

Thursday,
Nov. 7, 2019

Tyler Mintz,
Kenston

Anthony Rosati,
Perry

Jaabir
Mujihaad,
Euclid

PLAYOFFS

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



QUEST FOR CANTON | 2019

Jack Porter, Kenston

Steve Trivisonno,
Mentor coach

Drew
Schiano,
Perry

FEATURES

■ Mayfield receiver Joey Isabella learned how to juggle to help catch passes. Plus, with some guidance from his NFL-playing older brother, he leads undefeated Mayfield into the Division II playoffs. **PAGE 3**

■ Kenston's Jack Porter has a state championship and a spot on the Wake Forest roster awaiting him. But he wants to bring another gold trophy home to Bainbridge Township. **PAGE 4**

■ Kickers Ivan Shuran of Benedictine and Andrew Smith of Mentor play key roles for their teams. **PAGE 5**

■ A look at the area statistical leaders for the regular season and the final regular season standings. **PAGES 6-7**

■ Mentor coach Steve Trivisonno enters his final playoff run with an unbeaten team. The Cardinals prepare for the Division I playoffs. **PAGE 8**

■ Capsule previews for all nine games involving area teams. **PAGE 9**

ON THE COVER

Kenston's Tyler Mintz (phot by David C. Turben), Perry's Anthony Rosati (Carrie Garland), Euclid's Jaabir Mujihad (Tim Phillis), Kenston's Jack Porter (Barry Booher), Mentor coach Steve Trivisonno (Phillis) and Perry's Drew Schiano (Coleen Moskowitz).

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Last run at football glory

Rosati family will enjoy state playoff run together

By John Kampf

jkampf@news-herald.com
@NHPreps on Twitter

The heart of young Anthony Rosati nearly pounded out of his chest as he pulled his football helmet over his ears and trotted onto the football field.

The hometown team was just about to take the field in front of a huge crowd, and no one was more ready than the son of Coach Matt Rosati.

It was game time, and no one knew that more than Anthony Rosati.

Emerging from the tunnel of supporters, the players slapped hands with the kids as they entered the field.

The last in line?

Young Anthony Rosati, waiting eagerly for his father — then the head coach at West Geauga — to slap his hand on his way onto the field of battle.

Fifteen years have passed since then, but the memory is just as vivid as

it was then.

"I still remember him wearing his Minnesota Vikings helmet, slapping hands as we came onto the field," the Perry skipper said.

"My No. 1 goal from the time Anthony was born, my ultimate goal, was to coach my son in big-time games. That's all I wanted, to play in games that mattered, to walk out in front of thousands of people who came to see them play."

The Rosati family has plenty of opportunities to do that over the past handful of years.

But with the Pirates' game against visiting Girard in a Division IV, Region 13 semifinal on Nov. 8 comes the last leg of a family journey that began nearly two decades ago in Chester Township.

"I'm not really ready (for it to end)," said Anthony Rosati, a senior, in a solemn tone.

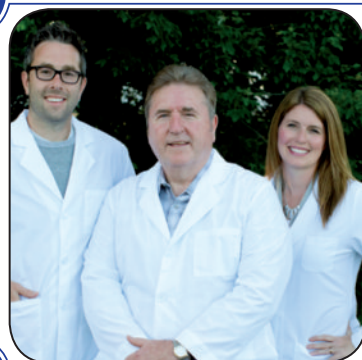
"But eventually it's time to move on. But I don't want it to end."

ROSATI » PAGE 15



SUBMITTED

Perry senior receiver Anthony Rosati poses with his parents Matt and Chrissy at Senior Night in Perry earlier this season.



ALBRECHT FAMILY DENTISTRY

Rusty M. Albrecht, D.D.S. • Lundon R. Albrecht, D.D.S. • Chandice A. Richards, D.D.S.

We perform all types of dentistry for all ages.

Emergencies Welcome!

Weekday, Evenings & Saturday Appointments

Now Placing Dental Implants

Welcoming New Patients

Need a Dentist?

*Our Dental Family
would be honored
to serve your Family.*

**Call today for
an appointment
(440) 358-0495**

9659 Old Johnnycake Ridge Rd. Mentor
(behind Lowes)
Visit us at: www.albrechtdental.com

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

'This is my dream season'

Mayfield WR Isabella goes to great lengths to be at his best

By John Kampf

jkampf@news-herald.com
@NHPreps on Twitter

Coming across the middle on a deep post pattern, Joey Isabella glanced up at the ball and tipped it in the air with his right hand.

The senior receiver from Mayfield tipped it again with his right and then his left before securing it for a touchdown catch in a Nov. 1 game against Kenston.

If it looked like a lucky grab, it wasn't.

Isabella actually practices that stuff.

"My brother, Andy, told me I need to learn how to juggle," said the younger brother of Andy Isabella, second-round draft pick this past spring of the Arizona Cardinals. "It'll help my eye-hand coordination. I learned how to juggle this summer. I guess it came in handy."

As Mayfield heads into a Division II, Region 5 quarterfinal against Western Reserve Conference rival South, it does so with Isabella leading the way with 38 catches for 458 yards and 10 touchdowns.

The electric senior re-

"We've been talking about this since we were in eighth grade — having the perfect season. We've worked hard for this."

Joey Isabella

ceiver didn't come across that productivity by accident.

Tireless hours of work in the offseason, many of them under the watchful eye of his NFL-playing brother or at the least under his tutelage from afar, paved the way for this senior season.

Whether it be juggling tennis balls, Isabella said he's up to juggling three balls at once, or running crisp routes in which he doesn't reach up for the pass until the last second so as to lull the defender into believing there is no pass coming, Joey Isabella pays attention to the most minute details.

Maybe that's why he is having the senior year that he is having and leading the Wildcats in receiving.

"This is my dream season," he said, not of his own productivity, but of his team's success. "We've

been talking about this since we were in eighth grade — having the perfect season. We've worked hard for this."

Which meant listening to his big brother, Andy. "He's my motivation," Isabella said. "I look up to him. People think it's bad being his brother, but I love it. It gives me a higher standard to set myself to."

Isabella enjoys trips down memory lane of his younger days at his family's home in Highland Heights. The son of Tony Isabella, a former star football player at Ledgesmont in the 1980s, and Susan (Wetzel) Isabella, a standout track and volleyball participant at Richmond Heights, Joey Isabella grew up as the youngest of three boys.

And that wasn't always easy.

"Oh, we went at it," Isabella said. "(Andy) never

took it easy on me. Me, Andy and Nick (one year younger than Andy), we played tackle football in the snow. I got beat up a lot. Hated it. I'd cry. But it helped me a lot, and it made me better."

Don't get the idea the older Isabella boys were mean to their younger sibling.

That's not the case. "I'm proud of him and happy for him," said Andy, reached on the phone in his home in Arizona.

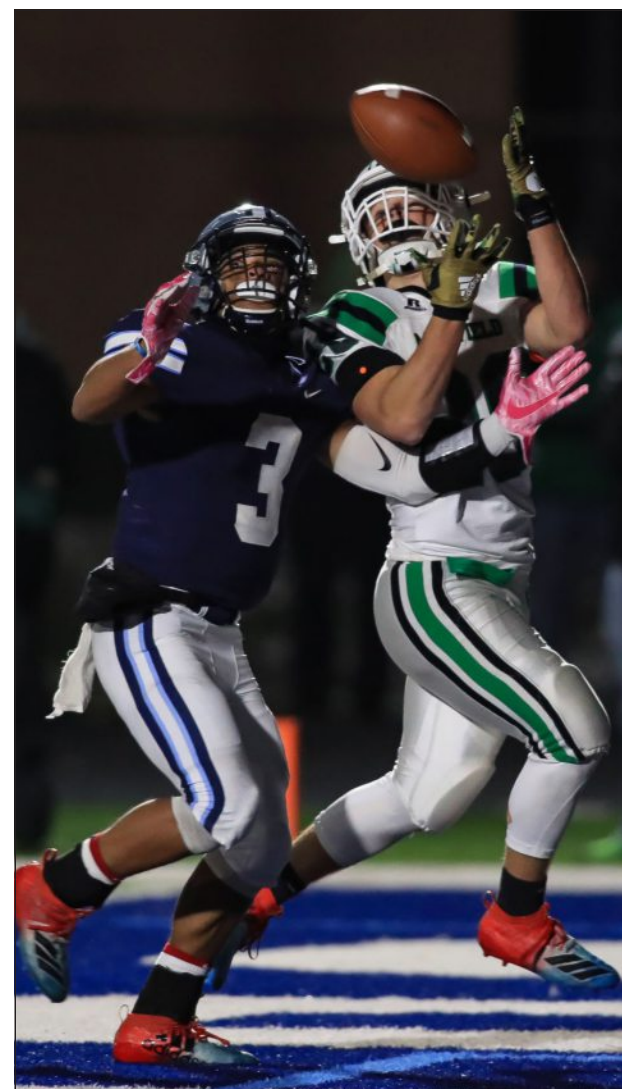
"I always look forward to hearing what he's doing on the field on Friday nights."

Andy said he never forced his brother to follow his routines such as juggling, but that Joey saw its benefits and picked it up on his own in his quest to improve.

"I did it in college and still do it now in the NFL," he said. "I think he saw me doing it one day and the next day he was practicing it. I think he just followed what I was doing."

"Oh yeah, it helps. Anything you do repeatedly like that will help you definitely with eye-hand coordination."

ISABELLA » PAGE 15



TIM PHILLIS - FOR THE NEWS-HERALD

Joey Isabella of Mayfield catches a touchdown pass over Kenston's Javion Middleton on Nov. 1.



We are currently accepting ALL new patients

Chardon Smile Center
VOTED THE

BEST of the Best
IN 2019

Free Exam & X-Rays
with scheduled cleaning

New patients only.
Cannot be used with insurance.
Exp 11/30/19

Painesville Dental Group • (440) 354-2183
Chardon Smile Center • (440) 286-2474
Hilltop Family Dental • (440) 285-8211
Dental Group of Jefferson • (440) 576-7040
painesvilledentalgroup.com



HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

‘Whatever it takes for us to win’

Record-setting Kenston RB Porter just wants another gold trophy



TIM PHILLIS - FOR THE NEWS-HERALD

Jack Porter is Kenston's career leader in rushing yards and touchdowns. He and the Bombers play New Philadelphia in a Division III, Region 9 quarterfinal on Nov. 8.

By John Kampf
jkampf@news-herald.com
@NHPreps on Twitter

Jack Porter was angry, hurt, frustrated and maybe even a little embarrassed.

Thrust into the starting lineup as an undersized freshman safety against one of the top offenses in Northeast Ohio, Porter trudged off the field after giving up a touchdown in Kenston's 70-14 annihilation at the hands of high-powered Medina in a 2016 game.

"I remember he gave up a long run and a touchdown pass," said Kenston coach Jeff Grubich. "He came off the field nearly in tears. I pulled him aside and said, 'Listen, man. You're the best we've got. Keep your head up. Next year, you're going to be the man.'"

Boy, Grubich hit the nail on the head that night with his prophecy.

Fast-forward to today, and Grubich's words have proven to be spot-on.

As Kenston (8-2) heads into a Division III, Region 9 playoff quarterfinal on Nov. 8 against undefeated New Philadelphia (10-0), it does so with Porter

leading the charge as the school's all-time leading rusher, one who is with All-Ohio honors.

The 5-8, 160-pound freshman who was getting exploited by bigger, stronger and more experienced players as a freshman is now one of the most decorated players in Kenston football history, not just because of his personal accolades, but also because of his role in leading Kenston to its first state championship in the 2018 season.

"Yeah, it was frustrating as a freshman because I'm a competitor," said Porter after a recent practice at Bomber Stadium. "But ever since I was in eighth grade I wanted to be an All-Ohio player, flip the script and bring a winning culture back to Kenston."

"That culture we have here now is more important than any individual statistic I have."

Porter set the bar high well before he was wearing a varsity helmet with a star on it. Well before high school, he had a dream of attacking Kenston's career rushing yardage list, which at the time was topped by Ken McClintock.



"Another state championship trophy. One-hundred percent. That's all I want. Give me zero yards rushing and zero receptions. I don't care. I want that trophy."

Jack Porter

Grubich knew early that Porter was special, no matter where he put him on offense.

"He's just a dynamic football player," Grubich said. "He can run between the tackles. If you jam the box on us, we'll run outside zone and he'll get the edge. Put him in the slot and isolate him on a 'backer, he's going to win that matchup every time."

"When you can run, catch, block, play in the slot — all that stuff — it's like having eight players in one."

A scouting report that only makes the soft-spoken and humble-to-a-fault Porter shrug his shoulders.

"Whatever it takes for us to win," he said in his normal quiet tone. "Whatever they need me to do, as

long as we win I'm happy."

In his breakout sophomore season, Porter ran for 1,447 yards and 22 touchdowns. But he was still unhappy. That's because Kenston went 8-2 and didn't make the playoffs.

"It wasn't about me. No one knew who I was at that point," he said. "But the motivation was being written off by so many, people expecting us to be bad. Coach Grube had us motivated because people weren't respecting us."

That respect came in 2018 when the Bombers went 14-1 and won the Division III state championship. Porter did his share — maybe more — by rushing for 2,415 yards and 32 touchdowns.

PORTER » PAGE 14

440-534-5000

440-953-1000



MENTOR MITSUBISHI



MENTOR KIA

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Kickers play major role in team success

By John Kampf

JKampf@news-herald.com
@NHPreps on Twitter

Everything about the moment said Ivan Shuran should have been shaking in his cleats as he stepped onto the field for his first high school field goal.

Then a freshman at Benedictine, Shuran and his teammates were locked in a close game against host NDCL when Shuran was summoned from the sideline for a field goal that — if he made it — would send the game to overtime.

Shuran should have been jittery.

He wasn't.

The rookie kicker made the 45-yard field goal, the Bengals went on to win the game in overtime, 31-24, for a victory that helped get the Bengals into the Division III, Region 9 playoffs.

Shuran is now a junior, and both his ability and his confidence are just as unwavering now as they were back on Sept. 29, 2017.

"I feel like I kick better in pressure situations, always have," Shuran said. "I'm 2-for-2 in such pressure situations. I think I thrive on those."

Which is pretty important as a kicker on any level.

Kickers are like offensive linemen in that no one notices them until something goes wrong.



SUBMITTED

Ivan Shuran of Benedictine says he feels like he kicks better in pressure situations.

In another way, they are like closers in baseball. They face only pressure situations and are criticized when they don't come through.

It's a tough job, but one they embrace.

"Go out and kick, simple

as that," said Mentor kicker Andrew Smith. "There's no outside noise to me. It's just

me and the ball. Go out and do your best."

Shuran and Smith are the top two kicking scorers in the area. It's no surprise that their teams are both in the playoff picture, with Benedictine facing Brecksville-Broadview Heights on Nov. 8 and Mentor facing Cleveland Heights on Nov. 8.

Shuran (80 total points through 10 games) and Smith (78) aren't alone. Each of the playoff teams has a good kicking game, including Euclid (Mamadou Mbaye), Mayfield (Henry Pernsteiner), South (Sam Patrizi), Kenston (Blake Torres), Chardon (Keaton Ziegenfuss), Perry (Calvin Rowan) and Kirtland (Nico Podijil-Scheslinger and Mario Rodin).

"Kicking is one-third of the game," said Ziegenfuss, who doubles as a defensive back at Chardon. "You've got to win two-thirds of the parts to win a game, if not more."

Ziegenfuss is one of the most notable kicker names in the area, following in the footsteps of his brothers Ethan and Mason as the kicker for the Hilltoppers.

It's a job he and his brothers before him take very seriously.

"You're out there working before the season even starts," Ziegenfuss said.

KICKERS » PAGE 13

Congratulations from the Kenston Athletic Boosters on making the playoffs!
Go Bombers, go win another state championship!

Don't forget to get your tickets for our annual
Night at the Races fundraising event.

November 16, 6pm,

Centerville Mills, Bainbridge Township

<https://kls.kenstonlocal.org/athleticboosters>



High school football statistics

By John Kampf*jkampf@news-herald.com
@nhpreps on Twitter*

PASSING

Name, school	Passing yards
Drew Schiano, Perry	2,597
Ron Schultz, Benedictine	1,887
Michael Huss, Mayfield	1,882
Jon Tomcufcik, Kenston	1,862
Ian Kipp, Mentor	1,804
A.J. Shorts, Brush	1,551
Dom Lulow, Riverside	1,534
Terrence Robinson, Hawken	1,438
Dion Valentine, Euclid	1,401
Riley Huge, West Geauga	1,370
Joey Soltis, Cardinal	1,313
Justin Grosel, South	1,195
Jon Sharp, NDCL	1,171
Jake Brown, Berkshire	1,010
Sam Schuster, Fairport	974
Alex Dragas, Madison	845
Evan Rypinski, Wickliffe	539

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Name, school	TD passes
Drew Schiano, Perry	34
Jon Tomcufcik, Kenston	25
Ron Schultz, Benedictine	23
Michael Huss, Mayfield	21
Ian Kipp, Mentor	18
Dion Valentine, Euclid	17
Terrence Robinson, Hawken	15
Joey Soltis, Cardinal	13
Jake Brown, Berkshire	13
Sam Schuster, Fairport	11
Dom Lulow, Riverside	11
Jon Sharp, NDCL	10
Justin Grosel, South	10
Riley Huge, West Geauga	9
Noah Arnold, Newbury	6
Alex Dragas, Madison	6
Evan Rypinski, Wickliffe	4

RUSHING YARDS

Name, school	Att.	Yards
Jalen Edwards, Benedictine	262	1,666
Noah Arnold, Newbury	267	1,593
Jaabir Mujihad, Euclid	197	1,440
Blake Peet, Geneva	122	1,260
Austin McCourt, Madison	201	1,253
Mason Sullivan, Kirtland	NA	1,241
Ryan Pennypacker, Berkshire	185	1,193
Brian Trobel, Mentor	153	1,191
Cody Paugh, Fairport	NA	1,188
Joey Suchy, Mayfield	194	1,175
Jack Porter, Kenston	191	1,068
Chase Fortkamp, Wickliffe	132	1,043
Luke Gardner, Kirtland	NA	951
Jaylen Anderson, Perry	86	928
Charlie Taylor, Geneva	102	904
Zach Miller, Hawken	167	816
Trae Zimmerman, West G	100	786

Ira Sampson, South	NA	775
Jordan Smith, Riverside	146	764
James Pettyjohn, Chardon	122	742
Mason Bala, Wickliffe	111	734
Savion Jones, Euclid	86	649
Alex Dragas, Madison	131	645
Ian Kipp, Mentor	76	616
Julian Cicchella, Newbury	87	611
Dawann Gray, Jr., Beachwood	48	606
Jimmy Mitchell, NDCL	90	591
Zack Czako, Cardinal	91	578
Dominic Johnson, Hawken	71	572
Joey Soltis, Cardinal	102	568
Deshod Reese, South	NA	561
Jack Robinson, NDCL	110	560
Nicholas Flowers, University	94	556
Kendyn Wiggins, Beachwood	61	523
Will Hartson, Beachwood	60	521
Justin Grosel, South	NA	515
Riley Coughlin, Mentor	63	491
Vinny Varcette, Geneva	44	485
Isaiah Bolon, Wickliffe	54	484
Joe Peterson, West Geauga	61	415

RECEPTIONS

Name, school	Receptions	Yards
Tyler Mintz, Kenston	57	1,010
Matt Spofford, Riverside	51	688
Anthony Rosati, Perry	48	707
Jaylen Anderson, Perry	43	677
Luke Floriea, Mentor	41	673
Michael Cavasinni, West G	39	457
Charles Rosser, Benedictine	38	761
Joey Isabella, Mayfield	38	458
Corey Floyd, Brush	37	557
Keyshawn Johnson, Brush	36	395
Danny Gallagher, South	35	528
Cooper Jared, Hawken	33	375
Billy Guzzo, Mayfield	33	506
Claishon Ivory, Euclid	32	553
Christopher Gales, Benedictine	32	562
James Bruno, Riverside	32	471
Rico Small, South	31	465
Devon Holbert, Perry	31	662
Angelo Lott, Benedictine	28	335
Justin Luke, Mentor	27	416
Zach Miller, Hawken	27	243
Ben Sherlock, Mayfield	25	366
Casey Horner, Cardinal	25	316
Hutch Baird, Mentor	24	264
Johnny Nguyen, NDCL	24	340
Dominic Johnson, Hawken	24	234
Joey Dostal, Mayfield	24	260
Morgan Hershberger, Cardinal	24	328
Armond Scott, Euclid	23	580
Javion Middleton, Kenston	23	409
Cole Tanner, Madison	22	331
Dario Decaro, Cardinal	22	190
Stone Zashin, Hawken	21	224
Brad McKeon, Madison	21	209
Nic Pujolas, University	19	392
Justice Bartley, Fairport	19	338
Cody Paugh, Fairport	19	217
Ryan Miller, Kenston	19	182
Jaylen Richardson, Brush	18	174
Marcell Welch, Madison	16	176
RJ Fullmer, Mentor	15	192
Antwone Woolfolk, Brush	15	160
Matthew Sullivan, Perry	15	309

Trae Zimmerman, West Geauga	15	263
Cardale Sheppard, Cardinal	14	187
Mike Lucarelli, Cardinal	14	195
Jalen Minter, Beachwood	13	191

SCORING

Name, school	TD2PTTotal
Noah Arnold, Newbury	28 5 178
Mason Sullivan, Kirtland	26 1 158
Jalen Edwards, Benedictine	24 0 144
Jaylen Anderson, Perry	23 0 138
Chase Fortkamp, Wickliffe	18 1 110
Blake Peet, Geneva	17 2 106
Devon Holbert, Perry	17 2 104
Ryan Pennypacker, Berkshire	17 0 102
Luke Gardner, Kirtland	16 2 100
Brian Trobel, Mentor	15 0 90
Tyler Mintz, Kenston	13 3 84
Charlie Taylor, Geneva	13 2 82
Nicholas Flowers, University	13 1 80
Luke Floriea, Mentor	13 0 78
Charles Rosser, Benedictine	13 0 78
Zach Miller, Hawken	13 0 78
Austin McCourt, Madison	13 0 78
Alex Dragas, Madison	13 0 78
Ian Kipp, Mentor	12 0 72
D.J. Bowman, Chardon	12 0 72
Trae Zimmerman, West G	12 0 72
Jack Porter, Kenston	12 0 72
Cody Paugh, Fairport	10 4 68
Dominic Johnson, Hawken	11 1 68
Sam Schuster, Fairport	9 5 64
Mason Bala, Wickliffe	10 2 64
Jaabir Mujihad, Euclid	10 1 62
Armand Scott, Euclid	10 0 60
Jimmy Mitchell, NDCL	10 0 60
Ira Sampson, South	10 0 60
Joey Isabella, Mayfield	10 0 60
Joey Suchy, Mayfield	10 0 60
Anthony Rosati, Perry	9 0 54
Ben Scibona, Geneva	9 0 54
Kendyn Wiggins, Beachwood	9 0 54
Jordan Smith, Riverside	9 0 54
James Pettyjohn, Chardon	8 1 50
Claishon Ivory, Euclid	8 0 48
Rico Small, South	8 0 48
Matt Spofford, Riverside	8 0 48
Joey Dostal, Mayfield	8 0 48
Joe Peterson, West Geauga	8 0 48
Riley Coughlin, Mentor	7 0 42
Dawann Gray, Jr., Beachwood	7 0 42
Joey Soltis, Cardinal	7 0 42
Zack Czako, Cardinal	7 0 42
Matthew Sullivan, Perry	6 2 40
Johnny Nguyen, NDCL	6 0 36
Anthony Demarco, Kirtland	6 0 36
Will Hartson, Beachwood	6 0 36

KICKING

Name, school	XP	FG	Pts
Ivan Shuran, Benedictine	56	8	80
Andrew Smith, Mentor	55	7	76
Calvin Rowan, Perry	64	1	67
Luke Griffith, Riverside	30	7	51
Keaton Ziegenfuss, Chardon	34	5	49
Gianni Spetic, NDCL	25	5	40
Joey DiLalla, West Geauga	28	4	40

C.J. Kessler, Madion	33	2	39
Henry Pernsteiner, Mayfield	25	4	37
Blake Torres, Kenston	34	1	37
Mario Rodin, Kirtland	30	1	33
Cole Vennis, Geneva	32	0	32
Evan Weybrecht, University	31	0	31
Sam Patrizi, South	23	2	29
Noah Arnold, Newbury	26	1	29
Nico Podijil-Scheslinger, Kirt	24	1	27
Josh Lombardo, Hawken	26	0	26
Lexi Boyk, Berkshire	20	0	20
Isaiah Bolon, Wickliffe	19	0	19

INTERCEPTIONS

Name, school	Interceptions
Matthew Stauffer, Benedictine	7
Desmond Malone, Perry	6
Joey Grazia, Kirtland	6
James Bruno, Riverside	5
Billy Guzzo, Mayfield	5
Nyzier Fourqurean, Mentor	4
Tai Malone, Fairport	4
Rico Small, South	4
Javin Richard, Perry	4
Hunter Nazdan, Madison	4
Anthony Demarco, Kirtland	4
Kaden Tinner, Riverside	4
Blake Jenkins, Berkshire	4
Max Young, University	3
Ben Salesky, South	3
Evan Arnold, Newbury	3
Monte Myer Newbury	3
Alex Dragas, Madison	3
Tommy Drzetic, Kirtland	3
Mason Sullivan, Kirtland	3
Jamir Francis, Riverside	3
Timmy Steffens, Mayfield	3
Trae Zimmerman, West Geauga	3
Luke Musser, West Geauga	3
Torry Stazzzone, West Geauga	3
Duke Stanczak, Wickliffe	3

SACKS

Name, school	Sacks
Tim Matty, Kenston	11
Marco Tramontano, Mayfield	11
Dom DeMuth, Mayfield	9
Terrance Hollon, Benedictine	8
Michael Voiles, Fairport	8
Luke Reed, Newbury	6
Corey Floyd, Brush	6
Javonte Floyd, Benedictine	5
Charles Rosser, Benedictine	5
John Dinko, Chardon	5
Myles Mendeszoon, Chardon	5
Max Czech, Kenston	5
Alex Sigh, Riverside	5
Cade McDewitt, Chardon	4
Jabriel Allen, Newbury	4
Lou Alesnik, West Geauga	3.5
JJ Perin, Berkshire	3.5
Grigore Garvis, Benedictine	3
John Tropf, Newbury	3
Jadynn Anderson, Perry	3
Matt Vencius, Riverside	3
Gio Bottiggi, Riverside	3
Danny Martich, Riverside	3



TIM PHILLIS — FOR THE NEWS-HERALD

Euclid's Jaabir Mujihad was one of the area's leading rushers this season.

TACKLES FOR LOSS

Name, school	TFLs
Marco Tramontano, Mayfield	33
John Tropf, Newbury	21
Jayden Alston, Fairport	20
Matt Vencius, Riverside	19
Dylan Baliker, West Geauga	19
Zac Nehas, Berkshire	18
John Dinko, Chardon	17
Corey Floyd, Brush	17
Miles McIlvaine, University	16
JJ Perrin, Berkshire	16
Andrew Butera, South	15.5
Mitch Sanders, Newbury	15
Jibriel Allen, Newbury	15
Dom DeMuth, Mayfield	15
Josh Moriarity, West Geauga	15
Matthew Sullivan, Perry	14
Cody Paugh, Fairport	13
Nathanael Sulka Chardon	13
Alex Sigh, Riverside	13
Levi Veverka, West Geauga	13
Gio Bottiggi, Riverside	12
Nick Cunningham, Mayfield	12
Clay Cunningham, Mayfield	12
Shamon Walker, Mayfield	12
Myles Mendeszoon, Chardon	11
Matt Wilson, Riverside	11
Ira Sampson, South	10.5
Evan McDermott, Berkshire	10.5
Vince Ferrante, Chardon	10
Jadynn Anderson, Perry	9.5
Jackson Paglio, Mentor	9
Luke Reed, Newbury	9
Gabe Sekki, Riverside	9

Lou Alesnik, West Geauga	9
Bobby Ware, University	8
Michael Voiles, Fairport	8
James Bruno, Riverside	8
Eddie Barch, Mayfield	8
Juajuan Glover, West Geauga	8
Jack Novak, University	7
Ethan Whitt, Fairport	7
Quentin Piotrowski, Fairport	7
Will Lindsey, Hawken	7
Julian Cicchella, Newbury	7
Logan Vargo, Kenston	7
Danny Martich, Riverside	7
Joe Barcikowski, Berkshire	7
Steven Degner, NDCL	6

DIFFERENTIAL

Team	Offense	Defense	Diff.
Mentor	4,493	1,851	2,642
Kirtland	3,645	1,263	2,382
Perry	4,433	2,469	1,964
Geneva	3,924	2,133	1,791
Mayfield	3,675	2,115	1,542
Benedictine	4,254	2,787	1,467
Kenston	3,655	2,276	1,379
Chardon	3,182	2,290	892
Wickliffe	3,468	2,657	811
Fairport	2,920	2,396	524
University	2,509	2,005	504
Berkshire	3,337	2,835	502
South	3,450	3,065	385
Riverside	3,048	3,270	232
NDCL	3,253	3,049	204
Madison	3,088	3,080	8
Hawken	3,207	4,058	-851

FALL SALE!

Hardwood Starting at \$2.99 sq. ft.!

Walker Floors & Window Fashions

GOOD LUCK IN THE PLAYOFFS!

COUPON

\$100 OFF

Walker Floors & Window Fashions

ANY PURCHASE OF \$1,000 OR MORE

With this coupon. Not valid with other offers. Offer exp. 12/31/19

USA Made H2O Proof Floor!

0% INTEREST* 1 YEAR

*See store for Details

Walker Floors & Window Fashions

3325 N. Ridge Road, Perry • 440-259-1086 • www.walkerfloors.com

High school football playoffs

Regional quarterfinals

DIVISION I

Games at 7 p.m., Nov. 8

Region 1

8 Cleveland Heights (9-1) at 1 Mentor (10-0)
7 Medina (7-3) at 2 St. Edward (9-1)
6 Massillon Jackson (8-2) at 3 Euclid (8-2)
5 Solon (8-2) at 4 Canton McKinley (8-2)

Region 2

8 Marysville (6-4) at 1 Springfield (9-1)
7 Clayton Northmont (6-4) at 2 Toledo Whitmer (9-1)
6 Perrysburg (8-2) at 3 Dublin Coffman (8-2)
5 Springboro (9-1) at 4 Dublin Jerome (8-2)

Region 3

8 Westerville Central (7-3) at 1 Powell Olentangy Liberty (9-1)
7 Reynoldsburg (7-3) at 2 Pickerington Central (9-1)
6 Pickerington North (6-4) at 3 Lewis Center Olentangy Orange (9-1)
5 Hilliard Davidson (7-3) at 4 Groveport Madison (8-2)

Region 4

8 Mason (5-5) at 1 Cincinnati St. Xavier (8-2)
7 Hamilton (5-5) at 2 Fairfield (9-1)
6 Cincinnati Princeton (6-4) at 3 Cincinnati Colerain (9-1)
5 West Chester Lakota West (7-3) at 4 Cincinnati Elder (8-2)

DIVISION II

Games at 7 p.m., Nov. 8

Region 5

8 Warren G. Harding (7-3) at 1 Massillon Washington (10-0)
7 Willoughby South (6-4) at 2 Mayfield (10-0)
6 Alliance (7-3) at 3 Akron Hoban (9-1)
5 Hudson (7-3) at 4 Massillon Perry (8-2)

Region 6

8 Wooster (7-3) at 1 Avon (10-0)
7 Maple Heights (7-3) at 2 Avon Lake (9-1)
6 Olmsted Falls (7-3) at 3 Wadsworth (8-2)
5 Brecksville-Broadview Heights (7-3) at 4 Benedictine (9-1)

Region 7

8 Toledo St. Frances de Sales (6-4) at 1 Toledo Central Catholic (10-0)
7 Delaware Olentangy Berlin (6-4) at 2 Whitehouse Anthony Wayne (10-0)
6 Lewis Center Olentangy (5-5) at 3 Troy (8-2)
5 Westerville South (6-4) at 4 Toledo St. John's Jesuit (7-3)

Region 8

8 Morrow Little Miami (8-2) at 1 Cincinnati La Salle (8-2)
7 Columbus St. Francis DeSales (8-2) at 2 Cincinnati Turpin (10-0)
6 Canal Winchester (9-1) at 3 Harrison (9-1)
5 Columbus Walnut Ridge (10-0) at 4



NEWS-HERALD FILE

Desmond Horne Jr. of Beachwood runs against Kirtland. The Bison play at Oak Harbor on Nov. 9 in the Division V playoffs.

Xenia (9-1)

DIVISION III

Games at 7 p.m., Nov. 8

Region 9

8 Kenston (8-2) at 1 New Philadelphia (9-1)
7 Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary (8-2) at 2 Streetsboro (10-0)
6 Chardon (8-2) at 3 Dover (7-3)
5 Steubenville (6-3) at 4 Aurora (10-0)

Region 10

8 Glenville (7-3) at 1 Norwalk (8-2)
7 Bay (7-3) at 2 Mansfield Senior (9-1)
6 Holy Name (8-2) at 3 Tiffin Columbian (9-1)
5 Sandusky (7-3) at 4 Medina Buckeye (8-2)

Region 11

8 London (7-2) at 1 Columbus Bishop Hartley (9-1)
7 Thornville Sheridan (8-2) at 2 Plain City Jonathan Alder (10-0)
6 Columbus Centennial (9-1) at 3 Jackson (10-0)

Region 12

5 Zanesville (7-3) at 4 Granville (9-1)
8 Kettering Archbishop Alter (6-4) at 1 Dayton Chaminade Julianne (8-2)
7 Trotwood-Madison (7-3) at 2 Wapakoneta (9-1)
6 St. Marys Memorial (8-2) at 3 Franklin

(9-1)

5 Hamilton Ross (8-2) at 4 Hamilton Badin (7-3)

DIVISION IV

Games at 7 p.m., Nov. 9

Region 13

8 Girard (6-4) at 1 Perry (10-0)
7 Struthers (6-4) at 2 Poland Seminary (8-2)
6 Hubbard (6-4) at 3 Wintersville Indian Creek (9-1)
5 Salem (8-2) at 4 CVCA (7-3)

Region 14

8 Clyde (6-4) at 1 LaGrange Keystone (9-1)
7 Bellevue (6-4) at 2 Wauseon (8-2)
6 Ottawa-Glandorf (7-3) at 3 Galion (8-2)
5 Milan Edison (7-3) at 4 Shelby (7-3)

Region 15

8 Columbus Marion-Franklin (7-3) at 1 Newark Licking Valley (10-0)
7 Carroll Bloom-Carroll (8-2) at 2 Gnadenhutten Indian Valley (9-1)
6 Gallipolis Gallia Academy (9-1) at 3 Waverly (8-2)
5 St. Clairsville (8-2) at 4 New Concord John Glenn (8-2)

Region 16

8 West Milton Milton-Union (8-2) at 1 Cincinnati Wyoming (10-0)
7 Germantown Valley View (8-2) at 2

Clarksville Clinton-Massie (9-1)

6 St. Bernard Roger Bacon (9-1) at 3 Waynesville (9-1)
5 Cincinnati Indian Hill (8-2) at 4 Kenton (8-2)

DIVISION V

Games at 7 p.m., Nov. 9

Region 17

8 Magnolia Sandy Valley (9-1) at 1 Kirtland (10-0)
7 Rootstown (7-3) at 2 Akron Manchester (7-3)
6 Sugarcreek Garaway (8-2) at 3 Garrettville (9-1)
5 Bellaire (7-3) at 4 Canfield South Range (7-3)

Region 18

8 Beachwood (8-2) at 1 Oak Harbor (10-0)
7 Elyria Catholic (7-3) at 2 Orrville (9-1)
6 Lutheran East (7-2) at 3 Marion Pleasant (8-2)
5 Findlay Liberty-Benton (9-1) at 4 Pemberville Eastwood (10-0)

Region 19

8 Wellston (7-3) at 1 Ironton (9-1)
7 Portsmouth (8-2) at 2 West Lafayette Ridgewood (10-0)
6 Minford (7-3) at 3 Wheelersburg (7-3)
5 Gahanna Columbus Academy (7-3) at 4 Amanda-Clearcreek (8-2)

Region 20



MICHAEL P. PAYNE — FOR THE NEWS-HERALD

Ron Schultz scores a touchdown for Benedictine earlier this year. Schultz and the Bengals host Brecksville-Broadview Heights on Nov. 8.

8 Blanchester (6-4) at 1 Cincinnati Taft (9-1)
7 Cincinnati Summit County Day (7-2) at 2 West Jefferson (9-1)
6 Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy (8-2) at 3 Springfield Shawnee (8-2)
5 Cincinnati Madeira (8-2) at 4 West Liberty-Salem (9-1)

DIVISION VI

Games at 7 p.m., Nov. 8

Region 21

8 Berlin Center Western Reserve (8-2) at 1 New Middletown Springfield (10-0)
7 Brookfield (8-2) at 2 Mogadore (9-1)
6 Dalton (9-1) at 3 Beverly Fort Frye (10-0)
5 Salineville Southern Local (10-0) at 4 Glouster Trimble (10-0)

Region 22

8 Carey (5-5) at 1 Collins Western Reserve (9-1)
7 Creston Norwayne (5-5) at 2 Attica Seneca East (9-1)
6 Ashland Crestview (7-3) at 3 Howard East Knox (10-0)
5 Jeromesville Hillsdale (7-3) at 4 Galion Northmor (9-1)

Region 23

8 Sherwood Fairview (9-1) at 1 Lima Central Catholic (9-1)
7 Harrod Allen East (9-1) at 2 Liberty Center (9-1)
6 Coldwater (8-2) at 3 Archbold (9-1)
5 Anna (9-1) at 4 Minster (9-1)

Region 24

8 Miamisburg Dayton Christian (8-2) at 1 Chillicothe Southeastern (10-0)
7 Columbus Grandview Heights (6-4) at 2 Bainbridge Paint Valley (8-2)

6 Mechanicsburg (8-2) at 3 Frankfort Adena (8-2)
5 Worthington Christian (8-2) at 4 Covington (8-2)

DIVISION VII

Games at 7 p.m., Nov. 9

Region 25

8 Malvern (5-5) at 1 Cuyahoga Heights (8-1)
7 McDonald (6-4) at 2 Lucas (8-2)
6 Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas (6-3) at 3 Toronto (8-2)
5 Warren John F. Kennedy (7-3) at 4 Independence (7-3)

Region 26

8 Sycamore Mohawk (6-4) at 1 Leipsic (9-1)
7 Edon (7-3) at 2 Nowalk St. Paul (8-2)
6 Arlington (7-3) at 3 Hamler Patrick Henry (7-3)
5 Edgerton (8-2) at 4 McComb (8-2)

Region 27

8 Lancaster Fisher Catholic (6-4) at 1 Canal Winchester Harvest Prep (9-1)
7 Reedsville Eastern (8-2) at 2 Newark Catholic (7-3)
6 Willow Wood Symmes Valley (9-1) at 3 Shadyside (7-3)
5 Sarahsville Shenandoah (7-2) at 4 Waterford (8-2)

Region 28

8 New Bremen (7-3) at 1 Hamilton New Miami (9-0)
7 Union City Mississinawa Valley (7-3) at 2 Maria Stein Marion Local (8-2)
6 Dola Hardin Northern (7-3) at 3 Fort Loramie (9-1)
5 Lima Perry (7-2) at 4 Cincinnati College Prep Academy (8-2)

K

Kirtland Hornet Booster Club

GO HORNETS! GOOD LUCK IN THE PLAYOFFS!

Thank You Booster patrons and members for all your support!

Find us at: www.kirtlandboosters.com



HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

State title, unbeaten season would be mic-drop for Trivisonno's career

Outgoing Mentor coach says this is 'probably our most balanced team'

By John Kampf

*JKampf@news-herald.com
@NHPreps on Twitter*

Steve Trivisonno didn't get to be the successful football coach that he is by ignoring the task at hand.

The head coach of the Mentor football team didn't win 206 of the 275 games he's coached over a 23-year span by gazing at the final hurdle at the risk of doing a face-plant over the hurdle in front of him.

But that being said, even Trivisonno admitted he has considered the possibility at hand as he and his Cardinals head into the postseason with a spotless 10-0 record in his final year before stepping down from the position.

The sheer possibility of the state's top-ranked Division I team completing the journey and capping their coach's career with a 15-0 record and an elusive state title that has dodged he and the Cardinals four other times is not lost on him.

If there was ever an exclamation point on a career — the quintessential mic-drop — that would be it.

And Trivisonno knows it. "That would be cool, wouldn't it?" he said prior to his team's practice on Nov. 5. "What a storybook ending that would be. We've flirted with it a lot over the years. There's a long way to go — 30-some days to go — but wouldn't that be great? We'll see."

Four times (2006, 2007, 2013, 2017) have the Cardinals advanced to the state

"A state championship would be the perfect way to end it. We're working harder than ever for that for ourselves, the city and community, but mostly him, because he deserves to win it."

— Mentor senior linebacker Kyle Bishof

championship game, coming home with the second-place silver trophy all four times.

Is this team different? The Cardinals finished the regular season 10-0 for the first time since 2003. They might not have the big-time, Division I college football recruits as many other Mentor teams have had, but they have that "it" factor.

Maybe a few of them, if you consider the drive the team has to send their beloved coach out with an undefeated state championship.

"Oh my gosh, that would all add up, wouldn't it," said senior linebacker Kyle Bishof. "That would be the miracle ending of the book."

Many felt the 2018 season was the program's best chance to win it, with three Big Ten recruits on the offensive and defensive lines (Nick Samac, Noah Potter and Ryan Jacoby) anchoring the trenches.

Did Trivisonno think the same?

"No," Trivisonno said. "I knew this year would be the better year. Yeah, we had three big-timers, but it's still a skill guy's game, and we were really young at that part."

"I knew this year would be the better football team."

It's difficult to quantify what makes the 2019 Mentor Cardinals "the team to

get it done. But one Northeast Ohio coach says he thinks he has it figured out.

"They don't have those big-name recruits, but they just play so well together," said Shaker Heights coach Alex Nicholson, formerly an assistant at Brush. "The players know what they're jobs are and they just play so well as a team."

"Then you add in a cause to rally behind they have. Add it all up, and that's a tough, tough team to beat."

Trivisonno, while denying that his team is playing any better or different because of him, did come close to echoing Nicholson's assessment that this group of Cardinals is different than any other he's coached.

"I'm not going to say this is the most talented team," Trivisonno said. "But it's probably our most balanced team. We don't have a lot of holes. We don't have a lot of Division I (recruit) kids. But that doesn't necessarily make a great team. But we can do a little bit of everything, and that makes you hard to beat because you can't shut down everything."

As it seems to have been every year of the Trivisonno era, Mentor is a highlight reel on offense, averaging an area-best 450 yards of offense per game. Whether it's the running of Brian Trobel (1,191 yards), Ian Kipp (616)



TIM PHILLIS — FOR THE NEWS-HERALD

and Riley Coughlin (491) or the passing of Kipp (1,804 yard, 18 touchdowns) to the likes of Luke Floriea (41 catches, 673 yards), Justin Luke (26-for-416) and others, the Cardinals can light up a scoreboard behind a stellar, blue-collar offensive line.

But it's this year's Mentor defense that has opened the most eyes, giving up a total of 41 points over the past seven games, including a trio of shutouts.

Trivisonno will always point to the 2003 year as Mentor's "nastiest" defense, a unit that included the likes of Tom Brew, Ron Cordero, Tony Martucci, Angelo DiFranco, Paul Burger and others that didn't allow anyone to score double figures on them until a 13-10 regional final loss to St. Edward.

But this defense is pretty special, he said.

"I think it's one of the most solid defenses we've had," Trivisonno said of the current defense that boasts three-year starters like Jackson Paglio, Marco

Toth, and Bishoff. "We were really good on defense last year, too, besides the St. Ed's game early (a 42-39 win). Our defense held us in a lot of games when we weren't as dominant offensively."

"We've had some pretty good defenses. But since we went to the spread, they've kinda gotten overshadowed by the offense. When you play great teams like we do, you're not going to pitch shutouts all the time."

Without a doubt, the 2019 Cardinals hold a special place in Trivisonno's heart and not just because it's the final senior class that he'll coach.

"My very first memory of him was him coming to the Mentor Youth Football Association when I played," Bishof said. "I wanted to be a part of his team."

Said Paglio: "He came to a workout when I was in seventh grade and talked to us about how football is more than a game. It's bonding with your teammates. It's becoming a family. It's life lessons you'll take with you long after you leave here."

That love affair and mutual respect between the players and their coach isn't restricted to this year's team. Trivisonno has long had such relationships with his players, well beyond their playing year.

But this year's team is special because it's the last. Which accentuates the sense of urgency as the sun begins its decent on Trivisonno's career at Mentor.

"A state championship would be the perfect way to end it," Bishof said. "We're working harder than ever for that for ourselves, the city and community, but mostly him, because he deserves to win it."



DAVID C. TURBEN — FOR THE NEWS-HERALD

Mentor coach Steve Trivisonno receives a banner celebrating 200 wins as head coach of the Cardinals on Sept. 27.

High school football playoff capsules

By John Kampf

JKampf@news-herald.com

@NHPreps on Twitter

(8) CLEVELAND HEIGHTS AT (1) MENTOR

What: Division I, Region 1 quarterfinal

When: 7, Nov. 8

Where: Jerome T. Osborne Stadium

Records: Mentor 10-0, Cleveland Heights 9-1

Last week: Mentor def. Strongsville, 56-21, Cleveland Heights def. Maple Heights, 21-12

Last time in the playoffs: Mentor 2018, Cleveland Heights 2015

For the record: The final playoff run for longtime Mentor coach Steve Trivisonno begins here. The Cardinals haven't been 10-0 in the regular season since 2003, and standing in their way now is Coach Mac Stephens' team whose only loss came in the season opener, 21-10, to Medina. Mentor beat Medina, 63-7, on Sept. 27. ... Mentor has it going on both side of the ball right now. The Cardinals average 449 yards per game and are giving up only 185 per game. The defense, usually the weaker of the spots, gave up 21 to Strongsville last week but gave up a total of 21 points the previous six games. Offensively, the Cardinals are led by QB Ian Kipp (1,804 passing yards, 18 TDs) and running back Brian Trobel (1,191 yards, 15 touchdowns). WR Luke Floriea leads the team with



NEWS-HERALD FILE

Luke Floriea of Mentor scores against Euclid. The Cardinals host Cleveland Heights on Nov. 8.

41 catches, while Justin Luke has 27. Mentor's line play on both sides of the ball has been exemplary. ... To stick with Mentor, Cleveland Heights is going to need to lock down on defense with players like defensive lineman Justin Wodtly (a Cincinnati recruit) and defensive back Jiovanny Holmes.

(5) SOLON AT (4) EUCLID

What: Division I, Region 1 quarterfinal

When: 7, Nov. 8

Where: Euclid Community Stadium

Records: Euclid 8-2, Mas-

sillon Jackson 8-2

Last week: Euclid def. Shaker Heights, 32-14, Massillon Jackson def. N. Canton Hoover, 29-23

Last time in the playoffs: Euclid 2018, Massillon Jackson 2017

For the record: This is a rematch of an Oct. 24 game won by Solon, 27-24, a game played at Solon. This one is in Euclid. Can the Panthers take care of home-field advantage? ... Euclid was sharp in a Week 10 win over Shaker Heights, which was needed after being shut out in Week 9 by Mentor. The Panthers are at their

best when the running game of Jaabir Mujihad (1,440 yards, 23 touchdowns) and Savion Jones (649 yards) is leading the way. That often leads to the passing game of Dion Valentine (1,401 yards) opening up. Claishon Ivory and Armond Scott have combined for 55 catches in the Euclid passing game. ... Solon QB Pat McQuaide has thrown for 2,004 yard and 20 touchdowns, against only two interceptions. RB Khalil Eichelberger has run for 1,044 yards and 11 scores. Grant McCurry (65 catches, 978 yards) and Greg Parries (42 catches, 449 yards)

lead in receptions. ... It was a nip-and-tuck game last time. Euclid let slip a 17-0 second-quarter lead and lost despite outgaining Solon, 475-235. Can the Panthers finish this time?

(7) SOUTH AT (2) MAYFIELD

What: Division II, Region 5 quarterfinal

When: 7, Nov. 8

Where: Mayfield Wildcat Stadium

Records: South 6-4, Mayfield 10-0

Last week: South def. Riverside, 27-21 (2OT), Mayfield def. Kenston, 24-21

Last time in the playoffs: South 2014, Mayfield 2018

For the record: This is a rematch of a Week 7 game Oct. 11 in which Mayfield dominated, 37-13. But the Wildcats should be cautious to not be overconfident, as Coach Matt Duffy's squad enters this game having won its last two games, including a thriller in double overtime last week that clinched a playoff berth. ... Mayfield might be the most complete team in the area, excelling on both sides of the ball. QB Michael Huss has thrown for 1,882 yards and 21 scores, RB Joey Suchy has run for more than 1,000 yards and each player in the receiving quartet of Joey Isabella, Ben Sherlock, Billy Guzzo and Joey Dostal has at least 24 catches. That productivity means the offensive line is doing the job. Defensively, Marco Tramontano (11 sacks, 33 TFLs) is a nightmare, and so are most of the others around him. ... South might be best off if the running game of Ira Sampson (775 yards), Deshot Reese (561 yards) and QB Justin Grosel (515 yards) is churning out yards and keeping it away from the high-powered Wildcats. However, Grosel has thrown for more than 1,000 yards despite missing a few games, and receivers Rico Small and Danny Gallagher are dangerous. ... South's hope hinges on slowing down Mayfield's offense, which it was unable to do the last time the teams met.



2816 N. RIDGE RD., PERRY, OHIO

GO PIRATES! GOOD LUCK IN THE PLAYOFFS!

MAC PACK

HALF SHEET PIZZA

20 Cut • 1 Topping
16 Wings
2 Liter of Pepsi

\$24.99

ORDER: georgiosovenfreshpizzacoperry.com • 440-259-8212

High school football playoff capsules

By John Kampf

JKampf@news-herald.com
@NHPreps on Twitter

(5) BRECKSVILLE-BROADVIEW HEIGHTS AT (4) BENEDICTINE

What: Division II, Region 6 quarterfinal

When: 7, Nov. 8

Where: Bedford Bearcat Stadium

Records: Benedictine 9-1, Brecksville-Broadview Heights, 7-3

Last week: Benedictine def. Walsh Jesuit, 62-24, Wadsworth def. Brecksville-Broadview Heights, 35-34

Last time in the playoffs: Benedictine 2017, Brecksville-Broadview Heights 2016

For the record: If you want popcorn or a soda, get it before the game starts, because no one will want to miss a play in this game, which could be a stellar offensive shootout. Brecksville averages 41.4 points per game, while Benedictine averages 44.0. Benedictine's only loss is to Akron Hoban, while Brecksville had its six-game winning streak snapped last week by Wadsworth. ... These teams haven't met since 1984. ... Benedictine QB Ron Schultz has thrown for 1,857 yards and 23 touchdowns, with Charles Rosser (38 catches, 761 yards), Christopher Gales (32-562) and Angelo Lott (28-335) all doing big work. RB Jalen Edwards has run for 1,666 yards and 23 touchdowns. Kicker Ivan



TIM PHILLIS — FOR THE NEWS-HERALD

Kenston's Tyler Mintz strives for yardage against Mayfield. Kenston plays at New Philadelphia on Nov. 8.

Shuran leads all area kickers with 80 points (56 PAT and eight field goals). ... Benedictine's defense will focus on the passing game of Joe Labas, the Brecksville quarterback who has thrown for 1,953 yards and 19 touchdowns this season. ... This game could be an offensive slugfest, but a turnover here or there could swing the momentum either way.

(6) CHARDON AT (3) DOVER

What: Division III, Region 9 quarterfinal

When: 7, Nov. 8

Where: Crater Stadium, 803 E. 7th St., Dover

Records: Chardon 8-2, Dover 7-3

Last week: Chardon def. North, 47-7, Dover def. New Philadelphia, 34-28

Last time in the playoffs: Chardon 2018, Dover 2018

For the record: The last time these two teams faced was in 1998 when Mitch Hewitt was playing for the Hilltoppers and Dan Ifft was coaching the Tornados. Ifft is still coaching in Dover, and now Hewitt is coaching his alma mater. ... Chardon's only losses are to 10-0 Mayfield and 10-0 Perry. The Hilltoppers have a punishing running game led by James Pettyjohn (742 yards),

though D.J. Bowman (team-leading 12 touchdowns) and QB Joey Trivisonno are certainly capable of big running games. Defensively, Chardon has not given up a single point in the fourth quarter this year. John Dinko (17), Nathanael Sulka (13), Myles Mendeszoon (11) and Vince Ferrante (10) have been TFL machines. ... Dover has three in a row, the biggie being a 34-28 win over Region 9 top seed New Philadelphia last week. QB Ayden Hall has thrown for 2,401 yards and 27 touchdown, though he does have 11 interceptions. Go-to receiver Nathan Ravine (82 catches, 1,201



CARRIE GARLAND — FOR THE NEWS-HERALD

James Pettyjohn of Chardon follows his blockers against Madison. The Hilltoppers play at Dover on Nov. 8.

yards, 15 TDs) will be a focal point for Chardon. Keaton Hall leads Dover's rushing game with 431 yards. ... Which style prevails? Chardon's run game or Dover's pass game?

(8) KENSTON AT (1) NEW PHILADELPHIA

What: Division III, Region 9 quarterfinal

When: 7, Nov. 8

Where: Quaker Stadium, 131 Kidd Drive, New Philadelphia

Records: Kenston 8-2, New Philadelphia 9-1

Last week: Mayfield def. Kenston, 24-21, Dover def. New Philadelphia, 34-28

Last time in the playoffs: Kenston 2018, New Philadelphia 2017

For the record: Kenston is on the road here, but it's a semi-familiar setting seeing that the Bombers played a tournament game in New Philadelphia last year en route to winning the D3 state title. The big news in this matchup is that New Philadelphia will be without regular starting QB Baron May, who broke his arm last week against Dover and is done for the season. That's a pretty big game-changer. Kobey Hoover will likely get the nod at QB for May, who is the all-time leading passer in school history with 6,013 yards. The Quakers average 42 points per game and only 12.7 on defense. Jent Joseph has 51 catches for 842 yards and Sam Zemmis 46 for 775. May also led the team with 775 rushing yards. Next is sophomore Reise Meechan with 588. ... Kenston is led by two-time, first-team All-Ohio RB Jack Porter, the school's all-time leader in rushing and scoring. QB Jon Tomcufcik has thrown for 1,862 yards and 25 touchdowns. Tyler Mintz is the area's leading receiver with 57 catches for 1,010 yards and 12 TDs. He and Jay Middleton are scary kick returners, too. Defensively, Tim Matty leads the team in sacks and TFLs, while Logan Vargo anchors the linebackers. ... The unknown here is how New Philly will operate without May at QB. Expect Kenston to try and shut down the run.

Roofing by
KLEMENC
CONST. CO., INC.
440-951-2033

We've been putting the roof over people's heads for over 30 years!

Tear Off/Re-Roofs	Gutter Installation	Insurance Work
Structural Repairs	Gutter Cleaning	Chimney Work
Windows/Siding/Doors	Ice Cables	Roof Maintenance
New House Roof Construction	New Construction Garages, Sheds	New Construction Decks, Porches
Attic Insulation & Ventilation	Gutter Protection Systems	All Roof Related Services & Repairs
Skylight Installation & Repairs	Special Low Rate & No Interest Financing Available	Roof Mounted Power Vent Fans



We Pride Ourselves in our Quality Workmanship and Customer Service



Visit Our
Website
roofingbyklemencconstruction.com

High school football playoff capsules

By John Kampf

JKampf@news-herald.com

@NHPreps on Twitter

(8) GIRARD AT (1) PERRY

What: Division IV, Region 13 quarterfinal

When: 7, Nov. 9

Where: Alumni Stadium

Records: Girard 6-4, Perry 10-0

Last week: Perry def. West Geauga, 48-7, Niles McKinley def. Girard, 45-35

Last time in playoffs:

Girard 2018, Perry 2018

For the record: Many have forgotten Girard's 42-33 win over Perry in a regional semifinal last year. The Pirates haven't. Perry is reportedly itching for this one, though that could be a negative if they are too amped up. ... Perry has been a wrecking ball this year, scoring high numbers and not needing much time to do so. The quick-strike offense is led by senior QB Drew Schiano, who leads the area in passing yards (2,597) and passing touchdowns (34). Jaylen Anderson has run for 928 yards (averaging 10-plus yards per pop) and has 43 catches for 677 yards. Anthony Rosati's 48 catches leads the team. Defensively, the Pirates are led by Matthew Sullivan and Jadynn Anderson. The defense has played well after being vastly inexperienced at season's start. ... Girard plays in a tough league, one in which five of the eight teams made the playoff. Their best win was a 16-14



CARRIE GARLAND — FOR THE NEWS-HERALD

Drew Schiano keeps the ball for big yards in Perry's win over West Geauga. The Pirates host Girard on Nov. 9.

win over Hubbard. Andrew Delgarbino has thrown for 1,584 yards and 10 touchdowns. Morgan Clardy has run for 1,030 yards and nine scores. Jimmy Jones has 39 catches for 473 yards. ... The key matchup here is Girard's offense against Perry's defense, as the Indians will likely need to score a lot to keep up with the Pirates.

(8) SANDY VALLEY AT (1) KIRTLAND

What: Division V, Region 17 quarterfinal

When: 7, Nov. 9

Where: Rogers Field

Records: Sandy Valley 9-1, Kirtland 10-0

Last week: Kirtland def.

Berkshire, 43-13, Sandy Valley def. Malvern, 41-0

Last time in the playoffs: Kirtland 2018, Sandy Valley 2018

For the record: After winning the Division VI state title last year, the Hornets are up in Division V this year to take a crack at the division. The Hornets are 169-17 (.908) under Coach Tiger LaVerde and have a wealth of tournament experience. Kirtland has outscored the opposition, 440-34, this year — and that's with the starters playing only one full game (Week 2 vs. Riverside). Only 14 of the 34 points given up came against the first-string defense. ... Mason

Sullivan (1,241 yards) and Luke Gardner (951) lead the Kirtland rushing attack. QB Liam Powers doesn't throw a lot, but when he does, he often finds sophomore Gage Sullivan. The Hornets' defense is led by two-way lineman Mike Alfieri and a solid linebacking core led by Kaleb Stephenson, Louie Loncar and Mason Sullivan. ... Sandy Valley QB Cameron Blair has thrown for 1,979 yards and 31 touchdowns. He has also run for 628 yards. Demetrius Evans (40 catches, 753 yards) and Brady Russell (34-449) are the leading receivers. ... Kirtland's defense will focus on slowing down that passing game. Sandy Valley will need to stand toe-to-toe



CARRIE GARLAND — FOR THE NEWS-HERALD

Luke Gardner runs the ball against Beachwood. The Kirtland football team hosts Sandy Valley on Nov. 9.

with Kirtland in the trenches to win this one.

(8) BEACHWOOD AT (1) OAK HARBOR

What: Division V, Region 18 quarterfinal

When: 7, Nov. 9

Where: Oak Harbor High School, 11661 West Ohio 163, Oak Harbor

Records: Beachwood 8-2, Oak Harbor 10-0

Last week: Beachwood def. Hawken, 63-13, Oak Harbor def. Port Clinton, 48-8

Last time in playoffs: Oak Harbor 2018, Beachwood 2014

For the record: The Bison are back in the playoffs for the first time since 2014 this year. The season was geared toward that after a late losing streak last year kept them out of the post-season. Beachwood's two losses are to Youngstown Chaney and Kirtland. ...

Beachwood is a run-heavy team, with 2,715 of its 3,322 yards coming on the ground. Dawann Gray (606 yards) leads the running game, with Will Hartson (521) next. Kendyn Wiggins (523 yards) has been out the past handful of games with an ankle injury, so his status is unknown for this game. ... Oak Harbor is a tall task. Jac Alexander has thrown for 1,310 yards and 21 TDs (against no interceptions) and has run for 970 yards and 15 TDs. Clay Schulte is a two-way star rushing for 1,023 yards and 22 touchdowns while piling up 106 tackles, seven sacks and two interceptions on defense. ... Beachwood has played good defense this year, but this might be the most dynamic, diverse offense it has faced all season long.

Perry
family restaurant

(440) 350-1960
2736 North Ridge Rd.
IGA Plaza in Perry
www.perryfamilyrestaurant.com

50% OFF **BREAKFAST, LUNCH OR DINNER**

Buy one entree off regular menu, get 2nd entree of equal or lesser value at 50% OFF. With purchase of 2 beverages. Excludes specials, with coupon. Exp. 12/31/19

MARKET STREET
Family Restaurant

8450 MARKET ST. MENTOR, OHIO
(OFF RT. 615 AT RT. 2)
(440) 255-4962
www.marketstreetrestaurant.com

BREAKFAST SERVED ALL DAY!
GIFT CERTIFICATES, PARTY ROOM & CATERING AVAILABLE!

Kickers

FROM PAGE 5

"Even if it's Sunday at 9 a.m. Snapping, holding, kicking, punting — it's all timing. Everything has to be perfect for the ball to go through."

Chardon coach Mitch Hewitt acknowledges the blessing it's been having three Ziegenfuss kickers come through his program. The advantage of a good kicker cannot be overstated.

"It's unbelievable," Hewitt said. "When you can put kickoffs out of the end zone every time, when you cross the 30 you're automatically in scoring position for a field goal. It's important."

"If you ask me now without spending a ton of time on who is our team MVP, it's got to be Keaton."

Benedictine coach Jarritt Goode holds his kicker — Shuran — in similar high esteem.

"Having someone like Ivan changes your play-call-

ing," Goode said. "It shrinks the field for you. To have a weapon like that on special teams is a real luxury."

Shuran has two 45-yard field goals this year, the same as Mentor's Smith.

"I hit one from 65 yards in practice," Shuran said. "I'd love to try that in a game some time."

Smith chuckled when asked about his range. He'd love to test it out in a game some time too but — similarly to Shuran — his team scores so many touchdowns that field goals are few and far between.

"We're so powerful, with Ian (Kipp at quarterback), Brian (Trobel at running back) and Luke (Floriea at receiver)," Smith said. "Stopping them is hard. I'm not complaining about extra points — that means we're getting touchdowns."

All three kickers accentuated the importance of the players around them when they're on the field. Without a line to block for them, successful kicks aren't possible.

Additionally, each has a

long-snapper and a holder that, along with the kicker, need to be in unison to be successful.

Shuran gives credit to long-snapper Luke Belavski and holder Matthew Stauffer for his success, just like Smith does to holder Eric Coode and long-snapper Byron Floyd.

Ziegenfuss said long-snapper Cody Peterson and holder Drew Fetchik are invaluable.

"You have to practice it every day," Smith said of the snap, the hold and the kick. "Repetition."

With a premium on being perfect, or near perfect.

A game can hinge on whether a kick is made.

It's never more noticeable than in the playoff season, which begins in Ohio this weekend.

"You want to make the most of every opportunity you get as a kicker," Smith said, "because you don't get many of them in a game. You want to give your best effort to help your team every time you step on the field."

"It's unbelievable. When you can put kickoffs out of the end zone every time, when you cross the 30 you're automatically in scoring position for a field goal. It's important. If you ask me now without spending a ton of time on who is our team MVP, it's got to be Keaton."

— Chardon coach Mitch Hewitt, on kicker Keaton Ziegenfuss



JOHN KAMPF — THE NEWS-HERALD

Andrew Smith, kicker for the Mentor football team, prepares to practice his craft at a recent practice at Jerome T. Osborne Stadium.



ELIZABETH SILL
Broker/Owner
Licensed in OHIO and FLORIDA



NEW LOCATION! 5965 N. Ridge Rd., Madison, Ohio

Office: 440-428-8803 • Liz's Cell: 440-983-1071 • John's Cell: 440-983-7739

www.innovationsforhomes.com

GOOD LUCK IN THE PLAYOFFS!
TO ALL THE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS!

JOHN SILL
Commercial/Residential



Porter

FROM PAGE 4

"All that mattered was that trophy," said Porter, low-balling his back-to-back monster years and a pair of first team, Division III All-Ohio honors.

This year hasn't produced the same numbers — at least to this point — as his previous two.

Heading into the first round of the playoffs, Porter has rushed for 1,091 yards and 12 touchdowns.

His career numbers show just how dominating he has been. Heading into

the Nov. 8 game with New Philadelphia, Porter holds Kenston records in:

- Career rushing yards (4,967 yards)
- Career rushing touchdowns (65)
- Rushing yards in a season (2,429)
- Rushing attempts in a season (416)
- Rushing touchdowns in a season (32)

In a 17-16 loss to Chardon in Week 7 contest, Porter had his string of 23 straight games with 100 or more yards rushing snapped.

Not surprisingly, the mention of the streak only agitated him.

"Couldn't care less

about the streak," the team-first captain said. "I'm bummed because we lost.

"You know, when I didn't score in the opener (a 35-0 win over Black River), people expected me to be down. I was just excited for my teammates who balled out."

Porter has given a verbal commitment to Wake Forest as a preferred walk-on. But first, he and the Kenston football team will embark on a second straight state championship journey with the hopes of putting another gold trophy in the case like the one they brought home last year.

While Porter acknowledges that he had a dream prior to high school of making his mark on the team as the program's all-time leading rusher, he has found that a bigger cause consumes him now.

It's a cause that leaves the program in better shape than when he and his classmates inherited it — no matter what statistics he puts up at day's end.

"Another state championship trophy. One-hundred percent. That's all I want," Porter said. "Give me zero yards rushing and zero receptions. I don't care. I want that trophy."



TIM PHILLIS — FOR THE NEWS-HERALD

Mayfield QB Michael Huss evades a Kenston defender on Nov. 1. The Wildcats host South on Nov. 8.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

CVC CHAGRIN

Perry	7-0	10-0
Geneva	6-1	8-2
West Geauga	5-2	5-5
Chagrin Falls	4-3	5-5
Orange	2-5	3-7
Edgewood	2-5	4-6
Lakeside	1-6	1-9
Harvey	1-6	2-8

CVC METRO

Cuyahoga Hts.	6-0 8-1
Independence	5-1 7-3
Lutheran West	4-2 7-3
Trinity	3-3 4-6
Fairport	2-4 4-6
Richmond Hts.	1-5 1-9
Brooklyn	0-6 2-8

CVC VALLEY

Kirtland	6-0 10-0
Beachwood	5-1 8-2
Berkshire	4-2 6-4
Wickliffe	3-3 6-4
Cardinal	2-4 4-6
Hawken	1-5 3-7
Grand Valley	0-6 1-9

GCC

Mentor	7-0 10-0
Solon	6-1 8-2
Euclid	5-2 8-2
Medina	4-3 7-3
Brunswick	3-4 6-4
Strongsville	2-5 5-5
Shaker Hts.	1-6 2-8

Elyria 0-7 1-9

NAC

Pymatuning Valley	4-0 5-5
Newbury	3-1 7-3
Southington	2-2 3-7
Windham	1-3 2-8
Vienna Mathews	0-4 2-8

NCL BLUE

Hoban	5-0 9-1
Benedictine	4-1 9-1
Padua	3-2 5-5
Lake Catholic	2-3 4-6
Walsh Jesuit	1-4 1-9
NDCL	0-5 3-7

NCL WHITE

Warren JFK	3-0 7-3
VASJ	2-1 6-4
Gilmour	1-2 4-6
Central Catholic	0-3 0-10

WRC

Mayfield	7-0 10-0
Chardon	6-1 8-2
Kenston	5-2 8-2
South	3-4 6-4
Riverside	3-4 4-6
Madison	3-4 4-6
North	1-6 3-7
Brush	0-7 0-10

INDEPENDENT

University	6-4
------------	-----



DAVID TURBEN — FOR THE NEWS-HERALD

Kenston's Jack Porter (5) runs over Madison's Noah Tweedy in a game earlier this season.

We wish the best of luck to all of our local teams!

Hundreds of styles. One great haircut.

OnlineCheck-In
Download our free app or visit greatclips.com.

Great Clips
IT'S GONNA BE GREAT

Any Haircut
\$1 OFF

Not valid with any other offers. Limit one coupon per participating salon. Offer expires: 12/15/2019

Great Clips
IT'S GONNA BE GREAT

Mentor on the Lake
7867 Plains Rd
(Next to Little Caesars)
440-257-4747
M-F 9-9 • Sat 9-6 • Sun 10-5

Madison • Walter Green Commons
2575 Walter Green Cmns
(In front of Walmart)
440-428-0005
M-F 9-9 • Sat 9-6 • Sun 10-5

Football and hockey are two demanding sports. Stop in for a complimentary ticket to a Cleveland Monsters' home game with every kid's haircut.

Rosati

FROM PAGE 2

Although he's been on his father's team for the past four years, Anthony has been by his father's side on the gridiron as long as he has been old enough to do so. Whether it was wearing his Vikings helmet in the pre-game tunnel, later as a ball boy or through youth leagues in which his father coached, the father-son tandem was together.

"I always wanted to be like him," Anthony said. "He's always been a big role model for me, so I wanted to be just like him."

It hasn't really worked out exactly like that. After all, his father was an undersized (5-foot-6, 160-pound) offensive guard and linebacker for now-defunct Ledgemont Redskins.

Anthony (5-7, 145) is a similar build, but instead of "inflicting as much pain on anyone in front of me," as his father described his mindset on the football field during his playing days, Anthony dissects the opposition with his route-running and pass-catching as a receiver.

Anthony is Perry's leading receiver, with 48 catches for 707 yards, in the regular season.

"I was much more physical," Matt said. "I'm nowhere near as quick as Anthony. I knew Anthony was special when he was a



CARRIE GARLAND - FOR THE NEWS-HERALD

Anthony Rosati scores a touchdown during the Pirates' 63-54 win over Riverside in Week 1.

freshman. He just had that quick-twitch ability. He's probably the quickest athlete I've ever coached, and I'm not saying that just because I'm his father."

Anthony is part of a terrifying offensive skill set at Perry that includes running back Jaylen Anderson (43 catches, 677 receiving yards, 928 rushing yards), field-stretching receiver Devon Holbert (31 catches, 658 yards), tight end Matthew Sullivan and record-shattering quarterback Drew Schiano (2,597 yards, 34 touchdown passes).

Working primarily as a slot receiver, Anthony carves up linebackers and safeties who dare to square up on him, much like NFL receivers Julian Edelman of the Patriots and Cooper Kupp of the Rams.

"Hunter Renfro, too," Anthony said. "I studied him a lot when he was at Clemson."

As a lineman, Matt never had the opportunity

to score a touchdown at Ledgemont, so his son has the family title in that category.

But on the flip side, Dad owns the tackle record.

"I don't think I've ever had a tackle in my career," Anthony said with a puzzled look and a wrinkle of his nose. "I'm not on defense."

And Schiano rarely throws interceptions — only three this season — providing few chances to make a dent in the defensive stop category.

"My dad?" Anthony said, shaking his head. "I can't imagine being that size and playing on the line."

To be sure, the Rosati family has enjoyed immense success since teaming up on the high school level four years ago. Although Anthony didn't make his varsity debut until his sophomore season, the Pirates head into the postseason having won 46 of the 50 games they've played over the past four

years since Anthony and his class reached high school.

Three of those losses — Steubenville in a 2016 state semifinal, Steubenville in a 2017 regional final and Girard in a 2018 regional semifinal — came in postseason play.

Heading into the playoff opener against Girard, the Pirates have won 39 of 40 regular-season games, have won 29 straight CVC Chagrin games and 24 straight home games.

The only thing missing might be a state championship, which could be within reach for the third-ranked Division IV team in Ohio.

Which goes back to Matt's primary goal as a father and coach.

"Everything we did was to be able to play at a really high level. This is what a state championship team looks like," Matt said of his program's aspirations. "For it to happen would be the ultimate script, it really would."

The proud father and coach paused for a moment and choked back a few tears, noting that no matter how the script ends, it's been a pleasure and joy to coach his son — the same little boy who 15 years ago just dreamed of playing for his dad someday.

Leaning back with damp eyes, Matt put his hand on his son's shoulder.

"We've had a good run," he said. "Put the ball in the end zone, boy. Put the ball in the end zone."



JOHN KAMPF - THE NEWS-HERALD

Joey Isabella poses with his parents Susan and Tony after Mayfield's win over Kenston on Nov. 1.

Isabella

FROM PAGE 3

Isabella loves the skill set he has around him at Mayfield for a multitude of reasons.

First of all, having a veteran quarterback like Michael Huss (1,882 passing yards, 21 touchdowns) as a field general is a plus.

Additionally, the Wildcats have a solid running game in senior Joey Suchy (1,175 yards, 10 touchdowns), and the area's deepest receiving corps that pairs Isabella with Billy Guzzo (33 catches, 506 yards), Joey Dostal (24 catches, 260 yards) and Ben Sherlock (25 catches, 366 yards).

Isabella is a unique difference-maker, Coach

Ross Bandiera said after the 24-21 win over Kenston that clinched the team's first 10-0 regular season since the 1980s.

"It's a big Isabella weekend, and we needed him to step up," Bandiera said.

"He's been injured for a few weeks and we've kind of been getting by without him. In a game like this, a kid like that needs to step up."

Isabella has done that, and a big reason why is the offseason work — learning how to juggle and practice like the NFL player that his brother Andy is.

"I want the state championship," Isabella said. "I want that so bad. We've been working toward that for so long. That's what we're aiming for."

440-534-5000

440-953-1000



MENTOR MITSUBISHI



MENTOR KIA

Visit Lakeland!

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Top 10 reasons to choose Lakeland Community College:

1. More than 130 degree and certificate programs.
2. Tuition that is 1/3 the cost of most four-year public universities.
3. Credits guaranteed to transfer to any Ohio public four-year university plus many others.
4. Accredited institution and faculty with real-world experience.
5. Small classroom sizes that allow for personalized attention.
6. Convenient day, evening, weekend, accelerated, online and hybrid classes.
7. A safe, friendly and clean campus.
8. Partnerships to complete a bachelor's degree from leading colleges at Lakeland's Holden University Center.
9. A variety of support services, including free tutoring, a Veterans Center and career services.
10. Proven success - 96% of Lakeland graduates find employment or continue their education.

Join us

**Jan. 29, 2020, 6-7 p.m.
for an information session at
Lakeland's Holden University
Center.**

**For more information,
visit lakelandcc.edu/uc or
call 440.525.7535.**

Opportunity
starts **HERE**