerville (10-3) D1 R2**, pick: L by 10 (26%)



Location: Huber Heights, OH
Nickname: Warriors
Colors: Red, White and Black
Conference: GWOC
Enrollment: 1800
Superintendent: Jason Enix
Principal: Brent Carey
Athletic Director: Joe Penno
Athletic Trainer: Kelly Bearsby, Jonny Nemeth, Tyler Buhring

Head Coach: Roosevelt Mukes Jr.
Assistant Coaches: Chris Boyce, A.J. Lash, Jeff Smith, Guy Victoria, Cole Newsome, Charles Kash, Brian Vance, Grant Risner, Robert Price, Robert Redd, Aaron Curtis, Tyler Ekbreg
Equipment Coordinator: Bill Faun
Video: William Studebaker
Stats: Todd Anderson & Garrett Skare
Team Physicians: Dr. Harrington & Dr. Klosterman



Conference Championships: WOL 1985, 1987-90, 94, 00 GWOC 2001, 02, 03, 05, 09, 10, 13, 15, 16

Overall Appearances: 1987-90, 94, 99, 00, 02, 03, 05, 06, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20

State Appearances: 1999, 2010, 2014, 2015 **State Runner-ups:** 1999, 2010, 2014, 2015 **State Championships:**

No.	Name	Year	Ht./Wt.	Position
1	Tyrell Lewis	2025	6'1"/195	QB
2	Aden Vaughn	2025	6'2"/190	DB
3	Teaunn Hunter	2025	6'0"/175	WR/DB
5	Jussiah Williams-West	2025	6'2"/180	DB
6	Gauge Miesse	2025	6'2"/190	WR
7	Ka'Mauri Smith	2025	6'5"/220	WR/TE
8	Jamier Averette-Brown	2027	6'0"/165	WR
9	JD Bryant	2025	6'2"/245	DL
10	Jerald Battles	2026	5'11"/180	DB
11	Amare Gordon	2025	6'0"/180	DB
12	Sean Westmoreland	2025	5'10"/160	DB
13	Kye Graham	2028	6'1"/165	QB
14	Carson Limberg	2025	6'0"/160	K
15	Javion Lewis	2026	6'0"/215	DL
16	Dylan Combs	2028	5'11"/160	QB
17	Avant Hunter	2026	6'2"/240	DL
18	Aaden Curtis	2027	6'1"/145	WR
19	Mekhi Collins	2025	5'10"/170	DB
20	Coretni (CJ) Owens	2025	6'2"/185	LB
21	Brayden Redd	2026	5'11"/155	DB
22	Isaiah Thompson	2026	5'11"/195	RB
23	Sean Heisle	2026	6'1"/165	DB
24	Kash Jordan	2027	5'10"/165	DB
25	Dajon Nalls-Oliver	2027	5'10"/175	RB
26	Jonathan Williams Jr.	2026	5'11"/180	DB
27	Durrell Pope Jr.	2026	5'8"/165	RB
28	Ryder Penrod	2028	5'6"/130	WR
29	Nasir Strodes	2028	5'7"/130	DB
30				
31	Derrick Stinnett	2027	5'7"/140	DB
32	Robert Johnson	2027	5'5"/140	RB
33	Lorenzo Denson	2028	5'11"/170	RB
34	Tymayne Burdine	2027	5'6"/140	DB
35	Connor Fallen	2028	5'9"/135	DB
37	Evan Dixon	2028	5'7"/125	DB
38	Larry Walker Jr.	2025	5'8"/205	RB
39	Elijah Hursh	2028	5'11"/170	DB
40	Elijah Nedd	2027	6'0"/190	LB
41	Dontae Dorsey Jr.	2027	5'8"/110	DB
42	Jacob Hall	2026	5'10"/190	LS
43	Jay'den Hughes	2026	5'8"/185	RB
44	Kory Minor	2028	6'0"/205	LB
45	Tyren James-Manley	2028	5'7"/120	DB
46	Michael Fleetwood	2028	5'4"/145	DB
47	Ricco Campbell Jr.	2028	5'5"/110	DB
48	Brayden Kraft	2028	5'5"/110	DB
49	Kevin Turner	2027	6'0"/180	LB
50	Alex Lawson	2027	5'10"/265	OL

No.	Name	Year	Ht./Wt.	Position
51	Josiah Harper	2027	5'8"/175	LB
52	Rhyan Durant	2028	6'3"/185	LB
53	Cameron Frost	2026	5'6"/160	LB
54	Gavin Laberacki	2026	5'10"/205	LB
55	Chris Johnson	2025	6'4"/250	OL
56	Nehemiah Smith	2028	6'1"/155	LB
57				
58				
59				
60	Mason Wiwi	2028	5'10"/185	OL
61				
62	Braxton Kee	2026	5'10"/230	OL
63	Tramale (TJ) Forbes	2025	5'8"/250	DL
64	Ryder McCabe Hammergren	2027	6'1"/230	OL
65	Silas Nuckles	2028	5'11"/220	OL/DL
66	Trent Clawson	2027	6'1"/260	OL
67	Michael Hamby	2026	6'4"/290	OL
68	David Collins	2028	6'5"/240	OL
69				
70	Gabriel Clyne	2028	6'2"/290	OL
71	Logan Feltner	2026	5'10"/230	OL/DL
72	Wyatt Armitage	2027	5'11"/255	OL
73	Dakodes Jones	2028	6'0"/205	DL
74				
75	Charles Brooks	2028	5'8"/165	DL
76	Cullen "Quay" Nelson	2025	6'4"/265	OL
77	Paxton Tengesdahl	2026	6'2"/285	OL
78				
79	Jaydon Heinrich	2027	5'10"/230	K
80	Alex Moncrief	2026	5'9"/155	WR
81	Ra'von Wright	2028	5'7"/120	WR
82	Tremaine Chappell Jr.	2028	5'10"/145	WR
83	James Dyer IV	2028	5'4"/110	WR
84	Grayson Merris	2028	5'5"/120	WR
85	Ayden Raps	2028	5'9"/140	WR
86	Jahvey Johnson	2028	5'5"/130	WR
87				
88	Kevin Harris III	2028	6'1"/140	WR
89	Terrence Williams Jr.	2027	5'9"/160	WR
90	Ka'don Nolan	2028	5'11"/170	DL
91	Imani Howard	2027	5'10"/250	DL
92	U'kno Crochran	2028	5'8"/165	DL
93	Dorien Alcorn	2028	5'11"/190	DL
94	Hayden Macy	2027	5'11"/215	DL
95	Alex Corbin	2026	6'0"/230	DL
96	Ben Wijbrandus	2026	6'0"/250	DL
97	Sincere Watson	2028	5'10"/215	DL
98				
99	Day'auan Steele	2028	6'1"/190	DL

Centerville Wayne Series

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Centerville
Victories



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Wayne
Victories

Season	Winner	Elks	Warriors	#	Season	Winner	Elks	Warriors	#
2024	Centerville	38	14	70	1991	Centerville	29	12	34
2023	Wayne	16	32	69	1990	Wayne	3	9	33
2022	Centerville	38	35	68	1989	Wayne	7	17	32
2021	Wayne	21	42	67	1988	Wayne	3	14	31
2020	Wayne	10	20	66	1987	Wayne	14	44	30
2020	Wayne	23	28	65	1986	Centerville	28	13	29
2019	Centerville	27	21	64	1985	Wayne	15	26	28
2018	Wayne	21	35	63	1984	Centerville	28	20	27
2017	Centerville	39	22	62	1983	Centerville	33	0	26
2016	Wayne	8	45	61	1982	Centerville	10	7	25
2015	Wayne	17	56	60	1981	Wayne	6	14	24
2014	Centerville	19	14	59	1980	Centerville	35	6	23
2013	Wayne	35	42	58	1979	Centerville	51	14	22
2012	Wayne	10	26	57	1978	Centerville	42	6	21
2011	Centerville	63	35	56	1977	Centerville	31	10	20
2010	Wayne	33	36	55	1976	Centerville	45	0	19
2010	Wayne	10	34	54	1975	Centerville	24	0	18
2009	Wayne	20	42	53	1974	Wayne	0	31	17
2008	Centerville	31	14	52	1973	Wayne	13	28	16
2007	Centerville	28	21	51	1972	Centerville	27	0	15
2006	Centerville	21	13	50	1971	Wayne	16	22	14
2005	Wayne	28	29	49	1970	Wayne	0	22	13
2005	Wayne	0	38	48	1969	Centerville	14	2	12
2004	Centerville	35	27	47	1968	Wayne	14	22	11
2003	Wayne	20	21	46	1967	Centerville	8	0	10
2002	Wayne	0	24	45	1966	Wayne	6	36	9
2001	Wayne	7	48	44	1965	NO GAME			
2000	Wayne	17	20	43	1964	NO GAME			
1999	Centerville	35	14	42	1963	Centerville	40	8	8
1998	Centerville	37	10	41	1962	TIE	6	6	7
1997	Centerville	49	28	40	1961	Centerville	14	0	6
1996	Wayne	26	35	39	1960	Wayne	6	29	5
1995	Centerville	34	6	38	1959	Centerville	28	6	4
1994	Wayne	23	24	37	1958	Centerville	34	6	3
1993	Centerville	29	6	36	1957	Centerville	32	0	2
1992	Centerville	35	0	35	1956	Centerville	20	0	1

Key Players



Teaunn Hunter
GWOC First Team
Senior 6'0" 175 WR,DB



Ka'maurri Smith
GWOC First Team
Senior 6'5" 220 WR



Jussiah Williams-West
GWOC First Team
Senior 6'1" 195 QB



Jamier Averette-Brown
GWOC First Team
Sophomore 6'0" 165 WR



Isiah Thompson
GWOC Second Team
Junior 5'11" 195 RB



Tyrell Lewis
GWOC Second Team
Senior 6'1" 195 QB

Coffman Game Stats



DBCO vs CEN (FINAL)
(11/15/2024 at Springfield)
Springfield, OH

TEAM	DBCO (VISITOR)	CEN (HOME)
First Downs	15	19
--Rushing	5	9
--Passing	9	9
--Penalty	1	1
Rushing Attempts	24	29
Yards Gained Rushing	133	219
Yards Lost Rushing	17	4
Net Yards Rushing	116	215
Net Yards Passing	178	230
--Passes Attempted	31	11
--Passes Completed	15	11
--Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	55	40
Total Net Yards	294	445
--Average Gain Per Play	5.3	11.1
Fumbles: Number / Lost	0 / 0	0 / 0
Penalties: Number / Yards	2 / 10	7 / 60
Number of Punts / Yards	4 / 137	0 / 0
--Average Per Punt	34.3	0.0
Punt Returns: Number / Yards	0 / 0	1 / 29
Number of Kickoffs / Yards	1 / 53	7 / 413
--Average Per Kick	53.0	59.0
--Touchbacks	0	6
Kickoff Returns: Number / Yards	1 / 17	1 / 93
Interception Returns: Number / Yards	0 / 0	0 / 0
Fumble Returns: Number / Yards	0 / 0	0 / 0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	22:53	25:07
Third Down Conversions	4 of 11	4 of 5
Fourth Down Conversions	1 of 3	0 of 0
Redzone Conversions:	1 of 3	2 of 3
Redzone Touchdowns:	1	2
Redzone Field Goals Made:	0	0
Sacks By: Number / Yards	1 / 3	1 / 3

Offensive Statistics

Dublin Coffman VISITOR

No	Rushing	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
1	A Valerio-Hudson	21	131	8	123	1	23
2	B Scholl	2	2	0	2	0	1
6	C Hairson	1	0	9	-9	0	0
Total		24	133	17	116	1	23

No	Passing	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
1	A Valerio-Hudson	31	15	0	178	0	37	1
Total		31	15	0	178	0	37	1

No	Pass Receiving	No	Yds	TD	Long
2	B Scholl	9	89	0	37
6	C Hairson	2	49	0	37
22	Z Anspach	2	16	0	9
18	M Parrill	1	19	0	19
95	C Werling	1	5	0	5
Total		15	178	0	37

No	All-Purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
1	A Valerio-Hudson	123	0	0	0	0	123
2	B Scholl	2	89	17	0	0	108
6	C Hairson	-9	49	0	0	0	40
18	M Parrill	0	19	0	0	0	19
22	Z Anspach	0	16	0	0	0	16
95	C Werling	0	5	0	0	0	5
Total		116	178	17	0	0	311

Centerville HOME

No	Rushing	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
28	Parker Johnson	16	131	0	131	1	24
12	Ethan Ireland	5	56	0	56	1	28
15	Gavin Nolan	3	17	3	14	0	16
5	Shane Cole	4	11	1	10	0	6
24	Ziere Alston	1	4	0	4	1	4
Total		29	219	4	215	3	28

No	Passing	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
5	Shane Cole	11	11	0	230	2	49	0
Total		11	11	0	230	2	49	0

No	Pass Receiving	No	Yds	TD	Long
9	Ryan Swanson	4	110	1	49
3	Gavin Monturo	3	44	0	19
24	Ziere Alston	2	36	0	35
20	Soren Vitas	1	40	1	40
18	J.P. Mercer	1	0	0	0
Total		11	230	2	49

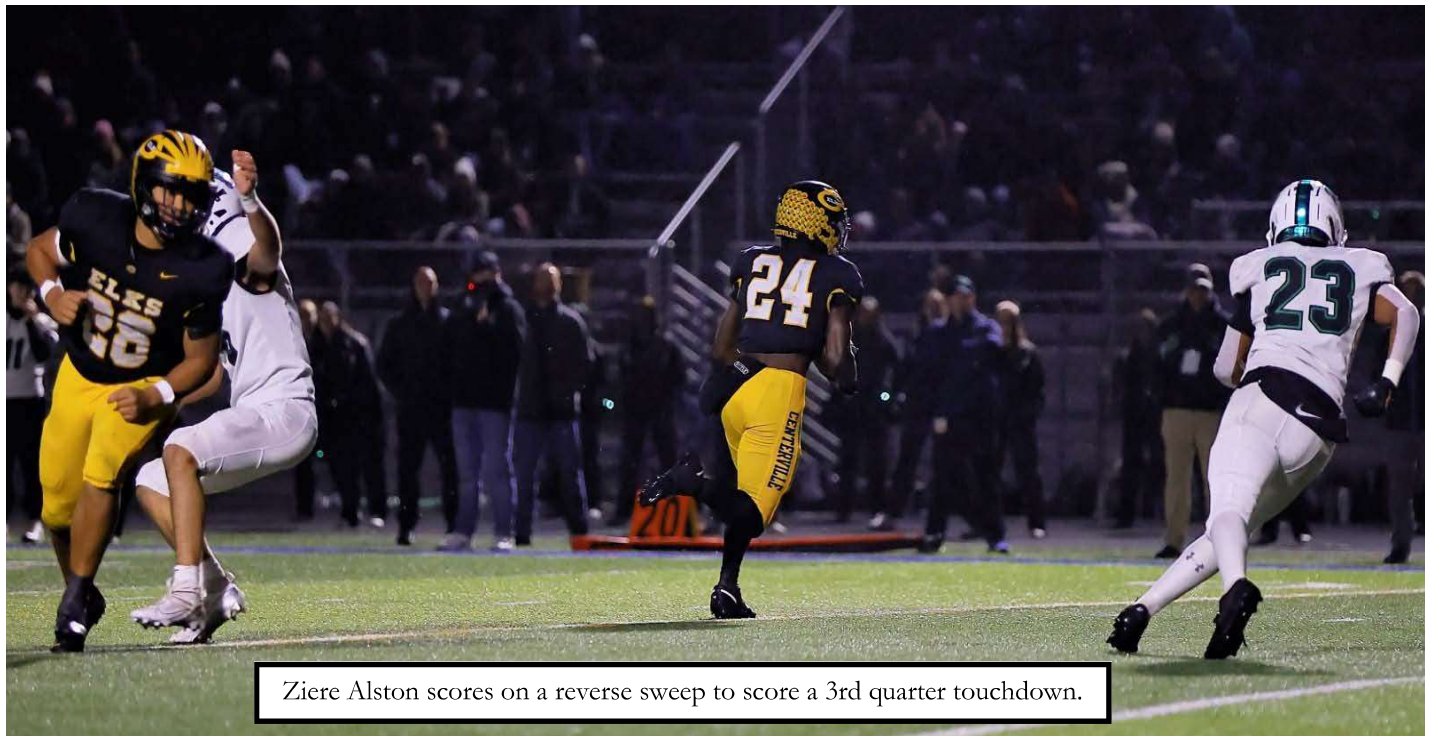
No	All-Purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
24	Ziere Alston	4	36	93	0	0	133
28	Parker Johnson	131	0	0	0	0	131
9	Ryan Swanson	0	110	0	0	0	110
12	Ethan Ireland	56	0	0	0	0	56
3	Gavin Monturo	0	44	0	0	0	44
20	Soren Vitas	0	40	0	0	0	40
8	Andrew Erwin	0	0	0	29	0	29
15	Gavin Nolan	14	0	0	0	0	14
5	Shane Cole	10	0	0	0	0	10
Total		215	230	93	29	0	567



Offensive Action



Ethan Ireland blasts through the hole setting up his 4th quarter touchdown.



Ziere Alston scores on a reverse sweep to score a 3rd quarter touchdown.

Black Shirts Statistics



	TACKLES				
	TOT	SOLO	SACK	TFL	PD
Andrew Erwin	8	4	0.0	1.0	0
Jacob Buhler	5	3	0.0	0.0	2
Mason Keely	5	0	0.0	1.0	0
Jackson Puckett	5	2	0.0	0.0	1
Jacob Taylor	5	3	0.0	0.0	0
Quinten Robinson	4	4	0.0	0.0	1
Ziere Alston	3	3	1.0	0.0	1
Brady Seeley	5	2	0.0	0.0	0
Colten Burleson	3	3	0.0	0.0	1
Matthew Jones	3	1	0.0	0.0	0
Ryan McCall	2	2	0.0	1.0	0
Mason Boykin	3	3	0.0	0.0	0
Bryce Bohram-Thomas	1	1	0.0	0.0	1
Lucas Mullinger	2	1	0.0	0.0	0
A.J. Taylor	1	1	0.0	0.0	0
Jay Holbert	1	1	0.0	0.0	0
Team	56	34	1.0	3.0	7

“It was a Sea of Black tonight”, said D.C. John Puckett



Defensive Action



Black Shirts stops the Shamrocks with an impressive goal line stand!



Relentless pursuit and gang tackling were keys to Black Shirt shutting down the Rocks.

Kicking Statistics

Dublin Coffman VISITOR

No	Punting	No	Yds	Avg	TB	I20	Long
47	B Magyar	4	137	34.3	0	1	40
Total		4	137	34.3	0	1	40

No	Returns*	Punt No Yds LP	Kickoff No Yd LP	Int.Pass No Yds LP
2	B Scholl	0 0 0	1 17 17	0 0 0
Total		0 0 0	1 17 17	0 0 0

*Fumble Returns Listed on Defensive Statistics Chart.

No	Field Goals	Distance	Result

No	Kickoffs	No	Yds	Avg	TB	FC	OB
19	W Yesnick	1	53	53.0	0	0	0
Total		1	53	53.0	0	0	0

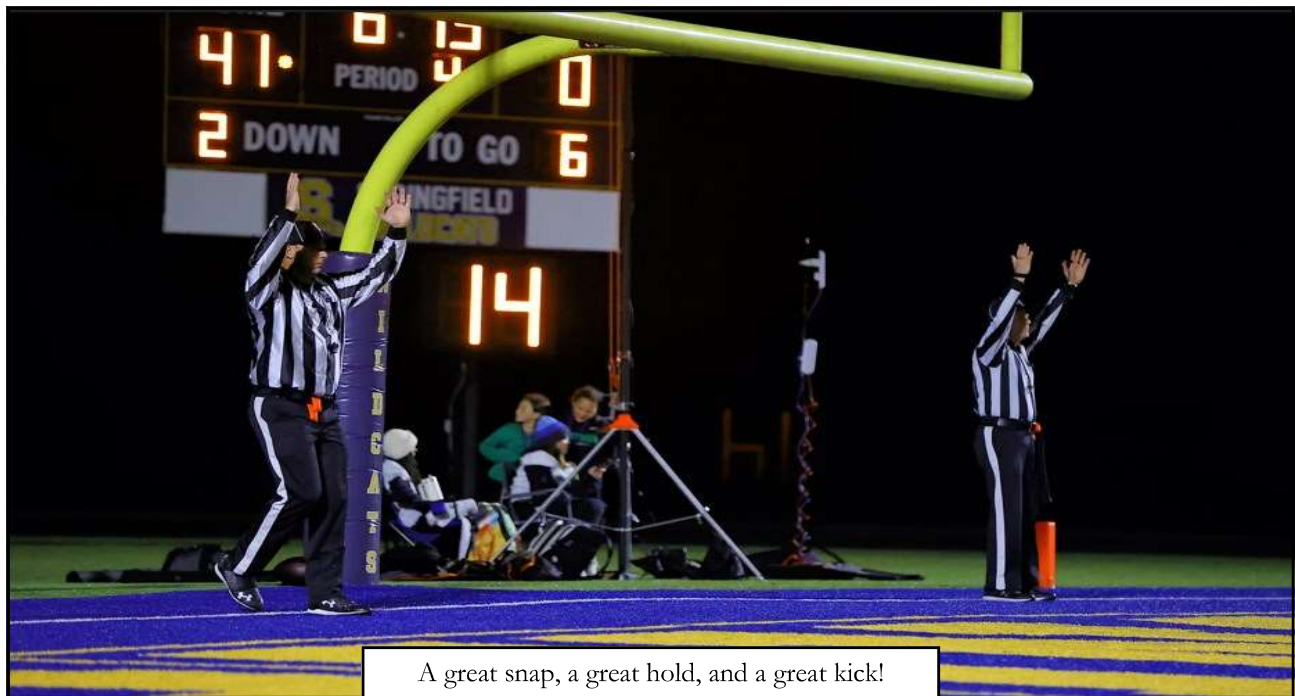
Centerville HOME

No	Punting	No	Yds	Avg	TB	I20	Long
Total							
		0	0	0.0	0	0	0

No	Returns*	Punt No Yds LP	Kickoff No Yd LP	Int.Pass No Yds LP
8	Andrew Erwin	1 29 29	0 0 0	0 0 0
24	Ziere Alston	0 0 0	1 93 93	0 0 0
Total		1 29 29	1 93 93	0 0 0

No	Field Goals	Distance	Result
16	Leland Gantz	35	Miss

No	Kickoffs	No	Yds	Avg	TB	FC	OB
16	Leland Gantz	7	413	59.0	6	0	0
Total		7	413	59.0	6	0	0



A great snap, a great hold, and a great kick!

Scoring Summary

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	TOTAL
(V) Dublin Coffman	0	0	0	7	0	7
(H) Centerville	21	7	7	7	0	42

Team	Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays/Yds	Score
CEN	1	11:49	Kickoff by W Yesnick from DBCO 40 for 53 yards returned by Ziere ALSTON TOUCHDOWN, clock 11:49 93 yds	PAT Kick by Leland GANTZ GOOD.	0 / 0	0 - 7
CEN	1	03:57	Parker JOHNSON Carries(Hand Off) TOUCHDOWN, clock 03:57 24 yds	PAT Kick by Leland GANTZ GOOD.	9 / 86	0 - 14
CEN	1	00:22	Shane COLE Passes to Soren VITAS COMPLETE TOUCHDOWN, clock 00:22 40 yds	PAT Kick by Leland GANTZ GOOD.	4 / 57	0 - 21
CEN	2	01:25	Shane COLE Passes to Ryan SWANSON COMPLETE TOUCHDOWN, clock 01:25 49 yds	PAT Kick by Leland GANTZ GOOD.	8 / 97	0 - 28
CEN	3	05:35	Ziere ALSTON Carries(Pitch) TOUCHDOWN, clock 05:35 4 yds	PAT Kick by Leland GANTZ GOOD.	6 / 73	0 - 35
CEN	4	06:30	Ethan IRELAND Carries(Pitch) TOUCHDOWN, clock 06:30 6 yds	PAT Kick by Leland GANTZ GOOD.	8 / 75	0 - 42
DBCO	4	00:00	A Valerio-Hudson Carries(QB Keeper) TOUCHDOWN, clock 00:00 3 yds	PAT Kick by W Yesnick GOOD.	8 / 80	7 - 42



TD #2 Parker Johnson



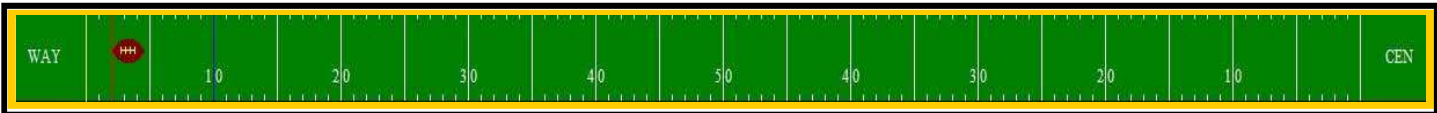
TD #3 Soren Vitas



TD #4 Ryan Swanson



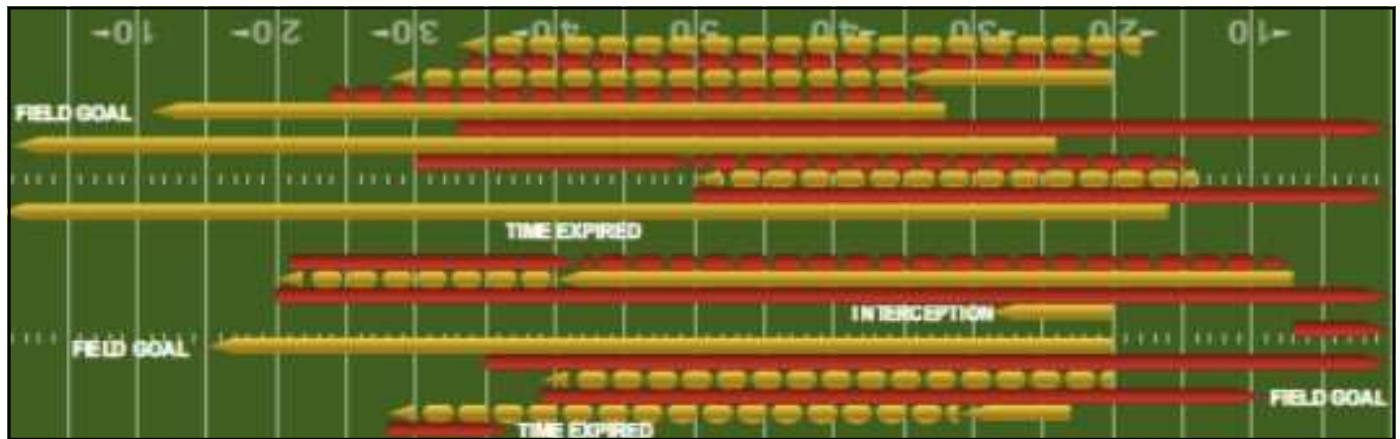
TD #6 Ethan Ireland



#	Team	Drive Started			Drive Ended			Drive Consumed			
		Quarter	Yd. Line	Time	How Obtained	Yd. Line	Time	How Lost	Yards	Plays	Time
1	CEN	1	0	12:00	Kickoff	0	11:49	Touchdown	0	0	00:11
1	DBCO	1	20	11:49	Kickoff	Op 45	08:35	Punt	35	6	03:14
2	CEN	1	14	08:35	Punt	Op 0	03:57	Touchdown	86	9	04:38
2	DBCO	1	20	03:57	Kickoff	20	02:40	Punt	0	3	01:17
3	CEN	1	43	02:40	Punt	Op 0	00:22	Touchdown	57	4	02:18
3	DBCO	1/2	20	00:22	Kickoff	21	11:40	Punt	1	3	00:42
4	CEN	2	50	11:40	Punt	Op 18	09:13	Missed FG	32	6	02:27
4	DBCO	2	20	09:13	Missed FG	Op 3	05:03	Downs	77	11	04:10
5	CEN	2	3	05:03	Downs	Op 0	01:25	Touchdown	97	8	03:38
5	DBCO	2	20	01:25	Kickoff	Op 21	00:00	End Half	59	11	01:25
6	DBCO	3	24	12:00	Kickoff	26	12:00	Punt	2	5	00:00
6	CEN	3	27	12:00	Punt	Op 0	05:35	Touchdown	73	6	06:25
7	DBCO	3	20	05:35	Kickoff	Op 25	00:00	Downs	55	8	05:35
7	CEN	4	25	12:00	Downs	Op 0	06:30	Touchdown	75	8	05:30
8	DBCO	4	20	06:30	Kickoff	Op 0	00:00	Touchdown	80	8	06:30

Dublin Coffman	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	First Half	Second Half	Final
Time of Possession	04:53	05:55	05:35	06:30	10:48	12:05	22:53
Third-Down Conversions	0-2	3-5	1-3	0-1	3-7	1-4	4-11
Average Field Position	20	20	22	20	20	21	20
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-2	1-3

Centerville	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	First Half	Second Half	Final
Time of Possession	07:07	06:05	06:25	05:30	13:12	11:55	25:07
Third-Down Conversions	3-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	4-5	0-0	4-5
Average Field Position	28	26	27	25	27	26	27
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Ziere Alston
Special Teams



Connor Berner
Offense Lineman



Shane Cole
Offensive Back



Jacob Edwards
Scout Defense



Matthew Jones
Defensive Lineman



Jackson Puckett
Defensive Back



A. J. Taylor
Scout Defense

Rivalry rematch: Next edition of Centerville-Wayne to be for regional

Nov. 21—As far as high school football games in the Miami Valley, they don't get much bigger than Centerville-Wayne.

Unless they're playing for a regional championship.

And, hey, what if they play at Welcome Stadium?

That will all be true Friday night as the Elks and Warriors aim for a spot in the Division I OHSAA state semifinals.

"I think it'll be a great atmosphere for both teams," said Wayne coach Roosevelt Mukes. "It definitely is close proximity for both of us, so it's kind of like we're meeting in the middle. So it'll be a great atmosphere and a great opportunity, and we look forward to the challenge of playing a very good Centerville team."

The Warriors are the No. 8 seed in Region II, but they have won seven of their last eight after starting 1-4. Centerville is the No. 2 seed and has won eight in a row along with a share of the GWOC championship.

Both teams started slowly but appear to be peaking at the right time.

"We knew we would have growing pains early," Centerville coach Brent Ullery said. "Even in early summer, we could tell we really needed to figure out our identity and what we do well, and what we were doing at the beginning of the summer is vastly different than what we are doing right now, and that's because we've been kind of feeling ourselves out trying to develop skill and talent at the same time as figuring out what those skills and talents are.

"And then as we've progressed, we've had kind of a one day at a time mentality the entire season, and I think when you hyperfocus on one day being better than the last then, you know, the end result kind of takes care of itself."

The Elks turned out to be a classic Centerville team built on running the ball and playing good defense while Wayne still runs the type of wide-open, spread offense that swept football at all levels over the past two decades but has waned to a certain extent in recent seasons.

Mukes has the ideal personnel for such a strategy, though, as Warriors quarterback Tyrell Lewis has four Division I prospects to throw to on a typical play — receivers Teaunn Hunter, Gauge Miesse and Jamier Averette-Brown and tight end Kamaurri Smith — and a 1,100-yard rusher to hand off to in Isaiah Thompson.

"They're pretty loaded," said Ullery, who stressed not overlooking the Warriors defense. "They look like an old school Wayne team, man. They've got all these college football guys — top tier recruits — a quarterback running around slinging it. They look old school."

Lewis, who verbally committed to Arkansas State last summer, is the latest in a long line of dual-threat quarterbacks for Wayne that also includes Alex Earley, Braxton Miller and D'Mitrik Trice.

The 6-foot-1, 195-pounder has thrown for 1,765 yards and 20 touchdowns and run for 278 yards and three touchdowns despite missing four games with an injury.

"He gives us a chance to win each and every night we step out on the field," said Mukes, who put the ball in Hunter's hands when Lewis was out. "Teaunn a great job when he was in there, but now he can go to the wide receiver and make plays from there.

"Tyrell just gives us a great opportunity. That's our guy, so we rally around him, and we're just gonna go out and compete and play for each other."

The Elks also have a 1,100-yard rusher in Parker Johnson while quarterback Shane Cole has added 791 yards on the ground and 1,323 through the air.

Cole had 199 total yards — including 123 on the ground — while Johnson ran for 140 yards and three touchdowns as the Elks won the first matchup 38-14 in Week 10.

Lewis threw for 269 yards and two touchdowns but was also intercepted twice.

"We were happy with our game plan the first time we we played them, and our kids went out and executed it very well," Ullery said. "And I think that anytime you do that, regardless of side of the ball or what team you're on or anything, I think you give yourself a really good chance to win a football game."

The series began in 1956, and Centerville leads 36-33 after winning two of the last three.

The teams have played in the playoffs three times, including a 20-10 Wayne victory in the first round in 2020.

Wayne also won memorable regional finals in 2005 (29-28) and 2010 (36-33 in overtime) with Earley and Miller playing hero in those games.

"I mean, there's really not a lot to talk about when you say, 'Wayne and Centerville,'" said Mukes, who like Ullery played in the rivalry for the team he coaches now. "It's one of those games that you look forward to. It's one of those games that you know is going to be physical. They're going to be very aggressive. They're going to play hard, and they're well-coached. That hasn't changed from from the time that I was in school."

The winner will move on to play a Cincinnati Greater Catholic League South team in the state semifinals at a neutral site next week. That will be No. 1 seed Moeller or No. 6 St. Xavier, who are scheduled to play in Mason this week.



Centerville - Wayne 2005

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HIGH SCHOOLS

DAYTON DAILY NEWS

Warriors rally to reach finals

Wayne erases 18-point deficit to edge Centerville

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CINCINNATI — Down late by 18 points, Wayne's players shook their heads in disbelief. Seven minutes later, Centerville's players did the same thing.

The Warriors trailed Centerville by 18 points with 7:12 left Saturday afternoon at Paul Brown Stadium. The Elks' game of keep-away had worked perfectly in the Division I, Region 4 semifinal. Centerville had taken away the

ball, the clock and the field.

"It was dim and grim," Wayne football coach Jay Minton said. "But, we know our kids pretty well. I think that's when you start calling some time-outs and you have to give them a chance. We just needed a spark."

The fire was lit by Wayne quarterback Alex Earley and the Warriors' two-minute drill. Earley threw three touchdown passes in a 4:19 span as Wayne shocked Centerville, 29-28.

"He's special," Minton said of Earley, who completed 21 of 29 passes for 260 yards. "They all are. To have another week with these guys, it's something else. It's fun. It's exciting."

The Warriors (11-1) face Cincinnati St. Xavier (12-0) next Sat-

urday for a berth in the state semifinals. The doubleheader crowd of 35,000 saw the stunned Elks finish 10-2, with both losses to Wayne.

Centerville's Will Johnson capped an 18-play, 80-yard, 8:53 drive with a 2-yard run. Earlier, the Elks surprised Wayne with two touchdown passes, including a 40-yard halfback pass from Johnson to Scott Baldwin.

Up 28-10, the Elks milked the clock just like they planned.

"That's how we play. That's what we knew we had to do to win," Centerville coach Ron Ulery said. "We just needed to do it one more time. We didn't give it to them or anything like that. They just took it from us at the end."

PLEASE SEE **WAYNE** ON C9

SATURDAY'S SCORES

DIVISION I

Wayne 29,
Centerville 28

DIVISION IV

Valley View 35,
Clinton-Massie 20

Coldwater 45,
Clear Fork 0

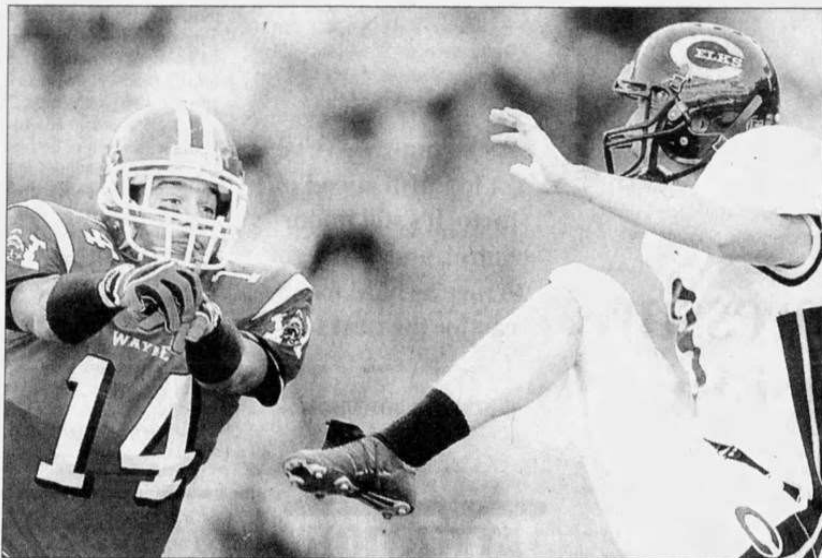
Monroe 16,
Jonathan Alder 7

DIVISION VI

Delphos St. John's 28,
Marion Local 21

Hardin Northern 49,
Springfield Catholic 28

LEHMAN CATHOLIC WINS
STATE VOLLEYBALL TITLE, C9



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WAYNE HIGH SCHOOL defender Keith Dixon (14) blocks a punt by Centerville's Patrick Powell. Wayne eventually converted the block into a field goal on the way to a stunning 29-28 regional playoff win Saturday.

WAYNE

Improbable rally puts Warriors in regional final vs. St. Xavier

CONTINUED FROM C1

The improbable rally started when Wayne put on their two-minute drill wristbands. Earley's 48-yard TD pass to Billy Viers set the stage.

"Hopes were kind of down at the time," said Earley, who also scored on a 50-yard run. "But we know we can't be stopped in our two-minute offense. I don't know if we've ever been stopped in our two-minute offense."

Centerville fumbled on third-and-24 and Wayne's Jeff Cleveland recovered.

"We were just going to do our part," Cleveland said. "We were

going to get the ball back to our offense."

The Warriors did, quickly. Five plays later, Earley hit Viers (7 catches, 124 yards) on a 19-yard pass to get within 28-23.

Two onside kicks didn't go the required 10 yards, so the Warriors just held Centerville to a three-and-out. Johnson (106 yards rushing) and James Cravens (88) no longer found room.

Nick Childers' amazing, one-handed, 23-yard catch got Wayne to Centerville's 27. Two plays later, Earley hit Joe Gilford for the winning 15-yard TD pass and a 29-28 lead with 1:18 left. The Elks missed on four passes. The improbable comeback was complete, thanks to desperate play on both sides.

"It's awesome," Earley said. "I actually tell them to go two-minutes during the game, but they don't listen to me, of course. Our defense gave us enough time."

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Centerville - Wayne 2005

Amazing catch key to Wayne comeback

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CINCINNATI — In a scrambling comeback, it was fitting that Wayne's most incredible play came on a quarterback scramble.

Alex Earley's throw was good, but Nick Childers' catch was better. The crowd at Paul Brown Stadium on Saturday gasped at the replays on the giant video screen. Behind 28-23 at midfield, Earley was flushed from the pocket and fired toward Childers.

"I thought I threw it out of bounds, and then, Nick, he's just a heck of a receiver," Earley said. "He's 6-4 and utilized his height."

Childers also utilized his hands, or at least his left hand. The lefty snagged the 23-yard pass with one hand, shielded a defender and landed barely inbounds.

"Oh, it was awesome," said Wayne's Joe Gilford, who caught the game-winner moments later. "The one-hand catch on a tightrope."

Childers reveled in the catch, but only after Wayne took the lead. A furious finish saw Wayne rally from a 28-10 deficit with 7:12 left to a 29-28 victory.



CENTERVILLE STUDENTS FEEL the heartbreak of a second loss to Wayne this season. This game wasn't decided by 38 points, but it may have hurt more watching an 18-point fourth-quarter lead disappear Saturday at Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati. Wayne advances to the regional final against Cincinnati St. Xavier, after St. X bumped off the defending champ Colerain.

"We had to make plays at the end of the game," he said. "It was our last chance. But it wasn't all about that play. It was about winning the game."

Third-quarter woes

Wayne ran just six plays for 13 yards in the third quarter.

"I give a lot of credit to Centerville," Wayne coach Jay Minton said. "Their offense kept us on our heels the whole game. We were out of rhythm, kept us on the sidelines. We were just, one word, discombobulated. I can't spell it. I'm surprised I can say it."

Quick strikes

Wayne's last three scoring drives took almost no time, which was good because the Warriors were running out of it.

Wayne went 71 yards on seven plays in 1:39, 45 yards on four plays in 28 seconds and 87 yards on seven plays in 1:17.

Centerville had its own big plays as quarterback Dan Drake hit Robert Ponder on a 71-yard seam pass and running back Will Johnson found Scott Baldwin for a 40-yard score.

By the numbers

Centerville was 1-for-4 on fourth down. The Warriors stopped the Elks twice on fourth and 1. Up 28-23, the Elks punted on fourth-and-4 from Wayne's 41. The Warriors were just 1-of-8 on third downs while Centerville was 11-of-19. The Elks had the ball 31:55 to Wayne's 16:05.

Quotebook

The game was nothing like Wayne's 38-0 win in Week 8. Instead, it was more like the Warriors' last-minute win over the Elks two years ago. "That's how Centerville-Wayne games are," Centerville coach Ron Ullery said. "I'll tell you, everybody in our locker room knew there wasn't 38 points difference between these two teams. We felt all week how it was a hair's difference between each team. That was it."

Wayne wins instant classic

MARC PENDLETON
COMMENTARY



DAYTON — Of course it would take

an overtime to decide the rematch between Wayne and Centerville.

Heck, make it a double.

The area's best Division I high school football rivalry had a grand stage in Saturday night's D-I, Region 4 playoff semifinal at Welcome Stadium before a capacity crowd of 10,000. And the teams delivered an encore performance.

That Wayne won 36-33 in double-OT was a formality. Everyone knew before the game that the area was going to advance a Greater Western Ohio Conference team to a rare Region 4 final.

But getting there was one for area football history and an instant classic.

"This means a lot," said Braxton Miller, Wayne's ultra-celebrated quarterback who appropriately scored the winning touchdown on a 1-yard sneak.

"It's not easy to get past them."

That's the understatement of this magical Warriors season. Yet, that's exactly what Wayne did, twice, including a deceiving 34-10 win at Centerville in Week 8.

Now the Warriors (9-3) take another step toward their destiny against Cincinnati St. Xavier, a stunning 24-23 winner over previously unbeaten Colerain, also on Saturday. St. X, which had an open date in Week 10 and like Wayne barely sneaked into the playoffs, is 7-4.

Wayne is the last D-I GWOC team standing following Springfield's loss to defending state champ Hilliard Davidson.

That means Wayne (D-I), Trotwood-Madison (D-II), Eaton (D-III) and Alter (D-IV) all are good to go for regional finals. Sites will be announced today.

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"That was exactly what we thought they were going to do; come with a vengeance and give it everything they had," Wayne coach Jay Minton said.

But the Warriors rallied behind Miller, who was 14 of 23 passing for 223 yards. None was more clutch than a third-and-goal, 20-yard TD strike to Marcus Bonner to pull Wayne even after the first overtime.

"We found one play that could work and it worked," Bonner said. "I told Braxton that I could get open on the side corner."

Even again at 30-all, the Elks settled for a Chris Kuzma field goal on their second OT possession. That's all the opening Miller needed, and he delivered. That set off a wild on-field celebration by Wayne's fans.

"It was a fantastic game," Centerville coach Ron Ullery said.

"A few plays always determine the outcome of a game, and that was the case here. They made one more play than we made."

Centerville - Wayne 2010



Michael Hale sprints for a huge gain

It is a shame that the ESPN crew was not on hand for the Elks-Warriors rematch. The crew was in Centerville Stadium for the regular season game but if they had chose the regional semi-final game instead, it would joined their list of "Instant Classics". Elk Nation knew that if Centerville eliminated the major mistakes from the week 8 contest it would be a different result. The 10,000 fans that packed Welcome Stadium had no idea, however, that these rivals would battle four quarters and two overtime periods to decide the winner.

Wayne pulled out a thrilling 36-33 victory scored on the fourth play of the 2nd overtime.



Braxton Miller is stopped by Mike Replogle



Kyle Rose #8 congratulates Cole Newsome #59



Standings

TEAMS	CONFERENCE				OVERALL				
	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	W-L	PCT	PF	PA	STRK
Centerville	6 - 1	.857	226	95	10 - 3	.769	388	208	W8
Fairmont	6 - 1	.857	208	93	9 - 3	.750	323	163	L1
Springfield	5 - 2	.714	200	86	6 - 5	.545	257	164	L1
Wayne	4 - 3	.571	195	142	8 - 5	.615	364	282	W3
Springboro	4 - 3	.571	127	90	7 - 5	.583	268	154	L1
Beavercreek	1 - 6	.143	68	240	3 - 8	.273	164	308	L6
Miamisburg	1 - 6	.143	72	206	2 - 8	.200	142	255	L1
Northmont	1 - 6	.143	94	238	2 - 9	.182	156	370	L7

Offensive Leaders

PASSING YARDS YDS

1 . Max Miller, Springboro	1850
2 . Tyrell Lewis, Wayne	1765
3 . Shane Cole, Centerville	1323
4 . Brent Upshaw, Springfield	1090
5 . Landen Roberts, Miamisburg	1004

Complete Leaders

RUSHING YARDS YDS

1 . Mattias Brunicardi, Springboro	1216
2 . Logan Doty, Fairmont	1194
3 . Isaiah Thompson, Wayne	1188
4 . Parker Johnson, Centerville	1164
5 . Shane Cole, Centerville	791

Complete Leaders

RECEIVING YARDS YDS

1 . Jamier Averette-Brown, Wayne	959
2 . Jaxon Long, Springboro	836
3 . Brayden Wilhite, Springboro	709
4 . Teann Hunter, Wayne	449
5 . Ka'maurri Smith, Wayne	447

Defensive Leaders

TACKLES TACK

1 . Aidan Weimer, Springboro	128
2 . Kyron Dolby, Springfield	113
3 . Jacob Taylor, Centerville	105
4 . Isaiah Doerman, Springboro	100
5 . Skyler Slifer, Fairmont	93

Complete Leaders

SACKS SACK

1 . Javion Lewis, Wayne	9
1 . Logan Wilkins, Fairmont	9
3 . Mason Keely, Centerville	7
3 . Brady Seeley, Centerville	7
5 . Jacob Taylor, Centerville	5

Complete Leaders

INTERCEPTIONS INT

1 . Jamison Webster, Beavercreek	4
1 . Jussiah Williams-West, Wayne	4
3 . Toby Deglow, Fairmont	3
3 . Aden Vaughn, Wayne	3
5 . Ziere Alston, Centerville	2

Division 1 Region 2 Playoff Bracket

Nov 1
FIRST ROUND

1 Fairmont ▶ 42
16 Central Crossing 7

8 Wayne ▶ 26
9 Middletown 20

4 Springfield 30
13 Hilliard Bradley ▶ 34

5 Hilliard Davidson ▶ 52
12 Marysville 7

2 Centerville ▶ 42
15 Beavercreek 0

7 Springboro ▶ 51
10 Dublin Jerome 13

3 Westland 42
14 Dublin Coffman ▶ 49

6 Lebanon ▶ 42
11 Northmont 21

Nov 8
REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS

1 Fairmont 10
8 Wayne ▶ 20

13 Hilliard Bradley 12
5 Hilliard Davidson ▶ 34

2 Centerville ▶ 14
7 Springboro 7

14 Dublin Coffman ▶ 56
6 Lebanon 20

Nov 15
REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

8 Wayne ▶ 31
5 Hilliard Davidson 7

2 Centerville ▶ 42
14 Dublin Coffman 7

Nov 22
REGIONAL FINAL



#8 Wayne



#2 Centerville

Winner to the State Final 4

Drew Pasteur's Ohio Fantastic 50

Ohio High School Football Rankings

1. #1 [Archbishop Moeller \(12-1\)](#)
2. #2 [St Xavier \(10-3\)](#)
3. #3 [Lakota West \(11-2\)](#)
4. #10 [St Edward \(8-5\)](#)
5. #14 [Mentor \(13-0\)](#)
6. #16 [Olentangy Liberty \(11-2\)](#)
7. #18 [Princeton \(10-3\)](#)
8. #19 [Elder \(6-6\)](#)
9. #21 [Centerville \(10-3\)](#)
10. #22 [Hamilton \(9-3\)](#)
11. #23 [Pickerington North \(11-2\)](#)
12. #26 [Gahanna Lincoln \(9-3\)](#)
13. #27 [Upper Arlington \(10-3\)](#)
14. #30 [Winton Woods \(10-2\)](#)
15. #32 [Lakota East \(8-4\)](#)
16. #34 [Kettering Fairmont \(9-3\)](#)
17. #36 [Wayne \(8-5\)](#)
18. #40 [Olentangy Orange \(9-3\)](#)
19. #44 [Pickerington Central \(9-3\)](#)
20. #46 [Whitmer \(9-3\)](#)
21. #47 [Canton McKinley \(8-5\)](#)
22. #49 [Olentangy Berlin \(10-3\)](#)
23. #50 [Hilliard Davidson \(8-5\)](#)
24. #51 [St Ignatius \(1-10\)](#)
25. #54 [Springboro \(7-5\)](#)

Region 2 resume rankings

1. (D1 #14) [Centerville \(7-3\) +248](#) (exp. WP 452)
2. (D1 #15) [Kettering Fairmont \(8-2\) +246](#) (exp. WP 554)
3. (D1 #23) [Springfield \(6-4\) +107](#) (exp. WP 493)
4. (D1 #27) [Hilliard Davidson \(6-4\) +72](#) (exp. WP 528)
5. (D1 #28) [Springboro \(6-4\) +29](#) (exp. WP 571)
6. (D1 #29) [Wayne \(5-5\) +28](#) (exp. WP 472)
7. (D1 #30) [Lebanon \(6-4\) +17](#) (exp. WP 583)
8. (D1 #31) [Middletown \(5-5\) +16](#) (exp. WP 484)
9. (D1 #37) [Westland \(8-2\) -39](#) (exp. WP 839)
10. (D1 #43) [Dublin Coffman \(2-8\) -111](#) (exp. WP 311)
11. (D1 #50) [Dublin Jerome \(4-6\) -267](#) (exp. WP 667)
12. (D1 #52) [Beavercreek \(3-7\) -282](#) (exp. WP 582)
13. (D1 #53) [Hilliard Bradley \(2-8\) -282](#) (exp. WP 482)
14. (D1 #55) [Northmont \(2-8\) -311](#) (exp. WP 511)
15. (D1 #56) [Marysville \(3-7\) -313](#) (exp. WP 613)
16. (D1 #61) [Central Crossing \(1-9\) -459](#) (exp. WP 559)
17. (D1 #62) [Hilliard Darby \(1-9\) -469](#) (exp. WP 569)

Division 1 predictive rankings

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Week 13 complete

These are predictive rankings, comparing all 706 OHSAA teams for future games

#	School	Ovr.	Rating ▾	Str.
1	Archbishop Moeller (Cincinnati)	12-1	64.20	37.5
2	Mentor	13-0	55.50	23.4
3	St. Xavier (Cincinnati)	10-3	54.90	37.6
4	Olentangy Liberty (Powell)	11-2	52.30	31.1
5	Lakota West (West Chester)	11-2	51.10	28.3
6	Princeton (Cincinnati)	10-3	50.10	32.3
7	St. Edward (Lakewood)	8-5	49.50	41.5
8	Pickerington North (Pickerington)	11-2	45.70	26.0
9	Upper Arlington (Columbus)	10-3	44.70	31.8
10	Centerville	10-3	43.70	24.9
11	Elder (Cincinnati)	6-6	43.10	41.0
12	Winton Woods (Cincinnati)	10-2	40.50	22.8
13	Olentangy Berlin (Delaware)	10-3	39.80	27.6
14	Lakota East (Liberty Township)	8-4	39.50	32.9
15	Olentangy Orange (Lewis Center)	9-3	39.40	30.8
16	Pickerington Central (Pickerington)	9-3	38.80	23.7
17	Lincoln (Gahanna)	9-3	38.40	26.1
18	Wayne (Huber Heights)	8-5	38.30	28.9
19	Hamilton	9-3	37.70	28.1
20	Whitmer (Toledo)	9-3	36.90	14.3

The 2024 Centerville Elks



1	Jacob Taylor	Senior	31	Colton Stowers	Sophomore	62	Isaac Nott	Junior
2	Quinten Robinson	Senior	32	James Dmtrik	Sophomore	63	Theodore Corbitt	Junior
3	Gavin Monturo	Senior	33	Ty Skidmore	Junior	64	Cayden Glasgow	Junior
4	Jackson Puckett	Senior	34	Lucas Mullinger	Junior	65	Christian Stockholm	Junior
5	Shane Cole	Junior	35	Chase Carlson	Sophomore	66	Lane Heckman	Senior
6	Brady Seeley	Junior	36	Jacob Edwards	Junior	67	Ethan Cahill	Senior
7	Ryan McCall	Senior	37	Ryan Gorman	Sophomore	68	Connor Berner	Sophomore
8	Andrew Erwin	Senior	38	Tremayne Branigan	Sophomore	70	Dylan Slocumb	Senior
9	Ryan Swanson	Junior	39	Nathan Gearhardt	Sophomore	71	Zane Hough	Senior
10	Quincy Capogna	Junior	40	Joseph Gabringer	Sophomore	72	Luke Thaxton	Junior
11	Bryce Bohram-Thomas	Senior	41	Roman Burroughs	Sophomore	73	Sulieyman Al-Nabaly	Sophomore
12	Ethan Ireland	Junior	42	Jeffrey Meyer	Sophomore	74	Landon McClearin	Sophomore
13	Dwayne Coker	Junior	43	JP Hildebrand	Sophomore	77	Kuol Kuol	Senior
14	Colten Burleson	Junior	44	K.J. Ely	Sophomore	78	Jason Middleton	Sophomore
15	Gavin Nolan	Sophomore	45	Pete Wilhelm	Sophomore	80	Reece Cowgill	Sophomore
16	Leland Gantz	Senior	46	Zachary Edwards	Sophomore	81	Josh Becker	Sophomore
17	Travis Wilbanks	Junior	47	Aidan Ponichtera	Sophomore	82	Joey Kristbaum	Sophomore
18	J. P. Mercer	Senior	48	DeVaun Dukes	Junior	83	Maddyx Blaylock	Sophomore
19	Jacob Buhler	Junior	49	Phineas Argentine	Sophomore	84	Mason Keely	Senior
20	Soren Vitas	Sophomore	50	Jay Holbert	Sophomore	85	Connor Harness	Sophomore
21	Mahmoud Wahdan	Junior	51	Eli Geidel	Sophomore	86	Russell Worley	Sophomore
22	Mason Boykin	Sophomore	52	Camden Sandlin	Junior	87	Gurshawn Sran	Sophomore
23	A.J. Taylor	Sophomore	53	Lucas Dice	Junior	88	Grant Whitehead	Sophomore
24	Ziere Alston	Sophomore	54	Adrian Wright	Junior	89	Liam Henry	Sophomore
25	Alec Deleon	Junior	55	Owen Hansbury	Junior	90	Princeton Starks	Junior
26	Alex Brinck	Sophomore	56	Emari Johnson	Sophomore	94	Oliver Watson	Sophomore
27	Alex George	Sophomore	57	Carson Kuhn	Sophomore	95	Ryan Thacker	Senior
28	Parker Johnson	Junior	58	Jackson Taylor	Junior	97	Brody McMullen	Junior
29	Jack Davis	Junior	59	Jordan Oppy	Sophomore	98	Benjamin Graf	Sophomore
30	Dawson Kerr	Sophomore	59	Braden Stoehr	Junior	99	Matthew Jones	Senior
			60	Wyatt Richards	Sophomore			



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MISSION STATEMENT

This season, the Centerville Football Mother's Club and the Centerville Football Quarterback Club merged to create the Centerville Touchdown Club. Membership is open to every parent, family member, and/or friend of all players, trainers, managers, and cheerleaders within the Centerville football program; past, present, or future. We also welcome all alumni of the program as well as any community members who desire to contribute to the well-being of the program. It is our mission to feed, nourish, and provide financial and volunteer support for the Centerville Football Program for all players, trainers, managers, and cheerleaders in grades 7-12 throughout the season. We do this through the careful planning and execution of special events from the pre-season parents meeting to the post-season banquet.

Projects We Support

With the proceeds from our fundraising efforts, the Centerville Touchdown Club is able to support many projects that benefit the Centerville Elks football program.

Preseason Parents Meeting	Senior Banners
Two-a-day Meals	Senior Night & Senior Dinner
Football Season Kickoff Picnic	Annual CTC Scholarship - \$2,500
Decorate the Helmet Night	Audio and Video Equipment
Midnight Hits	Infrastructure Improvements
Pre-game Meals	In Season Highlight Videos
Pre-game Tunnel	Team Apparel
Picture Day	Senior Gifts
JV Home Game Concessions	Team Awards and Plaques
Staff Appreciation Night	Trainer Equipment and Supplies
Spirit Wear Sales	In Season Film Nights
Team Poster	Team Website and Social Media
Creation of Team Sweatshirts	Postseason Banquet



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