

# WEST SHORE CONFERENCE

## Pirates look to rebound to top of conference



### ROCKY RIVER

By Ryan Kaczmariski

After finishing the 2012-2013 season as co-champs of the West Shore Conference, the Rocky River High School varsity boys basketball team took a little slide and finished last year with an overall record of 8-16.

Fourth-year head coach Michael Murray has a very experienced team coming back this year, and hopes are to get back to the top in this final season of the conference.

Key returners for the Pirates include point guard Patrick Connors, guard Eric Jones, guard/forward Jack Corrigan, forward/center Jimmy Kinsley, forward/center Nathan Seffernick and guard/small forward Sutton Klodnick.

"Eric Jones was first team All-WSC last year and honorable mention All-District," Murray explained. "He was also selected team MVP. Eric is one of the most talented players in the area and will be a leader on our team."

"Patrick Connors was injured during the second half of the season but still was selected honorable mention All-WSC," he continued. "Patrick is a very talented and athletic guard, and the

two of them should make us difficult to guard.

"Jack Corrigan had some big games for us last year. During the second half of the year he was consistently in double figures each game. I look for him to really take off this season.

"Both Nate and Jimmy have played a ton of varsity basketball. Both of them work well together and both can hit the outside jumper. Jimmy will see a lot of time at the 4 this year as well, and he has a big body to help create mismatches."

Newcomers to varsity this year include Florida transfer Zach Waite, forward Evan Nugent, guard Gary Mathews, guard Justin Monte and small forward Corey Zucker.

"This year we have more players returning than last year," Murray said. "We gained valuable experience and became very competitive as the season went on."

"We again play a very difficult schedule with some really tough non-league games as well. We are going to play a little different style this year. I believe we have more overall size and athleticism. Our commitment to our defensive schemes and tempo will be very important."

Rocky River junior Eric Jones can play both the point and shooting guard positions, and brings 13.0 points, 4.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 2.8 steals per game to the Pirates' lineup. Photo - Ryan Kaczmariski

# HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

## LAKE ERIE LEAGUE LORAIN

**Coach:** John Rositano (19th year)  
**Last year:** 12-12  
**Starters:** Eddie Williams, 5-10, Sr.; Davier Andrews, 6-2, Jr.; Devon Andrews, 6-6, Sr.; Nazihar Bohannon, 6-5, So.; Rashod Berry, 6-5, Sr.



**Reserves:** Kevin Davis, 5-9, Jr.; Anfeme Smothers, 6-7, Jr.; Jamar Ross, 5-9, Jr.; Shane Smith, 6-1, So.; Charles Pierre Louis, 6-0, Jr.

## NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE ELYRIA

**Coach:** Brett Larrick (seventh year)  
**Last year:** 14-9  
**Starters:** Hunter Parsh, 6-0, Sr.; KJ Miller, 5-11, Sr.; Marquise Dalton, 5-9, Sr.; Antonio Blanton, 5-10, So.; Josh Lotko, 6-4, So.; Darquan Woods, 6-5, So.; Chris Atkinson, 6-1, So.



**Reserves:** Kyle Ringer, 6-1, Jr.; Nate Marks, 5-10, Jr.; Jacob Marsh, 6-1, Jr.; Howie Smith, 6-2, Sr.

## PATRIOT ATHLETIC CONFERENCE STARS DIVISION BLACK RIVER

**Coach:** Josh Calame (second year)  
**Last year:** 3-20  
**Roster:** Alex McIntyre, 5-8, Sr.; Allan Benson, 5-8, Jr.; Elijah Payne, 5-10, So.; Hunter Mobley, 5-9, Sr.; Mathew Potter, 5-8, Jr.; Dylan Lewis, 6-4, Jr.; Curtis Roupe, 6-1, So.; Derek Hawley, 5-11, Jr.; Logan Goff, 5-10, Sr.; Brandon Heath, 6-4, Jr.



## FIRELANDS

**Coach:** Brett Bartlett (third year)  
**Last year:** 9-14  
**Starters:** Cole Sklarek, 5-11, Sr.; Casey Smith, 6-3, Sr.; James Willbond, 5-9, Sr.; Colin Myers, 6-4, So.; Jordan Ruffner, 6-2, Sr.; Johnny Sigsworth, 6-1, Sr.



**Reserves:** Jack Okeefe, 5-10, Jr.; Jeremy Simonovich, 6-1, Jr.; Vic Bauer, 6-1, Jr.; Nathan Rizzuti, 6-1, Sr.; Kaleb Abfall, 5-5, Jr.; Brad Deremiah, 5-10, Sr.; Robby Becker, 6-3, Jr.

## KEYSTONE

**Coach:** Jeff Holzhauser (third year)  
**Last year:** 16-7  
**Starters:** CJ Conrad, 6-5, Sr.; Austin Conrad, 6-3, Jr.; KJ Williams, 6-0, Sr.; Brandon Kuhl, 6-0, Jr.



**Reserves:** Jake Bowers, 6-0, Sr.; Jacob Miller, 6-6, Sr.

## WELLINGTON

**Coach:** Dan Gundert (fourth year)  
**Last year:** 3-20  
**Starters:** Joey Holliday, 5-10, Sr.; Colton Schmidt, 5-10, Fr.; Adam Berry, 6-2, Sr.; Trey Bealer, 6-4, So.; Bryce Gibbs, 6-4, Sr.



**Reserves:** Bishop Howard, 6-5, Sr.; Josh Kindel, 6-3, So.; Robbie Bliss, 5-7, Sr.; Collin Knitt, 5-10, Sr.; Donivan Elswick, 5-9, Sr.; Damian Paramore, 5-10, Jr.

## STRIPES DIVISION CLEARVIEW

**Coach:** John Szalay (24th year)  
**Last year:** 18-6  
**Starters:** Jason Young, 6-3, Sr.; Antonio Bennett, 6-1, Jr.; Ray Contreras, 5-10, Sr.; Juan Torres, 6-5, Jr.; Maliek Ivey, 5-8, Sr.; Lance Billings, 6-0, Jr.



**Reserves:** Tanner Ross, 6-2, Jr.; Antonio Alvarado, 5-9, Jr.; DeAri Todd, 6-3, So.; Antonio Pagan, 6-1, Sr.; Jaielen Castro, 6-0, Jr.; Taylor Cabill, 6-1, Sr.; Jacob Andrick, 5-10, Sr.

## OBERLIN

**Coach:** Kurt Russell (eighth year)  
**Last year:** 5-18  
**Starters:** Marvin Jackson, 6-1, Sr.; Donald Johnson, 6-3, So.; David Payne, 5-11, So.; David Carter, 6-2, Jr.; Malcolm Allen, 5-10, Sr.



**Reserves:** Zion Hicks, 5-9, So.; Caleb Hugh, 5-9, So.; Adrian Kilgore, 5-10, So.; Que Freeman, 6-1, Jr.; Ramon Eism, 6-2, Sr.

## SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE PERKINS

**Coach:** Scott Meveigh (13th year)  
**Last year:** 21-4  
**Starters:** Matt Schweinfurth, 5-11, Jr.; Aleck Speer, 5-11, Sr.; Will Rickard, 6-1, Sr.; Isiah Washington, 6-1,



Sr.; Austin Spittler, 5-11, So.  
**Reserves:** David Wood, 6-0, Sr.; Luke Zahner, 6-1, So.; Ethan Laser, 6-3, Jr.; Connor Roesch, 6-4, So.; Jake Wagner, 6-0, So.

## WEST SHORE CONFERENCE AVON

**Coach:** Kevin Sapara (third year)  
**Last year:** 9-14  
**Starters:** Will Ybarra, 6-6, Sr.; Zack Torbert, 6-3, Sr.; Mike Smigel, 5-9, Sr.; Damante Thornton, 6-2, Jr.; Jeffrey Laraway, 6-2, Jr.



**Reserves:** Johnny Peganoff, 6-0, Sr.; Michael Nose, 5-10, Jr.; Chris Maxwell, 6-3, Sr.

## BAY

**Coach:** Jared Shetzer (second year)  
**Last year:** 10-13  
**Starters:** John Koz, 6-2, Jr.; Danny Heideloff, 5-11, Sr.; Jonathon Brajdic, 5-11, Sr.; Brandon Morriss, 6-3, Sr.; Rex Sunahara, 6-5, Sr.  
**Reserves:** Alec White, 6-3, Sr.; Matt Orr, 5-11, Sr.; Jack Kyle, 5-11, Sr.; Jack Jelen, 5-11, So.; Cole Gergeye, 6-1, Jr.; Scott Durham, 6-5, Jr.; Kyle Thompson, 6-1, Jr.



## ELYRIA CATHOLIC

**Coach:** Phil Kuchta (fourth year)  
**Last year:** 12-11  
**Starters:** DJ Graham, 5-7, Sr.; Jacob Kuchta, 6-1, Jr.; Kevin Kelley, 5-9, Jr.; Ceevan Shelton, 6-2, Sr.; James Tirbaso, 6-4, Sr.



**Reserves:** Cole Virgin, 6-3, Jr.; Dan Guice, 5-7, Jr.; Justin Rankin, 5-8, Sr.; Brian Duffield, 6-1, Jr.; Colden Schemmel, 5-10, Jr.; Doran Crutcher, 6-2, Fr.; Sean Szabo, 6-3, So.

## MIDVIEW

**Coach:** Troy DiFranco (18th year)  
**Last year:** 11-13  
**Starters:** Matt Randolph, 5-9, Sr.; Logan Bolin, 6-2, Jr.; Daimion Mahone, 6-2, Jr.; Jacob Wells, 6-2, Jr.; Dmitri Redwood, 6-2, Jr.



## NORTH RIDGEVILLE

**Coach:** Bryan Morgan (third year)  
**Last year:** 6-18  
**Starters:** Greg Draft, 6-5, Jr.; Jordan Montgomery, 5-8, Jr.; Demario McCall, 5-11, Jr.; Tyler

Arnold, 6-2, Sr.; Isa Abdul-Alim, 6-2, Jr.

**Reserves:** Travis Haven, 6-2, Jr.; Darius Dancy, 5-6, Sr.; Collin Sullinger, 6-0, So.; Deion Johnson, 6-4, Jr.; Brian DeFlorentis, 6-0, Jr.; Tyler Rowe, 6-0, Jr.; Jack Lesniak, 6-4, Jr.; Brad Parks, 6-0, Sr.



## ROCKY RIVER

**Coach:** Michael Murray (fifth year)  
**Last year:** 8-16  
**Starters:** Patrick Connors, 5-9, Sr.; Eric Jones, 6-0, Jr.; Jack Corrigan, 6-0, Jr.; Jimmy Kinsley, 6-4, Sr.; Nathan Seffernick, 6-3, Sr.; Sutton Klodnick, 5-10, Sr.  
**Reserves:** Zach Waite, 6-5, So.; Evan Nugent, 6-3, Jr.; Gary Mathews, 5-7, Sr.; Justin Monte, 5-9, Sr.; Corey Zucker, 5-10, Sr.



## VERMILION

**Coach:** Kurt Habermehl (16th year)  
**Last year:** 19-8  
**Roster:** Kyle Nader, 6-3, Sr.; Caleb Waller, 5-11, Jr.; Nick Prenatt, 6-4, Sr.; Patrick Sexton, 5-11, Jr.; Ryan Barnes, 5-11, Sr.; Nick Brey, 5-11, Jr.; Andrew Dawson, 5-11, So.; Bear Myers, 5-7, Jr.; Ryley Miller, 6-3, Jr.; Jordan Murray, 6-2, Sr.; David Lewis, 6-5, Sr.



## FIRELANDS CONFERENCE NEW LONDON

**Coach:** Tom Howell (10th year)  
**Last year:** 10-11  
**Starters:** Josh Hamilton, 5-9, Sr.; John Brady, 6-5, Sr.; Ryan Lane, 6-2, So.; Julian Molnar, 6-0, Sr.; Nate Thomas, 5-10, Jr.; Derek Phillips, 5-10, Sr.



**Reserves:** Brandon Williams, 5-11, Jr.; Dylan Kipp, 6-2, Jr.; Brad Weber, 5-10, Jr.; Justin Chaffins, 5-10, Jr.; Casey Kropka, 5-9, Sr.; Alex Fannin, 6-3, Jr.; Garrett Hall, 6-5, Jr.

## ST. PAUL

**Coach:** Mike Smith (26th year)  
**Last year:** 10-14  
**Starters:** Kyle Rospert, 6-1, Sr.; Sam Carper, 6-1, Jr.; Jacob Ruffing, 5-10, Jr.; Logan Moffitt, 6-1, Jr.;



Derek Furlong, 6-3, Jr.  
**Reserves:** Dylan Furlong, 6-3, So.; Max Fitzgerald, 6-0, Jr.; Conlan Hipp, 6-1, Sr.; Hayden Jaworski, 6-1, So.; Jacob Good, 6-1, Sr.

## WESTERN RESERVE

**Coach:** Chris Sheldon (13th year)  
**Last year:** 11-11  
**Starters:** Jacob Sapientza, 6-0, Sr.; Jessie Muenz, 6-1, Sr.; Logan Croft, 5-11, Sr.; Dakota Stump, 6-1, Sr.; Aaron Logan, 6-2, Jr.



**Reserves:** Dale Smith, 5-7, Fr.; Jeremiah Sagula, 5-9, Jr.; Cody Palmer, 6-1, So.; Tyler Bartlett, 6-0, So.; James Ashe, 6-0, Jr.; Colton Puder, 6-2, So.; Luke Buck, 6-1, So.; Brandon Morrow, 6-0, Sr.; Garret Markley, 6-4, Jr.

## NORTHERN OHIO LEAGUE NORWALK

**Coach:** Steve Gray (14th year)  
**Last year:** 29-1 (D-II State Champs)  
**Starters:** Breck Turner, 6-1, Sr.; Matt Davidson, 5-10, Sr.; Brandon Bleile, 6-2, Sr.; Seth Staley, 5-9, Sr.; Noah Hicks, 5-9, Sr.; Brandon Kopfstein, 6-5, Sr.; Jaycee Jordan, 6-3, Jr.; Bryson Haraway, 6-1, Jr.  
**Reserves:** George Friend, 6-0, So.; Chase Hicks, 6-0, Jr.; Jacob Trautman, 5-10, So.; Griffin Rinier, 5-10, Sr.; Mitchell Perry, 6-1, So.; Alex Harness, 5-11, Jr.; Travis Perry, 6-1, Jr.



## SANDUSKY

**Coach:** Colin Irish (third year)  
**Last year:** 5-19  
**Starters:** George Brown, 6-2, Jr.; Davion Fisher, 6-3, Jr.; Jayree Williams, 6-1, So.; Demond Hopkins, 6-8, Sr.; Kevan Robinson, 6-3, Jr.; Brent Hanson, 6-2, Sr.; Jaleele Brown, 6-3, Sr.



**Reserves:** Cavan Croom, 5-11, So.; Deantre Pacma, 5-11, Sr.; Keith Williams, 6-1, Fr.; Corey Stacey, 6-1, Sr.; Mark Castle, 6-0, Sr.; Bryson Smith, 5-10, Sr.; Treven Johnson, 6-3, Jr.

## SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE AMHERST

**Coach:** John Smis (seventh year)  
**Last year:** 11-12  
**Starters:** Adam Smis, 5-10, Sr.; Rees Rua, 5-9, Sr.; Matt Kneisel, 6-1, Sr.;



Anthony Serrano, 6-1, Sr.; Casey McConhie, 6-0, Jr.  
**Reserves:** Rock Melendez, 5-8, Sr.; Dylan Johnson, 5-11, Sr.

## NORTH OLMSTED

**Coach:** Jason Frolo (ninth year)  
**Last year:** 8-15  
**Starters:** Andy Lucien, 6-6, Jr.; Ryan Coleman, 6-1, Jr.; Matt Starovic, 6-2, Sr.; Josh Hufstetler, 6-0, So.; Kyle Wapshott, 6-0, Jr.



**Reserves:** Tommy Sullivan, 6-2, Sr.; Jimmy Clark, 6-2, Jr.; Paris Villanueva, 6-2, Jr.; Logan Thompson, 5-10, Sr.

## OLMSTED FALLS

**Coach:** Chris DeLisio (fifth year)  
**Last year:** 17-7  
**Starters:** Nick Fritz, 5-11, Sr.; Troy Hurrell, 5-11, Sr.; Ryan Sosic, 6-1, Sr.; Ryan Hanna, 5-11, Sr.; Kevin Meehan, 6-4, Jr.



**Reserves:** Tony Kleem, 6-1, Sr.; Justin Maxwell, 6-1, Sr.; Dalton Davis, 6-0, Jr.; Victor Hitterman, 6-1, Jr.

## INDEPENDENTS LAKE RIDGE

**Coach:** Brian Ansberry (second year)  
**Last year:** 7-13  
**Starters:** Josh Scofield, 5-10, Sr.; Scott Christ, 5-8, Sr.; Sam Waldock, 6-2, Jr.; Chris Miller, 5-11, Sr.; Jayson Luccioni, 6-0, Jr.



**Reserves:** Collin Harris, 5-6, So.; Niko Ortiz, 5-10, Jr.; Kevin Moreno, 6-0, So.; Brian Smith, 6-0, Fr.

## OPEN DOOR

**Coach:** Todd Wright (fourth year)  
**Last year:** 5-18  
**Starters:** Andrew Patterson, 6-4, Sr.; Danny Stintzman, 6-3, Sr.; Drew Zaborowski, 6-1, Sr.; Caleb Crowder, 5-9, Sr.; Dustin Hackney, 5-10, Jr.



**Reserves:** Zach Thomas, 6-1, Sr.; Jacob Lowe, 5-9, Sr.; Jamir Mouttrie, 5-1, Sr.; William Lovett, 5-10, Sr.; Justin Davis, 6-2, Sr.; Tyler Haas, 5-9, Jr.; Clayton Wright, 6-0, Jr.



# HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

## FOOTBALL

### Marion Local 41, St. Paul 0

	ML	SP
First downs	17	8
Rushing yards	226	66
Passing yards	221	32

#### Individual statistics

**Rushing** — Marion Local: Jacy Goettemoeller 12-160, Joel Goodwin 1-23, Aaron Nietfeld 4-21, Hunter Wilker 3-12, Dustin Rethman 4-6, Nate Moeller 2-4; St. Paul: Devin Smith 10-32, Brad Smith 10-22, Jaret Nickoli 9-19, Sam Carper 3-(7)

**Passing** — Marion Local: Rethman 14-18-215-2-1, Duane Leugers 1-2-6-0-1; St. Paul: Sam Carper 4-15-32-0-0

**Receiving** — Marion Local: Wilker 7-108, Ryan Bruns 4-65, Goettemoeller 2-34, Kyle Homan 1-8, Matt Kahlig 1-6; St. Paul: Wes Fritz 2-14, Max Fitzgerald 1-10, Devin Smith 1-8

#### Scoring

Marion Local	21	14	6	0	—	41
St. Paul	0	0	0	0	—	0

ML — Jacy Goettemoeller 49 run (Peyton Kramer kick)

ML — Goettemoeller 46 run (Kramer kick)

ML — Hunter Wilker 33 pas from Dustin Rethman (Kramer kick)

ML — Aaron Nietfeld 1 run (Kramer kick)

ML — Wilker 29 pass from Rethman (Kramer kick)

ML — Goettemoeller 1 run (kick failed)

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Columbia 54, Amherst 47

Columbia	16	14	13	11	—	54
Amherst	14	13	10	10	—	47

**Columbia** — Brian Hershey 11, Justin Tachite 5, David Delahunty 21, Cody Reichard 11, Kevin Simon 4, Brandon Heidecker 2

**Amherst** — Adam Srnis 14, Antonio Serrano 6, Matt Kneisel 7, Rees Rua 11, Casey McConhie 5, Dylan Johnson 4

**Rebounds** — Columbia 26 (Delahunty 6, Tachite 5), Amherst 24 (Rua 6).

**Turnovers** — Columbia 16, Amherst 7

**Team records** — Columbia 1-1, Amherst 0-2

### Keystone 67, Midview 57

Keystone	17	11	19	20	—	67
Midview	11	11	19	16	—	57

**Keystone** — CJ Conrad 8, Jake Bowers 3, Austin Conrad 6, KJ Williams 26, Kobe Whalen 1, Brody Kuhl 15, Jacob Miller 6

**Midview** — Matt Randolph 2, Jacob Wells 22, Vince Blevins 4, Daimion Mahone 8, Logan Bolin 5, Dimitri Redwood 8, Garrett Overy 8

**Rebounds** — Keystone 29 (C. Conrad 9, A. Conrad 8), Midview 19 (Redwood 5, Overy 5).

**Turnovers** — Keystone 15, Midview 16

**Team records** — Keystone 2-0, Midview 1-1

### Lake Ridge 52, Open Door 49

Lake Ridge	20	10	11	11	—	52
Open Door	8	13	9	19	—	49

**Lake Ridge** — Josh Scofield 5, Chris Miller 4, Sam Waldock 15, Jayson Luccioni 12, Niko Ortiz 3.

**Open Door** — Lowe 4, Hackney 5, Zaborowski 5, Stintsman 21, Patterson 14.

### Westlake 44, Rocky River 37

Rocky River	11	10	17	6	—	44
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Westlake 3 13 5 16 — 49

**Rocky River** — Connors 5, Corrigan 10, Jones 12, Kinsley 4, Klodnick 2, Matthews 2, Seffernick 5, Waite 2.

**Westlake** — Assad 2, Balodis 11, Gibson 3, Meek 1, Shuler 7, Slavik 4, Sutton 6.

### Avon 61, Olmsted Falls 57

O. Falls	15	14	16	12	—	57
Avon	11	19	12	19	—	61

**Olmsted Falls** — Hanna 5, Hitterman 3, Hurrell 11, Kleem 4, Maxwell 6, Meehan 9, Sosic 17, Stodtbeck 2.

**Avon** — Laraway 6, Maxwell 2, Nose 2, Peganoff 10, Smigel 7, Thornton 12, Torbert 8, Ybarra 14.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Oberlin 32, Black River 25

Black River	2	11	8	4	—	25
Oberlin	7	9	6	10	—	32

**Oberlin** — Anna Cameron 10, Aszure Chamberlin 4, Judie Lesesne 7, Marcala Moore 6, Kenzy Tallman 5.

### Olmsted Falls 74, Midview 49

Midview	19	7	8	15	—	39
O. Falls	19	22	18	15	—	74

**Midview** — Carlson 5, Crawford 20, Haywood 2, Johnson 16, Kelly 2, Reith 2.

**Olmsted Falls** — Akins 4, Balfour 10, Baum 3, Craft 6, Gasper 22, Gerycz 13, Klypchak 2, Lohn 2, Mancini 5, Kala Marshall 2, Kara Marshall 5.

### Brooklyn 44, Brookside 26

Brookside	7	4	8	7	—	26
Brooklyn	9	15	8	12	—	44

**Brookside** — Holley 3, Kaminski 2, Rodriguez 4, Sours 7, Tilberg 2, Vanzant 4, Verlato 4.

**Brooklyn** — Benz 13, Butler 7, Coyne 2, Crossman 4, Milczewski 8, Sa. Newby 5, Sh. Newby 5.

### New London 53, Vermilion 37

New London	7	19	11	16	—	53
Vermilion	6	10	8	13	—	37

**New London** — Carruthers 12, Chaffins 4, Copely 6, Gant 2, Haswell 6, Howell 4, Luedy 11, Shays 8.

**Vermilion** — Bartlome 7, Kovarik 9, Mello 2, Myers 2, Ramos 5, Schaefer 4, Schnur 10.

### Bedford 53, Lorain 24

Lorain	6	9	4	5	—	24
Bedford	12	10	16	15	—	53

**Lorain** — Beard 2, Nieto 4, McCall 4, Martin 3, Blair 3, Craighead 4, DeVernardo 4

**Bedford** — Sani 2, Larkins 11, Verno 4 House 2,

**Team records** — Lorain 0-4, Bedford 2-1

### Huron 47, Perkins 41

Huron	4	4	16	14	9	—	47
Perkins	8	5	10	15	3	—	41

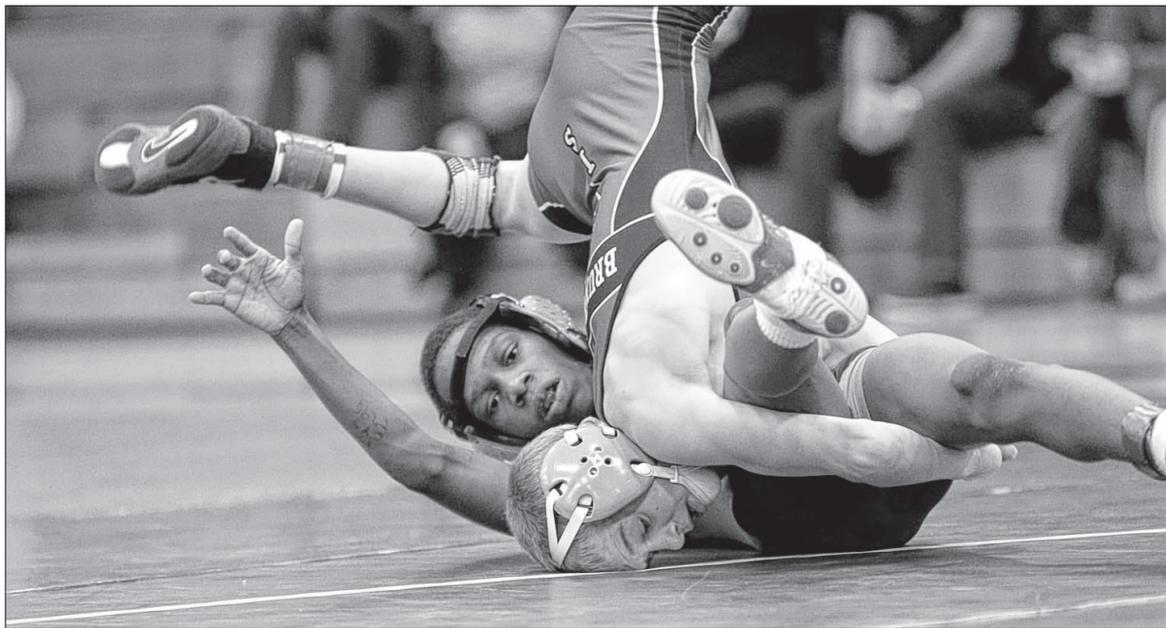
**Huron** — Hannah Cantrill 5, Audra Wisehart 10, Sarah Schoelwer 5, Jessica Caroll 7, Jacqui Mullins 17.

### Lakewood 57, Amherst 49

Lakewood	13	11	16	17	—	57
Amherst	9	17	10	13	—	49

**Lakewood** — Black 6, Clause 21, Ryann Greenfield 6, Mikayla Harper 7, Karnkutis 8, M. Shaw 7, T. Shaw 2.

Solon Comet Wrestling Classic



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Brunswick's Matt Fields, front, wraps up Firestone's Ronnie Rowan while winning the 106-pound class at the Solon Classic.

Blue Devils make a winning debut

MICHAEL FITZPATRICK
Special to The Plain Dealer

The Brunswick Blue Devils made their first appearance at the Solon Comet Wrestling Classic a memorable one.

The Blue Devils won the team title with 192.5 points and had a pair of wrestlers win individual titles at the 30th annual two-day event that concluded Saturday.

Freshman Matt Fields at 106 pounds and Josh Heil at 132 won the individual titles for Brunswick. Brandon Bryant (170) and Aaron Naples (195) took home second-place finishes for the Blue Devils.

Oregon Clay (173.5), which finished second in the state at last year's Division I state meet, finished second and Toledo Central Catholic (157.5) rounded out the top three in the field of 24 teams.

Last year's Comet Classic champion Nordonia (63.5) finished 19th, but did not bring its full team as many wrestlers also play on the football team, which was competing in the state finals this weekend.

Brunswick coach Mike Koshar was not about to overly celebrate his team's win.

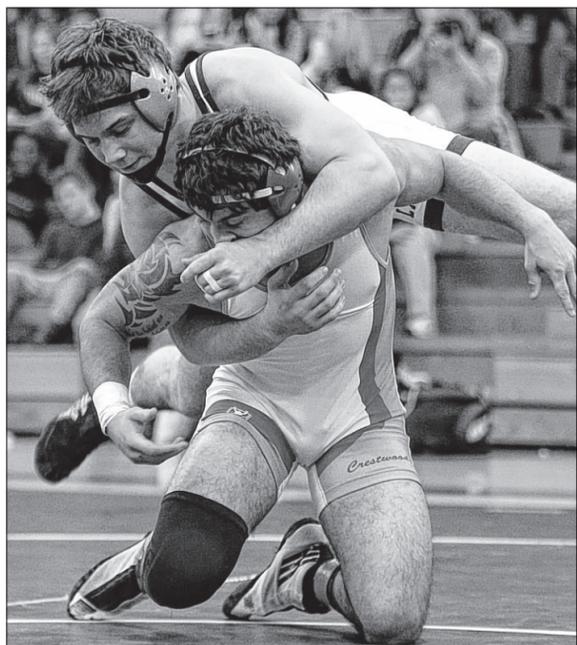
"It's week one. We aren't going to get too excited if our kids won or lost the tournament. We were more concerned with what we had to work on individually, moving forward," Koshar said.

Who stood out

Fields, Brunswick: Built an 8-4 lead over Firestone's Ronnie Rowan in the final before holding on for the 10-8 win for the 106 crown.

"It feels good but it's just a stepping stone for the big goal at the end of the year, to win the state title," Fields said.

Conditioning will be one of the



Lake Catholic's Johnny Szep puts a hold on Crestwood's Ricky Kollman during their 182-pound final.

things Fields works on when he gets back into the wrestling room, he said.

"[Rowan] was a strong opponent, a good opponent. Good luck to him on the season. I've got more to work on. Everyone does," Fields said.

Alex Mackall, Walsh Jesuit: A defending state champion, he won his third Comet Classic title with a 16-5 win over Lake Catholic's Kevin Freeman in the 120-pound final.

"I think I did good on my feet, and on the mat I struggled," Mackall said of his performance in the championship match.

Mackall, a junior, finished the tournament with a 4-0 record that included a pair of pins and

said he used the Comet Classic as a tune-up for next week's Walsh Jesuit Ironman.

"Overall, this was a good tournament," said Mackall.

Jeremy Rezebeck, Strongsville: Lost a heartbreaker in the 126 final to Resendo Beltran of Toledo Central Catholic. Beltran pinned Rezebeck with just 34 seconds left in the match.

Heil, Brunswick: Won the title at 132. Heil, a junior, was able to pin Solon junior Nathan Langston at the 4:51 mark. It was the fourth pin of the tournament for Heil, who brought home a sixth place finish at the 2014 state tournament and is a two-time state qualifier.

"Overall I thought I did pretty

good. It's the start of the season and it's a long season. To get first place with four falls is a good start," Heil said.

Josh Mossing, Toledo Central Catholic: Nipped Ryan Kaminski of Green, 2-1, in an ultimate tie-breaker in the 152-pound final. Kaminski, a state qualifier in Division I a year ago at 138, gave Mossing all he could handle. Mossing was a state runner-up in Division II a year ago.

No'ah Edwards, Twinsburg: A senior and state qualifier in 2014, lost in the 160-pound finals 3-1 to Tyler McCafferty of Pickerington North.

Don Friscone, Walsh Jesuit: The freshman showed no jitters in winning the tournament title at 170 as he beat Brunswick senior Brandon Bryant, 6-5. Friscone, who won the junior high state title in 2014, credited his coaches with getting him in shape to win the Comet Classic.

"Everyone else gets gassed and gets tired but I didn't. It's really the coaching," Friscone said.

Nik Urban, Willoughby South: Won the title at 285 as he pinned Firestone's Jovahn Fair in 2:43.

Matt Stencil, Oregon Clay: A state runner-up a year ago, he won the title at 195 as he pinned Naples of Brunswick in 1:34 in the finals. Naples was a district qualifier a year ago. Stencil recorded four pins on his way to the championship and needed a total of just 6:57 to record all the pins.

Nate Hagan, Toledo Central Catholic: In the feature match of the night between two defending state champions for the 138-pound title, Hagan, a senior, nipped Richie Sreptcock of Oregon Clay, 3-2.

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Girls basketball

No. 7 Wadsworth 56, No. 21 Revere 45

Virgin's clutch 3s help lift Grizzlies

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Wadsworth junior Laurel Palitto passed the ball out to the arc where senior teammate Aubrey Virgin was standing and yelled "hit it."

Virgin, a post player, didn't have the night she was accustomed to under the basket, but something about those two words gave her the confidence she needed to take that shot. She drained it and one possession later drained another en route to No. 7 Wadsworth's 56-45 win against No. 21 Revere.

Revere came out hot and quickly silenced Wadsworth in its home gym. The Minutemen scored three 3-pointers from Alyssa Nicholas, Camryn Brown and Emily Brock, with a layup from Caitlin Vari thrown in the middle. Revere led, 11-0, less than four minutes into the game en route to a 14-5 lead after the first quarter.

Then, Revere coach Kevin Verde said, he felt like his team laid off the gas and let Wadsworth take the breath it needed.

Wadsworth scored 20 points in the second quarter, including a pair of free throws from junior Jodi Johnson with 3:27 until halftime. The final bucket gave Wadsworth its first lead of the night. Wadsworth went into halftime leading, 25-21.

Both teams had a low scoring third quarter, in which Wadsworth outscored Revere, 9-8.

Two minutes into the fourth quarter, Brown and Brock hit back-to-back 3-pointers. That's when Virgin answered back with two 3s of her own. Wadsworth began pulling away when, with a minute to go, Brown hit a 3-pointer from what seemed like mid-court between the arc and the half-court line. From there, Revere fouled Wadsworth any time the Grizzlies touched the ball in the final minute. Wadsworth went 9-of-11 from the line in that time.

"It's a good thing we had a little bit of a cushion there," Booth said of Brown's big buckets. "I'm pretty sure every time she made one of those 3s, we answered with a couple free throws. For being a not-very-veteran team, I think we played really well in the fourth quarter."

What it means

It's no secret that this Wadsworth team isn't full of veterans. Virgin, Kaile Pappas and Sydney Bowers are the lone seniors on the roster — and juniors Johnson and Palitto make up a majority of the returning starting minutes from last season. But freshman point guard Sophia Fortner showed her maturity going against Brown, one of the fastest point guards

in the area. Fortner didn't let Brown's speed frustrate her — and she didn't try to defend her so hard that she drew silly fouls. This team, in its second game of the season, either has a group of really mature underclassmen or coach Booth knows how to make them grow up on court and in big-game situations fast.

The Minutemen showed a lot about who they are in that first quarter. The question will be can they sustain that kind of play for four quarters and then for the season? In their second game, it was evident when they got pushed, they didn't push back very hard.

Who stood out for Revere

Camryn Brown: She kept attacking throughout the game, and hit two clutch 3-pointers from way beyond the arc. She led the team with 23 points.

Who stood out for Wadsworth

Jodi Johnson: The junior guard wanted the ball in pressure situations. She led the team with 17 points.

Sophia Fortner: The freshman point guard hit double digits in her second game, with 16 points. She also showed that with time, she will be a floor general.

Aubrey Virgin: The senior didn't have her best night from her usual spot, but when Wadsworth needed her most, her two 3-pointers were truly nothing but net.

Revere sound bite

Verde on his message to the team: "We told them after the game that every game is a lesson for us. If we don't learn something from this, then all it is a loss."

Wadsworth sound bites

Booth on Virgin's tough night in the post: "Sometimes it's easier to hang your head. Then you wouldn't even feel confident to take these two 3s that she hit. I think she showed some pretty good mental toughness when things didn't look so well."

Booth on Fortner's growth: "She played really well for a freshman, huh? You know the biggest thing about her, and we've known this for a long time, is she's competitive. She doesn't like to lose. She's a fighter. I think early in the game she kind of kept us in it when things weren't going well. We weren't making the shots we usually make and she had a direct impact on the game for all four quarters and that's what you want a point guard to do."

Fortner on Virgin hitting those 3s: "It motivates all of us. Her leadership is outstanding and so are the other two seniors. It definitely motivates us and it gets me on another run that we need."

Scoreboard

Table with multiple columns listing basketball scores for various teams including Chagrin Valley Conference, Suburban League, and others. Includes team names, scores, and game status.

## HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### North Olmsted 67, Bay 58

Bay 13 16 11 18 — 58  
 North Olmsted 22 16 13 16 — 67  
**North Olmsted** — Lucien 31, Wapshott 14, Starcovic 9, Sullivan 3, Coleman 2, Reinhard 2, Thompson 2.

**Bay** — Sunahara 24, Morriss 11, Koz 9, Jelen 7, Brajdic 3, Heideloff 2, Durham 2, Kyle 2.

**Rebounds** — North Olmsted 49 (Lucien 11), Bay 44 (Morriss 7).

**Turnovers** — North Olmsted 19, Bay 16.  
**Team records** — North Olmsted 20, Bay 0-1.

#### Westlake 50, Padua 47

Westlake 12 13 13 12 — 50  
 Padua 15 15 8 9 — 47

**Westlake** — Mo Assad 7, Andris Balodis 12, Cameron Brown 1, Josh Gibson 10, Danny Slavik 11, Rico Tate 9.

**Padua** — Nic Anderle 4, Michael Craider 7, Jake Creadon 7, Scott Drum 6, David Dunigan 11, Mike Miranda 10, Chris Rafter 2.

#### Strongsville 66, Rocky River 59

Rocky River 11 19 14 15 — 66  
 Strongsville 18 21 14 13 — 59

**Rocky River** — Connors 12, Corrigan 19, Jones 6, Kinsley 7, Nugent 2, Seffernick 9, Waiter 4.

#### Fairview 62, Lake Ridge 38

Lake Ridge 9 10 12 7 — 38  
 Fairview 14 19 13 16 — 62

**Lake Ridge** — Scott Chriss 7, Collin Harris 2, Jayson Luccioni 4, Chris Miller 7, Niko Ortiz 5, Josh Scofield 2, Sam Waldock 11.

**Fairview** — Jated Butler 14, Mo Elder 3, Kevin Kerchenski 11, Max Kolman 3, Liam McCafferty 4, Derek Schwarber 10, Ryan Williams 17.

#### Elyria Catholic 87, Oberlin 28

Oberlin 9 2 9 7 — 28  
 Elyria Catholic 31 18 13 25 — 87

**Elyria Catholic** — Ceeven Shelton 17, Jacob Kuchta 17, Kevin Kelley 11, James Tirbaso 10, Colden Schemmel 7, Cole Virgin 6, D.J. Graham 5, Dorian Crutcher 5, Darin Guice 4, Brian Duffield 3, Justin Rankin 2.

**Oberlin** — Malcom Allen 8, Donald Johnson 6, David Payne 4, Que Freeman 4, Ramon Eison 4, Zion Hicks 2.

**Rebounds** — Elyria Catholic 37 (Shelton 12), Oberlin 19 (Hicks 5).

**Turnovers** — Elyria Catholic 6, Oberlin 24.  
**Team records** — Elyria Catholic 20, Oberlin 0-2.

#### Amherst 67, Clearview 48

Clearview 12 9 14 13 — 48  
 Amherst 18 18 19 12 — 67

**Amherst** — Rees Rua 28, Antonio Serrano 17, Casey McConchie 9, Matt Kneisel 9, Dylan Johnson 2, Rocky Melendez 2.

**Clearview** — Jason Young 17, Taylor Cabbil 12, Antonio Alvarado 7, Juan Torres 4, Ray Contreiras 4, Jaiien Castro 2, Mallek Ivey 2.

**Rebounds** — Amherst 27 (Serrano 7), Clearview 24 (Young 9).

**Turnovers** — Amherst 11, Clearview 17.  
**Team records** — Amherst 1-2, Clearview 0-3.

### Area Scores

North Ridgeville 65, Buckeye 50  
 Avon Lake 53, Columbia 49  
 Wellington 55, Brooklyn 51  
 Firelands 60, Open Door 32

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Cornerstone 45, Lake Ridge 33

Lake Ridge 8 13 6 6 — 33  
 Cornerstone 19 10 7 9 — 45

**Lake Ridge** — M. Williams 8, R. Williams 10, Baker 2, Kirk 7, Janasko 6

**Cornerstone** — Buell 18, West 2, Cloonan 7, Baldwin 5, Berry 13.

### Area Scores

Margaretta 54, Edison 52  
 Oak Harbor 45, Huron 42

### BOYS BOWLING

#### Huron 2,739, Rossford 2,628

**Huron**: Josh Minnton 237-167 404; Alex Winschel 206-198 404; Nick Sutzman 182-185 367; Jared Ochs 319.

### GIRLS BOWLING

#### Huron 1,955, Rossford 1,784

**Huron**: Jordan Prosser 156-226 382; Allison Brownell 180-183 363.

### AREA SCHEDULE

#### Dec. 10

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sandusky at Lorain, 7:30  
 Elyria at Westlake, 7:15  
 Brooklyn at Black River, 7:30  
 Clearview at Brecksville, 7:30

Fairview at Firelands, 7:30  
 Lutheran West at Keystone, 7:30  
 Oberlin at Wellington, 6  
 Avon at Lakewood, 7:30  
 Bay at Rocky River, 7:30  
 North Ridgeville at Midview, 7:30  
 Vermilion at Elyria Catholic, 7:30  
 North Olmsted at Avon Lake, 7:30  
 Olmsted Falls at Berea-Midpark, 7:30

##### WRESTLING

Sandusky at Perkins, 6  
 New London, Hillsdale at Plymouth, 6

##### HOCKEY

Normandy at Elyria Catholic, 7  
**SWIMMING**  
 North Olmsted at Olmsted Falls, 7  
 Elyria Catholic at St. Edward, 6

##### Dec. 11

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lake Ridge at Clearview, 6  
 Edison at St. Mary, 7:30  
 St. Paul at Mapleton, 6  
 Western Reserve at South Central, 6  
 Open Door at Fairport Harding, 7:30  
 New London at Plymouth, 7:30

##### WRESTLING

Clearview at Lorain, 7  
 Avon, Midview, Lakewood at Bay, 6  
 Rocky River, Elyria Catholic at Vermilion, 5:15

##### Dec. 12

##### BOYS BASKETBALL

Lorain at Shaw, 7:30  
 Elyria at Parma, 7:30  
 Brookside at Brooklyn, 7:30  
 Black River at Oberlin, 7:30  
 Firelands at Columbia, 7:30  
 Buckeye at Clearview, 7:30  
 Edison at Oak Harbor, 7:30  
 Huron at Perkins, 7:30  
 Avon at Midview, 7:30  
 Bay at Elyria Catholic, 7:30  
 North Ridgeville at Vermilion, 7:30  
 South Central at Western Reserve, 6  
 Plymouth at New London, 7:30  
 Keystone at Fairview, 7:30  
 Lutheran East at Lake Ridge, 6  
 North Olmsted at Avon Lake, 7:15  
 Rocky River at Lakewood, 7:30  
 Sandusky at Shelby, 7:30  
 North Olmsted at Avon Lake, 7:30  
 Olmsted Falls at Berea-Midpark, 7:30  
 Norwalk at Tiffin Columbian, 7:30

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Avon at Midview, 6  
 Bay at Elyria Catholic, 6  
 Rocky River at Lakewood, 6  
 North Ridgeville at Vermilion, 6  
**WRESTLING**  
 Elyria, Perkins, Sandusky at Walsh Jesuit Ironman

Tournament, 1  
 Bay at Nationwide Classic Normandy, 3

##### HOCKEY

Avon vs. Normandy at Quicken Loans Arena, 4:30

Parma at Avon, 6  
 Hudson at Rocky River, 5:45  
 Westlake at Kent Roosevelt, 9:30 a.m.  
 North Olmsted at Benedictine Tournament, TBA

##### Dec. 13

##### BOYS BASKETBALL

Black River at Hillsdale, 7:30  
 New London at Wellington, 7:30  
 Edison at Margaretta, 7:30  
 Perkins at Clyde, 7:30  
 Keystone at Western Reserve, 7:30  
 Norwalk at Marion Harding, 6  
 Ashland at Norwalk, 7:30  
 Oak Harbor at Huron, 7:30

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Shaw at Lorain, 3:30  
 North Royalton at Elyria, 7:30  
 Black River at Clearview, 2:30  
 Brookside at Columbia, 2:30  
 Firelands at Lutheran West, 7:30  
 Keystone at Oberlin, 2:30  
 Wellington at Brooklyn, 2

Port Clinton at Perkins, 2:30  
 Monroeville at Western Reserve, 6  
 Norwalk at Sandusky, 2:30  
 Avon Lake at Brecksville, 2:30  
 Olmsted Falls at Westlake, 2:30  
 Huron at Margaretta, 1  
 Crestview at New London, 2:30  
 St. Paul at St. Mary, 1

##### WRESTLING

Elyria, Perkins, Sandusky at Walsh Jesuit Ironman  
 Tournament, 9 a.m.  
 Brookside, Oberlin at Cuyahoga Heights Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Bay at Nationwide Classic Normandy, 9 a.m.  
 Vermilion at Clearfork Dual, 6  
 Westlake at Bellevue Invitational, 9 a.m.

##### HOCKEY

Olmsted Falls at Avon, 6  
 Bay at Garfield Heights, 7:30  
 Midview vs. North Canton Hoover, at Quicken Loans Arena, 4  
 Rocky River at Kenston, 9  
 North Olmsted at Benedictine Tournament, TBA

##### SWIMMING

Lexington at Perkins, 2  
 Bay at Ned Reeb Ohio State, 7 a.m.  
 Avon Lake at Westlake, 7  
 Brecksville at North Olmsted, 7

##### Dec. 14

##### HOCKEY

Avon at Midview, 3:30  
 Elyria Catholic at Bay, 5:30  
 North Canton Hoover at Olmsted Falls, 4:15  
 Strongsville at Westlake, 3:15  
 North Olmsted at Benedictine Tournament, TBA

##### Dec. 15

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wellington at Norwayne, 6  
 Heritage Christian at Open Door, 6  
**HOCKEY**  
 Western Reserve Academy at North Olmsted, 3:15

##### SWIMMING

Magnificat at Rocky River, 6:30  
 Amherst at Avon Lake, 7

##### Dec. 16

##### BOYS BASKETBALL

Cleveland Heights at Lorain, 7:30  
 Valley Forge at Elyria, 7:30  
 Clearview at Brookside, 7:30  
 Fairview at Firelands, 7:30  
 Oberlin at Wellington, 7:30  
 Avon at Rocky River, 7:30  
 Midview at North Ridgeville, 7:30  
 Vermilion at Elyria Catholic, 7:30  
 Lutheran West at Keystone, 7:30  
 Amherst at North Olmsted, 7:15  
 Sandusky at Shelby, 7:30  
 Avon Lake at Brecksville, 7:30  
 Olmsted Falls at Westlake, 7:30

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Willard at Edison, 7:30  
 Northwestern at New London, 7:30  
 Perkins at St. Paul, 7:30  
 Norwalk at Port Clinton, 7

##### HOCKEY

Bay at Parma, 8:30

##### SWIMMING

Sylvania Southview at Perkins, 5  
 Fairview at Bay, 7

##### Dec. 17

##### BOYS BASKETBALL

Brooklyn vs. Black River at Quicken Loans Arena, 1:45  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 Maple Heights at Lorain, 7:30  
 Brush at Elyria, 7:30  
 Brookside at Firelands, 7:30  
 Clearview at Fairview, 7:30  
 Oberlin at Lutheran West, 7:30  
 North Ridgeville at Avon, 7:30  
 Lakewood at Bay, 7:30  
 Elyria Catholic at Midview, 7:30  
 Westlake at Amherst, 7:15  
 Berea-Midpark at Avon Lake, 7:30  
 North Olmsted at Olmsted Falls, 7:30

##### WRESTLING

Lorain at North Canton 54th Holiday Wrestling Tournament, 5  
 Edison, Perkins at Archbold Fricker's Duals, 3  
 Elyria Catholic at Hudson Tournament, 4

##### HOCKEY

Bay at Bay Rocket Tournament, 4  
 Rocky River at Shaker Heights Holiday Tournament, TBA  
 Elyria Catholic at Garfield Heights, 7:30

##### SWIMMING

Bay, Olmsted Falls, Elyria Catholic at Lakewood Ranger Relays, 7

New London, Elyria at St. Paul, 6  
 Amherst, Avon Lake at Westlake, 6

##### HOCKEY

Rocky River at Shaker Heights Holiday Tournament, TBA  
 Avon Lake at Elyria Catholic, 7

##### SWIMMING

Olmsted Falls at Brecksville, 7

##### Dec. 18

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Buckeye at Black River, 7:30  
 Western Reserve at Perkins, 7:30

##### WRESTLING

Brookside, Keystone, Akron North at Midview, 6  
 Firelands at Lakewood, 6  
 North Olmsted, Brecksville at Olmsted Falls, 4:30  
 Sandusky at Ontario, 5

##### HOCKEY

Rocky River at Shaker Heights Holiday Tournament, TBA  
 Avon Lake at Brooklyn, 7:15

##### SWIMMING

Berea-Midpark at Westlake, 6

##### Dec. 19

##### BOYS BASKETBALL

Lorain at Maple Heights, 7:30  
 Brookside at Columbia, 7:30  
 Black River at Clearview, 7:30  
 Firelands at Lutheran West, 7:30  
 Sandusky at Wellington, 7:30  
 Keystone at Oberlin, 7:30  
 Perkins at Sandusky, 7:30  
 North Ridgeville at Avon, 7:30  
 Lakewood at Bay, 7:30  
 Elyria Catholic at Midview, 7:30  
 Rocky River at Vermilion, 7:30  
 Monroeville at Western Reserve, 6  
 Lawrence at Lake Ridge, 6  
 North Olmsted at Olmsted Falls, 7:15  
 Westlake at Amherst, 7:30  
 Berea-Midpark at Avon Lake, 7:30  
 New London at Crestview, 7:30

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Edison at Huron, 7:30  
 Sandusky at Willard, 7:30

##### WRESTLING

Lorain at North Canton 54th Holiday Wrestling Tournament, 5  
 Edison, Perkins at Archbold Fricker's Duals, 3  
 Elyria Catholic at Hudson Tournament, 4

##### HOCKEY

Bay at Bay Rocket Tournament, 4  
 Rocky River at Shaker Heights Holiday Tournament, TBA  
 Elyria Catholic at Garfield Heights, 7:30

##### SWIMMING

Bay, Olmsted Falls, Elyria Catholic at Lakewood Ranger Relays, 7

# The Record

## NewsWatch

### OSU FOOTBALL

## Herman wins Broyles award

Ohio State offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Tom Herman was named the winner of the Broyles Award on Tuesday, after the Buckeyes made the College Football Playoff despite losing two starting quarterbacks to season-ending injuries. The Buckeyes went 12-1 and beat Wisconsin 59-0 in the Big Ten championship game despite using their third starter of the year. "It's the hand we were dealt, and we played it," Herman said. Other finalists included offensive coordinators Lane Kiffin at Alabama, Scott Frost for Oregon and Doug Meacham at TCU and Missouri defensive coordinator Dave Steckel.

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Emmert frets about UAB cuts

NCAA President Mark Emmert said Tuesday that it was troubling to see the University of Alabama-Birmingham drop its football program, but he believes Olympic sports are more vulnerable to cuts as schools look at athletic budgets. Emmert told the Associated Press that he worries that while autonomy for the Big Five conferences will lead to more money being spent on athletes, it could decrease the overall number of opportunities in college sports for students. UAB dropped its football program last week, citing the rising costs of college athletics, including pressure to pay the full cost of attendance for athletes. That proposal was supported by Emmert and pushed by the wealthiest conferences.

## Conlan, Thomas join Hall

Shane Conlan, the former All-America linebacker who helped Penn State win their last national title, is part of a class of 14 former players and two coaches inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame on Tuesday. The group of honorees included: North Carolina cornerback Dre Bly; Southern California offensive tackle Tony Boselli; Purdue defensive tackle Dave Butz; Georgia Tech quarterback Joe Hamilton; Maine linebacker John Huard; Stanford halfback Darrin Nelson; Louisiana Tech offensive tackle Willie Roof; South Carolina wide receiver Sterling Sharpe; McNeese State cornerback Leonard Smith; TCU running back LaDainian Tomlinson; Mississippi tight end Wesley Walls; and the late Derrick Thomas, who dominated at linebacker for Alabama. The coaches are Jerry Moore, who won I-AA titles at Appalachian State, and Mike Bellotti, the winningest coach in Oregon history.

## UM's Funchess enters draft

Michigan wide receiver Devin Funchess has declared for the 2015 NFL draft. The junior announced his decision on Tuesday. He had 62 receptions for 733 yards and four touchdowns this season. Funchess says in a release that it has been his dream to play in the NFL and he's "prepared to take the next step" on that journey. The announcement comes a week after coach Brady Hoke was fired. The Wolverines struggled to a 5-7 record this season.

### SOCCER

## Pele released from hospital

After going through a "scare" and spending time in intensive care because of a urinary tract infection, Brazilian soccer great Pele left the hospital Tuesday after a two-week stay. Doctors said the 74-year-old Pele will continue his recovery process at home and will need to rest for about a week.

## On the air

- AHL**  
7 p.m. Monsters at Grand Rapids, AM/1420
- GOLF**  
2 p.m. Dubai Masters (tape), Golf Channel  
8 p.m. Australian PGA Championship, Golf Channel  
1 a.m. (Thurs) Thailand Championship, Golf Channel  
1 a.m. (Thurs) Dunhill Championship (tape), Golf Channel
- HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
7:30 p.m. Vermilion at Elyria Catholic, AM/1380
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
7 p.m. Columbia at Kentucky, ESPN2  
7 p.m. High Point at Ohio State, ESPN2  
7 p.m. Kansas at Georgetown, FS1  
8 p.m. Fairleigh Dickinson at St. John's, CBSN  
9 p.m. Wisconsin at Milwaukee, ESPN2  
9 p.m. Utah at BYU, ESPN  
11 p.m. Washington State at Gonzaga, ESPN
- NBA**  
8 p.m. New Orleans at Dallas, ESPN  
10:30 p.m. Miami at Denver, ESPN
- NHL**  
8 p.m. Toronto at Detroit, NBCSN
- RODEO**  
10 p.m. PRCA National Finals, CBSN
- SOCCER**  
2:30 p.m. UEFA Champions League game, FSO  
2:30 p.m. UEFA Champions League, Man City at Roma, FS1
- Calendar**  
Today Thu Fri Sat Sun  
Browns Cin 1:00 WJW  
440-891-5001  
Cavaliers OKC NO 8:00 8:00  
800-820-2287 TNT FSO  
Monsters GR Rock Rock  
216-420-0000 7:00 7:30 7:00
- Northfield** Post Post Post  
330-467-4101 6:00 6:00 6:00

### Football

#### NFL AMERICAN CONFERENCE

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	8	5	0	.615	362	319
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	362	319
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	362	319
Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	276	275

#### East

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N. England	10	3	0	.769	401	267
Miami	7	6	0	.538	314	260
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	281	241
N.Y. Jets	2	11	0	.154	214	349

#### South

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	9	4	0	.692	407	307
Houston	7	6	0	.538	314	260
Tennessee	2	11	0	.154	220	374
Jacksonville	2	11	0	.154	199	356

#### West

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	10	3	0	.769	385	293
San Diego	8	5	0	.615	293	272
Kansas City	7	6	0	.538	291	241
Oakland	2	11	0	.154	200	350

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

##### East

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	4	0	.692	349	301
Dallas	9	4	0	.692	343	301
N.Y. Giants	4	9	0	.308	293	326
Washington	3	10	0	.231	244	346

##### South

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	5	8	0	.385	328	342
New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	333	359
Carolina	4	8	1	.346	269	341
Tampa Bay	2	11	0	.154	237	348

##### West

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	10	3	0	.769	423	304
Detroit	9	4	0	.692	265	224
Minnesota	6	6	0	.538	244	268
Chicago	5	8	0	.385	281	378

##### Chicago 6, San Antonio 2

##### Today's Games

Providence at St. John's, 6 p.m.  
Hamilton at Adirondack, 7 p.m.  
Lake Erie at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.  
Syracuse at Springfield, 7 p.m.  
Rochester at Utica, 7 p.m.  
Charlotte at Norfolk, 7:15 p.m.  
Rockford at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Texas, 8:30 p.m.

### Horse racing

#### Northfield Park results

1st race: 8000CLPROG Trot \$6,500  
2-Heza Nandric (GrGrismore) 2.40 2.20 2.10  
5-Saint Francis (Wrenn) 4.00 2.80

4-City Kid (RyStahl) 2.10  
EXACTA (2-5) \$7.60  
TRIFECTA (2-5-4) \$19.80

2nd race: 8000CLPROG Trot \$6,500  
3-ReallyReallySweet(MrMm) 11.20 7.20 3.00  
4-Tabulator (JDWengerd) 6.20 3.00  
6-Zorgywig Impact (RonWrennr) 2.20

EXACTA (3-4) \$82.40  
TRIFECTA (4-7-6) \$175.80  
DAILY DOUBLE (2/3) \$30.20

3rd race: 8000CLPROG Trot \$6,500  
4-LouLuisPrincess (Wrenn) 3.60 2.60 2.20  
7-Souful Delight (JDWengerd) 5.40 3.00  
6-St Elian's Fire (LaWhitaker) 5.60

EXACTA (4-7) \$31.00  
TRIFECTA (4-7-9) \$278.00  
4th race: 3000CL Pace \$3,200

3-Becky Oat (Grismore) 9.00 4.00 3.00  
6-Chatter Watch Out (Wrenn) 3.40 3.20  
4-Blue Collar Rider (JaThmpsn) 3.60

5-Rodacious Becky (GrGrismore) 2.40  
EXACTA (2-7) \$30.00  
TRIFECTA (2-7-1) \$145.80

SUPERFECTA (2-7-4-3 \$1) \$177.80  
EXACTA (3-6-4) \$110.00  
TRIFECTA (3-6-4) \$210.00

1-Lucky Charm (AMerrinn) 3.40 2.40 2.10  
EXACTA (2-7) \$9.00  
TRIFECTA (4-7-9) \$23.80

6th race: 7500CL NW Pace \$3,500  
7-ActionAble(Rosa(Wrenn)) 10.60 4.40 2.80  
9-More Ideal (RoAvinc) 3.40 2.60

1-Azorean Beach (Wylvrine) 5.40  
EXACTA (7-9) \$39.60  
TRIFECTA (7-9-1) \$203.00

7th race: 10000CLNW3 Pace \$4,600  
2-MovinNshakin (AMrmm) 2.40 2.20 2.10  
7-Tim's Finale (RyStahl) 9.40 5.80  
5-Rodacious Becky (AMrmm) 4.00 2.40

EXACTA (2-7) \$30.00  
TRIFECTA (2-7-1) \$145.80  
SUPERFECTA (2-7-4-3 \$1) \$397.30

SUPERFECTA (2-7-4-3 \$20) \$39.73  
PICK FIVE (4/3/2/1 \$50f5) \$789.30  
8th race: 15000CLPRO Trot \$8,000

2-HallofMuscles (AMrmm) 5.40 3.60 3.20  
7-Hustlinghann (Grismore) 17.40 9.20  
3-Change The Future (TyStLouis) 2.80

EXACTA (2-7) \$81.60  
TRIFECTA (2-7-3) \$363.00  
PICK THREE (4/2/1 \$1 (3of3)) \$70.40

9th race: NW300SPCD Pace \$4,200  
5-BestDramSeeker(Wrenn) 3.40 2.20 2.10  
3-Fantasypan (AMerrinn) 3.20 2.80  
1-Lima Rich (KuSugg) 12.40

EXACTA (5-3) \$10.00  
TRIFECTA (5-3-1) \$170.00  
10th race: NW400SPCD Pace \$5,600

4-Fee The Heat (Wrenn) 2.10 2.10 2.10  
5-Doubletuber (AMrmm) 4.60 2.40  
5-Rounding Trip (JaMerrinn) 9.20

EXACTA (4-7) \$7.60  
TRIFECTA (4-7-5) \$60.80  
EXACTA (4-7-5-6 \$1) \$203.80

SUPERFECTA (4-7-5-6 \$1) \$20.38  
PICK THREE (4/2/1 \$1 (3of3)) \$10.20  
11th race: 6000CL Pace \$5,500

2-Quik Groom (JaThmpsn) 7.60 3.20 2.60  
4-YoustingHanover (AMrmm) 2.80 2.10  
1-Arounding Of Me (Wylvrine) 2.60

EXACTA (2-4) \$14.80  
TRIFECTA (2-4-1) \$53.20  
PICK THREE (4/2/1 \$1 (3of3)) \$10.20

12th race: NW250SPCD Pace \$3,500  
4-Get Packin (RonWrennr) 4.00 2.80 2.20  
1-Superman Hill (Merrinn) 6.20 3.00  
5-VictoriaInTheValley (GrGrismore) 2.20

EXACTA (4-1) \$19.20  
TRIFECTA (4-1-5) \$63.20  
13th race: 10000CLNW3 Pace \$4,600

7-RountinBluegrass (Wrenn) 2.20 2.20 2.10  
4-Major Mike (JaMerrinn) 6.00 4.20  
5-Motam (TyStLouis) 4.80

EXACTA (7-4) \$14.40  
TRIFECTA (7-4-5) \$127.60  
20 CENT SUPER - HIGH FIVE (7-4-5-2-6 \$20 (5of5)) \$248.96

14th race: NW12500LT Pace \$4,600  
7-CaptBensoGoo(Milly) 52.40 26.80 47.80  
9-Nancy's Renita (GrGrismore) 8.00 8.40  
1-0 Zilla (AMerrinn) 13.80

EXACTA (4-1) \$22.00  
TRIFECTA (4-1-2) \$56.20  
PICK THREE (4/7/1 \$1 (3of3)) \$182.20

15th race: NW250SPCD Pace \$3,500  
5-Moreland Flash (Wrenn) 3.00 2.10 2.10  
9-TidewaterTomahawk(AMrmm) 2.60 2.20  
6-Ricky Blue Eyes (KuSugg) 5.00

EXACTA (5-9) \$5.60  
TRIFECTA (5-9-5) \$72.20  
SUPERFECTA (5-9-6-3 \$1) \$278.70

SUPERFECTA (5-9-6-3 \$10) \$27.87  
LATE DAILY DOUBLE (7/5) \$100.20

#### Northfield Park entries

Post Time: 6 p.m.  
1st Purse: \$3,000 NW200SPCD Trot

1. American Blitz KuSugg 10-1  
2. Royal Cat RonWrennr 7-1  
3. Jay Jay Reddy TyStLouis 12-1

4. Rewrite The Rules JaMerrinn 3-1  
5. Bellastwilightstr RonMiller 4-1

6. Master Wheels DomKirgan 9-2  
7. Scotty Boy JaThmpsn 5-1  
8. High Heels N Spurs TyAmos 6-1

9. Chryse BaStimer 8-1  
2nd Purse: \$3,000 NW200SPCD Pace

1. Art's Boy JaMerrinn 3-1  
2. Successful Venture EDeaton 5-1  
3. Bella On Attack TyStLouis 7-2

4. Beau Jet JaThmpsn 5-1  
5. Lightning Luck DaKennedy 12-1

6. Goodnite Wilbur RonWrennr 8-1  
7. Loretta Terror EDeaton 10-1  
8. Smoother Sallin TyStLouis 10-1

9. Designer Cruise KuSugg 9-2  
3rd Purse: \$3,000 NW200SPCD Trot

1. Mucknuck Wdchck JDWengerd 9-2  
2. Malman Bob DaKennedy 6-1  
3. Jay Jay Reddy TyStLouis 12-1

4. Kendra Hanover RonWrennr 10-1  
5. Future Past JaMerrinn 3-1  
6. Contech TyStLouis 4-1

7. Reddy Ruler JDWengerd 10-1  
8. Rose Run Nemo JaThmpsn 12-1  
9. Bar None KuSugg 8-1

4th Purse: \$3,500 NW250SPCD Pace

1. Art's Boy JaMerrinn 3-1  
2. Nathan EDeaton 7-2  
3. Jo Orazio TyStLouis 12-1

4. Saucy Brown JDWengerd 5-1  
5. Here Comes Whitley JaThmpsn 6-1

6. A J Cross MHeadwrth 9-2  
7. Quintal Bayama TyStLouis 12-1  
8. Bonners Creek Lerrimann 10-1

9. Doowah Omelet RonWrennr 8-1  
5th Purse: \$3,500 NW250SPCD Trot

1. High Stakes Banker RoAvinc 9-2  
2. The Raincatcher KuSugg 5-1  
3. Whatsupwiththat TyStLouis 12-1

4. Hollys Secret JaThmpsn 6-1  
5. Cds Eldorado JDWengerd 8-1

6. Legacy Chip RonMiller 10-1  
7. Jalees Riley JaThmpsn 11-1  
8. Ciro Wylvrine 15-1

9. Rose Run Jeriah RonWrennr 7-2  
6th Purse: \$4,200 NW300SPCD Trot

1. Mom's Looker JDWengerd 7-2

#### 2. Pondo Vec JaMerrinn 9-2

3. Hello Carlo JaThmpsn 5-2  
4. Tymarling AMerrinn 5-1

5. S F Scorpion Wylvrine 10-1  
6. Hogsback EDeaton 8-2  
7. Leigh Ann TyStLouis 12-1

8. Annie's Master KuSugg 15-1  
9. S M's Terminator RonWrennr 4-1  
7th Purse: \$5,000 NW200SPCD Pace

1. Diggers Rest N Wylvrine 15-1  
2. Maximum Viking MDeaton 9-2

3. Tymar Triton JDWengerd 9-2  
4. Panfermin Festival DaKennedy 6-1

5. Duke Un Brava AMerrinn 6-5  
6. Papa Grande KuSugg 8-1

7. Benn's Victory TyStLouis 10-1  
8. First Alter Me KuSugg 12-1

9. Dapper Baron Two RonWrennr 20-1  
8th Purse: \$5,200 NW4PMCD Pace

1. Southwind Rambo AMerrinn 5-2  
2. Stone Cold Cash RomMiller 8-1

3. Magic Casino TyStLouis 10-1  
4. Dontbeachmate DaKennedy 9-2

5. Casino Advantage RonMiller 12-1  
6. Papa Grande KuSugg 9-2

7. Friskie Town Wylvrine 15-1  
8. Maserati Seelster RonWrennr 8-1

9. Fixtheaded EDeaton JaMerrinn 5-1  
9th Purse: \$5,600 NW400SPCD Trot

1. Hat AMerrinn 9-2  
2. Morgans Majestic RonWrennr 5-2

3. Mustofians JaThmpsn 5-2  
4. Belle's Beauty Wylvrine 10-1

5. Double O Jesse JaMerrinn 12-1  
6. Whiz Partner AMerrinn 6-1

7. Al Brown KuSugg 8-1  
8. Makin Green Lavec DoPister 15-1

9. Edit JDWengerd 7-2  
10th Purse: \$5,600 NW400SPCD Pace

1. Ictonic Style KuSugg 7-2  
2. Follow Through RonWrennr 9-2

3. Ccs Lover N JaMerrinn 4-1  
4. Artistic Dreamer TyStLouis 9-2

5. Bet On Art EDeaton 5-1  
6. Whiz Partner AMerrinn 6-1

7. Griffinor To C C JaThmpsn 8-1  
8. Glass Pack JDWengerd 12-1

9. Blue Scootin Matt RomMiller 6-1  
11th Purse: \$5,000 15000CLNW3 Pace

1. Littiewhitekiddie JaMerrinn 6-1  
2. Stone Cold Cash RomMiller 8-1

3. Uf Fast Feelin RonWrennr 2-1  
4. She's Nasty Wylvrine 12-1

5. Alady For Sure RonWrennr 15-1  
6. Foul Ball EDeaton 6-1

7. High Gear Winner JDWengerd 6-1  
8. Fashion Glide RYAngus 8-1

9. Jayport Princess AMerrinn 7-2  
12th Purse: \$5,200 NW4PMCD Pace

1. Star Chip KuSugg 10-2  
2. Danger Hi Joltage TyStLouis 9-2

3. Instant Refund Wylvrine 8-1  
4. Four Starz Q RonWrennr 7-2

5. Yarrows Cruiser RomMiller 9-2  
6. Mizzer JDWengerd 6-1

7. Iron N Steel JaMerrinn 10-1  
8. Tieer Be Hotspur TyStLouis 12-1

## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL NOTES

# Keystone Wildcats, Williams off to fast start

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The Wildcats are off to a running start. Now 2-0, Keystone won the DiFranco Tournament last weekend with a 67-57 victory over Midview.

Keystone also beat Amherst, 67-62, largely due to **K.J. Williams** on offense. Williams scored 21 against Amherst and 26 against Midview and collected nine steals and nine assists during those two games.

The Wildcats have been solid from the free-throw line as well, sinking 21 of 29 against Midview.

## Nader gets record

Two games into the season, Vermilion's **Kyle Nader** has already cemented himself in the record book.

The senior guard set the school's single game scoring record as he notched 45 points, 11 rebounds and six

assists in Vermilion's 74-65 win over Hawken Dec. 5.

The following night, he added 20 points, seven rebounds and three assists against Manchester. The Sailors are 2-0 and host North Ridgeville on Dec. 12.

## Panthers running high

Elyria Catholic has rolled past its first two opponents, outscoring them, 184-96.

The Panthers have been led by senior guard **Jacob Kuchta**, who scored a game-high 27 points against Clearview and a game-high 20 points against Oberlin. Kuchta is shooting 61 percent overall and 61 percent from 3-point range.

Senior forward **Ceevan Shelton** has been solid from the charity stripe, making 15 of 18 free-throw attempts.

Elyria Catholic's sticky fingers have also paid off, as the Panthers have tallied 34 steals while limiting oppo-

nents to just seven. Junior guard **Darin Guice** snagged eight steals off the bench against Oberlin.

## Truckers holding tight

Norwalk knows they have a different team from last season.

With that being said, the Truckers have found their own ways of winning, particularly in the form of defense.

Through two games, the Truckers have kept opponents' scoring in the 30s and 40s, though they have some things to work on offensively. Madison (Mansfield) came close, falling to the Truckers, 44-43, but Norwalk held tight.

## Growing pains

Like Norwalk, Perkins had some unfair expectations heading into the season after a 21-4 record last year.

Also like Norwalk, Perkins lacks experience as the Pirates have just one return-

ing starter.

Perkins has dropped its first two games this season and aggression on offense is something the Pirates are continuing to work on.

## Wells leading Middies

Junior forward **Jacob Wells** is averaging 21 points per game for the 1-1 Midview Middies.

Midview secured a 66-59 overtime win over Columbia on Dec. 5 that showed the Middies' resiliency.

Their loss to Keystone was partly due to missed free-throws, and coach **Troy DiFranco** noted that his team will make adjustments on both defensive and offensive ends.

## Eagles are soaring

Speaking of growing pains, North Olmsted's struggles from last season have paid off this year. The Eagles are 2-0 after defeating Parma, 72-70, and Bay,

67-58. Junior forward **Andy Lucien** has been an offense force for the Eagles, totaling 65 points in those two games.

## Rua remains a threat

**Rees Rua** showed why he's Amherst's key scoring threat as he knocked down 28 points against Clearview to lead the Comets to a 67-48 win, its first of the season. Though the Comets aren't outnumbering many teams on size, Rua's agility has been beneficial so far.

## Lorain showcases big win

Senior guard **Devon Andrews** was named Player of the Game by showcase officials as Lorain defeated Newark, 66-64, Dec. 6. Newark is ranked fourth in the Columbus area.

Andrews, a Kent State recruit, scored 20 and collected eight rebounds as the Titans shot 48 percent from the floor.

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## The Crop

Boys basketball

1. Elyria Catholic, 2-0
2. Vermillion, 2-0
3. Lorain, 1-0
4. North Olmsted, 2-0
5. Keystone, 2-0
6. Norwalk, 2-0
7. Rocky River, 2-1
8. Elyria, 1-0
9. Amherst, 1-1
10. North Ridgeville, 2-0

**Crop comments:** Elyria Catholic's balance on offense and defense start them atop the crop. Heading into the season, scoring was a question mark for the Panthers ... Lorain came up big defeating a strong Newark team, and it will be interesting to see how the Titans handle Cleveland Heights Dec. 16.



## HIGH SCHOOLS

## Friday night's results, today's schedule

## Boys basketball

AKRON CITY SERIES	
Buchtel	-92
Akron North	-67
INDEPENDENT/OTHER	
St. Edward	9 14 13 24-60
SVSM	15 20 11 23-69
St. Edward (1-1, 0-0):	Chambers 1-1-3, Dowell 1-1-3, Flannery 1-0-2, Funderburk 8-4-20, Gonzalez 1-0-2, Knowles 3-3-10, Nichols 3-3-10, Ryan 4-2-10
St. Vincent-St. Mary (1-0, 0-0):	Baddley 5-3-14, Blount 2-3-7, Graves 3-0-7, Robinson 4-2-12, Walker 1-0-2, Williams 5-0-11, Williams 6-2-16

## LAKE EFFECT CONFERENCE

NE Ohio College Prep Lawrence School	-65
	-48

<b>Northeast Ohio College Preparatory (2-0, 1-0):</b> Dickerson -2, Dickerson -8, Garrison -10, Howard -14, Louny -7, McCain -7, Reynolds -11, Triplett -2, Watkins -8 <b>Lawrence School (1-2, 0-2):</b> Bell -14, Doran -7, Edwards -3, Edwards -13, Korpusik -1, Manna -8, Tonkin -2 <b>LAKE ERIE LEAGUE</b>
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Cleveland Hts.	11 15 22-60
Maple Hts.	7 18 24 12-61

Cleveland Heights (3-0, 0-0):	Eddie 2-0-4, Hardin 6-2-19, Hill 7-2-16, Kinnicic 2-1-6, Pettit 8-2-19, Smith 2-0-4
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Maple Heights (0-1, 0-1):	Brown 2-0-4, Harris 0-0-2, Hawkins 3-0-6, McMurray 0-1-1, Richardson 1-0-2, Schmock 3-0-8, Taylor 2-4-8, hale 2-3-8, Wilson 9-2-22
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Lorain	-78
Shaw	-43

## NORTH COAST LEAGUE

Lake Catholic	16 15 24 8-63
NDCL	10 11 13 17-51

Lake Catholic (3-0, 1-0):	Aston 1-2-4, Fitzgerald 5-4-17, Friday 5-3-13, Grosel 2-2-6, Hinesley 1-0-2, Robinson 3-2-11, Russett 2-0-4, wollerman 2-1-6
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Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin (0-1, 0-1):	Hammer 5-1-11, Kostelac 2-0-5, Leininger 2-0-4, McMahon 2-11-16, Michach 4-0-9, Sabath 1-0-2, Shubert 2-0-4
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Benedictine	11 9 15 15-50
Padua	4 21 12 19-56

Benedictine (0-1, 0-1):	Bias 2-0-4, Currie 1-0-3, Hewitt 4-2-10, Layne 5-5-16, Moore Jr 5-2-14, Penny 1-1-3
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Padua (2-1, 1-0):	Andrzej 2-6-11, Craider 1-9-12, Drum 0-1-1, Dunigan 9-3-21, Miranda 1-9-11
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Walsh Jesuit	15 14 27-76
Hoban	15 13 14 14-56

Walsh Jesuit (2-0, 1-0):	Connolly 1-2, Iacobacci 5-7-17, Jordan 1-7-2, Kaniecki 2-2-7, Keough 2-2-4, Kuczynski 2-2-2, Mittiga 4-1-9, Peterson 10-2-22, Reich 10-2-2, Schlosser 2-1-5, Stack 2-1-1, Vincent 1-1-3
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Archbishop Hoban (2-1, 0-1):	Bahmer 2-4, Christian 3-9-9, Cuppett 3-3-6, Gurley 5-2-16, Schwendler 4-2-9, Spaulding 3-2-7, Tassello 2-9-5
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Warren JFK	10 14 22 14-60
Cle. Cent. Cath.	19 25 23 25-92

Warren John F. Kennedy (0-1, 0-1):	B 0-4-4, C 1-2-4, Carino 2-6-11, Keck 4-8-12, Pontikis 2-1-5, Roscoe 1-0-2, Usher 2-2-6, Wood 1-0-2, grant 4-7-14
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Cleveland Central Catholic (1-0, 1-0):	Beck 9-4-23, Blaylock 2-1-3, Crosby 4-2-11, Hullum 3-1-9, Jackson 2-0-5, Lillard 11-5-28, Locklear 2-0-6, McRae 2-1-5, Mills 1-0-2
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## NORTHEAST OHIO CONFERENCE

Brush	10 20 9 20-59
Twinsburg	12 11 11 6-40

Brush (3-0, 1-0):	Bearden Jr 12-1-7, Bumgarner 1-0-3, Flowers 4-0-9, Johnson 4-1-1, Marshall 4-2-10, Oakley 5-5-14, Rice 4-4-12
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Twinsburg (1-1, 1-1):	Czech 1-0-2, Farmer 2-0-5, Fields 2-2-2, Foust 3-0-7, Gardenhire 3-0-0, Nicholson 5-2-13, Strozier 4-1-9, Tucker 1-0-2
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Maeyfild	12 17 11 15-55
N. Royalton	13 19 7 11-50

Maeyfild (1-0, 1-0):	Bican -4, Bican -4, Casey -3, Early -1, Ferreri -5, Naira -15, Strasshofer -14, Trivisonno -7, Trivisonno -2
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North Royalton (0-2, 0-2):	Cobenly -6, Deffenbacher -2, Filippi -8, Glass -8, Kyle -5, Miduri -3, Niczyr -7, Tarnowski -11
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Elyria	11 17 15 6-49
Parma	16 14 11 10-51

Elyria (1-1, 0-1):	Blanton 1-0-3, Dalton 3-3-9, Furcron 2-3-7, Lotko 3-0-6, Miller 6-0-14, Parish 2-0-5, Woods 1-0-2
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Parma (2-1, 1-0):	Agosto 2-2-7, Ivancic 1-0-2, Jones 0-1-1, Lyon 2-1-6, Musarra 1-0-2, Pastva 10-5-26, Smalley 2-3-7
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Shaker Heights	17 16 17 24-74
Strongsville	17 12 19 18-66

Shaker Heights (2-0, 1-0):	Ahmad 10-7-27, Borge 1-0-2, Borge 3-1-7, Johnson 2-0-4, Mays 0-1-1, Reduz 1-0-3, Roy 3-5-12, Stokes 3-3-9, Wright 4-0-9
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Strongsville (1-2, 0-1):	Aske 2-0-4, Castora 7-10-25, Dindia 2-0-4, Jamison 3-2-8, Robertson 3-2-9, Ruch 1-2-5, Thrall 0-2-2, Toffey 3-0-7, Vezdek 1-0-2
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Cuyahoga Falls	8 17 10 9-44
Stow-Highlands	11 9 11 22-53

Cuyahoga Falls (0-2, 0-1):	Adams 4-0-9, Farga 2-0-6, Gerra 2-0-4, McGillis 5-1-12, Wier 4-4-16
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Stow-Munroe Falls (2-1, 1-0):	Bower-Malione 6-8-22, Huffman 6-2-14, Kollar 0-1-1, Mizda 1-0-2, Rice 2-2-7, Vantrease 2-0-5, Wright 0-2-2
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Normandy	17 20 19 18-85
Maeyfild	8 17 20 16-61

Normandy (3-0, 1-0):	Credson 6-1-14, Jamieson 3-1-6, Jones 1-3-5, Ktko 1-3-3, Massa 7-3-18, Newman 4-0-13, Norton 6-4-20, Truta-Moldovan 2-4-4, Tuchsolski 1-4-2
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Valley Forge (0-1, 0-1):	Blasko 1-4-6, Captain 2-2-6, Ho 4-2-8, Hogan 1-2-2, Hujer 2-3-8, Jackson 1-4-6, Keserich 3-5-11, Nutick 2-5-6, Zevnick 3-5-8
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Hudson	4 11 18 13-46
Solon	16 9 15 9-49

Hudson (0-1, 0-1):	Burdette 2-2-4, Colazzo 4-2-8, Guadagni 2-2-4, McGillis 5-1-12, Meder 3-2-9, Colker 1-2-2, rightour 2-2-4, Wilson 2-1-3
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Solon (1-0, 1-0):	Carry 5-1-2, Guest 3-4-10, Harmody 3-1-1, Perry 1-2-1, Poindexter 1-4-6, Steele 1-4-4, Thompson 4-2-14
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Garfield Hts.	15 10 18 22 16-81
Mentor	11 19 14 21 9-74

Garfield Heights (2-0, 1-0):	Christian 2-0-6, Franklin 1-0-2, Hughes 7-10-28, Jackson 6-0-15, Jackson 2-3-6, Johnson 2-0-4, Rose 4-0-9, Stergis 2-0-2
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Mentor (0-1, 0-1):	Korsok 1-0-3
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## PATRIOT ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Brookside	-57
Brooklyn	-45

Backeys	-63
Cleaveland	-61

Wellington	14 13 17 12-56
Lorain W. Luth	19 14 17 21-71

Wellington (2-1, 1-1):	Baker 7-3-17, Gibbs 4-1-9, Holliday 2-2-6, Kindel 5-0-10, Paramore 4-0-8, Schmidt 2-0-6
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Lorain West (3-0, 1-0):	Carper 6-2-15, Felten 1-0-11, Hillenbrand 1-2-4, Januzzi 1-0-3, Knudsen 1-0-2, O'Connell 8-8-19, Harlan 5-3-13, Veiter 9-3-23
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## PORTAGE TRAIL CONFERENCE

Coventry	-67
Roosevelt	-64

Coventry (1-0, 1-0):	
Kent Roosevelt (3-0, 0-1):	

Akron Springfield Mogadore	-57
Mogadore	-82

Akron Springfield (0-2, 0-2):	
Mogadore (2-0, 0-0):	

Rootstown	12 16 14 19-61
Streetsboro	20 15 5 17-57

Rootstown (4-0, 2-0):	Fornick 8-9-27, Hluch 4-2-10, Kaut 1-5-7, Kaut 1-2-4, Moore 1-2-2, Postlethwait 3-2-6, Weaver 1-2-5
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Streetsboro (1-2, 0-2):	Carter 3-6, Dixon 4-2-13, Jones 2-7-11, Judd 5-7-17, Tucker 1-7-3, Van Reeth 2-7-4, Wilson 1-1-3
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Woodridge	17 15 9 13-54
Southeast	7 16 17 20-60

Woodridge (1-2, 0-1):	Clark 2-3-8, Danzy 1-0-3, Fink 2-1-6, Jones 1-0-2, King 2-3-7, Lydic 1-3-6, Owens 2-1-5, Potts 3-4-12, Shaheen 2-0-5
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Crestwood	-56
Norton	-72

## PREMIER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

University School	-58
Chardon	-47

University School (2-1, 2-1):	
Chardon (0-2, 0-1):	

## PRINCIPALS ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Tusky Valley	20 6 11 8-45
CVCA	13 13 10 14-50

Tuscarawas Valley	(1-3, 0-2):
Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (2-1, 2-0):	

Akron Manchester	-50
Tuslaw	-69

Akron Manchester (1-1, 0-1):	
Tuslaw (1-0, 1-0):	

## SENATE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Cleveland JFK	11 11 16 7-45
East Tech	23 28 21 7-55

Cleveland John F. Kennedy (0-2, 0-1):	Gay 2-0-4, Henderson 1-1-3, Beckbeck 3-2-8, Scott 3-0-6, Stevins 2-1-3, Collins 1-5-7, Harrison 3-2-8, Spivey 1-0-2, Taylor 0-2-2
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East Tech (3-0, 3-0):	Carmon 8-4-24, Green 2-0-4, Howard 0-2-2, Johnson 9-4-24, Rodgers 3-2-8, pullham 4-3-11
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John Hay	4 20 13 16 9 9-71
Collinwood	17 9 11 16 13-75

Collinwood (1-2, 1-2):	
John Hay (3-0, 3-0):	

Martin Luther King Jr.	23 14 18 20-75
Lincoln West	16 13 15 28-72

Martin Luther King Jr. (1-1, 1-1):	Blake 3-6, Carr 5-1-11, Carter 5-1-11, Cottrell 2-1-4, Jones 1-1-2, Maddox 13-6-36, Ramin 1-2-4, Taylor 2-2-4, Yancy 2-2-7
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Lincoln West (1-2, 1-2):	Cook 4-8, Littlejohn 3-1-7, Reyes 6-2-16, Santiago 6-8-20, Smith 6-6-21
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Rhodes	23 22 19 26-90
Whitney Young	13 24 9 11-57

Rhodes (2-1, 2-1):	Adkins 13-6-32, Garcia 6-0-15, Jones 1-0-3,
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Mendez 1-0-2, Prince 9-0-18, Stewart 8-3-20
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Whitney Young (0-3, 0-3):	Chaisson 3-4-10, Hale 6-1-13, Harris 1-0-2, Jordan 1-0-3, Pryor 3-1-7, Sharp 8-1-21
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SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE	
Olmsted Falls	12 11 12 12-47
Berea-Midpark	23 19 15 17-70

Olmsted Falls (1-2, 0-1):	Candow 0-0-0, Davis 0-0-0, Hanna 3-3-11, Hitterman 0-0-0, Hurrell 3-0-7, Kieem 2-1-5, Maxwell 2-0-5, Meehan 7-7-17, Stottbeck 0-0-0, Taylor 0-0-0
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Berea-Midpark (2-0, 1-0):	Bachie 7-3-18, Blossom 4-3-12, Brown 0-0-0, Elliott 0-0-0, Gassman 4-0-8, Gerrity 5-0-10, McLean 0-0-0, Mraz 2-0-4, Swinnerton 7-2-16, Taborn 1-0-2, Turlan 0-0-0
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Amherst	11 15 13 16-55
Brecks-BroadHts.	22 22 14 18-76

Amherst Steele (0-2, 0-1):	Busey 1-0-3, Johnson 0-2-2, Knesel 3-2-8, Laboy 3-1-8, McConnel 2-0-6, Rua 5-2-13, Smis 5-1-5
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Brecksville-Broadview Heights (2-1, 1-0):	Auble 2-1-6, Bazi 2-2-6, Bruno 3-2-10, Cipolla 7-0-18, Dimitrijevs 1-3-8-7, Harwood 2-2-6, Jakovjevic 0-1-1, Maddux 7-2-18, Shirilla 1-0-3
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## SUBURBAN LEAGUE

Green	-54
Tallmadge	-51

Highland	-47
Wadsworth	-43

Revere	9 10 15 18-52
Norondia	2 14 24 13-53

Revere (0-2, 0-1):	Hill 2-0-5, Hughes 3-0-8, Kayfats 1-0-2, Lalkovics 6-7-22, Nance 3-7-9, Rozek 3-7-6
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Norondia (1-1, 0-1):	Adams 1-3, Alders 2-4, Hartman 2-5, Murray 6-2-15, Namke 8-3-19, Smith 3-3-7
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## WEST SHORE CONFERENCE

Bay	16 8 10 15-52
Elyria Catholic	13 19 13 19-64

Bay (0-2, 0-1):	Bradic 2-1-7, Durham 2-1-1, Gergye 2-1-1, Heidelberg 1-1-2, Jelen 3-1-9, Koz 3-4-10, Kyle 3-1-1, Morriss 5-2-12, Sunahara 2-4-9
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Elyria Catholic (3-0, 1-0):	Graham 3-1-7, Guice 2-4-9, Kelley 3
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## ROCKY RIVER 61, BAY 60

# Pirates beat Rockets in comeback fashion

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Trailing for three and a half quarters, Rocky River took its first lead against Bay Village with 4:40 left on Dec. 16 and held on tight for a 61-60 victory in West Shore Conference play.



**Boys  
basketball**

The two schools are no strangers to close games against one another. With Jared Shetzer's Rockets leading for most of the game, Bay could not keep it together long enough to eek out the road win in a big rivalry game.

"They got up and pressured us and we became very stagnant on offense, which is not something that these guys typically do," Shetzer said. "We didn't take care of the basketball either and when those two things happen,

we're not very good."

With a 47-40 lead heading into the final quarter, Rocky River stayed the course and kept hitting shots to cut the lead. Finally, with 4:40 left in the game, the Pirates' Zach Waite sunk a put-back shot to take a 49-48 lead.

From there, Rocky River built up a lead as high as 58-50 in the closing minutes before the Rockets fought back.

"I'll tell you, that stretch we hit a couple of shots there and stretched it to the 58-50 lead," Rocky River coach Mike Murray said. "Then we just had some uncharacteristic turnovers, poor passes and guys were caught not being where they should be and they made us pay for it."

Climbing back into the game with less than 1:50 left to play, the Rockets' Rex Sunahara ripped down an alley-oop that rocked the Bay crowd right back

into the game to pull within five at 58-53.

Sinking another basket, the Rockets pulled to within two at 59-57 with 20 seconds left. But some clutch free throw shooting by Rocky River closed the game out as a last second two pointer was not enough to force overtime.

The physical matchup brings Bay to 0-3 on the young season as many players on the team work to focus on basketball after postseason action in soccer and football had a big impact on several key players.

"We're struggling a lit bit in terms of being in basketball shape right now," Shetzer said. "A long football season, long soccer season is a part of the issue. As much as we don't want to use that as an excuse or a crutch, I think that's the reality of where we're at right now.

"I give Rocky River all of the

credit in the world. They slowed us down and at times we allowed them to slow us down, but they forced a lot of turnovers and we've got to take better care of the basketball."

As for the Pirates, a big conference win over its biggest rival means big things in Murray's eyes.

"We knew coming in that Bay is as talented as anybody in the league with a lot of kids back," Murray said. "They play really well and they are well-coached so for us it builds confidence.

"You're going to have to win on nights like this where you don't shoot it as well in the first half yet still get the job done, so it gives our kids confidence where they can prove they can do that."

Rocky River improved to 3-2 with the win and 1-1 in the WSC.

# HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Cuyahoga Heights 55, Open Door 43

Cuy. Hts. 19 12 14 10 — 55  
 Open Door 6 9 8 20 — 43  
**Cuyahoga Heights** — Barnes 15, Bell 4, Drockton 6, Jezerinac 4, Kozak 3, Lowther 1, Oryl 3, Porter 6, Thacker 12.

**Open Door** — Caleb Crowder 2, Tyler Haas 3, Jacob Lowe 2, Jamir Moultrie 4, Andrew Patterson 15, Danny Stintsman 10, Drew Zaborowski 7.

### North Olmsted 51, Amherst 43

N. Olmsted 10 11 13 17 — 51  
 Amherst 13 2 19 9 — 43

**North Olmsted** — Hufsettlar 2, Starovic 11, Watshcott 2, Sullivan 7, Clark 2, Coleman 6, Lucien 21.

**Amherst** — Strnis 5, Strins 5, Cerrino 1, Melendez 2, Kneifel 9, Rua 16, McContie 15.

**Team records** — North Olmsted 4-0, 2-0, Amherst 1-4, 0-2

### Lakewood 82, Avon 63

Avon 21 22 11 9 — 63  
 Lakewood 25 23 17 17 — 82

**Avon** — Ferguson 7, Nose 3, Peganoff 10,

Smigel 2, Thornton 15, Torbert 10, Toth 3, Ybarra 13.

**Lakewood** — Gerhardt 19, Leisinger 12, Malone 6, McDonald 4, Porter 28, Rollins 10, Witri 3.

### Brecksville 51, Avon Lake 37

Avon Lake 4 14 7 12 — 37  
 Brecksville 25 23 17 17 — 82

**Avon Lake** — Good 6, Harris 7, Horton 2, Marinelli 2, Molina 10, O'Connor 5, Pappas 2, Toy 3.

**Brecksville** — Auble 11, Bazil 2, Bruno 8, Cipolla 18, Harwood 10, Maddux 2.

### Elyria 79, Valley Forge 46

Elyria 25 12 22 20 — 79  
 Valley Forge 6 17 9 14 — 46

**Elyria** — Ackenson 2, Marsh 3, Dalton 10, Smith 6, Fursron 13, Ringer 9, Miller 9, Blanton 6, Maks 8, Woods 2, Locko 11.

**Valley Forge** — Captian 3, Ceserich 8, Ho 2, Jackson 6, Jackson 6, Hujer 9, Hogan 12.

**Team records** — Elyria 2-1.

### Lorain 79, Cleveland Heights 66

Cle. Hts. 10 17 14 25 — 66  
 Lorain 25 19 17 18 — 79

**Lorain** — Davierre Andrews 20, Williamson 1,

Davis 3, Berry 17, Devon Andrews 18, Smith 2, Smothers 4, Bohannon 14

**Cleveland Heights** — Pettit 14, Green 8, Smith 9, Eddie 3, Mason 2, Hill 20, Hardin 9, Kirinsic 1.

### Elyria Catholic 64, Vermillion 46

Vermillion 14 12 5 15 — 46  
 Elyria Cath. 14 14 18 18 — 64

**Elyria Catholic** — Ceeven Shelton 18, DJ Graham 14, Darin Guice 7, Colden Schemmel 7, Jacob Kuchta 7, James Tirbaso 5, Brian Duffield 4, Kevin Kelley 2.

**Vermillion** — Kyle Nader 26, Caleb Waller 5, Ryler Miller 5, Andrew Dawson 4, Nick Prenatt 4, David Lewis 2, Ryan Barnes 2

**Rebounds** — EC 36(Tirbaso 11), V 19(Prenatt 6)

**Tumovers** — EC 15, V 15  
**Team records** — EC 4-0, V 2-2  
**JV** — 67-55, Elyria Catholic

### Rocky River 61, Bay 60

Bay 16 18 13 13 — 60  
 Rocky River 11 19 10 21 — 61

**Rocky River** — Jack Corrigan 22, Eric Jones 12, Jimmy Kinsley 7, Patric Connors 6, Waite 6, Sutton Klodnick 2, Corey Zucker 2, Evan Nugent 2, Nate Seffermick 2.

**Bay** — Rex Sunahara 15, John Koz 12, Jonathan Brajdic 12, Jack Jalen 8, Brandon Morriss 7, Danny Heideloff 4, Cole Gergye 2

**Rebounds** — Rocky River 24 (Kinsley 7), Bay 27 (Morriss 9).

**Tumovers** — Rocky River 17, Bay 20.

**Team records** — Rocky River 3-2, Bay 0-3.

## Area Scores

Firelands 54, Fairview 42  
 Keystone 57, Lutheran West 56  
 Clearview 53, Brookside 44  
 North Ridgeville 63, Midview 59  
 Wellington 62, Oberlin 47

## BOYS SWIMMING

### Sylvania Southview 89.5, Perkins 80.5

**200 medley relay:** Sylvania Southview (Kondalski, Curran, Vlasnik, Kruszynski), 1:48.57; **200 freestyle:** Mulvin, Perkins, 1:46.10; **200 I.M.:** Curran, Southview, 2:12.11; **50 freestyle:** Capizzi, Perkins, 23.14; **1-meter 100 butterfly:** Kondalski, Southview, 57.93; **100 freestyle:** Mulvin, Perkins, 48.46; **500 freestyle:** Gerold, Perkins, 5:09.94; **200 freestyle relay:** Perkins (Mulvin, Capizzi, Visci, Bruner), 1:37.69; **100 backstroke:** Kondalski, Southview, 56.58; **100 breaststroke:** Curran, Southview, 1:05.48; **400**

**freestyle relay:** Perkins (Mulvin, Bruner, Gerold, Singler, ), 3:36.14.

### Sandusky 115, Mansfield Madison 43

**200 medley relay:** Sandusky (Dru Craig, Jason White, Sheyden Ahlers, Evan McGory), 1:55.31; **200 freestyle:** Jason White, Sandusky, 2:10.29; **200 I.M.:** Sheyden Ahlers, Sandusky, 2:31.50; **50 freestyle:** Marquis Bates, Sandusky, 27.50; **100 butterfly:** Dru Craig, Sandusky, 1:00.85; **100 freestyle:** Jarod Lykins, Madison, 1:01.45; **500 freestyle:** Evan McGory, Sandusky, 6:06.74; **200 freestyle relay:** Sandusky (Ryan Hollingshed JR, Steven Henry FR, Dakota Owens FR, Xavier

King SO), 2:11.02; **100 backstroke:** Dru Craig, Sandusky, 1:05.25; **100 breaststroke:** Jason White, Sandusky, 1:10.90; **400 freestyle relay:** Sandusky 'B' (Sterling Sharp, Marquis Bates, Beau Finley, Justin Grady), 4:16.92.

## GIRLS SWIMMING

### Perkins 127, Sylvania Southview, 47

**200 medley relay:** Perkins (Kessler, Schild, Babson, Weatherly), 2:00.53; **200 freestyle:** Weatherly, Perkins, 2:08; **200 I.M.:** Babson,

Perkins, 2:23.58; **50 freestyle:** Kessler, Perkins, 27.29; **1-meter dive:** Henrichsen, Perkins, 230.20; **100 butterfly:** Babson, Perkins, 1:04.99; **100 freestyle:** Pax, Southview, 58.79; **500 freestyle:** Weatherly, Perkins, 5:53.07; **200 freestyle relay:** Perkins (Kessler, Schweck, Babson, Tanaka), 1:50.39; **100 backstroke:** Schweck, Perkins, 1:06.77; **100 breaststroke:** Pax, Southview, 1:08.81; **400 freestyle relay:** Perkins (Weatherly, Schweck, Tanaka, Schild), 4:06.53.

### Sandusky 116, Mansfield Madison 46

**200 medley relay:** Sandusky (Lauren Martello, Kathryn Smith, Julia Martello, Melanie Murray), 2:05.46; **200 freestyle:** Molly Franklin, Sandusky, 2:11.45; **200 I.M.:** Kerrigan Vargo, Sandusky, 2:21.37; **50 freestyle:** Lauren Martello, Sandusky, 27.08; **100 butterfly:** Julia Martello, Sandusky, 1:07.19; **100 freestyle:** Caitlin Willinger, Sandusky, 1:05.95; **500 freestyle:** Kerrigan Vargo, Sandusky, 5:17.52; **200 freestyle relay:** Sandusky (Kelly Murray, Kerrigan Vargo, Caitlin Willinger, Julia Martello), 1:53.18; **100 backstroke:** Lauren Martello, Sandusky, 1:08.30; **100 breaststroke:** Molly Franklin, Sandusky, 1:15.95; **400 freestyle relay:** Sandusky (Lauren Martello, Molly Franklin, Kelly Murray, Kerrigan Vargo), 4:06.02.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

# Sailors' Pfeil hits winning shot at buzzer

VERMILION — Freshman Joby Pfeil hit a game-winning shot at the buzzer to lift Vermilion to a 59-57 win over Rocky River on Friday in West Shore Conference boys basketball action at Vermilion High School.

Kyle Nadar scored a game-high 27 points for the Sailors (3-2).

**ROCKY RIVER (57):** Sutton Klodnick 2, Eric Jones 12, Patrick Connors 7, Jack Corrigan 16, Evan Nugent, Zach Waite 4, Jimmy Kinsley 9, Nate Seffernick 3.

**VERMILION (59):** Patrick Sexton 3, Kyle Nadar 27, Ryan Barnes 9, Caleb Waller 13, Nick Prenatt 1, Joby Pfeil 6.

**JV:** Rocky River, 69-52

**Rocky River** 11 18 12 16 — 57  
**Vermilion** 15 16 15 13 — 59

**Keystone 63, Oberlin 44**

OBERLIN — K.J. Williams had eight steals to go along with a team-high 12 points as the Wildcats improved to 6-0, 3-0 in Patriot Athletic Conference play. Austin Conrad added seven steals and 10 rebounds and Brody Kuhl had 11 points for the 'Cats.

David Carter led the Phoenix with a game-high 13 points.

**KEYSTONE (62):** C.J. Conrad 3-2-8, Jake Bowers 2-0-7, Austin Conrad 2-3-7, Ronnie Shaw 1-0-2, K.J. Williams 5-2-12, Brady Kuhl 3-4-11, Brandon Kuhl 3-4-11, Jacob Mazzera 1-0-2, Turner Campbell 2-0-5, Jacob Miller 1-0-2. **Totals 23-12-63.**

**OBERLIN (44):** Marvin Jackson 2-0-4, David Hicks 2-4-9, David Payne 1-1-4, Mark Robinson 2-1-7, David Carter 3-6-13, Adrian Kilgore 1-0-2, Donald Johnson 2-1-5. **Totals 19-13-44.**

**Keystone** 18 22 14 9 — 63  
**Oberlin** 8 10 11 15 — 44

**Three point goals:** (K) Bowers, Kuhl, Campbell; (O) Hicks, Payne, Robinson 2, Carter.

**Lorain 71, Maple Heights 46**

MAPLE HEIGHTS — Devon Andrews led the way with 21 points as the Titans stayed undefeated at 4-0.

**LORAIN (71):** Daviere Andrews 2-3-8, Teddy Williamson 1-0-2, Kevin Davis 0-2-2, Rashod Berry 3-2-3, Devon Andrews 9-3-21, Shane Smith 4-3-12, Anthony Smothers 2-0-4, Nazihar Bohanan 5-4-14. **Totals 26-17-71.**

**MAPLE HEIGHTS (46):** Harris 0-1-1, Wilson 0-1-1, Laquan 3-1-7, Hale 4-0-9, Brown 2-0-4, Sumbry 4-0-8, Richardson 5-0-10, Schmoock 1-0-3, Mckay 1-0-3. **Totals 20-3-46.**

**Lorain** 14 14 25 18 — 71  
**Maple Heights** 13 6 17 10 — 46

**Three point goals:** (L) Daviere Andrews, Smith; (M-H) Hale, Schmoock, McKay.

**Amherst 61, Westlake 55**

AMHERST — Andris Balodis knocked down six 3-pointers en

route to a game-high 20 points for the Comets.

**WESTLAKE (55):** Mo Assad 5-1-13, Andris Balodis 7-0-20, Scott Leonard 1-0-2, Noah Meek 1-0-3, Chance Sutton 3-0-7, Rico Tate 3-3-10. **Totals 20-4-61.**

**AMHERST (61):** Matt Kneisel 7-15, Casey McConeh 2-0-6, Flees Rua 8-2-18, Antonio Serrano 3-0-7, Adam Srnis 4-5-15. **Totals 21-14-65.**

**Westlake** 10 16 18 11 — 55  
**Amherst** 13 18 18 12 — 61

**Three point goals:** (W) Assad 2, Balodis 6, Meek, Sutton, Tate; (A) McConeh, Serrano, Srnis 2.

**Lake Ridge 65, Lawrence 46**

SAGAMORE HILLS — Sam Waldock knocked down three

3-pointers on his way to a game-high 26 points for the Lions (2-3).

**LAKE RIDGE (65):** Josh Scofield 4-0-8, Chris Miller 5-0-11, Sam Waldock 10-3-26, Scott Chriss 2-2-8, Jayson Luccioni 2-0-4, Collin Harris 1-1-3, Ian Ashby 1-0-3, Bryce Leroy 1-0-2. **Totals 26-6-65.**

**LAWRENCE (46):** Edwards 5-0-11, Korposik 1-0-3, Streff 1-0-2, Bell 5-1-13, Manna 8-1-17. **Totals 20-2-46.**

**Lake Ridge** 22 12 12 19 — 65  
**Lawrence** 9 14 12 11 — 46

**Three point goals:** (LR) Miller, Waldock 3, Chriss 2, Ashby; (HJ) Edwards, Bell 2, Korposik.

**Christian Community 73, Monclova 45**

MONCLOVA — The Lions scored 47 points in the first half in improving to 4-6.

**CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (73):** Doeringer 1-0-2, Vrona 8-0-16, Roads 0-1-1, Davis 4-0-8, Stafford 5-0-14, Lynch 4-1-10, Voland 5-4-16, Markovich 3-0-6. **Totals 29-6-73.**

**MONCLOVA (45):** Cerquist 1-4-6, Patterson 2-7-11, Vanderhoeven 0-2-2, P. Patterson 2-0-4, Hiffand 1-1-3, Metzger 6-0-16. **Totals 12-14-45.**

**Christian Comm.** 23 24 11 15 — 73  
**Monclova** 13 8 11 13 — 45

**Three point goals:** (CC) Stafford 3, Lynch; (M) Metzger.

**Hockey**

**Elyria Catholic 10, Garfield Heights 2**

ELYRIA — Will Gentry had a huge game with seven goals and two assists to help the Panthers improve to 6-2.

Drew Beck chipped in three goals and an assist.

**EC** 5 4 1 — 10  
**AL** 2 0 0 — 2

**GOALS:** (EC) Will Gentry 7, Drew Beck 3. (GH) Nick Asbury, Greg Williams.

**ASSISTS:** (EC) Laubenthal 4, Sara Fenik 2, Tanner Reaser, Gentry 4, Beck. (GH) Asbury, Arron Rota.

**SAVES:** (EC) Farmer 27. (GH) Tyler Rood 35.

# MIDDIES

From D1

Right now we're going to try to go out to San Diego next week (for an invitational tournament) and we're going to try to win there, too."

Midview, which had 11 first-half turnovers, slowed its offensive pace after the break.

EC coach Phil Kuchta said the strategy hurt his Panthers, whose plan was to maintain a fast pace, hoping to force even more Middies turnovers.

"We didn't want to play that slow," Kuchta said. "We feel like we can play either way, but what it came down to for me was we didn't get stops and they killed us on the glass (38-20). Our kids played hard but I think they played harder on one end (offense) than they did the other, and I think that shows in the rebounding edge."

Troy DiFranco, Midview's veteran coach, said he made the tempo adjustment at halftime.

"I don't mind running, because we've got some kids that can run," DiFranco said. "But I think the tempo was favoring them a little bit. I'm just real proud of our guys. It was a great team effort against a very good team and it was just a fun basketball game. We made some plays when we needed to, got some stops and made some free throws."

One result of the slowdown was the Middies made only six more turnovers the rest of the way.

EC led 56-53 less than a

minute into the fourth quarter, but Midview's Wells quickly tied it with the first of his fourth-quarter threes. Midview took a 60-58 lead after two foul shots and a drive to the basket by another 6-2 junior forward, Logan Bolin. A basket by EC's Darin Guice tied it at 60.

The Middies pulled ahead 64-60, but EC tied it at 64 with 1:47 to play. Just under a minute later, Overy made his second and third foul shots of the quarter, and Midview was ahead for good.

"I'm trying to change my form at the foul line and I think that's helping a lot," Overy said. "I try to stay calm and focused and not let the crowd get to me."

Midview got 17 points from junior Daimion Mahone and 11 by Bolin. Ceeven Shelton scored a team-high 17 points for EC, while D.J. Graham added 12 and Darin Guice 11.

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**Midview 70, EC 64**

**ELYRIA CATHOLIC (64):** D.J. Graham 2-8-12, Darian Crutcher 0-0-0, Kevin Kelley 1-0-3, Ceeven Shelton 6-2-17, Darin Guice 5-1-11, Colden Schemmel 0-2-2, Cole Virgin 1-0-2, Jacob Kuchta 4-1-11, James Tirbaso 2-0-4, Brian Duffield 1-0-2. **Totals 22-14-64.**

**MIDVIEW (70):** Ryan Miller 2-0-4, Dustin Crum 2-0-6, Jacob Wells 7-2-20, Vince Bleivins 1-0-3, Cameron Large 0-0-0, Daimion Mahone 6-4-17, Logan Bolin 4-3-11, Dimitri Redwood 2-0-4, Garret Overy 0-5-5, Mitch Duffner 0-0-0, Chris Verda 0-0-0. **Totals 24-14-70.**

**Elyria Catholic** 20 20 14 10 — 64  
**Midview** 24 14 12 20 — 70

**Three-point goals:** Elyria Catholic 6-17 (Shelton 3, Kuchta 2, Kelley); Midview 8-13 (Wells 4, Crum 2, Bleivins, Mahone). **Field goals:** Elyria Catholic 22-50 (44 percent); Midview 24-56 (42.9 percent). **Free throws:** Elyria Catholic 14-23, Midview 14-23.

**Rebounds:** Elyria Catholic 20, Midview 38. **Turnovers:** Elyria Catholic 14, Midview 17. **JV:** Midview, 56-55

# AVON

From D1

"Getting the ball inside and finishing inside. Getting offensive rebounds and kicking it out. We did a good job of that."

"Our philosophy is just crash the O-board every possession," said Laraway, who finished with 11 points and 10 boards. "And get defensive rebounds. Our goal is to win every 50-50 ball."

"In practice, we just work on crashing the board," said Torbert, who had 10 points and seven rebounds. "Boxing out as well as we can and getting as many rebounds as we can."

Avon was relentless in its pursuit of the ball. The Eagles forced 15 North Ridgeville turnovers and allowed only

25 percent shooting from the field by challenging every Ranger who dared to come inside.

"We made it a point of emphasis after our last game (82-63 loss at Lakewood), we've got to limit our turnovers," Avon coach Kevin Sapara said. "That's one thing that has killed us our last couple games. We didn't have enough possessions to outscore the other team. I thought we did a good job bringing the ball up, handling pressure and limiting our turnovers. And we did a pretty good job rebounding."

Pretty good? Avon won the boards by a 46-33 margin and, although the Eagles committed an equal number of turnovers, they managed to build the margin for time to finish.

North Ridgeville did trim the lead

from 15 to just 42-34 early in the final quarter but Chris Maxwell hit his only shot from the right baseline and Johnny Peganoff made a 3-pointer to get the lead back to 13.

The Rangers (4-1, 2-1) never got it under 10 points again.

"We wanted to make sure we rebounded defensively," North Ridgeville coach Bryan Morgan said. "(Avon) attacks the basket very well and they grab offensive rebounds. Eighty percent of Torborg's points come from grabbing offensive rebounds."

"We never play well here and I haven't done a very good job of getting our guys better. We've won a lot of games on our athleticism but (Friday) we had to be basketball players. They outplayed us."

Tyler Arnold (11 points) and Jordan Montgomery (10) led North Ridgeville but the Rangers connected on only 13 of 27 free throws and 22 of 49 from the field.

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**Avon 62, North Ridgeville 42**

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE (42):** Jordan Montgomery 1-7-10, Demario McCall 1-0-2, Isa Abdul-Alim 2-1-5, Greg Draht 1-1-3, Tyler Arnold 4-1-11, Collin Sullinger 1-1-4, Tyler Rowe 1-1-4, Deion Johnson 1-1-3, Jack Lesniak 0-0-0, Darius Dancy 0-0-0. **Totals 12-13-42.**

**AVON (62):** Michael Smigel 1-0-3, Zack Torbert 5-0-10, D'armonie Thornton 1-0-7, Will Ybarra 8-1-17, Jeffery Laraway 2-5-11, Chris Maxwell 1-0-2, Johnny Peganoff 2-1-6, Michael Nose 0-0-0, Nick Toth 1-0-2, Brett Fassett 0-0-0, Matt Roney 0-0-0, Mario Ferguson 1-1-4, Donnie O'Brien 0-0-0. **Totals 22-13-62.**

**North Ridgeville** 18 14 23 21 — 76  
**Avon** 20 9 13 20 — 62

**Three-point goals:** North Ridgeville 5-13 (Arnold 2, Montgomery, Sullinger, Rowe), Avon 5-14 (Laraway 2, Smigel, Peganoff, Ferguson). **Field goals:** North Ridgeville 12-47 (25.5 percent), 22-49 (45 percent). **Free throws:** North Ridgeville 13-27 (48 percent), Avon 13-20 (65 percent). **Rebounds:** North Ridgeville 33 (Draht 6), Avon 46 (Laraway 11). **Turnovers:** North Ridgeville 15, Avon 15. **Fouls:** North Ridgeville 18, Avon 24. **Fouled out:** Draht, Ybarra.

**JV:** North Ridgeville, 51-46

North Olmsted coach Jason Frolo said. "Matt hit some big threes. Sometimes he doesn't have a conscience."

"Having multiple guys that can score like that is huge for us. We never thought we were going to be a one-man team. We knew those other guys are pretty darn good players in their own right, and they showed that tonight."

The Bulldogs thrive on creating havoc through their pressure, and while North Olmsted committed 14 turnovers — a chunk of which came in the final minutes with the game essentially out of reach — Frolo credited junior point guard Kyle Wapshott with steadying the team.

Wapshott, who missed all of last season after suffering a broken jaw in pre-season practice, had 11 points and generally handled the Bulldogs' pressure well.

Falls coach Chris DeLisio, meanwhile, said he thought North Olmsted simply beat his team to the punch. North Olmsted outrebounded the Bulldogs 37-24 and, while some of that surely has to do with Lucien's size, DeLisio was not pleased. He also thought the Eagles simply beat his team to too many loose balls.

"Early on, at least the game was going our speed," DeLisio said. "But overall, you can't press and not play hard. We're not playing hard enough. Every loose ball went to them, and that's not luck."

Hurrell led the Bulldogs with 19, including five threes. Sosis chipped in 15. Coleman (12 points) and Tommy Sullivan (11) joined Lucien, Starcovic and Wapshott in double figures.

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**North Olmsted 76, Olmsted Falls 65**

**NORTH OLMSTED (76):** Josh Hufstetter 1-0-3, Ryan Coleman 6-0-12, Matt Starcovic 6-2-17, Kyle Wapshott 4-2-11, Tommy Sullivan 5-1-11, Andy Lucien 10-2-22. **Totals 32-7-76.**

**OLMSTED FALLS (65):** Ryan Strotbeck 1-0-2, Tony Kleem 0-3-3, Justin Maxwell 3-0-9, Eric Taylor 2-0-4, Kevin Meehan 2-3-7, Daiton Davis 1-0-2, Troy Hurrell 6-2-19, Victor Hiltnerman 1-0-2, Ryan Sosis 4-5-15, Nick Fritz 1-0-2. **Totals 21-13-65.**

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# Starcovic's surge gives Eagles a lift

Joel Hammond  
The Chronicle-Telegram

OLMSTED TWP — Good coaches can figure out how to stop a great player.

So while, yes, North Olmsted has the luxury of a game-changing, 6-foot-6, inside-outside threat in Andy Lucien, the Eagles will need more to truly make some noise.

And it appears they have it. On Friday against Olmsted Falls, more came from a fourth-quarter surge from senior Matt Starcovic, whose nine-point burst early in the quarter turned a close game into a rout in seemingly the blink of an eye.

North Olmsted finished off the Bulldogs 74-65 to improve to 5-0 and 3-0 in the Southwestern Conference. Lucien led the way with 22 points and 13 rebounds, while Starcovic finished with 17, 16 in the second half.

"I wasn't feeling it the first half — (I got) a rest, and I started hitting them," said Starcovic, who credited his success last year — he hit 40 3-pointers — in helping him develop confidence on the court. "I've taken that into this year."

The Bulldogs (2-3, 1-2) hung around for 25 minutes of play, using their press to force a few turnovers and their 3-point shooting to trim the Eagles lead. In fact, after North Olmsted opened a 13-point edge — at 55-42 late in the third on a Josh Hufstetter three and a Lucien turnaround in the paint — the Bulldogs scored the next seven to get back within six at 55-49. Kevin Meehan had four of those seven, sandwiched around a Troy Hurrell three.

But Starcovic, who'd struggled in the first half with turnovers and missing a few easy ones, then took over. He hit a contested 3-pointer after a nice save in the corner by teammate Ryan Coleman, then knocked another down in transition off a turnover.

He then made one of two free throws, and after Ryan Sosis stemmed the tide for Falls with two free throws, Starcovic — confidence clearly growing — scored on a nifty spin move in the lane.

Coleman and Lucien added subsequent buckets. Just like that, the Eagles had a 13-2 run and a 68-51 lead.

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**HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP**

# Sailors' Pfeil hits winning shot at buzzer

VERMILION — Freshman Joby Pfeil hit a game-winning shot at the buzzer to lift Vermilion to a 59-57 win over Rocky River on Friday in West Shore Conference boys basketball action at Vermilion High School.

Kyle Nadar scored a game-high 27 points for the Sailors (3-2).

**ROCKY RIVER (57):** Sutton Klodnick 2, Eric Jones 12, Patrick Connors 7, Jack Corrigan 16, Evan Nugent, Zach Waite 4, Jimmy Kinsley 9, Nate Seffernick 3.

**VERMILION (59):** Patrick Sexton 3, Kyle Nader 27, Ryan Barnes 9, Caleb Waller 13, Nick Prenatt 1, Joby Pfeil 6.

**JV:** Rocky River, 69-52

Rocky River	11	18	12	16	—	57
Vermilion	15	16	15	13	—	59

route to a game-high 20 points for the Comets.

**WESTLAKE (55):** Mo Assad 5-1-13, Andris Balodis 7-0-20, Scott Leonard 1-0-2, Noah Meek 1-0-3, Chance Sutton 3-0-7, Rico Tate 3-3-10. **Totals 20-4-61.**

**AMHERST (61):** Matt Kneisel 4-7-15, Casey McConihe 2-0-6, Rees Rua 8-2-18, Antonio Serrano 3-0-7, Adam Srnis 4-5-15. **Totals 21-14-65.**

Westlake	10	16	18	11	—	55
Amherst	13	18	18	12	—	61

**Three point goals:** (W) Assad 2, Balodis 6, Meek, Sutton, Tate; (A) McConihe, Serrano, Srnis 2.

## Lake Ridge 65, Lawrence 46

SAGAMORE HILLS — Sam Waldock knocked down three 3-pointers on his way to a game-high 26 points for the Lions (2-3).

## VERMILION 59, ROCKY RIVER 57

# Pfeil's buzzer-beater lifts Sailors

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## Boys basketball

It was Vermilion freshman Joby Pfeil's fadeaway, please-go-in-shot that gave the Sailors a 59-57 win at the buzzer against the host Rocky River Pirates on Dec. 19.

"It felt amazing. The crowd was around me, jumping around. It was exciting and probably the best feeling in my life," Pfeil said.

Vermilion coach Kurt Habermehl acknowledged Pfeil and his awareness to get a shot off in time.

"He knew the situation, he knew it was winding down, and he did a great job getting that shot off," Habermehl said. "I'm not even sure if he saw the rim because there was someone in his face. Give him a lot of credit. He kept his composure and managed to get a good shot off."

Trailing by as many as eight in the fourth quarter, Rocky River's Jimmy Kinsley gave the Pirates its first lead of the game, sinking both free throws on the one-and-one, giving his team a 55-53 advantage.

With under a minute to go, Vermilion's Kyle Nader put his team up,

57-55, and the game was tied when Kinsley made a jumper from the left wing.

In the closing seconds and with the ball in his hands, Nader forced a tough jumper from the right wing, only to be rebounded by Pfeil.

"Joby has been contributing very well. He's a very defensive-minded player and we all trust him a lot offensively and defensively and he made a great shot," Nader said. "We're all happy for him right now."

Pfeil has been getting reps the past two weeks due to illness and injuries to the Vermilion team.

Despite Rocky River's lead for a brief moment in the fourth quarter, Pirates coach Michael Murray said his team didn't deserve to win the game.

"Our kids played hard to get back into it. We were scrambling all night," Murray said. "We were lucky to get back into it ... the game was lost more in the first half with our failure to execute than it was at the end of the game."

Rocky River (3-3) was plagued by turnovers in the first half, committing

10. Vermilion's (3-2) full-court and half-court traps created some difficulties for Rocky River.

"Defensively, I thought we were lights-out tonight. That's probably one of the most difficult teams to defend because all of the action they used with their offense," Habermehl said. "I can't say enough about Caleb Waller's on-the-ball defense tonight because he made them (Rocky River) work the entire game ... it's nice to get the ball at the end of the game to at least give yourself a chance."

Nader, who came into tonight's game averaging 30 points, dropped 27 and grabbed seven rebounds. He was also 8 for 11 from the free-throw line. Waller scored 13 and was 3 of 6 from 3-point land.

Jack Corrigan led Rocky River with 16 points and Eric Jones chipped in with 12.

Vermilion's win against Rocky River gives the Sailors their first win in the West Shore Conference. With a buzzer-beating win, Nader said it's a great victory to move forward with.

"We were waiting for this game, we had to bounce back after two losses ... with those, I think it was great for us to come out on top," Nader said.

# HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Berea-Midpark 56, Avon Lake 21

Berea-Midpark	14	14	18	10
— 56				
Avon Lake	7	2	4	8
— 21				

**Berea-Midpark** — Brett Swinnerton 14, Nolan Gerrity 11, Jamie Bloxson 10, Joey Bachie 9, Nick Gassman 3, Demonte Taborn 2, Chad Elliott 2, Spencer Mraz 2, Jaret Peterson 2, Matt Hausler 1.

**Avon Lake** — Logan Good 5, A.J. Outcalt 4, Carson Toy 3, David Marsh 3, Trey Rees 3, James O'Connor 2, Matt Molina 1.

**Rebounds** — Berea-Midpark 29 (Bachie 6), Avon Lake 13 (O'Connor, Marsh, Cantleberry, Molina 2).

**Turnovers** — Berea-Midpark 7, Avon Lake 23.

**Team records** — Berea-Midpark 4-0 (2-0); Avon Lake 1-4 (1-3).

**JV** — 44-36, Berea-Midpark.

### Lorain 71, Maple Heights 46

Maple Heights	13	6	17	10
— 46				
Lorain	14	14	25	18
— 71				

**Lorain** — Daviere Andrews 8, Devon Andrews 21, Rashod Berry 8, Nazihar Bohannon 12, Kevin Davis 2, Shane Smith 12, Anfernee Smothers 4, Eddie Williamson 2.

**Maple Heights** — Brown 4, Hale 9, Harris 1, McKay 3, Richardson 10, Schmook 3, Sumbry 8, Taylor 7, Wilson 1.

**Team records** — Lorain 4-0, Maple Heights 3-2.

**JV** — 70-35, Lorain.

### Lake Ridge 65, Lawrence 46

Lawrence	9	14	12	11
— 46				
Lake Ridge	22	12	15	16
— 65				

**Lake Ridge** — Ashby 3, Chriss 8, Harris 3, Leroy Luccioni 4, Miller 11, Scofield 8, Waldock 26.

### Black River 55, Clearview 49

**Black River** — McIntyre 12, Benson 12, Potter 11, Goff 11.

**Clearview** — Billings 18, Torres 14.

### Avon 62, North Ridgeville 42

North Ridgeville	14	3	16	9
— 42				
Avon	20	9	13	20
— 62				

**Avon** — Ybarra 17, Laraway 11, Torbert 10, Thornton 7, Peganoff 6, Ferguson 4, Smigel 3, Toth 2, Maxwell 2.

**North Ridgeville** — Arnold 11, Montgomery 10, Abdul-Alim 5, Sullinger 4, Rowe 4, Johnson 3, Draft 3, McCall 2.

**Team records** — Avon 2-2, North Ridgeville 4-1.

**JV** — 51-46, North Ridgeville.

### Vermilion 59, Rocky River 57

Rocky River	11	18	12	16
— 57				
Vermilion	15	16	15	13
— 59				

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**Rebounds** — Vermilion 15, Rocky River 22.  
**Turnovers** — Vermilion 13, Rocky River 15.

**Team records** — Vermilion 3-2, Rocky River 3-3.

**JV** — 69-52, Rocky River.

### Sandusky 68, Perkins 54

Perkins	11	19	14	10
— 57				
Sandusky	22	14	20	12
— 68				

**Perkins** — Will Rickard 4, Aleck Speer 18, Matthew Schweinfurth 11, Connor Roesch 18, Isaiah Washington 3.

**Sandusky** — Keith Williams 5, Caven Croom 5, George Brown 17, Davion Fisher 5, Jayrese Williams 16, Demond Hopkins 8, Deontre Palma 12.

**Team records** — Sandusky 4-1, Perkins 0-4.

**JV** — 46-36, Perkins.

### Midview 70, Elyria Catholic 64

Elyria Catholic	20	20	14	10
— 64				
Midview	24	14	12	20
— 70				

**Elyria Catholic** — Duffield 2, Graham 11, Guice 12, Kelley 3, Kuchta 11, Colden Schemmel 2, Shelton 17, Tirbaso 4, Virgin 2.

**Midview** — Blevin 3, Bolin 11, Crum 6, Mahone 17, Miller 4, Overy 5, Redwood 4, Wells 20.

### Crestview 56, New London 48

New London	11	16	6	15
— 48				
Crestview	11	14	15	16
— 56				

**New London** — Phillips 16, Thomas 6, Kipp 2, Weber 1, Hamilton 9, Lane 5, Molnar 2, Brady 7.

**Crestview** — Phillips 16, Thomas 6, Kipp 2, Weber 1, Hamilton 9, Lane 5, Molnar 2, Brady 7.

### Bay 96, Lakewood 80

Bay	25	19	25	27
— 96				
Lakewood	13	20	27	20
— 80				

**Bay** — Coz 26, Brajdic 8, Heideloff 10, Gerge 2, Morriss 22, Sunahar 19, Kyle 3, Durhar 6.

### North Olmsted 76, Olmsted Falls 65

North Olmsted	18	14	23	21
— 76				
Olmsted Falls	16	11	20	18
— 65				

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**Olmsted Falls** — Troy Hurrell 16, Ryan Sosic 12, Justin Maxwell 9, Kevin Meehan 7, Ryan Strodbeck 5, Eric Taylor 4, Anthony Trujillo 3, Victor Hitterman 2, Daiton Davis 2, Nick Fritz 2.

**Rebounds** — North Olmsted 41 (Lucien 19) Olmsted Falls 24 (Sosic 6).

**Turnovers** — North Olmsted 14, Olmsted Falls 9.

**Team records** — North Olmsted 5-0, Olmsted Falls 2-3.

**JV** — 76-65, North Olmsted.

### Amherst 61, Westlake 55

Westlake	10	16	11	18
— 61				
Amherst	13	18	18	12
— 61				

**Westlake** — Rees Rua 18, Adam Smis 15, Matt Kneisel 15, Casey McConhie 6, Antonic Serrano 7.

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# HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Cardinal 59, Newbury 40

**NEWBURY** — Grubbs 0-0, Modic 4-3-13, Cascone 0-0, Csepi 9-2-23, Dassati 0-1-1, Walker 0-0-0, Hamby 1-0-3, Temple 0-0-0

**CARDINAL** — Hunt 2-1-5, Tamburro 2-0-4, Kaser 6-0-12, Francis 4-2-10, Nafziger 0-2, Petersen 0-0-0, Miller 6-1-13, J. Utz 2-0-5, M. Utz 2-2-6, Timas 0-0-0, O'Brien 1-0-2

Newbury 3 11 11 15 — 40  
Cardinal 22 11 16 10 — 59

**Free throws:** Newbury 6 of 17, Cardinal 6 of 16; **Three pointers:** Newbury 5 (Csepi 3, Modic 2), Cardinal 1 (J. Utz); **Record:** Newbury 3-4

### West Geauga 59, Wickliffe 46

**WICKLIFFE** — Trefzger 0-0-0, LaPaglia 3-1-7, Fitz 2-2-6, Tucker 4-6-14, Bumgardner 0-0-0, Payton-Drake 0-4-4, Lewis 4-1-9, Ponzani 0-0-0, Thotier 0-0-0, Young 0-0-0, Fortkamp 2-1-6

**WEST GEAUGA** — Wolfpohe 4-2-11, Hester 3-0-6, Snyder 1-2-4, Diedrich 7-0-14, Archibale 1-0-2, Zannetti 8-0-16, Van Etten 0-0-0, Young 1-0-2, O'Donnell 0-2-2, Suba 1-0-2, Hartman 0-0-0

Wickliffe 4 12 8 22 — 46  
West Geauga 17 13 9 20 — 59

**Fouled out:** (WG) Snyder; **Field goals:** Wickliffe 15 of 48, West Geauga 26 of 44; **Free throws:** Wickliffe 15 of 21, West Geauga 6 of 10; **Three pointers:** Wickliffe 1 (Fortkamp), West Geauga 1 (Wolfpohe); **Rebounds:** Wickliffe 23 (Tucker 5, Fitz 5), West Geauga 25 (Zannetti 7); **Assists:** Wickliffe 5 (Lewis 2, Fitz 2), West Geauga 17 (Snyder 8); **Turnovers:** Wickliffe 15, West Geauga 20; **Records:** Wickliffe 2-5, West Geauga 3-4  
**JV:** Wickliffe 54, West Geauga 43

### Madison 90, University 56

**MADISON** — J. McClure 6-8-21, A. Petrucelli 2-0-5, Primer 9-2-21, Albert 6-3-18, Anthony 3-2-8, Petti 1-0-2, Law 1-1-3, McClure 1-3-5, Gayes 2-2-7

**UNIVERSITY** — Voudouris 5-0-10, Wasser 3-3-9, Mohler 7-2-16, Childers 1-0-2, B. Scadlock 3-5-11, Retino 2-2-7, Cercelle 0-4-4, Metcalfe 1-1-3, Nordell 1-0-2, Hebert 0-2-2

Madison 23 31 20 16 — 90  
University 13 14 24 15 — 56

**Free throws:** Madison 21 of 28, University 19 of 38; **Three pointers:** Madison 7 (Alberts 3, Primer, Gayes, Petrucelli, J. McClure), University 1 (Retino); **Record:** University 3-4  
**JV:** Madison 56, University 55

### North 38, Geneva 26

**GENEVA** — Hennessey 1-0-3, MacKynen 1-0-2, Calhoun 5-0-10, Bruinsma 1-2-4, Hitchcock 4-0-3, Miller 2-0-4

**NORTH** — Grady 2-2-6, Petrecca 1-5-7, Province 0-2-2, Kleinhenz 1-0-3, Lasher 1-0-2, Dukas 1-0-2, Piquet 4-2-11, Robinson 2-0-5

Geneva 9 8 3 6 — 26  
North 6 6 14 12 — 38

**Fouled out:** (N) Province; **Free throws:** Geneva 2 of 5, North 11 of 18; **Three pointers:** Geneva 2 (Hennessey, Hitchcock), North 3 (Piquet, Robinson, Kleinhenz)

### Riverside 61, Chardon 44

**CHARDON** — Mysyk 3-2-8, Thompson 1-0-3, Cardina 4-0-11, McCartney 2-5-8, McBride 0-2-2, Powell 0-2-2, Laudato 3-0-9

**RIVERSIDE** — Wade 4-1-11, Hess 3-0-7, Peters 1-0-2, Janota 8-0-16, Jefferies 1-0-2, Lee 0-1-1, Maczuzak 1-1-3, Spiesman 7-3-17, Dernier 1-0-2

Chardon 9 7 17 11 — 44  
Riverside 15 14 13 19 — 61

**Fouled out:** (C) Thompson; **Free throws:** Chardon 11 of 17, Riverside 6 of 16; **Three pointers:** Chardon 7 (Laudato 3, Cardina 3, Thompson), Riverside 3 (Wade 2, Hess); **Record:** Riverside 2-6  
**JV:** Riverside 42, Chardon 34

### Lake Catholic 76, Cardinal Mooney 66

**CARDINAL MOONEY** — Bruno 8-10-28, Collen 3-1-7, Thomas 2-1-6, Armstrong 4-6-14, Anderson 1-2-4, Durkens 0-1-1, Bradich 3-0-6

**LAKE CATHOLIC** — Robinson 7-9-31, Russell 3-2-9, Fitzgerald 3-2-10, Grosel 3-1-8, Hinesley 0-1-1, Friday 3-2-8, Aston 3-0-6, Caja 1-0-3

## AREA SCHEDULE

### Dec. 31

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Cornerstone Christian at Fairport at Quicken Loans Arena, 3:15

Mentor vs. Norcross (Ga.) at Nashville Tournament, 3:30

#### WRESTLING

Mentor at Brecksville Holiday tournament

Mooney 15 18 17 16 — 66  
Lake Catholic 26 18 15 17 — 76

**Fouled out:** (L) Friday, (C) Thomas, Durkens; **Free throws:** Cardinal Mooney 21 of 28, Lake Catholic 17 of 23; **Three pointers:** Cardinal Mooney 3 (Thomas, Bruno 2), Lake Catholic 10 (Russell, Robinson 5, Fitzgerald 2, Grosel, Caja); **Records:** Cardinal Mooney 5-1, Lake Catholic 7-2

### Medina Highland 79, Gilmour 44

**GILMOUR** — Clark 1-0-2, Miller 2-0-4, Ju. Hollis 1-1-3, Regalbutto 2-0-4, Brancovsky 0-0-0, Sullivan 1-0-3, Lesko 1-6-8, Botek 2-2-6, Jo. Hollis 0-0-0, Kirincic 4-1-10, Gideon 0-2-2, Foiati 1-0-2

**HIGHLAND** — Houska 6-4-16, Levine 1-0-2, Scott 9-4-22, Greenhoe 8-0-16, Saver 0-1-1, Wienock 2-1-5, Hauser 4-0-10, Kirchner 1-0-3, Melser 1-0-2, Frederick 0-2-2

Gilmour 11 12 6 15 — 44  
Highland 24 23 18 14 — 79

**Field goals:** Gilmour 15 of 53, Highland 32 of 65; **Free throws:** Gilmour 12 of 15, Highland 12 of 14; **Three pointers:** Gilmour 2 (Sullivan, Kirincic), Highland 23 (Hauser 2, Kirchner); **Rebounds:** Gilmour 21 (Kirincic 5), Highland 45; **Assists:** Gilmour 7 (Clark 2), Highland 10; **Turnovers:** Gilmour 13, Highland 18; **Records:** Gilmour 1-7, Highland 3-3  
**JV:** Medina Highland 43, Gilmour 41

### Rocky River 49, NDCL 41

**NDCL** — Hammer 3-0-7, Sabath 2-0-6, Mlachak 2-1-5, Shubert 0-1-1, Kostelac 7-1-15, Leininger 2-1-5, Sablar 1-0-2

**ROCKY RIVER** — Klodwick 1-0-2, Jones 5-4-14, Connors 6-4-19, Zucher 2-0-5, Monza 1-1-3, Nugent 1-2-4, Kinsley 0-2-2

NDCL 11 4 15 11 — 41  
Rocky River 16 6 10 17 — 49

**Free throws:** NDCL 4 of 8, Rocky River 13 of 18; **Three pointers:** NDCL 3 (Sabath 2, Hammer), Rocky River 4 (Connors 3, Zucher); **Record:** NDCL 0-6  
**JV:** NDCL 53, Rocky River 32

#### BRUSH HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

##### Championship

### Brush 72, Richmond Heights 61

**RICHMOND HEIGHTS** — Hicks 1-1-3, R. Jones 3-2-10, Bamba 0-2-2, Wilcox 5-2-15, Sy 2-0-5, Parks 9-3-21, Owens 0-0-0, Worthy 1-2-5

**BRUSH** — Oakley 6-3-20, Flowers 3-2-8, Bearden 5-0-11, Marshall 4-1-9, Rice 7-0-14, Day 1-8-10

Richmond Hts. 8 13 17 23 — 61  
Brush 10 21 17 24 — 72

**Fouled out:** Rice; **Free throws:** Richmond Heights 12 of 19, Brush 14 of 21; **Three pointers:** Richmond Heights 6 (Oakley 5, Bearden), Brush 7 (Wilcox 3, Jones 2, Sy); **Records:** Richmond Heights 3-4, Brush 5-1

#### Third place

### South 72, Mayfield 69

**SOUTH** — J. Coleman 8-0-20, A. Coleman 6-4-17, Danford 1-1-3, Schuenaman 3-2-8, Whitaker 3-0-8, Brown 1-1-3, Burks 4-0-8, Hart 0-0-0, Lako 0-0-0, Conliffe 2-1-5

**MAYFIELD** — L. Bican 4-0-10, G. Bican 4-1-9, Casey 4-3-11, Nagra 11-3-25, Strasshofer 3-2-9, A. Trivisonno 2-0-4, D. Trivisonno 0-1-1, M. Trivisonno 0-0-0, Dixit 0-0-0

South 23 20 15 14 — 72  
Mayfield 19 22 18 10 — 69

**Free throws:** South 9 of 17, Mayfield 10 of 13; **Three pointers:** South 7 (J. Coleman 4, Whiataker 2, A. Coleman), Mayfield 3 (L. Bican 2, Strasshofer); **Records:** South 5-1, Mayfield 2-3

#### NASHVILLE TOURNAMENT

### Mentor 69, Episcopal (Ark.) 64

**MENTOR** — Zuagg 5-2-14, Potter 6-0-13, McClintosh 0-2-2, Valeri 4-0-10, Tenkuu 1-2-5, Sateika 1-2-4, Korsok 1-0-2, Koss 1-5-8, Smith 4-0-11

**EPISCOPAL** — Robinson 4-5-13, Martin 7-3-18, Freeman 4-2-12, Owens 1-2-4, C. Gooseberry 2-3-7, J. Gooseberry 5-0-10

Mentor 9 26 21 13 — 69  
Episcopal 23 14 18 9 — 64

**Fouled out:** (E) J. Gooseberry; **Field goals:** Mentor 12 of 29, Episcopal 10 of 28; **Free throws:** Mentor 7 of 10, Episcopal 15 of 18; **Three pointers:** Mentor 10 (Potter, Valeri 2, Zuagg 2, Koss, Smith 3, Tenkuu), Episcopal 3 (Martin, Freeman 2); **Rebounds:** Mentor 31 (Potter 10), Episcopal 35 (Robinson 8); **Assists:** Mentor 14 (Valeri 6), Episcopal 10; **Turnovers:** Mentor 18, Episcopal 16

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Kirtland 50, Aurora 46

**KIRTLAND** — Achuer 9-6-27, Nelbecker 1-0-2, Somodji 2-2-7, Zalba 0-0-0, Snyder 4-4-12, Steigerwald, Garcia 0-0-0, Powers 0-0-0, Ponzani 1-0-2, McColister 0-0-0, Botesch

**AURORA** — McCoy 0-0-0, Davis 3-0-8, Merkel 0-0-0, Hobbs 3-0-7, Huffman 5-0-12, Sellers 7-3-17, Mims 1-0-2

Kirtland 12 6 14 18 — 50  
Aurora 11 8 14 13 — 46

**Field goals:** Kirtland 17 of 50, Aurora 19 of 58; **Free throws:** Kirtland 12 of 25, Aurora 3 of 7; **Three pointers:** Kirtland 4 (Achuer 3, Somodji), Aurora 5 (Davis 2, Huffman 2, Hobbs); **Rebounds:** Kirtland 32 (Achuer 9), Aurora 24; **Assists:** Kirtland 11 (Somodji); **Turnovers:** Kirtland 14, Aurora 21; **Records:** Kirtland 6-2, Aurora 4-5  
**JV:** Kirtland 38, Aurora 29

### Canfield 54, Chardon 47

**CANFIELD** — Kaleel 2-1-5, Whitehead 2-1-5, Baker 1-0-2, Stanic 1-2-4, Tinkey 6-3-17, Risner 8-4-20

**CHARDON** — Spear 4-0-8, Tusick 2-0-4, S. Hunter 4-2-14, Tropf 2-0-4, J. Hunter 2-0-4, Ludwick 4-4-13

Canfield 15 10 9 18 — 54  
Chardon 9 12 9 17 — 47

**Field goals:** Canfield 20 of 37, Chardon 18 of 55; **Free throws:** Canfield 12 of 15, Chardon 6 of 6; **Three pointers:** Canfield 2 (Tinkey 2), Chardon 5 (S. Hunter 4, Ludwick); **Rebounds:** Canfield 33, Chardon 24; **Turnovers:** Canfield 15, Chardon 8; **Records:** Canfield 6-2, Chardon 6-2  
**JV:** Chardon 48, Canfield 35

### Harvey 52, Lakeside 21

**HARVEY** — A. Frame 19, Hach 8, Montgomery 10, Pagan 7

**Record:** Harvey 4-4

### NDCL 53, Perry 48

**PERRY** — Levkulich 6-2-15, Blackmore 2-0-4, Clark 4-1-9, Sutjak 2-3-8, Dolan 2-0-6, Illig 0-0-0, Frazier 1-4-4, Hacking 0-0-0, Sunmonu 0-0-0, Musacchio 0-0-0, Schiano 1-0-2, Holroyd 0-0-0

**NDCL** — Flowers 3-0-6, Carney 5-2-12, Pollutro 4-2-11, Miller 0-0-0, Hammer 5-3-13, Hardin 0-0-0, Cook 0-0-0, Gerhardt 0-0-0, Stefanek 1-0-2, Rahil 0-0-0, Hofer 0-1-1, DeJohn 0-0-0

Perry 6 9 22 11 — 48  
NDCL 18 7 16 12 — 53

**Fouled out:** (P) Clark; **Free throws:** Perry 7 of 17, NDCL 8 of 17; **Three pointers:** Perry 5 (Dolan 2, Sutjak, Frazier, Levkulich), NDCL 1 (Pollutro); **Records:** Perry 0-5, NDCL 2-6  
**JV:** NDCL 43, Perry 34

#### MAYFIELD TOURNAMENT

##### Third place

### North 52, Mayfield 42

**MAYFIELD** — Lopicello 0-0-0, Pasquale 8-2-20, DeBaltzo 6-0-14, Obumwe 2-0-4, Fredrickson 0-0-0, Valenti 0-0-0, Favazzo 0-0-0, Williams 1-1-4, Palmer 0-0-0

**NORTH** — White 6-2-16, Lako 1-2-5, H. Thoss 1-0-3, Arnold 2-2-7, Piroski 7-0-14, Dietrich 0-0-0, Przeracki 1-0-2, Bizily 1-2-5, Murphy 0-0-0, Delzoppo 0-0-0

North 4 13 19 6 — 42  
Mayfield 8 8 15 21 — 52

**Field goals:** Mayfield 17 of 49, North 19 of 46; **Free throws:** Mayfield 3 of 4, North 8 of 19; **Three pointers:** Mayfield 5 (Pasquale 2, DeBaltzo 2, Williams), North 6 (White 2, Bizily, Thoss, Lako, Arnold); **Rebounds:** Mayfield 23, North 29 (Arnold 8); **Assists:** Mayfield 11, North 13 (Lako 4); **Turnovers:** Mayfield 18, North 17; **Records:** Mayfield 0-8, North 5-5

**JV:** North def. Mayfield

## HOCKEY

#### CVCA HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

### Chagrins Falls 5, Normandy 1

Chagrins Falls 2 1 2 — 5  
Normandy 0 0 1 — 1

**First period:** 1, Chagrins Falls, Hollis (Berry), 3:03; 2, Chagrins Falls, Berg, 7:32; **Second period:** 3, Chagrins Falls, Berry, 7:52; **Third period:** 4, Chagrins Falls, Hollis (Subel, Witalec), 6:36; 5, Normandy, Michalak, 10:48; 6, Chagrins Falls, Berg (Hollis), 12:52

**Shots on goal:** Chagrins Falls 14-17-8—39; Normandy 8-12-7—27; **Saves:** Chagrins Falls: Markley 26; Normandy: Ryan 34; **Power-play opportunities:** Chagrins Falls 0 of 1; **Records:** Chagrins Falls 11-5-1, Normandy 7-8

### North Canton Hoover 5, Chagrins Falls 4

Chagrins Falls 2 2 0 — 4  
Hoover 2 2 1 — 5

**First period:** 1, Hoover, Oney, 4:09; 2, Chagrins Falls, Subel, 4:44; 3, Chagrins Falls, Hollis (Subel), 6:10; 4, Hoover, Oney (Bishop, Pollicchio), 9:16; **Second period:** 5, Hoover, Magana (Bishop, Zielke), 6:12; 6, Hoover, Bishop (Oney, Weber), 7:26; 7, Chagrins Falls, Berg (Berry, Stephens), 10:00; 8, Chagrins Falls, Guggenheim (Subel, Davidson), 10:57; **Third period:** 9, Hoover, Bishop (Pollicchio), 4:55 (pp)

**Shots on goal:** Chagrins Falls 10-19-16—45; Hoover 22-22-15—59; **Saves:** Chagrins Falls: Markley 54; Hoover: Zaleski 41; **Power-play opportunities:** Hoover 1 of 1

#### FROM DEC. 29

### Chagrins Falls 6, CVCA 3

Chagrins Falls 2 4 0 — 6  
CVCA 2 0 1 — 3

**First period:** 1, CVCA, Polanski, :30; 2, Chagrins Falls, Berry (Guggenheim), 3:05; 3, CVCA, Anderson, 7:33 (pp); 4, Chagrins Falls, Hollis (Subel, Stephens), 10:26; **Second period:** 5, Chagrins Falls, Berry, 1:04; 6, Chagrins Falls, Berg (Hollis), 1:28; 7, Chagrins Falls, Subel, 3:35; 8, Chagrins Falls, Subel, 11:53; **Third period:** 9, CVCA, Polanski, 10:33

**Shots on goal:** Chagrins Falls 12-10-11—33; CVCA 7-6-9—22; **Saves:** Chagrins Falls: Markley 19; CVCA: Sloan 27; **Power-play opportunities:** Chagrins Falls 0 of 2; CVCA 1 of 4

## WRESTLING

#### KSA EVENTS HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

##### Championship

### Kirtland 37, Mt. Sinai (N.Y.) 27

**106 pounds:** Williamson, K, maj. dec. Campo, 18-8; **113:** Williams, M, pinned Zovko, 1:01; **120:** Jahnke, K, dec. Knab, 5-4; **126:** Andonian, K, tech. fall O'Brien, 17-2; **132:** Sconlisky, M, pinned Mormino, :59; **138:** Francis, K, dec. Li. Paul, 6:0; **145:** Le. Paul, M, dec. Brown, 8-4; **152:** OBrien, M, won by forfeit; **160:** Sakenes, K, pinned Camiero, 1:53; **170:** Davidson, K, maj. dec. Marino, 11-2; **182:** Parente, M, won by forfeit; **195:** Double forfeit; **220:** Porter, K, pinned Crosston, 5:08; **Heavyweight:** Chose, K, won by forfeit

##### Semifinals

### Kirtland 41, Avon (Conn.) 32

**106 pounds:** Williamson, K, dec. Tripoddi, 4-1; **113:** Zovko, K, won by forfeit; **120:** Jahnke, K, de. P. Oh, 3-2; **126:** J. Oh, A, dec. Andonian, 8-6; **132:** Farrell, A, dec. Mormino, 10-6; **138:** Double forfeit; **145:** Francis, K, pinned Lancaster, 1:59; **152:** Brown, K, won by forfeit; **160:** Davidson, K, won by forfeit; **170:** Sakenes, K, pinned Dlugolecki, 3:12; **182:** Nostri, A, won by forfeit; **195:** Escobar, A, won by forfeit; **220:** Ollstead, A, pinned Dylan Choe, 1:29; **Heavyweight:** Bonalumi, A, pinned Porter, :34



# The Record

## Newsweek

### SKIING

## Tribute to pair who died

David Chodounsky paid a fitting tribute to the two junior members of the U.S. ski team who were killed in an avalanche in Austria. Competing in the opening leg of a World Cup slalom race in Croatia on Tuesday, the American skied one of the best runs of his life and ended up with the third-fastest time. When he crossed the finish line, he pointed at his helmet, which carried a piece of tape saying "Remember BA + RB." All U.S. ski team athletes at the race joined in the mourning of development team members **Ronnie Berlack**, 20, and **Bryce Astle**, 19, who died Monday near the Rettenbach glacier in the mountains over Soelden, the U.S. ski team's European training base since 2011. The Americans wore black armbands during the race, while the American flag in the finish area was flying at half-staff. A 30-second moment of silence was held before the race started.

### AUTO RACING

## Driver investigation done

The police investigation into allegations that NAS-CAR driver **Kurt Busch** assaulted his ex-girlfriend is complete and has been forwarded to Delaware prosecutors to decide whether charges will be filed, authorities said Tuesday. The Dover Police Department finished its investigation into allegations against Busch, 36, but an agency spokesman declined to say whether investigators were recommending that he be charged. The spokesman, Cpt. Mark Hoffman, declined to release the report. Busch's ex-girlfriend, **Patricia Driscoll**, says Busch choked her and smashed her head into a wall three times inside his motorhome at Dover International Speedway in September. ... Organizers say that a Polish motorcyclist competing in the Dakar Rally has died of unknown causes. Dakar said in a special bulletin on its website Tuesday that **Michal Hernik**, 39, died during the third stage of the race between San Juan and Chilecito, Argentina.

### MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

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### BASEBALL

## Giants' Hudson has surgery

Giants right-hander **Tim Hudson** has undergone surgery to remove bone spurs from his right ankle, the same one he injured during the 2013 season with Atlanta that sidelined him for the final two months. The expected recovery is eight weeks, and the defending World Series champions expect him to be ready by opening day. Hudson hopes it's much sooner — sometime during spring training. Giants pitchers and catchers report to spring training Feb. 18, with the first workout a day later.

## On the air

### GOLF

**3:30 a.m.** (Thursday) South African Open Championship, **Golf Channel**

### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**7 p.m.** Seton Hall at Xavier, CBSN  
**7 p.m.** NC State at Virginia, ESPN2  
**7 p.m.** Temple at Tulane, ESPNEWS  
**7 p.m.** Syracuse at Georgia Tech, ESPN2  
**9 p.m.** Colorado at Utah, ESPN2  
**9 p.m.** SIUE at Belmont, CBSN  
**9 p.m.** TCU at Kansas State, ESPNEWS  
**9 p.m.** Kansas at Baylor, ESPN2  
**9 p.m.** DePaul at Creighton, FS1  
**11 p.m.** Nevada at UNLV, CBSN  
**11 p.m.** California at Southern Cal, ESPN2

### NBA

**7 p.m.** Cavs vs. Houston, ESPN, FSO; AM/1100

**9:30 p.m.** Phoenix at Minnesota, ESPN

### NHL

**8 p.m.** Boston at Pittsburgh, NBCSN

**10:30 p.m.** N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, NBCSN

## Calendar

	Today	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>Cavaliers</b>	Hou	GS	Sac		
<b>800-820-2287</b>	7, FSO	10:30	9, FSO		
	ESPN	FSO	NBATV		
<b>Monsters</b>		Roeh	Ham		
<b>165-420-0000</b>		7:05	7:00		

**Northford** Post Post  
 330-467-4101 6:00 6:00

### NFL

#### NFL Playoffs

#### Wild-card

Carolina 27, Arizona 16  
 Baltimore 30, Pittsburgh 17  
 Indianapolis 26, Cincinnati 10  
 Dallas 24, Detroit 20

#### Divisional

**Saturday**  
 Baltimore at New England, 4:35 p.m. (NBC)  
 Carolina at Seattle, 8:15 p.m. (FOX)

#### Sunday

Dallas at Green Bay, 1:05 p.m. (FOX)  
 Indianapolis at Denver, 4:40 p.m. (CBS)

#### Conference Championships

**Sunday, Jan. 18**  
 NFC, 3:05 p.m. (FOX)  
 AFC, 6:40 p.m. (CBS)

#### Pro Bowl

**Sunday, Jan. 25**  
 At Glendale, Ariz.  
 Team Irvin vs. Team Carter, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

#### Super Bowl

**Feb. 1, Atlanta, Fla.**  
 AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

## Hockey

### National Hockey League

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### Atlantic Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	26	12	4	56	118
Montreal	26	12	2	54	110
Detroit	20	10	9	49	109
Toronto	21	16	3	45	122
Boston	19	15	6	44	108
Florida	17	11	9	43	87
Ottawa	16	15	8	40	103
Buffalo	14	24	3	31	78

#### Metropolitan Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	24	10	5	53	118
N.Y. Islanders	26	12	1	53	109
Washington	20	11	7	47	112
N.Y. Rangers	21	11	4	46	113
Columbus	17	17	3	37	119
Philadelphia	15	18	7	37	108
New Jersey	15	20	7	37	118
Carolina	12	24	4	28	94

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Central Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	26	9	4	56	119
Chicago	26	12	2	54	128
St. Louis	23	13	3	49	118
Winnipeg	20	13	7	47	96
Dallas	18	14	6	42	119
Minnesota	18	15	5	40	124
Colorado	16	16	8	40	117

#### Pacific Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	26	9	6	58	115
San Jose	22	14	5	49	113
Vancouver	22	12	4	47	109
Los Angeles	19	12	9	47	113
Calgary	21	16	3	45	115
Arizona	15	19	4	34	124
Edmonton	9	22	9	27	88

**NOTE:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

#### Today

Philadelphia 2, Ottawa 1, SO  
 New Jersey 4, Buffalo 1  
 Tampa Bay 4, Montreal 2  
 Nashville 1, Carolina 2  
 San Jose 4, Minnesota 3, OT  
 Colorado 2, Chicago 0  
 Columbus 4, Dallas 2  
 St. Louis at Arizona, 9 p.m.  
 Detroit at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.  
 N.Y. Islanders at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

#### Tuesday

Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
 Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.  
 Detroit at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.  
 N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

### AHL

#### Tuesday

St. John's 1, Manchester 0, OT  
 Adirondack 6, San Antonio 2  
 Norfolk 2, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton 1  
 Texas 5, Oklahoma City 2

Manchester at St. John's, 6 p.m.  
 Charlotte at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.  
 Binghamton at Portland, 7 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.

### 3rd Race, NW300PSCD Trot \$4,500

5-Gotta Vul Cash (JaMerriman) 8.40 3.20 2.60  
 9-Master Wheels (MdMcKigran) 8.80  
 30-0.101.2.131.3.202.0  
 EXACTA (5-3) \$11.20  
 TRIFFECTA (5-3-9) \$143.80

### 5th Race, NW300PSCD Pace \$4,500

4-Flying Metro (TJompson) 41.20 14.40 11.80  
 4-Krusty The Clown (DolvinerJr) 5.20 3.80  
 6-Osborne's Yankee (RyStahl) 4.60  
 28.2 58.2 1.28.1 1.58.3  
 EXACTA (5-4) \$172.20  
 TRIFFECTA (5-4-9) \$914.20  
 SUPERFECTA (5-4-6-7 \$1) \$527.73  
 SUPERFECTA (5-4-6-7 \$1.0) \$527.73

### 6th Race, 1000CLNW3 Pace \$5,000

2-Zilla (RoMiller) 16.40 3.80 3.20  
 1-Codychevton (AMerrim) 2.40 2.10  
 3-Renata (KuSugg) 3.00  
 29.2 59.2 1.29.4 2.00.3  
 EXACTA (1-2) \$38.20  
 TRIFFECTA (2-1-3) \$109.40  
 SCRATCHED: Slot Artist

### 7th Race, 1500CLNW6 Pace \$6,000

4-Clark II Up (Midwald) 15.80 3.40 3.40  
 4-Aerobio Chip (AMerrim) 2.20 2.10  
 6-Maserali Seelster (JaMerriman) 2.40  
 EXACTA (7-4) \$31.40  
 TRIFFECTA (7-4-8) \$109.60  
 SUPERFECTA (7-4-6-5 \$1) \$290.80  
 SUPERFECTA (7-4-6-5 \$1.0) \$29.08  
 PICK FIVE (5/5-2/7 \$1) (5of5) \$7,620.40

### 8th Race, NW400PSCD Pace \$6,000

2-Lor McIovin (KuSugg) 4.20 3.00 2.80  
 2-Oust Jewels (DolvinerJr) 6.80 5.80  
 1-Ramember (JaMerriman) 4.40  
 20-0.100.0.129.3.202.0  
 EXACTA (2-7) \$30.00  
 TRIFFECTA (2-7-1) \$129.20  
 PICK THREE (2/7-2/9 \$1) (3of3) \$120.90  
 SCRATCHED: Tommy Two Shoes

### 9th Race, NW400PSCD Trot \$6,000

5-Darron Hall (SaSchillaci) 17.00 5.80 4.20  
 4-Life Long Hanover (CHRShrbgr) 4.20 3.60  
 1-Careless Love (JaMerriman) 3.40  
 20-0.100.0.129.3.202.0  
 EXACTA (2-7) \$30.00  
 TRIFFECTA (5-4) \$276.40  
 SCRATCHED: Screamin Dreamin

### 10th Race, NW400PSCD Pace \$6,000

6-Ima Nuisance (RyStahl) 34.40 7.20 2.60  
 5-Just Crowned (AMerrim) 2.60 2.10  
 27.2 59.2 1.28.4 1.58.3  
 EXACTA (6-5) \$68.60  
 TRIFFECTA (6-5-1) \$196.00  
 SUPERFECTA (6-5-1-2 \$1) \$573.30  
 SUPERFECTA (6-5-1-2 \$1.0) \$57.36  
 SCRATCHED: Stevie Diamonds

### 11th Race, 1500CLNW6 Pace \$6,000

9-Runnituil Bluegrass (TySmith) 9.00 5.40 2.40  
 2-Ten Cent's A Shine (KuSugg) 6.20 5.20  
 1-Hoorei For Flash (DolvinerJr) 8.80  
 27.5 57.3 1.27.0 1.57.4  
 EXACTA (9-2) \$71.20  
 TRIFFECTA (9-2-1) \$366.40  
 PICK THREE (2/9-5/21 \$1) (3of3) \$619.10  
 PICK FOUR (2/9-5/6/9 \$1) (4of4) \$1,362.00

### 12th Race, 1500CLNW6 Trot \$6,000

4-Star Chip (KuSugg) 15.40 4.00 3.80  
 1-Mi Apollo (JaMerriman) 2.80 2.60  
 6-0'Woo (AMerrim) 3.00  
 28.1 59.3 1.28.3 1.58.3  
 EXACTA (3-1) \$78.80  
 TRIFFECTA (3-1-4) \$33.20  
 SUPERFECTA (3-1-4-9 \$1) \$106.90

### 13th Race, NW300PSCD Pace \$4,500

6-Scotfordamoney (EIDeaton) 9.20 3.40 2.60  
 5-Hallin (AMerrim) 2.80 2.40  
 3-Prime Time Poppa (TySmith) 2.20  
 27.5 57.2 1.27.1 1.57.3  
 EXACTA (3-1) \$78.80  
 TRIFFECTA (3-1-4) \$33.20  
 SUPERFECTA (3-1-4-9 \$1) \$106.90

### 14th Race, 1000CLNW3 Pace \$5,000

3-Tim's Finale (TySmith) 2.80 2.20 2.10  
 1-Capt's Basso Goode (RoMiller) 3.60 2.40  
 4-Lily Rei (CHRShrbgr) 2.80  
 28.1 59.3 1.28.3 1.58.3  
 EXACTA (3-1) \$78.80  
 TRIFFECTA (3-1-4) \$33.20  
 SUPERFECTA (3-1-4-9 \$1) \$106.90

8. Jumpin Jack J, JaMerriman 6-1  
 9. Stones, Wyrwine 15-1

### 12th Race, Purse \$3,000 NW200PSCD Trot

1. High Heels N Spurs, KuSugg 15-1  
 2. Fortune King, RoFidens 9-1  
 3. Striking Lightning, DolvinerJr 5-1  
 4. Masterceremonies, Wyrwine 15-1  
 5. Giro, Balmere 9-2

6. Cds Eldorado, JDWengerd 8-5  
 7. Wild Bird, AMerrim 8-5  
 8. Mailman Bob, DaKennedy 15-1

### 13th Race, Purse \$3,000 NW200PSCD Pace

1. Hoosier Lion, Wyrwine 15-1  
 2. American Pilot, RoAVinci 9-2  
 3. Auto Pils-6, JDWengerd 3-1  
 4. Columbia Art, FHarris 15-1  
 5. Martin Hanover, AMerrim 6-5  
 6. Fidgeting Hanover, JoDMapes 15-1  
 7. J F Cookin, RoMiller 15-1  
 8. Late Night Terror, KuSugg 15-1  
 9. Night Call, TyStLouis 15-1

### 14th Race, Purse \$5,000 1000CLNW3 Trot

1. Tallydega Kid, JaThmpsn 25-1  
 2. Praksamakesperfect, AMerrim 6-5  
 3. American Blitz, KuSugg 9-1  
 4. Sams Yankee, TyStLouis 7-2  
 5. Loconoton, DolvinerJr 9-1  
 6. Blueleg Holo, JDWengerd 25-1  
 7. Time Travel, JoStale 12-1  
 8. Dojea Caf, GBatson 9-1  
 9. Mjs Victory Joy, JaMerriman 12-1

### 15th Race, Purse \$3,000 NW200PSCD Pace

1. StubbySleisureguy, CHRshbrgr 4-1  
 2. Allamerican Zorro, FHarris 15-1  
 3. Misty's Dignity, TyStLouis 15-1  
 4. Scootin Bay, JDWengerd 15-1  
 5. Inglorious Mustard, JoDMapes 2-1  
 6. Forever Happy, Wyrwine 15-1  
 7. D J Supreme, DolvinerJr 7-2  
 8. Blessing Stone, JaThmpsn 12-1  
 9. Sammy Storm, KuSugg 6-1

### Northfield Park results

**1st Race, NW200PSCD Trot \$3,000**  
 2-La'sent (EId Eaton) 6.40 3.60 2.20  
 6-Muckmuck Woodchuck (JDWengerd) 8.80  
 3-5 M's Terminator (TySmith) 8.80 4.60  
 29.3.101.1.32.1.203.1  
 EXACTA (2-6) \$110.80  
 TRIFFECTA (2-6-3) \$274.60

### 2nd Race, NW200PSCD Pace \$3,000

2-Tymal Trilon (JaMerrim) 12.40 3.00 2.60  
 7-Mickelton Ewig (JaThmpsn) 2.40 2.20  
 28.2 58.3 1.28.4 2.00.4  
 EXACTA (1-2) \$36.60  
 TRIFFECTA (2-5-7) \$141.40  
 DAILY DOUBLE (2/2) \$46.20

### 3rd Race, NW300PSCD Trot \$4,500

5-Tetterharwood (JaThmpsn) 4.40 3.20 2.60  
 3-Gotta Vul Cash (JaMerriman) 3.80 2.60  
 9-Master Wheels (MdMcKigran) 8.80  
 30-0.101.2.131.3.202.0  
 EXACTA (5-3) \$11.20  
 TRIFFECTA (5-3-9) \$143.80

### 4th Race, NW300PSCD Pace \$4,500

5-Flying Metro (TJompson) 41.20 14.40 11.80  
 4-Krusty The Clown (DolvinerJr) 5.20 3.80  
 6-Osborne's Yankee (RyStahl) 4.60  
 28.2 58.2 1.28.1 1.58.3  
 EXACTA (5-4) \$172.20  
 TRIFFECTA (5-4-9) \$914.20  
 SUPERFECTA (5-4-6-7 \$1) \$527.73  
 SUPERFECTA (5-4-6-7 \$1.0) \$527.73

### 5th Race, NW300PSCD Trot \$4,500

5-AI Brown (KuSugg) 8.40 3.40 3.00  
 6-Anastasia Whinnie (RyStahl) 2.80 2.80  
 9-Tabular (JDWengerd) 6.40  
 29.0 59.2 1.29.3 2.01.1  
 EXACTA (5-6) \$23.40  
 TRIFFECTA (5-6-9) \$209.80

### 6th Race, 1000CLNW3 Pace \$5,000

2-Zilla (RoMiller) 16.40 3.80 3.20  
 1-Codychevton (AMerrim) 2.40 2.10  
 3-Renata (KuSugg) 3.00  
 29.2 59.2 1.29.4 2.00.3  
 EXACTA (1-2) \$38.20  
 TRIFFECTA (2-1-3) \$109.40  
 SCRATCHED: Slot Artist

### 7th Race, 1500CLNW6 Pace \$6,000

4-Clark II Up (Midwald) 15.80 3.40 3.40  
 4-Aerob

# HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Lorain 88, North Olmsted 75

Lorain 26 24 20 18 — 88  
 N. Olmsted 19 15 21 20 — 75

**Lorain** — Daviere Andrews 12, Devon Andrews 34, Naz Bohannon 11, Shane Smith 6, Anfernee Smothers 2, Jamar Ross 9, Rashod Berry 14.

**North Olmsted** — Josh Hufstetler 5, Ryan Coleman 8, Matt Starcovic 14, Kyle Wapshott 4, Tommy Sullivan 6, Paris Villanueva 11, Andy Lucien 27.

**Rebounds** — Lorain 22, North Olmsted 23.  
**Team records** — Lorain 10-0, North Olmsted 7-3.

**JV** — 56-24, Lorain.

### New London 51, St. Paul 42

New London 14 13 8 16 — 51  
 St. Paul 7 14 16 5 — 42

**New London** — Derek Phillips 6, Nate Thomas 12, Brad Weber 6, Josh Hamilton 7, Ryan Lane 3, Julian Molnar 9, John Brady 8.

**St. Paul** — Logan Moffit 7, Max Fitzgerald 1, Kyler Rospert 11, Derek Furlong 16, Hayden Jaworski 1, Dylan Furlong 6.

**Rebounds** — New London 23 (Brady 7, Lane 5), St. Paul 16 (Dylan Furlong 4, Rospert 4).

**Turnovers** — New London 11, St. Paul 9.

**Team records** — New London 5-5, St. Paul 2-5.

**JV** — 34-23, St. Paul.

### Olmsted Falls 64, Brecksville 48

O. Falls 11 18 16 19 — 64  
 Brecksville 12 11 13 12 — 48

**Olmsted Falls** — Fritz 8, Hitterman 2, Hurrell 14, Kleem 2, Maxwell 10, Meehan 11, Sosic 13, Trujillo 4.

**Brecksville** — Auble 5, Bazil 2, Bruno 9, Cipolla 15, Dimitrijevs 7, Harwood 10.

### Amherst 58, Avon Lake 55

Amherst 21 9 15 13 — 58  
 Avon Lake 14 16 14 11 — 55

**Amherst** — Kneisel 5, McConihe 4, Melendez 2, Rua 16, Serrano 9, Smis 22.

**Avon Lake** — Good 2, Harris 7, Horton 1, Marsh 15, Molina 12, Pappas 14, Toy 4.

### Avon 40, Rocky River 33

Rocky River 10 4 7 12 — 33  
 Avon 8 8 14 10 — 40

**Rocky River** — Connors 5, Corrigan 8, Jones 9, Kinsley 8, Klodnick 1, Nugent 2.

**Avon** — Laraway 8, Nose 1, Orr 4, Smigel 7, Torbert 8, Ybarra 10.

### Firelands 58, Wellington 49

Firelands 15 10 15 18 — 58  
 Wellington 9 9 22 9 — 49

**Firelands** — Jimmy Willbond 14, Cole Sklarek 4, Jack O'Keefe 14, Johnathan Sigsworth 4, Colin Myers 11, Casey Smith 11.

**Wellington** — Josh Kindle 2, Joey Holliday 7, Colton Schmidt 19, Trey Bealer 4, Bryce Gibbs 12, Maxwell Joppeck 5.

**Rebounds** — Firelands 30 (Myers 12), Wellington 27 (Gibbs 7).

**Turnovers** — Firelands 9, Wellington 14.

**Team records** — Firelands 5-5, 4-3, Wellington 4-7, 3-6.

**JV** — 53-43, Firelands.

### Bay 61, Midview 58

Bay 11 24 13 13 — 61  
 Midview 14 6 24 14 — 58

**Bay** — Brajdic 6, Durham 4, Gerye 3, Heidehoff 7, Jelen 2, Koz 12, Kyle 3, Morriss 10, Sunahara 14.

**Midview** — Bolin 21, Crum 15, Mahone 6, Miller 4, Over 2, Redwood 6, Walle 4

### Columbia 60, Clearview 58

Columbia 17 13 17 13 — 60  
 Clearview 10 14 20 14 — 58

**Columbia** — Delahunty 21, Simon 13, Herse 11, Heidecker 8, DeLisle 4, Tacchite 3.

**Clearview** — Bennett 15, Billings 15, Castr 10, Torres 10, Young 6, Cabbil 2.

**Rebounds** — Columbia 24 (Heidecker 8) Clearview 26 (Torres 8).

**Turnovers** — Columbia 14, Clearview 11.

**Team records** — Columbia 9-3, Clearview 3-9.

## Area Scores

North Ridgeville 71, Elyria Catholic 63  
 Buckeye 68, Brookside 55  
 Oberlin 60, Brooklyn 58  
 Port Clinton 53, Edison 50  
 Norwalk 53, Willard 47  
 Sandusky 60, Bellevue 47  
 Shelby 74, Perkins 53

## BOYS BOWLING

### Perkins 2,729, Sandusky 2,695

**Perkins** — Dylan Dingus 470, Dominic Acet 464.

**Sandusky** — Adam Carpenter 390.

## GIRLS BOWLING

### Perkins 2,097, Sandusky 2,086

**Perkins** — Caylin Yates 184-197 381.

**Sandusky** — Gwyn Bishop 166-151 317.

## WRESTLING

### Avon 52, Rocky River 19

**106:** Zeman (A) forfeit; **113:** Kelly (RR) pinned Stringer (A), 1:32; **120:** Borque (A) forfeit; **126:** Sprau (RR) maj. dec. Rizzo (A), 10-2; **132:** Kirresh (A) forfeit; **138:** Kuchenrither (A) pinned Giamarco (RR), 3:20; **145:** Gotheir (A) pinned Thorp (RR), 3:30; **152:** Smith (RR) tech fall Burgess (A), 18-2; **160:** Leopold (A) pinned Adams (RR), 1:22; **170:** Ihnot (RR) maj. dec Bodnar (A), 16-2; **182:** Hammond (A) maj. dec Vaughn (RR), 19-8; 195: Travagliante (A) forfeit; **220:** Stum (A) pinned Shirley (RR), 1:07; **285:** Chambers (A) pinned Shirley (RR), 3:29.

### Avon 75, Elyria Catholic 4

**106:** Zeman (A) forfeit; **113:** Stringer (A) pinned Gracia (EC), 4:30; **120:** Bleich (EC) maj dec. Borque (A), 17-6; **126:** Rizzo (A) forfeit; **132:** Kirresh (A) forfeit; **138:** Kuchenrither (A) forfeit; **145:** Gotheir (A) dec. Hruba (EC), 8-2; **152:** Burgess (A) pinned Gillespie (EC), 1:54; **160:** Leopold (A) forfeit; **170:** Bodnar (A) forfeit; **182:** Hammond (A) forfeit; **195:** Travagliante (A) forfeit; **220:** Sturm (A) forfeit; **285:** Chambers (A) forfeit.

## AREA SCHEDULE

Jan. 10

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Norwalk at Lorain, 7:30  
 Mapleton at Black River, 7:30  
 Wellington at Cloverleaf, 7:30  
 Edison at Monroeville, 7:30  
 Western Reserve at Perkins, 7:30  
 Lake Ridge at Fuchs Mizrahi, 8  
 Olmsted Falls, DB Hoops Classic at Walsh University, 1  
 Bellevue at Huron, 7:30  
 Fremont St. Joseph at St. Paul, 6

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Elyria at Mayfield, 2:30  
 Columbia at Black River, 2:30  
 Fairview at Brookside, 2:30  
 Oberlin at Firelands, 2:30

# The Record

## NewsWatch

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Michigan hires Drevno as OC

Michigan hired Tim Drevno to serve as the offensive coordinator for new football coach Jim Harbaugh. Drevno was the running game coordinator and offensive line coach at Southern California last season, and he has worked with Harbaugh extensively in the past. Drevno also will coach Michigan's offensive line. He was the offensive line coach under Harbaugh with the NFL's 49ers during the 2011 to '13 seasons. At the college level, he was on Harbaugh's staff at both Stanford (2007-10) and San Diego (2003-06).

## Snyder an assistant at MSU

Michigan state hired Mark Snyder as linebackers coach and special teams coordinator. He was the defensive coordinator at Texas A&M before being fired in November. Snyder has worked with Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio before. He was the linebackers coach at Ohio State from 2001 to '03 while Dantonio was the defensive coordinator.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Ref barred from ACC games

A veteran referee accused of making an ethnic slur at a Wake Forest booster will not work any further Atlantic Coast Conference games this season, a person familiar with the situation told the Associated Press. The decision came days after Mit Shah, a prominent booster of Indian descent, accused official Karl Hess of aiming the remark at him during last Sunday's Louisville-Wake Forest game. Shah posted to Twitter that Hess told him he wanted to sit in Shah's seat and watch him ref a game. The slur came during that exchange.

### TENNIS

## Venus beats Davis

Unseeded Lauren Davis of Gates Mills lost to third-seeded Venus Williams, 6-0, 6-3, in the semifinals of the ASB Classic in Auckland, New Zealand. Williams will play top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki in the final today. Wozniacki defeated Barbara Zlahavova Strycova, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, in the other semifinal.

### BASEBALL

## Young, Orioles finalize deal

Outfielder Delmon Young finalized a \$2.25 million, one-year contract to play a second season with Baltimore. Young batted .302 with seven homers and 30 RBI in 83 games in 2014, his first season with Baltimore. He was most productive as a pinch hitter, going 10-for-20. Originally selected by the Tampa Bay Rays with the first overall pick in the 2003 amateur draft, the 29-year-old Young has a .283 batting average over 1,066 games.

### GOLF

## Henley leads in Hawaii

Russell Henley found Kapalua, Hawaii, to be a lot more fun the second time around. Henley ran off eight birdies on a gorgeous day for an 8-under 65 on Friday. That gave him a one-shot lead over Bae Sang-Moon in the opening round of the Hyundai Tournament of Champions. Henley made his debut last year in the winners-only event that starts the season and never broke 70.

## Sullivan up, Els down

Andy Sullivan shot a 2-under 70 to take a one-shot lead at the South African Open in Johannesburg, while Ernie Els wiped out a promising start with a 77 in the second round to tumble out of contention at his home tournament. Sullivan moved to 8-under 136 to sit a stroke ahead of Charl Schwartzel (69). Els, searching for his first tournament win since June 2013, opened with a promising 67. But he undid that with three bogeys and consecutive triple-bogey 7s at Nos. 9 and 10 to fall from third overnight to a tie for 34th.

### OBITUARY

## Roy Tarpley dies at 50

Roy Tarpley, the former Dallas Mavericks star center whose NBA career was cut short by drug abuse, has died. He was 50. A Tarrant County (Texas) medical examiner's report says Tarpley died Friday afternoon at Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital. No cause of death was given in the online report. The 7-foot Tarpley was the seventh pick in the 1986 NBA Draft out of Michigan. He played for the Mavs until October 1991, when he was kicked out of the NBA for using cocaine. He played in Greece until the NBA reinstated him in 1994. He signed a six-year, \$20 million contract with the Mavericks but was permanently banned from the NBA in December 1995 for using alcohol and violating the terms of a court-imposed personal aftercare program. Tarpley averaged 12.6 points and 10.0 rebounds in 280 career NBA games.

## Calendar

	Today	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<b>Cavaliers</b>	Sac	Pho			
800-820-2287	9, FSO	9:00			
	NBATV	FSO			
<b>Monsters</b>	Ham				
216-420-0000 7:00					
<b>Northfield</b>		Post	Post	Post	
330-467-4101		6:00	6:00	6:00	

## Hockey

### National Hockey League

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	27	12	4	58	140	111
Montreal	26	12	2	54	110	93
Detroit	22	10	9	53	116	103
Boston	21	15	6	48	110	110
Toronto	22	17	3	47	137	130
Florida	18	11	9	45	90	98
Ottawa	16	16	6	40	105	112
Buffalo	14	26	3	31	81	147

##### Metropolitan Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	27	13	1	55	126	114
Pittsburgh	24	10	6	54	120	97
N.Y. Rangers	23	11	4	50	121	94
Washington	21	11	8	50	120	104
Columbus	18	18	3	39	102	126
Philadelphia	16	18	7	39	111	123
New Jersey	15	21	8	38	96	124
Columbus	13	24	4	30	84	107

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Central Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	27	9	4	58	122	92
Chicago	27	12	2	56	128	89
St. Louis	25	13	3	53	131	101
Winnipeg	20	14	7	47	104	100
Dallas	18	15	7	43	123	131
Colorado	17	16	8	42	108	119
Minnesota	18	16	5	41	109	114

##### Pacific Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	26	10	6	58	116	114
Vancouver	23	13	3	49	113	103
San Jose	22	15	5	49	115	115
Los Angeles	19	13	9	47	115	107
San Jose	21	17	1	45	117	108
Arizona	16	20	4	36	96	131
Edmonton	9	23	9	27	90	139

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

#### Friday

N.Y. Islanders 3, New Jersey 2, OT  
Toronto 5, Columbus 2  
Tampa Bay 2, Buffalo 1  
Florida at Calgary, 9 p.m.  
Chicago at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

#### Today

Boston at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
Nashville at Minnesota, 2 p.m.  
Dallas at Colorado, 3 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
Ottawa at Arizona, 7 p.m.  
Carolina at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.  
N.Y. Rangers at San Jose, 10 p.m.  
Sunday  
Florida at Edmonton, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

#### American Hockey League

##### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Manchester	24	8	3	52	115	81
Portland	20	16	1	41	91	86
Providence	17	15	3	38	94	91
St. John's	15	16	5	36	87	114
Worcester	15	14	3	35	93	96

##### East Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Scranton	20	14	1	44	88	79
Hershey	18	12	4	41	85	76
Lehigh Valley	16	12	4	37	84	92
Binghamton	15	16	3	34	112	115
Norfolk	14	19	1	31	80	110

##### North Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Springfield	25	10	2	52	114	96
Syracuse	22	9	5	49	105	97
Hartford	19	12	2	42	94	102
Bridgport	17	14	3	38	114	105
Albany	15	13	2	37	95	103

##### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Midwest Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Rockford	21	12	3	46	104	86
G. Rapids	18	12	3	41	102	88
Chicago	18	13	4	40	102	88
Milwaukee	17	12	2	39	95	87
Lake Erie	15	15	2	33	95	119

##### North Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Utica	22	8	5	49	96	80
Adirondack	22	14	2	47	111	104
Hamilton	16	16	6	38	96	97
Toronto	14	16	6	34	76	96
Rochester	15	21	1	31	101	109

##### West Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Okla. City	24	8	2	52	118	101
San Antonio	20	12	3	43	114	109
Texas	15	11	8	38	98	102
Charlotte	13	14	4	31	81	105
Iowa	12	20	1	26	83	112

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for an overtime or shootout loss.

#### Friday

Charlotte 2, Grand Rapids 1  
Oklahoma City 5, Adirondack 4, OT  
Hershey 4, Albany 0  
Hartford 3, Syracuse 2, OT  
Bridgport 4, Portland 1  
Springfield 2, Providence 1  
Rochester 4, Lake Erie 2  
Norfolk 2, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton 0  
Hamilton 3, Utica 0  
Worcester 6, Binghamton 3  
Milwaukee at Rockford, 8 p.m.  
Iowa at Texas, 8:30 p.m.

#### Today

Bridgport at Albany, 5 p.m.  
Lehigh Valley at St. John's, 6 p.m.  
Hartford at Hershey, 7 p.m.  
Lake Erie at Hamilton, 7 p.m.  
Chicago at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.  
Binghamton at Manchester, 7 p.m.  
Providence at Worcester, 7 p.m.  
Adirondack at Utica, 7 p.m.  
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at Syracuse, 7 p.m.  
Hartford at Springfield, 7 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.  
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
Iowa at San Antonio, 8 p.m.  
Toronto at Texas, 8 p.m.

### NFL

#### Playoff Glance

#### Wild-card playoffs

**Saturday, Jan. 3**  
Carolina 27, Arizona 16  
Baltimore 30, Pittsburgh 17

#### Sunday, Feb. 4

Indianapolis 16, Cincinnati 10  
Dallas 24, Detroit 20

#### Divisional Playoffs

**Today**  
Baltimore at New England, 4:35 p.m. (WKYC Ch. 3)  
Carolina at Seattle, 8:15 p.m. (WWF Ch. 8)

#### Sunday

Dallas at Green Bay, 1:05 p.m. (WJW Ch. 8)  
Indianapolis at Denver, 4:40 p.m. (WOIO Ch. 19)

#### Conference Championships

**Sunday, Jan. 18**  
NFC, 3:05 p.m. (WJW Ch. 8)  
AFC, 6:40 p.m. (WOIO Ch. 19)

#### Pro Bowl

**Sunday, Jan. 25**  
Team Irvin vs. Team Carter, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

#### Super Bowl

**Sunday, Feb. 4**  
At Glendale, Ariz.  
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (WKYC Ch. 3)

#### Injury report

NEW YORK (AP) — The updated National Football League injury report, as provided by the league:

#### BALTIMORE RAVENS at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — RAVENS:

QUESTIONABLE: TE Eugene Monroe (ankle). PROBABLE: TE Owen Daniels (not injury related), DT Timmy Jernigan (foot, ankle), LB Daryl Smith (not injury related), LB Terrell Suggs (not injury related). PATRIOTS: PROBABLE: QB Tom Brady (ankle), WR Julian Edelman (concussion), RB Jonas Gray (ankle), WR Brandon LaFell (shoulder, toe).

#### CAROLINA PANTHERS at SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — SEAHAWKS:

OUT: S Jeron Johnson (elbow). QUESTIONS: T Tony Moeaki (calf). PROBABLE: DE Michael Bennett (not injury related), DE Demarcus Dobbs (ankle), TE Cooper Hefelt (ribs), WR Jermaine Kearse (hamstring), RB Marshawn Lynch (back), CB Byron Maxwell (illness), CB Tharold Simon (shoulder), C Max Unger (knee, ankle).

#### INDIANAPOLIS COLTS at DENVER BRONCOS — COLTS:

PROBABLE: LB Jerrell Freeman (abdomen), C Jonathon Harrison (concussion), LB Andrew Jackson (hamstring), LB D'Qwell Jackson (not injury related), LB Henoc Muamba (back), C A.Q. Shipley (ankle), CB Greg Toler (knee), LB Erik Walden (knee), WR Reggie Wayne (not injury related). BRONCOS: OUT: DE Quanterus Smith (knee).

#### QUESTIONABLE:

LB Brandon Marshall (foot), DT Mitch Unrein (knee). PROBABLE: S David Brton Jr. (concussion, neck), T Paul Cornick (toe), G Orlando Franklin (concussion), QB Peyton Manning (thigh), C Will Montgomery (knee), CB Aqib Talib (Achilles), WR Demaryius Thomas (ankle, finger), TE Julius Thomas (ankle), RB Juwan Thompson (hip, knee), S T.J. Ward (neck), CB Kayvon Webster (shoulder).

#### DALLAS COWBOYS at GREEN BAY PACKERS — COWBOYS:

DOUBTFUL: T Doug Free (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: LB Anthony Hitchens (ankle), LB Rolando McClain (knee, concussion), DT Terrell McClain (ankle), DE Jeremy Mincey (concussion). PROBABLE: LB Bruce Carter (knee), TE James Hanna (knee), DT Nick Hayden (shoulder), S Jeff Heath (thumb), G Zack Martin (ankle), RB DeMarco Murray (hand), QB Tony Romo (back). PACKERS: QUESTIONABLE: S Sean Richardson (knee), PROBABLE: DT Josh Boyd (knee), CB Davon House (shoulder), QB Aaron Rodgers (calf), G Josh Sitton (toe).

## Latest line

### NFL

#### Favorite Points (O/U) Underdog

Divisional Playoffs  
NEW ENGLAND 7 (48) Baltimore  
DALLAS 11½ (40) Carolina

#### Divisional Playoffs

NEW ENGLAND 7 (52) Dallas  
GREEN BAY 5½ (52) Dallas  
DENVER 7 (54) Indianapolis

#### College Football

Favorite Points (O/U) Underdog  
FCS Championship Game  
North Dakota St. 6½ (54) Illinois St.

#### Medal of Honor Bowl

Hagood Stadium-Charleston, SC.  
American OFF (XX) National  
Monday  
College Football Championship Game

#### AT&T Stadium-Arlington, TX.

Oregon 6 (75) Ohio St.  
NBA

#### Favorite Points (O/U) Underdog

Charlotte 7 (188) NEW YORK  
LA CLIPPERS 3 (215) Dallas  
a-Indiana OFF (OFF) PHILADELPHIA  
TORONTO 11 (210) Boston

#### DETROIT 5 (197) Brooklyn

CHICAGO 8 (195) Milwaukee  
HOUSTON 11½ (195) Utah  
b-San Antonio OFF (OFF) MINNESOTA  
PORTLAND 11½ (194) Orlando

a-Indiana guard G. Hill is doubtful.  
b-Minnesota guard M. Williams is doubtful.

#### College Basketball

Favorite Points Underdog  
CONNECTICUT 4½ Cincinnati  
Ohio St. 1 INDIANA  
Hofstra 4 ELON

PROVIDENCE 2 Georgetown  
PITTSBURGH 8½ Clemson  
W. MICHIGAN 1 Buffalo  
WAKE FOREST 2 Georgia Tech

## BOYS BASKETBALL

## AMHERST 67, BROOKSIDE 55



STEVE MANHEIM / CHRONICLE

Amherst's Adam Srnis takes it up strong against Brookside's Nathan Jasko during Tuesday's game.

## Comets not short on determination

Mike Perry

The Chronicle-Telegram

AMHERST — Amherst's bigs sure are little, but their littles sure play big.

The Comets' frontcourt starters Rees Rua (5-foot-9), Casey McConihe (5-11) and Adam Srnis (5-10) dominated the paint, combining to score all but 17 Amherst points in a 67-55 non-conference victory over Brookside at Amherst High School.

Rua scored a game-high 28 points and grabbed eight rebounds, Srnis scored 19 points and snared a team-high nine rebounds, while McConihe pulled down eight rebounds and blocked a career-high five shots as the Comets took a big early lead and withstood a hot-shooting Cardinals team in the second half.

Amherst outscored the Cardinals 12-10 in the first quarter, then used a 14-2 run in the second quarter to take control. The Comets (4-6) led 34-18 at halftime, but Brookside wasn't finished.

Behind 12 third-quarter points by senior Cameron Drew, the Cardinals (2-10) kept the game close, but could not break down the Comets' large lead.

Drew connected on a 3-pointer at the 5:52 mark of the third quarter to pull Brookside within 36-26, but Amherst answered with a 13-5 run to pull away.

"That's how we've been all year," Brookside coach Brent Schrepf said. "We'll play hard for some stretches, then get some lulls and give up some easy looks and turnovers. Then we'll call a timeout, get after them a little bit, then they'll come out and play hard again."

The Cardinals trimmed the Comets' lead to eight points twice in the fourth quarter, but could get no closer.

"I thought we had control of the game the whole time," Rua said. "Coach was stressing that if we didn't start playing defense they were going to make a run and come back. It wasn't great but we were able to buckle down and hold them."

Comets coach John Srnis wasn't thrilled with how his team performed in what was an almost-empty gym. The Amherst student section was virtually empty.

"We have to defend better than we did tonight," Srnis

said. "We just did not have the energy tonight for whatever reason. There are no students at practice either, and we play harder in practice. We have to make our own energy because we're kind of used to what the crowd's going to be like."

Drew ended with 19 points and eight rebounds for Brookside while Brandon Hercula added 11.

"He's a great kid and does everything we ask him to," Schrepf said of Drew. "It's tough for him to score and rebound when he brings the ball up for us most of the time. We try to find him some spots here and there. I wish all our (other) kids were more aggressive for an entire game."

Srnis, who usually scores most of his points from behind the 3-point arc, scored six of his nine field goals in the paint.

"He's made that adjustment," John Srnis said of Adam, his son. "He was a spot-up shooter when we had (former point guard) Garrett (Klekota), and they beat him up from the outside. He finally figured out that he has to take the ball to the basket. It was surprising that he took it that many times and didn't get to the foul line. He's getting more twos than threes now, which is a big advantage for us."

As for the empty stands, Srnis said his team does not discuss it.

"We never talk about it much," he said. "It would be nice if the stands were filled up, and I think that this group deserves to be supported because it's a great bunch of kids. They work hard and it's a very enjoyable group to be around."

"Hopefully we can string a few more wins together and people will come out. We have to do our part and win games ... put a good product on the floor."

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## Amherst 67, Brookside 55

**BROOKSIDE (55):** Cameron Drew 7-2-19, Dudley Taw 2-6-10, Christian Carrion 1-0-2, Christian Gray 4-1-9, Nathan Jasko 1-0-2, Chrizen Nimerne 1-0-2, Brandon Hercula 3-3-11, Travis Fortney 0-0-0. **Totals 19-12-55.**

**AMHERST (67):** Adam Srnis 8-0-19, Rees Rua 10-8-28, Antonio Serrano 1-3-5, Casey McConihe 1-0-3, Matt Kneisel 2-4-8, Dylan Johnson 1-2-4, Rocky Melendez 0-0-0, John Woolridge 0-0-0. **Totals 23-17-67.**

**Brookside 10 8 22 15 — 55**  
**Amherst 12 22 20 13 — 67**  
**Three-point goals:** Brookside 5-14 (Drew 3, Hercula 2), Amherst 4-19 (Srnis 3, McConihe). **Field goals:** Brookside 19-47 (40.4 percent), Amherst 23-52 (44.2 percent). **Free throws:** Brookside 12-18 (75 percent), Amherst 17-24 (70.8 percent). **Rebounds:** Brookside 28 (Gray 11), Amherst 39 (Srnis 9, Rua 8, McConihe 8). **Turnovers:** Brookside 16, Amherst 13. **Total fouls:** Brookside 16, Amherst 18. **JV:** Amherst, 72-41

## LAKE RIDGE 49, HERITAGE CHRISTIAN 41

## Strong close lifts Royals

James Brady

The Chronicle-Telegram

NORTH RIDGEVILLE — Chriss and Waldock sounds like a law firm and Tuesday they proved they know their way around a court.

It just happened to be a court of basketball and not a court of law.

Sam Waldock and Scott Chriss combined to score the final 15 points as Lake Ridge Academy turned a three-point lead into a 49-41 win over Heritage Christian.

The duo, along with a solid defensive effort which held the Patriots to just two points over the first 7:41 of the fourth, led the way as Lake Ridge improved to 5-8.

Waldock scored the final two points of the third quarter and three in the fourth on his way to a game-high 20 points to go with eight rebounds. Chriss scored the first six and the final four points of the fourth to finish with 15.

"Heritage got us in an up-tempo style and we didn't respond well to their pressure," Royals coach Brian Ansberry said. "They created some chaos — and that's what we usually do. Once we were able to

slow things down in the fourth we had the advantage."

Heritage Christian's defense gave Lake Ridge problems throughout the first three quarters, forcing 15 turnovers and turning them into 13 points. Still, the Royals led 36-33 after the third quarter.

The Royals flipped the script to open the fourth quarter as Chris Miller and Josh Scofield came up with steals that were turned into four points by Chriss on a driving basket and a pair of free throws.

After a basket by the Patriots' Brandon Keller (nine points), Chriss drove baseline and came up and under the basket for a reverse layup and a 42-35 lead with 4:38 left in regulation.

"We talked on the bench about driving and kicking the ball out until we could get a layup," Chriss said. "They (Patriots) started guarding outside and that gave us a chance to get to the basket. If we couldn't get a bucket inside, we were getting to the free throw line."

Heritage Christian (6-5) connected only once in its first eight attempts from the floor in the final quarter. Before the

Patriots could score again, Waldock split a pair of free throws and scored on a wide-open layup for a 45-35 lead with 60 seconds left in the game.

"We weren't hitting our jump shots — especially our threes — so we changed things up and started driving to the basket instead of kicking the ball back out," Waldock said. "We didn't know how to handle the pressure at first, but we regrouped and took control."

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## Lake Ridge 49, Heritage Christian 41

**HERITAGE (41):** Mark Brown 3-0-6, Brandon Keller 3-3-9, James Liwosz 4-0-10, Jacob Okunzki 1-2-4, Brent Koniczynski 5-0-12. **Totals 16-5-41.**

**LAKE RIDGE (49):** Scott Chriss 4-6-15, Josh Scofield 4-1-9, Sam Waldock 9-1-20, Jayson Lucioni 2-0-5, Chris Miller 0-0-0. **Totals 19-8-49.**

**Heritage Christian 9 13 11 8 — 41**  
**Lake Ridge 15 11 10 13 — 49**  
**Three-point goals:** Heritage 4-16 (25 percent, Liwosz 2, Koniczynski 2), Lake Ridge 3-10 (30 percent, Chriss, Waldock, Lucioni). **Field goals:** Heritage 16-44 (36 percent), Lake Ridge 19-42 (45 percent). **Free throws:** Heritage 5-11 (45 percent), Lake Ridge 8-10 (80 percent). **Rebounds:** Heritage 23, Lake Ridge 32. **Turnovers:** Heritage 13, Lake Ridge 18. **Total fouls:** Heritage 12, Lake Ridge 5. **Fouled out:** Liwosz.

## NORTH RIDGEVILLE 53, ROCKY RIVER 42



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## North Ridgeville 53, Rocky River 42

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**NORTH RIDGEVILLE (53):** Tyler Arnold 5-0-13, Isa Abdel-Alim 4-2-11, Jordan Montgomery 3-2-9, Greg Draft 3-0-6, Demario McCall 1-0-2, Collin Sullinger 2-0-6, Tyler Rowe 1-2-4, Darius Dancy 1-0-2, Jack Lesniak 0-0-0. **Totals 20-6-53.**

**Rocky River 4 17 9 12 — 42**  
**North Ridgeville 14 9 11 18 — 53**  
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## HORIZON SCIENCE 89, FIRST BAPTIST 62

## Depth denies Sabres

Jerry Rombach

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ELYRIA — Twin brothers Chase and Chad Parker put up some pretty impressive numbers for First Baptist Christian School on Tuesday night against Cleveland Horizon Science.

Chase poured in 30 points and Chad 19, but unfortunately for the Sabres (5-8), basketball is played with five players not two and Horizon Science romped to an 89-62 victory in a Lake Effect Conference game.

Horizon (9-1, 6-0) had 11 of 14 players score, three in double figures, while the Sabres' other seven players scored just 13.

Chase Parker hit seven 3-point goals, one of them nearly at the half-court line, and Chad had two.

"This was my third straight game of scoring over 20 points," said Chase, who averages 20 a game. "Early in the game I wasn't shooting well but later on after I hit two in a row I got into a zone. I practice 3-pointers a lot. Both my brother and I come in to practice shooting lots on our own without the team."

The 30 points was his season high.

While the game was one-sided from the get-go, First Baptist actually outscored the Dragons 37-36 in the second half.

"I liked the way they continued to play hard the whole game no matter how much they trailed," First Baptist coach Darren Snelling said. "Horizon is really quick and good."

"We are really fast," Horizon coach Dan Buryanek agreed. "When we move upcourt fast we can score in three or four seconds. We run, run, run. And I like that our effort is always there."

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## Horizon Science 89, First Baptist 62

**HORIZON SCIENCE (89):** Marlan Lopez 10-2-23, Dionte Pearl 7-2-19, Ernie Maxwell 6-1-13, Desmond Wade 3-1-7, Tylan Adams 2-2-6, Greg Rollins 2-2-6, Greg Bostick 2-1-5, Ronie Richmond 2-0-4, Denzel Jones 1-1-3, Tyson Woodfolk 0-2-2, Saquan Tuerson 0-1-1, Tamin Stephens 0-0-0, Donovan Fareran 0-0-0, Lamar Harris 0-0-0. **Totals 5-15-89.**

**FIRST BAPTIST (62):** Chase Parker 10-3-30, Chad Parker 5-1-19, Matt Plog 3-0-7, Matt Kuo 0-2-2, Carey Williams 1-0-2, J.J. Jones 1-1-3, Justin McDonald 1-4-8, West Gerhardt 4-1-11, Malik Leisinger 4-7-15, Desmond Rollins 1-1-3, Darius Rogers 0-1-1, Logan Swift 5-5-15, Jack Witri 2-0-6. **Totals 22-25-73.**

**Elyria Catholic 35 19 21 28 — 103**  
**Lakewood 14 18 19 22 — 73**  
**Three-point goals:** Lakewood (Garhart 2, Witri 2), Elyria Catholic (Kuchta 4, Duffield 3, Kelley 3, Shelton 3, Schemmel 2). **Field goals:** Lakewood 22-49 (45 percent), Elyria Catholic 40-66 (61 percent). **Free throws:** Lakewood 25-35 (71 percent), Elyria Catholic 8-14 (57 percent). **Rebounds:** Lakewood 34, Elyria Catholic 36. **Turnovers:** Lakewood 18, Elyria Catholic 10. **Total fouls:** Lakewood 12, Elyria Catholic 22. **Junior varsity:** Elyria Catholic, 57-55.

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Elyria Catholic (6-4, 3-3 WSC) led by 22 at halftime and extended its lead to as many as 33 points in the second half. Junior Colden Schemmel grabbed the long rebound off of a missed Lakewood shot near midcourt and drove to the rim for a layup that put the Panthers into triple digits with 51.3 seconds left in the game.

"We are really excited right now because this is what we envisioned out of our team at the start of the season," Elyria Catholic coach Phil

Kuchta said. "Lakewood is the best team in the West Shore Conference and we came out with a good vibe and good energy tonight. We want our guys to share the ball and not worry about who gets the credit. When we do that, this is what we're capable of doing."

Elyria Catholic had five players score in double figures. Junior Jacob Kuchta had 16, Schemmel and Brian Duffield each had 13 and Darin Guice had 12.

The Rangers (7-3, 4-3) were without injured senior guard Nick Porter, who came into the game second in scoring

in the WSC. Lakewood coach Phil Argento said the loss of Porter had a ripple effect across the rest of the starting lineup.

"We looked affected and our players played like they were affected mentally (by Porter's absence) and I didn't feel like the effort was there tonight," Argento said. "Injuries are part of basketball. It's a team. If somebody goes down, someone else needs to step up."

Jacob Kuchta, who had four of the Panthers' 3-pointers, said the team was determined to come out strong against Lakewood after suffering a

pair of tough conference losses last week.

"We knew Lakewood is a tough team, but we've been really focused in practice and we thought we could come out and play a game like we did tonight," he said. "When we got the 35-14 lead, we didn't let up. We kept playing with confidence, or ever a bit of a swagger, that we weren't going to allow them back into the game."

"We wanted to get to 100. The first game of the year against Clearview we almost did it and its been a goal of ours ever since."

Senior Malik Leisinger led Lake-

wood with 15 points.

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## Elyria Catholic 103, Lakewood 73

**ELYRIA CATHOLIC (103):** D.J. Graham 3-1-7, Kevin Kelley 3-0-9, Ceevan Shelton 9-2-23, Darin Guice 5-2-12, Colden Schemmel 5-1-13, Cole Virgin 2-1-5, Jacob Kuchta 6-0-16, James Tirbaso 1-1-3, Brian Duffield 5-0-13, Doug Taylor 1-0-2. **Totals 40-8-103.**

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# HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### New London 63, Lucas 54

New London	10	13	15	26	—	63
Lucas	13	14	13	15	—	54

**New London** — Nate Thomas 10, Brad Weber 10, Josh Hamilton 5, Ryan Lane 7, Julian Molnar 7, John Brady 18.

**Lucas** — Davis 2, Stepp 2, Miller 18, Luna 10, Murphy 9 Gerich 14.

**Rebounds** — New London 28, Lucas 31.

**Turnover** — New London 13, Lucas 13.

### Sandusky 51, Firelands 45

Firelands	7	9	9	20	—	45
Sandusky	15	10	6	20	—	51

**Sandusky** — Demond Hopkins 11, Caven Croom 10, Jayrese Williams 9, Deontre Palma 7, George Brown 7, Keenen Robinson 4, Jaleele Brown 2, Keith Williams 1.

**Firelands** — Cole Sklarek 15, Colin Myers 10, James Willbond 8, Johnny Sigsworth 5, Jack O'Keefe 3, Casey Smith 2, Vic Bauer 2..

**Rebounds** — Sandusky 27 (Keith Williams 6), Firelands 22 (Colin Myers 9).

**Turnovers** — Sandusky 10, Firelands 12.

**Team records** — Sandusky 9-3, Firelands 5-6.

**JV** — 59-37, Sandusky.

### North Ridgeville 53, Rocky River 42

Rocky River	4	17	9	12	—	42
N. Ridgeville	14	9	12	18	—	53

**Rocky River** — Connors 11, Curgian 3, Jones 13, Kinsley 7, Klodnick 2, Nugent 2, Sef-fernick 2, Waite 2.

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### Brecksville 59, Westlake 56

Westlake	8	13	18	17	—	56
Brecksville	15	21	10	13	—	59

**Westlake** — Balodis 4, Brown 9, Leonard 3, Meek 6, Schuler 6, Tate 28.

**Brecksville** — Auble 6, Bazil 6, Bruno 4, Cipolla 24, Dimitrijevs 11, Harwood 8.

### Bay 70, Avon 64

Avon	11	8	12	23	—	56
Bay	22	11	21	16	—	70

**Avon** — Smigel 2, Peganoff 1, Torbert 13, Knoles 4, Thornton 6, Maxwell 2, Yebarra 17, Laraway 4, Orr 15.

**Bay** — Koz 20, Brajeic 12, Hiedeloff 6, Jelen 4, Gergey 4, Morriss 8, Orr 2, Sunahara 9, Durham 5.

**Team records** — Bay 7-3, 4-2, Avon 7-4, 3-3.

### Lake Ridge 49, Cleveland Heritage 41

Lake Ridge	15	11	10	13	—	49
Heritage	9	13	11	8	—	41

**Lake Ridge** — Scofield 9, Waldoek 20, Chriss 15, Luccioni 5.

**Heritage** — Brown 6, Keller 9, Konizinski 12, Liwosz 10, Dkunzi 4.

**Team records** — Lake Ridge 5-8.

### Amherst 67, Brookside 55

Amherst	12	22	20	13	—	67
Brookside	10	8	22	15	—	55

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**Brookside** — Cameron Drew 19, Brandon Harcula 11, Dudley Taw 10, Christian Gray 9, Christian Carrion 2, Nathan Jasko 2, Chrizmen Nimeme 2.

**Rebounds** — Amherst 32 (McConhie 9), Brookside 22 (Gray 9).

**Turnovers** — Amherst 11, Brookside 17.

**Team records** — Amherst 4-6, Brookside 2-10.

**JV** — 72-41, Amherst.

### Area Scores

Elyria Catholic 103, Lakewood 73

Midview 58, Vermilion 45

Norwayne 57, Wellington 55

Northwestern 72, Norwalk 62

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Lake Ridge 31, Oberlin 22

Lake Ridge	6	10	8	7	—	31
Oberlin	4	2	6	10	—	22

**Lake Ridge** — M. Williams 4, Fossen 3, R. Williams 4, Carey 3, Kirk 8, Janasko 6, Baker 3.

**Oberlin** — Williams 2, Cameron 2, Moore 2, Lesesne 14, Chamberlin 2.

### Area Scores

Shelby 61, Sandusky 42

Tiffin Columbian 42, Norwalk 37

### Area schedule

#### Jan. 14

##### BOYS BASKETBALL

Lorain at Warrensville Hts, 7:30 p.m.

Brookside at Independence, 7:30 p.m.

Midview at Keystone, 7:30 p.m.

New London at Firelands, 7:30 p.m.

Fairview at Clearview, 7:30 p.m.

Parma at Columbia, 7:30 p.m.

Elyria Catholic at Oberlin, 7:30 p.m.

Amherst at N. Ridgeville, 7:30 p.m.

Westlake at Lakewood, 7:30 p.m.

Midview at Keystone, 7:30 p.m.

Rocky River at Vermilion, 7:30 p.m.

##### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Western Reserve at Edison, 7:30 p.m.

##### WRESTLING

Lutheran West/Wadsworth at Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Monroeville at Seneca East, 6 p.m.

##### SWIMMING

Amherst at Rocky River, 6:30 p.m.

Sandusky at Perkins, 5 p.m.

##### HOCKEY

Bay at Parma, 6:45 p.m.

## BOWLING

### Jan. 15

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Amherst at Lorain, 7:30 p.m.

N. Ridgeville at Elyria, 7:30 p.m.

Lutheran West at Brookside, 7:30 p.m.

Clearview at Keystone, 7:30 p.m.

Columbia at Wellington, 7:30 p.m.

Brooklyn at Firelands, 7:30 p.m.

Oberlin at Buckeye, 7:30 p.m.

Avon Lake at Avon, 7:30 p.m.

Medina Highland at Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Midview at Berea-Midpark, 7:30 p.m.

#### HOCKEY

Normandy at Avon Lake, 8:15 p.m.

Avon at Elyria Catholic, 7 p.m.

### Jan. 16

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monroeville at Western Reserve, 6 p.m.

South Central at St. Paul, 6 p.m.

#### WRESTLING

Wellington/Buckeye/Black River at Firelands, 6 p.m.

Brooklyn/Fairview/Lutheran West at Clearview, 6 p.m.

Columbia/Keystone/Oberlin at Brookside, 6 p.m.

Avon Lake/Westlake/Olmsted Falls at Berea-Midpark, 6 p.m.

Trinity at Midview, 7 p.m.

#### SWIMMING

Avon Lake at Brecksville, 7 p.m.

Bowling Green/Anthony Wayne at Sandusky, 5 p.m.

### Jan. 17

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Bedford at Lorain, 7:30 p.m.

Normandy at Elyria, 7:30 p.m.

Brookside at Fairview, 7:30 p.m.

Wellington at Clearview, 7:30 p.m.

Keystone at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.

Firelands at Oberlin, 7:30 p.m.

Black River at Columbia, 7:30 p.m.

Olmsted Falls at Avon Lake, 7:30 p.m.

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Bay at Rocky River, 7:30 p.m.

Midview at N. Ridgeville, 7:30 p.m.

Vermilion at Elyria Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Plymouth at New London, 7:30 p.m.

Western Reserve at South Central, 6 p.m.

Tiffin Columbian at Sandusky, 7:30 p.m.

Perkins at Edison, 7:30 p.m.

Norwalk at Ontario, 6 p.m.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Avon at Lakewood, 6 p.m.

Bay at Rocky River, 6 p.m.

Midview at N. Ridgeville, 6 p.m.

Vermilion at Elyria Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Lake Ridge at Laurel, 6:30 p.m.

#### WRESTLING

Lorain/Amherst/ Avon Lake/Sandusky at

Maumee Bay Oregon Clay Classic, TBA

Elyria/Avon at Bill Dies Tournament, 3 p.m.

Brookside/Clearview/Vermilion/New London at

Terry Munroe Invitational (Western Reserve), 4 p.m.

## HOCKEY

SWC Tournament, TBA

WSC Tournament, TBA

### Jan. 18

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Clearview at Lorain, 7:30 p.m.

Elyria Catholic at Elyria, 7:30 p.m.

Western Reserve at Monroeville, 6 p.m.

New London at Crestview, 7:30 p.m.

St. Paul at South Central, 6 p.m.

Fostoria at Sandusky, 7:30 p.m.

Edison at Oak Harbor, 7:30 p.m.

Norwalk at Toledo Whitmer, 6 p.m.

Huron at Perkins, 7:30 p.m.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lorain at Bedford, 2 p.m.

Elyria at Medina, 2:30 p.m.

Fairview at Keystone, 7:30 p.m.

New London at Wellington, 2:30 p.m.

Clearview at Columbia, 2:30 p.m.

Open Door at Oberlin, 2:30 p.m.

Westlake at Amherst, 2:30 p.m.

Berea-Midpark at Avon Lake, 2:30 p.m.

Norwalk at Sandusky, 2:30 p.m.

Margaretta at Edison, 2:30 p.m.

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Maumee Bay Oregon Clay Classic, TBA

Elyria/Avon at Bill Dies Tournament (Firestone),

10 a.m.

Brookside/Clearview/Vermilion/New London at

Terry Munroe Invitational (Western Reserve),

10 a.m.

Keystone/Wellington at Husky Invite (Northwest-

ern), 10 a.m.

Firelands/Midview at Falcon Memorial Tourna-

ment, TBA

Columbia at Wooster Invitational, 10 a.m.

#### SWIMMING

Olmsted Falls at Avon Lake, 6 p.m.

Brecksville at Westlake, 6 p.m.

Bay at Rocky River, 6 p.m.

## HOCKEY

SWC Tournament, TBA

WSC Tournament, TBA

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#### HOCKEY

SWC Tournament, TBA

WSC Tournament, TBA

### Jan. 21

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Elyria at Oberlin, 7:30 p.m.

Lorain at Cleveland Hts, 7:30 p.m.

Wellington at Vermilion, 7:30 p.m.

Amherst at Brecksville, 7:30 p.m.

Avon Lake at N. Olmsted, 7:30 p.m.

Strongsville at Avon, 7:30 p.m.

Crestview at Monroeville, 6 p.m.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cornerstone Christian at Lake Ridge, 6:30 p.m.

#### SWIMMING

Amherst at Fairview, 6 p.m.

Marion Harding at Sandusky, 5 p.m.

# The Record

## Newswatch

### BASEBALL

## 175 file for arbitration

Pitchers David Price, Stephen Strasburg, Jeff Samardzija, Rick Porcello, Ian Kennedy and Doug Fister were among 175 players who filed for salary arbitration and are set to swap proposed figures with their teams this week unless they agree to contracts. Price figures to file the highest figure unless his case settles before Friday's exchange. The 2012 AL Cy Young Award winner made \$14 million last year while playing for Tampa Bay and Detroit.

### TENNIS

## Del Potro returns with win

Juan Martin Del Potro launched his comeback from a serious wrist injury with a convincing 6-3, 7-6 (4) win over Sergiy Stakhovsky in the first round of the Sydney International. The former U.S. Open champion is ranked No. 338 after missing more than 10 months on tour.

### LAW AND ORDER

## Solo's charges are dismissed

U.S. goalkeeper Hope Solo had domestic violence assault charges against her dismissed, ending what she called "one of the most difficult and emotionally draining times of my life." The U.S. Soccer Federation had resisted pressure to suspend Solo after she was charged with two misdemeanor counts of fourth-degree assault stemming from an altercation with her half-sister and 17-year-old nephew at a party in June.

## Ex-players on trial for rape

A prosecutor told jurors that a group of former Vanderbilt football players ruined the life of a promising young neuroscience student when they raped her in a dorm in June 2013. Four former players are accused of raping the unconscious coed in a dorm on the Nashville campus in June 2013. In opening statements, Deputy District Attorney General Tom Thurman said that the former players giggled, shot video and sent text messages while they sexually abused her.

### SOCCER

## Clamping down on violence

Spain's higher sports council approved penalties against fan violence after a street fight between radical fan groups left one man dead in Madrid late last year. Council president Miguel Cardenal says the penalties that can be applied to clubs linked to violent behavior include points deduction and the full or partial closing of stadiums.

## Priceless artifact turns up

A piece of the original World Cup trophy has been found and will be displayed in the new FIFA museum in Zurich, Switzerland. A staff member found the stone base of the Jules Rimet trophy last month in basement storage at FIFA headquarters, museum creative director David Ausseil said. It carries the names of the first four World Cup winners: Uruguay and Italy each won twice between 1930 and 1950. "It's like finding an Egyptian mummy," Ausseil said.

### WINTER SPORTS

## Swede dominates in slalom

Frida Hansdotter of Sweden dominated a World Cup night slalom in Flachau, Austria. Hansdotter built on her first-run lead to finish in a combined time of 1 minute, 49.59 seconds. Tina Maze of Slovenia was 0.61 behind in second, and Olympic champion Mikaela Shiffrin of the United States improved from a disappointing opening run to finish third, 0.63 behind.

## On the air

### GOLF

12:30 a.m. (Thursday) Abu Dhabi Championship, Golf Channel

5 a.m. (Thursday) Abu Dhabi Championship, Golf Channel

### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

7 p.m. Jefferson at Coneaut, AM/90

### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m. SMU at Temple, CBSNN

7 p.m. Rutgers at Maryland, BTN

7 p.m. North Carolina at NC State, ESPN2

7 p.m. Houston at East Carolina, ESPN

7 p.m. St. John's at Providence, FS1

8 p.m. Texas Tech at Kansas State, ESPN2

9 p.m. Creighton at Marquette, CBSNN

9 p.m. Illinois at Northwestern, BTN

9 p.m. UCLA at Southern Cal, ESPN2

9 p.m. Iowa State at Baylor, ESPN

9 p.m. Xavier at Villanova, FS1

11 p.m. San Diego St. at Wyoming, ESPN2

11 p.m. Stanford at California, ESPN

### NBA

8 p.m. Washington at Chicago, ESPN

10:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Portland, ESPN

### NHL

7 p.m. Montreal at Columbus, FSO

8 p.m. Philadelphia at Washington, NBCSN

## Calendar

	Today	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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**Cavaliers** LAL LAC  
800-820-2287 10:30 10:30

**Ministers** TNT FSO

**216-420-0000** Chi Iowa Iowa  
8:00 8:00 4:00

**Northford** Post Post  
330-467-4101 6:00 6:00

### NFL

#### Wild-card Playoffs

Carolina 27, Arizona 16  
Baltimore 30, Pittsburgh 17  
Indianapolis 26, Cincinnati 10  
Dallas 24, Detroit 20

#### Divisional Playoffs

New England 35, Baltimore 31  
Seattle 31, Carolina 17  
Green Bay 26, Dallas 21  
Indianapolis 24, Denver 13

#### Conference Championships

**Sunday**  
Green Bay at Seattle, 3:05 p.m., WW Channel  
Indianapolis vs. New England, 6:40 p.m., WIO Channel 19

#### Pro Bowl

**Sunday, Jan. 25**  
Albuquerque, Ariz.  
Team Irvin vs. Team Carter, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

#### Super Bowl

**Sunday, Feb. 1**  
At Glendale, Ariz.  
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m., WKYC Channel 3

### Hockey

#### National Hockey League

##### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
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Tampa Bay	27	14	4	58	146	122
Montreal	26	11	3	55	111	95
Detroit	23	14	3	52	120	107
Boston	23	15	6	52	117	114
Florida	20	12	9	49	102	113
Toronto	22	18	3	47	137	132
Ottawa	17	16	8	42	110	113
Buffalo	14	27	3	31	82	150

##### Metropolitan Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
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N.Y. Islanders	29	13	1	59	134	116
Pittsburgh	26	10	6	58	129	100
Washington	23	11	8	54	125	106
Atlanta	24	12	5	52	124	98
Philadelphia	17	19	7	41	119	129
Columbus	18	19	3	39	104	131
New Jersey	15	21	8	38	96	124
Carolina	14	24	5	33	91	114

##### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
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Nashville	29	9	4	62	130	94
Chicago	28	13	2	58	134	95
St. Louis	27	13	3	57	140	107
Winnipeg	24	12	5	52	124	98
Colorado	18	17	9	45	115	127
Dallas	18	16	7	43	126	135
Minnesota	18	19	5	41	113	128

##### Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
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Anaheim	27	10	6	60	121	118
Los Angeles	20	13	10	50	112	112
Vancouver	23	15	3	49	114	109
San Jose	22	16	5	49	116	118
Calgary	22	18	3	47	123	114
Arizona	16	21	4	36	136	151
Edmonton	10	25	9	29	99	149

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

#### Friday's Games

6:30 a.m. Colorado 2, SO  
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 3

Toronto 3, Buffalo 1  
N.Y. Islanders 3, N.Y. Rangers 0

Pittsburgh 7, Minnesota 2  
St. Louis 4, Edmonton 2

Arizona 1, Vancouver 1  
Winnipeg 6, Florida 2

Ottawa at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
San Jose at Arizona, 9 p.m.

**Today**  
Montreal at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Washington, 8 p.m.

Toronto at Anaheim, 10 p.m.  
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

**Monday**  
Philadelphia 7, Tampa Bay 3  
Washington 2, Colorado 1

Los Angeles 2, Toronto 0

#### American Hockey League

##### Tuesday

Worcester 3, Manchester 1  
Chicago 3, Iowa 0

Charlotte at Rochester, 8 p.m.

**Today**  
Portland at St. John's, 6 p.m.  
Springfield at Albany, 7 p.m.

Grand Rapids at Utica, 7 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.

Rochester at Texas, 8:30 p.m.

#### Northfield Park result

1st Race, NW200PSCD Trot \$3,000

1-Buckeye Party (RyStahl) 2.80 2.60 4.20  
2-Holdie (RoMiller) 7.60 4.60

3-Paddyway Broad (JaMerriman) 4.80

2nd 1:00.1 1:32.1 2:03.0

EXACTA (1-2) \$37.60

TRIFECTA (1-2-3) \$221.00

2nd Race, NW200PSCD Pace \$3,000

9-Eagle Riches (RwMnrn) 2.20 2.10 2.10

2-Genetic Flight (Edeaton) 5.40 3.20

3-Horse Power (RyStahl) 2.70 2.10

29 4 59.4 1:28.3 1:58.1

EXACTA (9-2) \$11.00

TRIFECTA (9-2-4) \$25.80

DAILY DOUBLE (1/9) \$4.60

3rd Race, NW300PSCD Trot \$4,500

7-Red Rocks (RonWrennr) 2.80 2.60 2.60

6-Contech (KuSugg) 17.00 10.80

4-Rose Run Jerial (JaThmpsn) 3.60

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EXACTA (7-6) \$73.20

TRIFECTA (7-6-4) \$737.80

4th Race, NW300PSCD Pace \$4,500

1-Agricultural Rockstar (MIDERuntz) 8.60 3.40 3.00

2-Skull Of Roses (TySmith) 2.20 2.10

3-Sandys Candy (Eaton) 3.20

28 2 57.2 1:26.4 1:57.0

EXACTA (1-2) \$117.00

TRIFECTA (1-2-7) \$40.20

SUPERFECTA (1-2-7-5 \$1) \$62.60

SUPERFECTA (1-2-7-5 \$1) \$6.26

5th Race, 1500CLNW6 Trot \$6,000

4-O'wow (AMerrim) 4.60 2.60 2.10

7-Star Chip (KuSugg) 4.00 4.80

9-Mr Apollo (RonWrennr) 2.10

29 2 1:00.1 1:29.3 1:59.0

EXACTA (4-7) \$16.20

TRIFECTA (4-7-9) \$46.20

6th Race, 1000CLNW3 Pace \$5,000

2-Capt Benso Goode (RoMiller) 11.60 5.40 3.00

1-Backinadeucedreams (AMerrim) 4.80 2.40

3-Whodkang Lookout (RonWrennr) 2.10

29 0 59.1 1:29.0 1:59.2

EXACTA (2-1) \$45.20

TRIFECTA (2-1-3) \$138.20

7th Race, NW400PSCD Trot \$6,000

5-Annie's Rocketman (Thmpsn) 18.40 4.60 3.80

3-Action-Ear-To-Ear (RonWrennr) 4.20

28 3 58.3 1:29.0 1:59.3

EXACTA (6-5) \$47.60

TRIFECTA (6-5-3) \$265.00

SUPERFECTA (6-5-3-1 \$1) \$947.40

PICK FIVE (7/14/2/6 \$1) \$677.90

8th Race, NW300PSCD Pace \$4,500

4-Prime Time Poppa (RonWrennr) 3.00 2.20 2.10

1-All Pro Hall (SaSchillaci) 3.20 3.40

6-Major Speed (JaMerriman) 2.60

28 0 57.4 1:27.1 1:57.2

EXACTA (1-2) \$119.00

TRIFECTA (1-2-7) \$31.00

SUPERFECTA (1-2-3-9 \$1) \$77.50

SUPERFECTA (1-2-3-9 \$1) \$7.75

11th Race, NW400PSCD Pace \$6,000

1-Maserali Seelster (GrGrimore) 6.20

2.60 2.40

2-Alero Blue Chip (AMerrim) 2.40 2.10

3-Hoerri For Flash (JaMerriman) 3.00

28 5 58.0 1:28.3 1:58.4

EXACTA (1-2) \$93.00

TRIFECTA (1-2-7) \$120.20

SUPERFECTA (1-2-7-1) \$1,720.00

PICK THREE (7/1/1 \$1) (3of3) \$118.70

PICK FOUR (4/7/1/1 \$1) (4of4) \$229.30

12th Race, NW300PSCD Trot \$4,500

2-Calling A Victory (JaThmpsn) 5.40 3.80

4.20

1-Hmispinetanu (RonWrennr) 3.80 3.00

2-Cos Lover N (JaMerriman) 5.60

29 3 1:00.3 1:30.3 2:01.0

EXACTA (2-1) \$18.80

TRIFECTA (2-1-8) \$143.40

13th Race, NW300PSCD Pace \$4,500

4-Tidewater Tomahawk (AMerrim) 2.60

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**Westbrook does it all**

Russell Westbrook gets his first triple-double of the season with 17 points, 17 assists and 15 rebounds as the Thunder downs the Warriors. **Page C2**



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**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**

## Smooth change

**Elyria Catholic promotes Stupka to head coach, keeps veteran Riesen as offensive coordinator**

**Shaun Bennett**  
 The Chronicle-Telegram

Elyria Catholic named Dave Stupka its new head football coach — appropriately on a Friday night — and the Panthers should see the easiest transition into the role in program history.

Stupka served as a Panthers assistant last year, so he's already familiar with the returning players, and he's keeping longtime area coach Jeff Riesen as the offensive coordinator. He also knows how to move from assistant to head coach after having been promoted at Bedford Chanel and Midpark High.

"He's ran a very solid, quality program at each stop (in his career)," Elyria Catholic athletic director Bob Thayer said. "In talking to Dave and interviewing Dave, we just thought it was an outstanding fit. We just think he'll be a very, very good leader for our young men and the football program."

Stupka moved to Elyria Catholic two years ago from Lutheran West after a teaching job became available. He agreed to coach the wide receivers last season for Mike Plevacik, who resigned as the Panthers head coach two weeks ago.

"The opportunity to be a teacher here was the No. 1 priority," Stupka said. "My family has a great belief in Catholic education and to have the opportunity to be a teacher here as well as a coach was at the forefront for me."

See **STUPKA, C3**

**CAVALIERS 126, CLIPPERS 121**

## Cavs sweep L.A. behind Kyrie, LeBron

**Beth Harris**  
 The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kyrie Irving scored 37 points, LeBron James added 32 and the Cleveland Cavaliers held off the Los Angeles Clippers 126-121 on Friday night.

**NEXT UP WHO:** Cleveland vs. Chicago  
**WHEN:** Monday, 7:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** The Q  
**TV/RADIO:** TNT; WEOL 930-AM, WTAM 1100-AM, WMMS 100.7-FM

Tristan Thompson had a season-high 24 points and grabbed 12 rebounds starting in place of Kevin Love, who sat out after hurting his back in Thursday's win over the Lakers.

Blake Griffin had 34 points and 19 rebounds to lead six players in double figures for the Clippers, who had won six of their previous eight. DeAndre Jordan had 19 points and 12 rebounds, Matt Barnes added 17 points and Chris Paul had 15 points and 14 assists.

James tied the game at 97 early in the fourth on a 3-pointer over Austin Rivers, who became the first player in NBA history to play for his father after being signed by the Clippers.

Jamal Crawford's three-point play gave the Clippers their last lead of the game, 100-97.

James and Irving teamed to power the Cavs on a 20-7 run that put them back in front, 117-107.

See **CAVS, C2**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

# Still going strong

Lorain's Devon Andrews soars to the basket over Warrensville Heights' Joseph Vallery during Friday night's game in Lorain. Andrews scored 27 points and handed out seven assists as the Titans improved to 12-0.



STEVE MANHEIM / CHRONICLE

**Lorain tops tough Tigers, stays perfect**

**Mike Perry**  
 The Chronicle-Telegram

LORAIN — Lorain coach John Rositano finally got what he's been looking for.

After the Titans reeled off 11 straight wins to open the season, with its only real test coming in its season opener against Newark, Rositano was hoping his team would face a challenge. Defending Lake Erie League

**LORAIN 77, WARRENSVILLE HTS. 71**

champion Warrensville Heights was just what the doctor ordered.

Lorain jumped out to a big early lead, but the Tigers made things tight at the end before falling 77-71 at Lorain High School.

"They were very athletic and very aggressive," Rositano said of the Tigers. "The speed of the game was very up-tempo, and when both teams play at that speed there are going to be some turnovers because of the athleticism and the length of both teams."

"But that was a good win for us. We needed to be tested and they gave us a really good test. We got Round One, now we've got to go over there at the end of the year for Round Two. It should be another great game."

At first it looked like the test Warrensville Heights would provide the Titans would be more like an open-book pop quiz. Lorain (12-0, 5-0) jumped out to a 21-14 lead after the first, led 42-26 at halftime and by as many as 19 early in the third quarter.

See **TITANS, C6**

**EC 66, ROCKY RIVER 55**

## EC relies on basics, late run to win

**Bob Daniels**  
 The Chronicle-Telegram

ELYRIA — There's a widely recognized idiom that says all high school basketball teams consist of good shooters. Therefore, the saying goes, high school games are won on defense, the backboards and at the foul line.

Elyria Catholic gave it a shot of credibility Friday night.

The Panthers trailed Rocky River after each of the first two quarters and managed a tie after the third.

Then in the fourth quarter, they went to work in the three areas some consider most important to their sport. The result was a tough 66-55 West Shore Conference victory made possible with a 13-2 run to open the fourth quarter.

See **EC, C5**

**ELYRIA 80, MAYFIELD 52**

## Elyria hitting stride

**Tim Gebhardt**  
 The Chronicle Telegram

ELYRIA — Midway through the first quarter Friday night, Elyria already had a 20-point lead over Mayfield.

That's what happens when a team starts to jell, and the Pioneers, who rolled to an easy 80-52 win, are doing just that.

Elyria (8-2, 3-1 Northeast Ohio Conference Lake Division) won its fourth in a row since losing at Lorain in the Holiday Classic. Mayfield fell to 4-4 and 2-1. The Pioneers will be at Elyria Catholic tonight to renew their rivalry with the Panthers for the 20th time.

"This is a big game for us because we fell to Parma," said Blake Furcron, who led Elyria with 22 points, of the Pioneers' early league loss.

See **ELYRIA, C6**



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Elyria's Josh Lotko looks to pass the ball Friday night as Mayfield's Gage Bican tries to block his progress.

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## AVON 61, VERMILION 34

## Tough Avon defense vexes Vermilion

Fred Steiner

The Chronicle-Telegram

AVON — One of the fundamental actions of modern warfare is the no-fly zone. Friday night the Avon Eagles turned the lane and the baseline into a “no sail zone” for the visiting Vermilion Sailors en route to a dominating 61-34 victory in West Shore Conference play.

Vermilion struggled from the outset, falling behind 20-8 after one quarter in a first half in which it shot an anemic 29 percent from the field.

Then the Eagles (8-4, 4-3) opened the second quarter with an 11-0 run and that was essentially that.

“We’ve been in a funk now for two weeks,” Vermilion coach Kurt Haber-

mehl said. “We just are not playing with a lot of confidence right now and you can see it on the basketball floor. A couple of shots go in-and-out and we just kind of hang our heads a little bit and can’t respond.”

If Vermilion (6-7, 1-6) was in a funk Friday, then the Funkmaster was Avon forward Will Ybarra, who led the Eagles with 14 points and dominated the inside with eight blocked shots and eight rebounds.

Together, Ybarra and D’amonte Thornton enforced the “no sail zone” on the Sailors, forcing turnovers, altering shots and kick-starting the Avon transition game.

“We just really focused on defense tonight,” Ybarra said. “We made some good runs and we were running the

transitions and getting some easy buckets.”

“Top to bottom all our kids played well, executed our game plan,” Avon coach Kevin Sapara said. “They had two good days of practice after the Bay game and they got to see what hard work in practice does translated into a game. I’m proud of all of our guys. Everyone of them played hard and we didn’t let up.”

Falling behind early only made a tough night snowball on the Sailors as the Eagles were able to go all-in on their bench and hit Vermilion with fresh legs and continuous up-tempo play.

“Our bench did a great job,” Sapara said.

Vermilion got strong play from 6-foot-3 senior Kyle Nader, who

scored a game-high 17 points, or half of Vermilion’s total, while trying to personally take up all the slack in a hard-charging second half.

Nader also had five rebounds and a pair of steals.

“He was just being aggressive and that’s what he does,” Habermehl said. “He’s a heck of a good basketball player. I can’t fault his effort. We just need to fundamentally do things a heck of a lot better.”

The win moves Avon forward into the fray in the wild and unpredictable West Shore Conference’s final season, while Vermilion continues to search for consistency.

“We told the kids it’s not time to overreact, it’s time to get better and do things the right way,” Habermehl said. “They’ll

come back and we’ll be ready to play next Friday. We’ll have a good week of practice and get them ready to go.”

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## AVON 61, VERMILION 34

VERMILION (34): Kyle Nader 4-8-17, Ryan Barnes 0-0-0, Caleb Waller 2-0-4, Andrew Dawson 3-1-7, Nick Prenatt 1-0-2, Patrick Sexton 0-0-0, Jordan Murray 1-0-2, David Lewis 0-0-0, Joby Pfeil 0-0-0, Bear Myers 0-0-0, Nick Barkdull 0-2-2, Nick Bray 0-0-0, Scott Gillespie 0-0-0. Totals 11-11-34.

AVON (61): Michael Smigel 3-0-8, Zach Torbert 4-2-11, D’amonte Thornton 3-0-6, Will Ybarra 7-0-14, Jeffrey Laraway 3-1-8, Michael Noss 1-0-2, DelShawn Orr 3-0-6, Mario Ferguson 1-1-3, Chris Maxwell 0-0-0, Johnny Peganoff 0-0-0, Nick Toth 1-0-2, Matt Roney 0-0-0, Brett Fassett 0-1-1. Totals 26-5-61.

Vermilion	8	9	6	11	—	34
Avon	20	17	15	9	—	61

Three-point goals: Vermilion 1-18 (Nader), Avon 4-15 (Smigel-2, Torbert, Laraway). Field goals: Vermilion 11-49 (22 percent), Avon 26-50 (52 percent). Free throws: Vermilion 11-20 (55 percent), Avon 5-13 (38 percent). Rebounds: Vermilion 22 (Nader 5, Avon 36 (Ybarra 8)). Total fouls: Vermilion 15, Avon 16. Turnovers: Vermilion 13, Avon 15. JV: Vermilion, 59-57

## BAY 56, NORTH RIDGEVILLE 54 (OT)

## Rangers can't finish off Bay

Chris Sweeney

The Chronicle-Telegram

NORTH RIDGEVILLE — Just seconds after Demario McCall put North Ridgeville in a position to win, he gave Bay a chance to tie the game.

The Rockets took advantage. McCall scored the last five points in regulation — a 3-pointer and a coast-to-coast layup — but then committed a costly turnover that led to a John Koz 3-pointer that forced overtime.

Koz came up big again with a jumper off the wing with 1.5 seconds left in overtime to clinch a 56-54 victory between two teams that entered Friday night tied for first in the West Shore Conference.

“It was a dumb mistake by my and I’m still kicking myself in the butt for doing it,” McCall said. “I saw one of my teammates wide open and at the last minute it was a great play by the defender. It was my fault for throwing the pass. I should have just held it, got fouled and knocked down the free throws. The game would have been over, but instead I made a dumb mistake and mistakes happen.”

Even with the turnover, McCall was huge down the stretch for North Ridgeville (8-5, 4-3). In addition to the final five points in regulation, he scored all four of the Rangers’ points in overtime. He also snagged six of his eight rebounds in the second half and finished with a team-high 15 points — 11 in the second half.

But Bay’s Danny Heideloff pounced on McCall’s ill-advised pass down the court when the Rangers were looking to run off the final 10.5 seconds while nursing a 50-47 lead. Heideloff took the ball across half-court, drove and kicked back to Koz, who had been cold from the field all night.

The junior delivered when it counted for Bay (8-3, 5-2), draining the shot from about three feet off the 3-point line. It was just one of two Bay 3-pointers for the night.

“We were rushing and I was open with a couple seconds left,” said Koz, who led the Rockets with 17 points. “I wasn’t really shooting particu-

larly well tonight so I kind of got a little lucky.”

Both teams struggled from the field in the first half. Bay’s 6-foot-6 center Rex Sunahara, who had 15 points and 12 rebounds, was a big reason for the Rangers’ low field-goal percentage, blocking numerous shots and altering others.

The Rangers came out firing in the third, scoring 24 points with Jordan Montgomery and Collin Sullinger combining for 20. Sullinger almost had a double-double in the second half alone, grabbing eight of his nine rebounds after halftime. He finished with 12 points while Montgomery finished with 14.

“Collin comes off the bench but he could very well be considered one of the MVPs of our team,” North Ridgeville coach Bryan Morgan said. “We talked about it at halftime, we have two first-place teams going here and someone needed to step up to give us the lead. I thought both of them did a great job.”

Despite the impressive third quarter for the Rangers, Bay never trailed in the period. In fact, the Rockets led all the way until the 3:01 mark of the fourth, when North Ridgeville took a short-lived 45-44 lead.

“This is something that we’ve been looking for from this team for the last two years,” Bay coach Jared Shetzer said. “Our coaches knew and believed that our kids could do this when put in this situation, where our backs are against the wall. We just haven’t had many situations where we could do that this year.”

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## Bay 56, North Ridgeville 54 (OT)

BAY (56): John Koz 7-2-17, Alec White 1-3-5, Rex Sunahara 6-3-15, Danny Heideloff 2-6-10, Jonathon Bradio 1-0-2, Matt Orr 1-0-2, Scott Durham 0-2-2, Jack Jelen 0-0-0, Jack Kyle 0-0-0, Cole Geryge 1-0-3. Totals 19-16-56.

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Bay	12	13	16	9	6	—	56
North Ridgeville	8	7	24	11	4	—	54

Three-point goals: Bay 2-17 (Geryge, Koz), North Ridgeville 5-26 (Montgomery 2, Sullinger 2, McCall). Field goals: Bay 19-55 (35 percent), North Ridgeville 19-58 (33 percent). Free throws: Bay 16-25 (64 percent), North Ridgeville 11-18 (61 percent). Rebounds: Bay 28 (Sunahara 12), North Ridgeville 41 (Draft 11). Total fouls: Bay 16, North Ridgeville 17. Fouled out: Jelen, Draft, Lesniak. Turnovers: Bay 12, North Ridgeville 13. JV: North Ridgeville, 75-58

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## OLMSTED FALLS 78, AMHERST 46

## 'Dogs shoot down Comets with 14 threes

## Amherst honors pro baseball standout Ryan Rua at halftime

Paul Williams

The Chronicle-Telegram

AMHERST — There was a buzz in the jam-packed Amherst high school gymnasium Friday night as the Comets honored one of their own during halftime of their Southwestern Conference showdown against Olmsted Falls.

Unfortunately for Amherst, the Bulldogs shot down all the fun with an impressive display of 3-point shooting en route to a 78-46 blowout victory.

“Right now, I’m pretty shell-shocked to be completely honest,” Amherst coach John Smis said. “We tried everything we could, they just couldn’t miss. We knew

they were a decent shooting team but tonight they were in another realm.”

The Bulldogs made 14 3-pointers while shooting at a 61 percent clip. After three quarters, they were shooting a torrid 12-of-16 for 75 percent.

“We’re definitely a 3-point shooting team and our guys were really able to get into a good rhythm tonight,” said Olmsted Falls coach Chris DeLisio, whose Bulldogs won their fourth straight game. “They did a good job of setting the tone early and not letting up.”

Despite Olmsted Falls (6-6, 3-2) opening the game with three consecutive 3-pointers, the Comets were able to hang around early on thanks to protecting the ball and a big dose of Reese Rua.

Rua carried Amherst (4-7, 2-4) during the first quarter, scoring six of his team’s first eight points and eight for

the quarter.

Rua’s efforts weren’t enough to stop the Bulldogs’ relentless offensive attack for long, however, as Olmsted Falls used a 12-2 run in the second quarter to end the half with a 36-21 lead.

The Rua Show continued at halftime as Reese’s older brother, Ryan, a member of the Texas Rangers, was honored.

Ryan, who graduated in 2008, was in attendance to have his jersey retired.

“This really is an awesome experience to come home and be honored in front of all my friends and family,” Rua said. “The community really supports me and I love being able to come home and give back.”

Rua, who made his major league debut in August, still lives in Amherst and helps out with the youth as much as he can.

The fun ended for Amherst at halftime

and picked back up for the Bulldogs as Troy Hurrell knocked down three consecutive threes in the third quarter and teammate Justin Maxwell chipped in two.

Hurrell finished with a game-high 18 points, Maxwell added 17 and Kevin Meehan had 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Rua had a team-high 16 points for the Comets, while Adam Smis had 14.

## Olmsted Falls 78, Amherst 46

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AMHERST (46): Ryan Rua 8-0-16, Adam Smis 4-3-14, Casey McConihe 3-1-8, Matt Kneisel 2-1-5, Marshall Busey 1-0-3. Totals 18-5-46.

Olmsted Falls	20	16	26	16	—	78
Amherst	11	10	15	12	—	46

Three-point goals: Olmsted Falls 14-23 (Hanna, Maxwell 5, Hurrell 6, Hitterman, Fritz), Amherst 5-25 (Smis 3, McConihe, Busey). Field goals: Olmsted Falls 30-56 (53 percent), Amherst 18-52 (34 percent). Free throws: Olmsted Falls 4-8 (50 percent), Amherst 5-12 (41.7 percent). Rebounds: Olmsted Falls 43 (Meehan 11), Amherst 20 (Antonio Serano 4). Total fouls: Olmsted Falls 7, Amherst 9. Turnovers: Olmsted Falls 10, Amherst 9. JV: Amherst, 51-46

## LAKEWOOD 59, MIDVIEW 44

## Middies' defense struggles

Todd Shapiro

The Chronicle-Telegram

LAKEWOOD — In the West Shore Conference, where four teams entered play Friday night tied for first place, there’s little margin for error. Any team that doesn’t bring its best game will likely spend most of the night hopelessly playing from behind.

Midview found that out the hard way Friday at Lakewood.

The Middies’ defense struggled to contain Lakewood senior Wes Gerhardt in the first half and sent the Rangers to the foul line repeatedly down the stretch in a 59-41 loss to the defending WSC champions.

Lakewood (8-3, 5-2) was able to speed up or slow down the pace of the game almost at will and generally frustrated the Middies, all while shooting 56 percent from the field.

“In the second half we just let guys drive right around us,” Midview coach Troy DiFranco said. “I was disappointed in the defensive effort. Offensively, we didn’t share the basketball. Lakewood played harder than we did, they executed better than we did and they wanted it more than we did. That’s why the score was what it was.”

“I thought we came in prepared to play tonight but obviously I’ve got to do a better job of getting us ready to play.”

Midview (6-6, 4-3) traded baskets with Gerhardt for most of the first quarter and ended the period tied at 14, with Gerhardt scoring 12 of his game-high 19 points.

In the Rangers last game, a 103-73 loss to Elyria Catholic, Lakewood fell behind 21 in the first quarter. Gerhardt was determined to make sure that did not happen again against Midview.

“We found out Tuesday what happens when don’t get off to a quick start,” Gerhardt said of the Rangers’ 103-73 loss to Elyria Catholic in which they trailed by 21 in the first quarter. “We put ourselves in a big hole. Tonight we played more in our comfort zone.”

Logan Bolin led Midview with 10 points, while Dustin Crum had a game-high 10 rebounds.

Midview trailed 28-22 at the half then promptly allowed the Rangers to go on an 8-2 run.

Lakewood got to the foul line 21 times in the second half, and finished the night making more free throws (20) than field goals (19). Midview was 9-of-12 from the foul line.

“We had more energy to start the game tonight,” Lakewood coach Phil Argento said.

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## Lakewood 59, Midview 41

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LAKEWOOD (59): Joe Malone 1-0-2, Trevon Rogers 0-1-1, Justin McDonald 6-0-13, Wes Gerhardt 6-7-19, Malik Leisinger 1-7-9, Logan Swift 1-4-6, Jacob Sala 4-1-9. Totals 19-20-59.

Midview	14	8	10	9	—	41
Lakewood	14	14	11	20	—	59

Three-point goals: Lakewood (McDonald), Midview (Wells, Bolin). Field goals: Lakewood 19-34 (56 percent), Midview 15-45 (33 percent). Free throws: Lakewood 20-28 (71 percent), Midview 9-12 (75 percent). Rebounds: Lakewood 21, Midview 27. Turnovers: Lakewood 8, Midview 10. Total fouls: Lakewood 15, Midview 17. JV: Lakewood, 57-41

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**EC 66, ROCKY RIVER 55**

# **EC relies on basics, late run to win**

**Bob Daniels**  
The Chronicle-Telegram

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Elyria Catholic gave it a shot of credibility Friday night.

The Panthers trailed Rocky River after each of the first two quarters and managed a tie after the third.

Then in the fourth quarter, they went to work in the three areas some consider most important to their sport. The result was a tough 66-55 West Shore Conference victory made possible with a 13-2 run to open the fourth quarter.

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# HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Lake Ridge 48, Lawrence 41

Lake Ridge	13	14	8	13	—	48
Lawrence	12	10	11	8	—	41

Lake Ridge — Scofield 10, Miller 4, Waldock 17, Chriss 13, Ortiz 2, Smith 2.

Lawrence — M. Edwards 10, Bell 12, Manna 6, Stress 10, D. Edwards 3.

Team records — Lake Ridge 6-8, Lawrence 3-6.

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### Lorain 77, Warrensville Hts. 71

Warrensville	14	12	17	28	—	71
Lorain	21	21	19	16	—	77

Lorain — Devon Andrews 28, Rashod Berry 18, Anfernee Smothers 12, Nazihar Bohannon 9, Eddie Williamson 4, Daviere Andrews 2, Kevin Davis 2, Shane Smith 2.

Warrensville Heights — Yavari Hall 26, Brandon Peters 18, Jahmere Howze 13, Sinque Gai-

ter 5, Shawn Dunnings 5, Trevon McGhee 4.  
Rebounds — Lorain 28 (Bohannon 11), War-rens-ville Heights 26 (Howze 11).

Turnovers — Lorain 20, Warrensville Heights 21.  
Team records — Lorain 12-0, Warrensville Heights 7-4.

JV — 65-60, Lorain.

### Keystone 57, Buckeye 47

Buckeye	6	13	17	11	—	47
Keystone	15	11	17	14	—	57

Keystone — Jake Bowers 5, Austin Conrad 11, KJ Williams 11, Kobe Whalen 2, Brody Kuhl 6, Brandon Kuhl 6, Jacob Miller 16.

Buckeye — Liam Murray 4, Blake Brumfield 2, Ryan Grauel 14, Nathan Polidori 15, Nick Wills 12.

Rebounds — Keystone 21, Buckeye 23.

Team records — Keystone 10-2, Buckeye 4-7.  
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Rebounds — Midview 27, Lakewood 21.  
Turnovers — Midview 10, Lakewood 8.

### Sandusky 71 Norwalk 55

Norwalk	8	7	15	25	—	55
Sandusky	20	17	16	18	—	71

Sandusky — George Brown 9, Caven Croom 2, Demond Hopkins 11, Deontre Palma 4, Keenen Robinson 2, Bryton Smith 2, Keith Wil-liams 13, Davion Fisher 9, Jayrese Williams 19.

Norwalk — Matt Davidson 1, Brandon Bleile 6, Seth Staley 7, George Friend 12, Jaycee Jordan 4, Breck Turner 14, Travis Cring 8, Noah Hicks 3.

Rebounds — Sandusky 24 (Hopkins 7, Brown 5), Norwalk 29 (Bleile 8, Turner 7)

Turnovers — Sandusky 14.

Team records — Sandusky 10-3, Norwalk 5-5.  
JV — 55-44, Sandusky.

### Avon 61, Vermilion 34

Vermilion	8	9	6	11	—	34
Avon	20	17	15	9	—	61

Vermilion — Barknull 2, Dawson 7, Murray 2, Nader 17, Prenatt 2, Waller 4.

Avon — Fasset 1, Ferguson 3, Laraway 8, Nose 2, Orr 6, Smigel 8, Thornton 6, Tobert 11, Toth 2, Ybarra 14.

Rebounds — Avon 32 (Ybarra 8), Vermilion 26 (Nader 8).

### North Olmsted 50, Westlake 32

N. Olmsted	13	9	11	17	—	50
Westlake	8	13	6	15	—	32

North Olmsted — Clark 3, Coleman 8, Lucien 19, Starcovic 8, Sullivan 3, Wapshott 3.

Westlake — Brown 3, Gibson 4, Leonard 6, Meek 3, Schuler 2, Tate 14.

### Western Reserve 56, St. Paul 52

W. Reserve	15	19	10	12	—	56
St. Paul	9	9	19	15	—	52

Western Reserve — Smith 2, Sadienar 7, Mount 2, Croar 17, Stump 8, Bartlett 2, Logan 8, Puder 4, Buck 2.

St. Paul — Nickoli 8, Hipp 2, Sam Casper 8, Rospert 13, De. Furlong 9, Dy. Furlong 5, Ruffing 1, Jaworski 6.

### New London 64, Mapleton 50

New London	25	13	16	10	—	64
Mapleton	7	14	14	15	—	50

New London — Phillips 3, Thomas 6, Kipp 2, Hall 6, Hamilton 12, Lane 11, Molnar 7, Brady 17.

Mapleton — Dress 4, Black 14, W. Barone 5, G. Barone 9, Lugli 1, Koenig 17.

### Area Scores

Edison 67, Perkins 56  
Elyria 80, Mayfield 52

Clearview 69, Oberlin 57  
Bay 56, North Ridgeville 54

Firelands 67, Black River 46  
Olmsted Falls 78, Amherst 46

Wellington 53, Brookside 46

## HOCKEY

### Rocky River 4, Walsh Jesuit 3

Rocky River goals — Mallett, Sperli, Low Herrmann.

## AREA SCHEDULE

Jan. 17

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Elyria at Elyria Catholic, 7:30  
Barberton at Oberlin, 7:30  
Oak Harbor at Edison, 7:30  
Perkins at Huron, 7:30  
Midview at Avon Lake, 7:30  
St. Paul at Tiffin Calvert, 6  
Sandusky at Fostoria, 7  
New London at Mansfield Christian, 7:30

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Brunswick at Elyria, 7:30  
Black River at Lucas, 2  
Keystone at Brookside, 2:30  
Lutheran West at Clearview, 2:30  
Kirtland at Oberlin, 2:30  
Edison at Margareta, 2:30  
Clyde at Perkins, 2:30  
Mapleton at St. Paul, 1  
Lakewood at Avon, 2:30  
Rocky River at Bay, 2:30  
Midview at North Ridgeville, 2:30

HIGH SCHOOLS

Wrestling | Bill Dies Memorial Tournament

Pioneers advancing nine to quarterfinals, lead Bees by 5

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Elyria leads the team standings after the first day of the Bill Dies Memorial Wrestling Tournament, but six-time defending champion Brecksville-Broadview Heights isn't far behind.

The Pioneers lead the Bees by five points heading into today's quarterfinal round and have nine quarterfinalists and three others still alive. The Bees have five in the quarters and seven more in the consolation bracket.

Brecksville is trying to keep its title with a lineup missing two state placewinners due to injury.

Crestwood (three in the quarterfinals) and Olmsted Falls (six) are tied for third.

Avon is five points back in fifth and has seven wrestlers in the quarterfinals.

"It is exciting because it's the toughest tournament on our schedule," said Avon coach Mark Porter. "It's at the right time, too, being in mid-January. You want to test yourself to get ready for the late February tournaments — sectionals, districts, state — so this tournament correlates to a tough district type of environment."

Upset of the day

Elyria's Mikah Price was the fourth seed at 152 and seemed on his way to the second round with a 13-0 lead on Manchester's Trevor Ulman. Despite being two points from a technical fall loss late in the third period, Ulman won by pin in 5:34.

Price rebounded by winning his next three consolation matches by fall or technical fall. Ulman

was knocked to the consolation bracket two matches later and is also still alive.

Stat of the day

The top half of the 285 bracket was quick about reaching the quarterfinals. All four heavyweights pinned their second-round opponents in less than a minute. Norton's Mitch Bischoff had the quickest pin, taking just 28 seconds.

Firestone's Jovan Fair, one of the quick heavyweights, pinned his two opponents Friday in a combined 66 seconds.

What to watch today

At 138, state placer Jarrad Lasko of Madison could face the winner of Rootstown's Jason Sadler (state qualifier) and Copley's Antwon Pugh (24-0) in the semifinals.

State qualifier Tyler Workman of Parma remains in the bottom of the bracket with No. 2 seed Kevin Swaney of Archbishop Hoban.

At 145, state placewinners Nick Wrobel of Crestwood and Ryan Montgomery of Madison, the top two seeds, remain on course for a finals matchup.

At 152, two-time state qualifier Austin Hiles of Brecksville and Olmsted Falls' Brice Locklear (Medina Invitational champ) could meet in the semifinals, while Coventry state qualifier Zack Lake looms in the bottom of the bracket.

At 182, the potential marquee finals matchup of the tournament remains possible. Elyria state runner-up Ben Darmstadt and Norwayne two-time state runner-up Kollin Moore reached the quarterfinals Friday.



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Tallmadge's Joe Siessel grabs the face and shoulder of Buckeye's Art Clark trying for back points in their match at 152 pounds on Friday during the first day of the Bill Dies Memorial Wrestling Tournament at Firestone High School.

High school scoreboard

H.S. results

Chagrin Valley Conference

Chagrin Division

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Kenston 23 13 24 9-68, Orange 4 14 11 3-32

Kenston (10-2, 5-0): Artale 3-17, Gdula 3-6, Kain 4-10, Maynard 5-2-15, Rendlesham 5-0-13, Swartz 1-2-5, Wyers 1-0-2, sova 4-0-8

Orange (1-9, 0-3): Gordon 4-0-9, Hughes 1-0-3, Johnson 1-0-2, Marshall 1-0-2, Mays 3-1-7, Zwick 1-7-9

Perry West Geauga

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Perry 10 22 21 14-67, West Geauga 11 11 5 14-41

Perry (8-1, 5-0): Aultman 2-4-9, Buescher 2-0-4, Burdyslaw 5-1-12, Collins 0-0-0, Farrell 2-2-6, Foley 0-0-0, Koch 0-0, Kuhn 5-1-12, Martin 0-0-0, Martin 0-0, Seaburn 2-2-6, Sorine 0-0-0, Zampini 2-1-6, Zarbo 1-0-2

West Geauga (6-8, 1-4): Archibale 3-1-7, Hartman 0-0-0, Hester 2-1-7, Matcic 0-9, Medley 0-0-0, O&H#39;Donnell 1-1-4, Vanetten 0-0-0, Wolfpohe 3-3-10, Young 1-0-2, Zannetti 0-1-0-2

Crossover

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Chagrin Falls 13 20 12-47, Harvey 10 5 5 16-36

Chagrin Falls (7-3, 3-4): Diedrich 1-3-5, Donley 0-2-2, Karyo 1-2-4, McGuire 4-2-13, Powers 1-0-2, Sferra 3-0-9, Tull 4-0-8, Vinci 0-2-2, Weinblatt 1-0-2

Harvey (4-8, 1-4): Carswell 1-0-3, Clark 1-1-3, Dixon 1-2-6, Gaston 2-0-4, Haynes 1-0-2, Holbert 3-3-11, Transou 3-1-7

Overtime

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Aurora 13 8 10 8-6-45, Kirtland 9 8 9 13 11-56

Aurora (4-7, 2-2): Blunt 4-2-13, Blunt 0-1-1, Brubaker 1-0-2, Dinardo 2-1-5, Foyne 6-1-5, Galchenko 2-1-5, Miller 1-0-3, Seidel 0-1-1

Kirtland (5-4, 1-2): Allchin 2-1-6, Difabio 1-0-2, Grazia 1-1-2, Guenther 3-2-8, Loncar 3-1-7, Madden 6-2-15, Skiljan 5-0-10

Metro Division

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Hawken 14 12 11 20-57, Wickliffe 9 13 23 11-56

Hawken (7-4, 0-4): Brown 2-0-4, Burton 9-2-14, Dell 1-1-10, Doody 4-2-10, Hruby 2-0-4, Lawson 1-0-2, Mazzone 1-0-2, Simmons 9-1-1

Wickliffe (2-7, 1-3): Fortkamp 3-1-7, LaPaglia 8-1-19, Lewis 4-0-10, Payton-Drake 1-0-2, Tucker 6-2-14, Young 1-2-4

Lake Erie League

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Shaw 13 5 12 22-65, Bedford 14 27 12 30-75

Shaw (3-10, 1-5): Addison 1-0-2, Keyes 6-1-6, Mitchell 4-8-8, Smith 3-2-11, Washington 2-1-6, Douglas 3-1-7, Iashley 2-3-8, Smith 0-2-2

Bedford (8-2, 0-4): Brandon 2-2-7, Granger 2-2-6, Jeffrey 5-2-12, Perry 5-1-17, Prewitt 6-0-13, Rhodes 1-1-3, Smith 5-2-13, Williams 2-0-4

Euclid Maple Hts.

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Euclid 15 8 20 29-72, Maple Hts. 21 14 17 28-80

Euclid (0-6, 0-4): Clark 6-3-15, Emory 2-0-4, McCain 7-0-19, Pittman 4-2-12, West 1-5-8

North Coast League

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. NDCL 8 4 11 7-30, Hoban 20 14 19 12-65

Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin (1-9, 0-4): Forbes -1-1, Hammer 1-1-2, Leningr 1-1-2, McMahon 2-1-6, Michak 1-1-2, Sabath 4-3-11, Sablar 4-2-2, Shubert 1-2-4

Archbishop Hoban (7-4, 1-3): Bahmer 1-1-3, Bonner 2-1-5, Christian 4-4-12, Cuppett 3-3-9, Gurley 3-3-8, Houser 2-3-4, Jackson 1-3-3, Schwendler 2-3-5, Spaulding 1-2-5, Tassiello 4-2-10

Valley Division

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Garfield Hts. 6 12 12 6-36, Brunswick 11 7 7 6-31

Garfield Heights (10-3, 3-1): Christian 1-2-5, Hughes 2-2-7, Jackson 5-6-16, Johnson 3-0-6, Stergis 1-2-0

Brunswick (11-1, 2-1): Armaogst 3-2-8, Bulic 4-1-12, Cebula 1-0-3, Okulovich 1-1-3, Simmons 2-0-5

North Olmsted Mentor Strongsville

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Mentor 13 26 15 16-67, Strongsville 21 16 15 15-17

Mentor (8-4, 2-1): Korsk 1-1-4, McCluskey 5-0-12, Potter 16-5-37, Sateika 1-0-2, Valeri 3-0-8, Zaugg 4-5-14

Strongsville (3-7, 0-3): Aske 4-0-8, Jamison 7-0-14, Parschark 4-0-11, Roberson 6-1-16, Ruch 3-0-8, Thrall 1-0-2, Toffey 3-1-8

Patriot Athletic Conference

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Seaburn 4 10 16 11-41, Warren John F. Kennedy 17 9 18 10-54

Crossover

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Columbia 21 11 19 22-73, Lutheran W. 22 17 19 23-81

Columbia (2-3, 2-1): Beck 10-2-32, Delahunty 12-6-33, Heidecker 10-3-23, Hershey 3-0-9, Tachite 2-0-6

Lutheran West (8-1, 6-1): Berghaus 2-2-7, Carper 0-1-1, Felten 5-2-13, Januzzi 7-1-18, Knudsen 2-2-6, O&H#39;Hara 6-8-21, Voiers 6-3-15

Portage Trail Conference

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Woodridge Garr. Garfield 18 13 15 16-62, Woodridge 17 17 6 13-53

Woodridge (5-5, 3-2): Clark 1-2-4, Fink 4-0-10, Jones 4-1-9, King 5-2-12, Lydic 6-0-8, Owens 1-1-3, Potts 2-0-4, Taylor 1-0-2

Garrettsville Garfield (2-0, 0-2): Collins 0-1-1, Jurcovic 8-2-19, Karlovec 0-1-1, Lopez 1-0-2, Reider 1-0-2, emens 9-1-28

Premier Athletic Conference

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. University School 13 16 18 16-63, Geneva 7 6 17 7-37

University School (5-5, 5-3): Berger 1-0-2, Childers 3-1-8, Haver 1-0-3, Metcalfe 1-0-2, Mohler 6-4-18, Okaro 0-1-1, Rehak 2-0-4, Seadlock 5-1-11, Voudouris 4-2-10, Wasser 2-0-4

Geneva (0-3, 0-3): Calhoun 1-0-2, Damm 1-2-5, Hitchcock 1-2-4, Miller 4-1-9, Sweat 6-1-17

Principals' Athletic Conference

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. CVCA 9 13 13 14-49, Tusky Valley 13 7 9 11-40

Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (8-2, 7-1): Fough 2-4, Peters 7-1-6, Peters 5-5-16, Peters 2-3-7, Stull 1-3-2, Woods 1-2-4

Tuscarawas Valley (2-4, 0-3): Ackerman 2-5, Felgenhauer 6-12, Franks 2-1-3, McCaulley 2-6, Shettler 2-1-6, Walsh 1-2-5

Senate Athletic League

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Lincoln West 19 14 10 22-65, Conowood 10 12 19 17-58

Lincoln West (2-6, 2-4): Cook 4-1-9, Games 4-0-9, Littlejohn 3-1-7, Neegron 1-0-5, Reyes 1-0-2, Santiago 4-1-11, Smith 10-0-22

Conowood (7-8, 5-2): Ballew 5-3-13, Canady 1-1-3, Daye 1-0-2, Hemmingway 2-1-6, Hill 4-2-10, Taylor 11-1-27, Valerio 1-1-1, Sullivan 2-0-4

John Marshall East Tech

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. John Marshall 8 17 16 14-55, East Tech 39 26 41 15-21

John Marshall (3-7, 2-5): Berlinger 1-0-2, Brown 10-8-34, Kelly 1-0-3, Ritter 1-0-3, Williams 6-1-13

East Tech (9-3, 7-0): Bigsby 1-1-3, Carmon 6-1-14, Cullum 17-2-36, Green 9-1-19, Howard 4-1-9, Johnson 10-3-27, Pullum 1-1-3, Rodgers 4-0-8, Thomas 2-0-4

Southwestern Conference

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Brecks-Broad.Hts. 7 13 7 27-54, Brecks-Midpark 9 13 11 8-41

Brecksville-Broadview Heights (8-3, 5-1): Auble 4-7-16, Bazil 2-0-4, Cipolla 3-0-7, Dimitrijevs 1-0-3, Harwood 4-1-10, Maddox 5-2-14, Shirilla 0-0-0

Berea-Midpark (9-3, 3-1): Bachie 2-0-5, Bloxson 4-0-10, Elliott 0-0-0, Gassman 0-0-0, Gerrity 3-1-7, Hausler 0-0-0, McLean 0-0-0, Mraz 0-0-0, Simmons 1-0-3, Swinnerton 2-0-5, Taborn 4-2-11

North Olmsted Westlake

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. North Olmsted 13 9 11 17-50, Westlake 8 13 6 5-32

North Olmsted (8-4, 4-1): Clark 1-1-3, Coleman 4-1-8, Hufstetter 3-6, Lucien 7-5-19, Starovic 3-1-8, Sullivan 1-1-3, Wagscott 1-1-3

Westlake (2-9, 1-4): Brown 1-1-3, Gibson 2-1-4, Leonard 2-1-6, Meek 1-1-3, Schuler 1-2-2, Tate 5-2-14

Suburban League

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Revere 7 10 10 15-42, Green 17 23 18 20-78

Revere (1-10, 1-5): Green (6-8, 5-0):

West Shore Conference

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Vermilion 8 9 6 11-34, VASJ 20 17 15 6-61

Vermilion (6-6, 1-6): Barknoll 0-2-2, Dawson 3-1-7, Murray 1-0-2, Nader 4-8-17, Prenatt 1-0-2, Waller 2-0-4

Avon (8-4, 4-3): Fasset 0-1-1, Ferguson 1-1-3, Laraway 3-1-8, Nose 1-0-2, O&H#39;Brien 0-0-0, Orr 3-0-6, Reganoff 0-0-0, Roney 0-0-0, Smigel 3-0-8, Thornton 3-0-6, Torbert 4-2-11, Toth 1-0-2, Ybarra 7-0-14

Overtime

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Bay 12 13 13 1316, 16 169-56, N. Ridgeville 8 7 24 2424 1111-54

Bay (8-3, 5-2): Bradic 1-0-2, Durham 0-2-2, Gergey 1-0-3, Heideloff 2-6-15, White 1-0-2, Sunahara 6-3-15

North Ridgeville (8-5, 4-3): Abdul-Ali 1-0-2, Draft 3-3-9, Lesniak 1-0-2, McCall 6-2-15, Montgomery 3-6-14, Sullinger 5-0-12

Rocky River Elyria Catholic

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Rocky River 11 10 13 14-55, Elyria Catholic 15 15 11 25-66

Rocky River (4-7, 1-6): Connors 2-2-6, Corrigan 4-2-10, Jones 8-1-17, Kinsley 3-2-8, Klodnick 1-2-2, Nugent 1-2-2, Seifarnick 2-2-4, Waite 3-2-6

Elyria Catholic (7-3, 4-2): Duffield 2-2-2, Graham 3-1-11, Guice 1-2-4, Kelley 2-2-6, Kuchta 3-1-7, Shelton 3-8-14, Tirbaso 3-6-6, Vingan 5-4-17

Midview Lakewood

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Midview 14 8 10 9-41, Lakewood 14 14 11 20-59

Midview (5-4, 4-3): Bickel 1-0-2, Bolin 3-1-10, Crum 1-2-4, Mahone 4-0-8, Overy 3-1-7, Redwood 1-2-4, Wells 2-1-6

Lakewood (8-3, 5-2): Gerhardt 6-7-19, Leisinger 1-7-9, Malone 1-0-2, McDonald 6-0-13, Rogers 0-1-1, Sala 4-1-9, Swift 1-4-6

Nonleague

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Kenmore 11 13 9 16-49, Barborton 18 13 14 10-45

Kenmore (3-6, 1-4): Carter 1-0-2, Collins 7-0-15, Gable 2-0-5, Hopkins 3-3-9, Mosley 0-0-0, Palmer 0-2-2, Roberts 0-0-0, Taylor 5-0-12, Woods 2-0-4, stovall 0-0-0

Lake Ridge Academy Lake Ridge Academy

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Lake Ridge Academy 41 13 14 12-53, Madison 19 15 14 12-53

Lake Ridge Academy (6-7, 1-3): Chivri 4-2-13, Miller 0-4-4, Ortiz 1-0-2, Scofield 3-2-10, Smith 1-0-2, Waldoek 5-4-17

Lawrence School (1-6, 1-4): Bell 3-3-12, Edwards 1-0-3, Edwards 3-3-10, Mann 3-0-6, Streff 5-0-10

Warrensview Lorain

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Warrensview 14 12 17 28-71, Lorain 21 21 19 16-77

Warrensview Heights (7-4, 4-2): Lorain (12-0, 6-0):

Pope John XXIII St. Edward

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Pope John XXIII 13 11 13 46-57, St. Edward 10 13 12 22-57

Pope John XXIII (0-1, 0-0): Gagne 4-0-8, Gignorski 2-4-10, Montilli 1-1-3, Rodriguez 1-1-3, Scott 6-2-16

St. Edward (8-3, 1-0): Dowell 1-0-2, Flannery 4-0-10, Funderburk 7-2-16, Knowles 3-4-10, Nichols 4-7-15, Ryan 1-2-4

Mooney St. Ignatius

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Mooney 14 11 15 14-54, St. Ignatius 19 17 23 12-71

Cardinal Mooney (1-2, 0-4): Anderson 4-1-9, Armstrong 3-1-9, Braydich 1-0-2, Bruno 4-0-11, DiPaulo 1-0-2, Durkin 2-1-6, Koken 1-2-4, Reider 1-0-3, Thomas 2-3-8

St. Ignatius (7-3, 0-0): Berger 1-0-2, Davesh 3-2-8, Irish 1-0-2, Isabella 0-2-2, Kalish 1-0-3, Kiefer 1-0-2, McDonald 4-0-10, Nieto 3-2-10, Outcalt 2-4-8, Stover 2-5-9, Wolford 6-3-15

St. Thomas Aquinas VASJ

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. St. Thomas Aquinas 5 13 11 14-43, VASJ 26 17 15 6-61

St. Thomas Aquinas (2-1, 1-0): Duplin 0-1-1, Knox 1-0-2, Moeglin 3-0-7, NEWMAN 1-0-2, dimarzio 2-2-6, paul 5-2-14, pellegreano 2-0-4, piero 2-3-7

Villa Angela-St. Joseph (9-0, 5-0): Bragg 6-4-16, Dean III 1-0-2, Grudzinowski 4-0-11, Higgins 1-0-2, McClain 4-0-11, Parfion 3-0-8, Parker 2-2-6, Stauffer 2-1-5, Texidor 9-1-24, mo johnson 2-0-5, williams 1-0-2

Harding Cleveland Hts.

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Harding 11 15 19 10-55, Cleveland Hts. 6 11 15 20-52

Warren G. Harding (6-1, 0-0): Culyer 7-0-14, Herron 1-0-3, Jackson 3-6-12, Johnson 6-1-13, Johnson 2-3-7, Simpson 3-0-6

Cleveland Heights (4-7, 3-3): Eddie 1-2-4, Green 4-0-8, Harbin 3-0-8, Hill 6-2-17, Pettit 1-1-14, Smith 0-1-1

Girls basketball Senate Athletic League

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. East Tech 26 21 26 14-87, John Marshall 6 4 2 16-42

East Tech (11-2, 7-0): John Adams 7 13 9 19-48, John Marshall 6 4 2 16-42

John Adams (5-8, 4-2): Bolden 3-0-2, Bryant-Kendrick 2-1-5, Cannon 5-0-21, Lockhart 3-10-6, Montgomery 3-10-8, Phillips 1-10-2

Gienville (7-3, 6-1): abernathy 1-2-4, legion 6-6-18, neeson 8-2-18, sims 3-1-8, young 1-1-3

John Adams Whitney Young

## Boys basketball | No. 1 VASJ 81, No. 3 Central Catholic 65



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Central Catholic's Antwon Lillard, left, is fouled by VASJ's Dererk Pardon during Fridays' game.

# Resilient Vikings bounce back from first loss, flatten Ironmen

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Coming off of its first loss of the season, Villa Angela-St. Joseph boys basketball showed no ill effects as the Vikings picked up an 81-65 home win over Central Catholic.

Led by 25 points from seniors Carlton Bragg and Brian Parker, the Vikings (10-1, 4-0), who are ranked No. 1 in the Cleveland.com Top 25, won Friday's showdown between the two remaining teams with undefeated conference records in the North Coast League White Division.

"It feels really good coming off a hard loss," Parker said. "I appreciate coming back to our Village and getting a victory with our crowd behind us."

The Vikings were able to give themselves some early distance, as they closed the half on a 15-2 run to hit the break up, 26-24, on No. 3 Central Catholic (10-2, 3-1). Parker was on his game from the start and had 14 points at the break.

### What it means

Beating one of the top teams in the area by 16 points shows that Villa Angela-St. Joseph is at another level right now. The Vikings' combination of dominating interior and smart guards means that it will take the best possible effort from a team in Ohio to even think about beating them.

"The only thing important to me is to be the last guy standing in March," said Villa Angela-St.

Joseph coach Babe Kwasiak. "I have one goal, and that is to get the school the sixth state championship."

The game also showed a glimpse of how dominant Bragg, who scored 21 points in the second half, can be.

For Central Catholic, the loss shows that there is still a gap between the Ironmen and the elite. The team has talent, but the intensity and focus was lacking at times.

### Play of the game

With Central Catholic trailing, 57-50, in the fourth quarter, the Ironmen were called for an intentional foul, which gave the Vikings two free throws and the ball. Parker hit both free throws, and then Mo Johnson scored, got fouled and hit a free throw to give the Vikings a 62-50 lead.

### Crucial run

After Central Catholic held a brief 22-21 lead in the second quarter, the Vikings responded in a big way with a 15-2 run to close the half. Parker scored eight of the 15 points due to some nice interior moves.

### Who stood out for Central Catholic

Tervell Beck: The Ironmen junior finished strong to lead his team with 16 points. He took awhile to get confident, but once he was, he took it to the Vikings' interior players.

Antwon Lillard: As one of the few Ironmen who looked ready to go early, Lillard scored nine of his 14 points in the first half. How-

ever, once the defense adjusted, he struggled to get his shot off.

Kameron Locklear: One of the reasons that Central Catholic was able to hang around in the game was the contribution from Locklear. The senior came off the bench to score 16 points.

### Who stood out for VASJ

Bragg: With 21 points in the second half, Bragg was the closer his team needed. He showed some range, as he hit two 3-pointers.

Johnson: The senior point guard controlled the tempo of the game. Despite only scoring five points, he did exactly what his team needed.

Parker: The senior made a living battling around the basket with bigger players to finish with 25 points. He also did a nice job defensively on Lillard.

### Central Catholic sound bite

Coach Jeremy Holmes on why his team lost: "I thought our communication was bad. When you don't communicate against a good offense, it creates easy scoring opportunities, and that's what happened."

### VASJ sound bite

Kwasiak on Johnson: "Coach Holmes was his AAU coach, and I think they were trying to pressure him a little bit. I think Mo was the difference. I think Mo made big plays down the stretch. I've said this so many times that maybe he's not the best point guard in the state, but he's the best point guard for us."

## Boys basketball | No. 9 Lorain 63, No. 10 Bedford 62

# Bohannon's late shot a winner

## Devon Andrews keeps Titans unbeaten with 20

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Nazihar Bohannon's left-handed shot off the glass with three seconds left kept No. 9 Lorain undefeated as it beat visiting Bedford, 63-62, on Friday.

Bohannon had eight of his 14 points in the fourth quarter for the Titans (14-0, 7-0 Lake Erie League).

"Something told us we were going to win this game," Bohannon said. "Coach [John Rositano] always preached all year that at Lorain, we're going to find a way to win. It's our new culture."

Lorain trailed, 59-52, with 1:15 left after No. 10 Bedford (9-3, 5-1) went on an 18-2 run.

Devon Andrews had a game-high 20 for Lorain.

Lamont Rhodes led the Bearcats with 15 points.

### What it means

Lorain secured its lead in conference and kept its undefeated season alive. The win was also the Titans' third straight against a team ranked in the Top 25 after beating Warrensville Heights and Medina.

Bedford suffered its first loss in conference play and has lost all three of its games to teams ranked in the Top Ten.

### Play of the game

After a Bedford player stepped over the line on an inbounds pass with 6.6 seconds left, the Titans got the ball back.

lance and laid the ball off the glass to give Lorain the win, 63-62.

### Crucial run

Lorain closed the game on an 11-3 run.

The fourth quarter featured a pair of strong runs by both teams.

Lorain had a 50-41 lead with 5:42 to go on a layup by Devon Andrews. Bedford responded with an 18-2 run highlighted by two 3-pointers from Armond Perry. Rhodes had a strong dunk off a great pass from Cam Brandon to give Bedford a 59-52 lead with 1:15 remaining.

Lorain scored seven straight points, including five from Daviere Andrews and a steal and layup from Eddie Williamson's tie the game at 59 with 42 seconds left.

Rashod Berry had a dunk to cut a 3-point Bedford lead to one with 10 seconds left before the Bearcats turned it over on the inbounds play following a timeout. Bohannon's layup capped the 11-3 run in the final 1:05 and gave the Titans the win.

### Who stood out for Lorain

Devon Andrews: The Kent State recruit was the most impactful player on the floor for the Titans, leading the way with a game-high 20. He had six points in the fourth quarter.

Daviere Andrews: The junior guard had 11 points, but had back-to-back field goals, including a 3-pointer, to cut Bedford's 7-point lead down to two with

less than a minute left in the fourth.

### Who stood out for Bedford

Perry: The junior had all 11 of his points in the second half.

Perry had a 3-pointer to start Bedford's 18-2 run in the fourth and another to give his team a 53-52 lead with 2:13 to play.

Myron Prewitt: He had eight of his 11 points in the first quarter to get the Bearcats going. He was a presence in the lane, collecting eight rebounds.

### Sound bites for Lorain

Bohannon: "The ball was originally supposed to go to Devon, but they stopped the play. So I cut back and I saw them give it to me, and I couldn't go up. I wanted to go up for two. I said if I wouldn't make the shot, I'd get fouled. And once I turned around I saw the ball go in, I realized there was enough time for them to get the ball out and go."

Rositano: "You pretty much knew that it was coming down to the last couple of minutes. Just fortunate we made the last shot there. And what a way to win it."

### Sound bites for Bedford

Bedford coach Pete Priola: "It's getting to be a broken record. You can only have so many moral [victories]. And it's about time we get over that hump and finish games."

### What's next

Lorain vs. Clearview, at 7:30 p.m. today.  
Bedford at Twinsburg, at 3 p.m. today.

## High school scoreboard

### Boys basketball

#### Chagrin Valley Conference

#### Chagrin Division

<b>Chagrin Falls</b>	9	9	810-44
<b>Kenston</b>	9	6	815-38

<b>Chagrin Falls (9-3, 5-4):</b> Diederich 1-2-4, Donley 2-1-5, Karyo 5-4-14, McGuire 2-0-4, Powers 2-0-4, Tull 3-5-11, Vinci 0-2-2
<b>Kenston (10-4, 5-2):</b> Artale 4-3-11, Gdula 3-1-7, Maynard 4-0-10, Rendlesham 1-0-3, Weemhoff 0-1-1, Wyers 2-0-4, sova 1-0-2

#### Crossover

<b>Beachwood</b>	18	22	11 16-67
<b>Wickliffe</b>	12	16	13 9-50
<b>Beachwood (7-4, 1-0):</b> Dalley 7-4-19, Davis 6-1-13, Gibson 5-2-12, Jones 5-3-14, Rhodes 4-1-9			
<b>Wickliffe (3-9, 1-3):</b> Fortkamp 1-0-2, LaPaglia 6-4-17, Lewis 2-0-5, Payton-Drake 2-2-6, Tucker 7-2-16, Young 1-3-4			

<b>Hawey</b>	15	10	15 9-49
<b>West Geauga</b>	11	11	11 11-44
<b>Hawey (6-6, 3-4):</b> Boykins 0-1-1, Carwell 2-1-6, Dixon 3-6-13, Gaston 4-2-10, Haynes 1-3-5, Holbert 1-2-4, Transou 3-4-10			
<b>West Geauga (5-10, 1-6):</b>			

<b>Cuyahoga Hts.</b>	15	9	11 8-43
<b>Kirtland</b>	8	19	12 12-51
<b>Cuyahoga Heights (10-3, 4-1):</b> Barnes 4-0-9, Bell 1-0-2, Bowling 0-1-1, Hartman 2-0-4, Jazerink 3-1-10, Lowther 1-0-2, Oryl 1-0-3, Porter 4-1-12			
<b>Kirtland (6-5, 1-2):</b> Boyd 1-1-3, Difabio 5-2-17, Grazia 5-2-15, Lewis 0-1-1, Loncar 2-0-4, Madden 0-3-3, Skiljan 4-0-8			

<b>Lake Erie League</b>			
<b>Cleveland Hts.</b>	18	25	14 29-86
<b>Euclid</b>	17	20	20 20-77
<b>Cleveland Heights (5-8, 4-3):</b> Allen 2-0-4, Eddie 1-0-2, Green 0-2-0, Hardin 3-1-9, Harris 5-2-14, Hill 5-2-16, Pettit 6-3-15, Smith 6-8-22, Smith 1-0-2			
<b>Euclid (0-9, 0-6):</b> Berry 3-3-9, Emory 6-1-13, McCain 10-0-24, McClardy 1-0-2, Pittman 1-0-2, Taylor 1-0-3, West 6-3-18, wynn 1-2-4			

<b>Bedford</b>	15	8	16 23-62
<b>Lorain</b>	18	7	15 23-63
<b>Bedford (9-3, 5-1):</b> Brandon 2-2-6, Granger 2-0-4, Jeffrey 4-0-8, Johnson 0-1-1, Perry 4-0-11, Prewitt 4-3-11, Rhodes 6-5-15, Smith 2-2-2			
<b>Lorain (14-0, 7-0):</b> Andrews 4-2-11, Andrews 7-6-20, Berry 4-1-9, Bohannon 7-0-14, Davis 2-0-5, Pierre-Louis 1-0-2, Williamson 1-0-2			

<b>North Coast League</b>			
<b>Holy Name</b>	16	12	23 13-64
<b>Trinity</b>	12	11	10 17-50
<b>Holy Name (6-6, 2-5):</b> Cahill 7-7-22, Ehrbar 0-1-1, Hickey 4-4-14, Johnson 5-5-17, Minnich 1-0-2, Opincar 3-0-8			
<b>Trinity (10-4, 0-4):</b> Dawson 0-1-1, Dye 6-2-16, LeSueur 1-1-3, Maloney 1-0-3, McSweeney 4-1-9, Trent 5-4-14, Wodzisz 2-0-4			

<b>Blue Division</b>			
<b>NDCL</b>	10	6	25 21-62
<b>Padua</b>	9	11	16 22-65
<b>Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin (9-5, 1-4):</b> Cantini 5-5-17, Hammer 5-8-18, McMahon 6-3-18, Michach 2-2-6, Sabatti 1-0-4, Shubert 1-4-7			
<b>Padua (5-9, 3-3):</b> Anderle 4-3-13, Byke 1-3-2, Craider 2-3-4, Drum 1-3-2, Drum 2-3-5, Dunigan 4-2-10, Koler 2-2-6, Miranda 5-1-13			

<b>Walsh Jesuit</b>	20	12	15 20-67
<b>Lake Catholic</b>	17	7	13 10-47
<b>Walsh Jesuit (14-0, 5-0):</b> Connolly 0-0-0, Iacobacci 2-6-11, Keough 1-3-5, Mitiga 7-2-16, Peterson 7-3-19, Reich 2-0-6, Schlosser 3-0-7, Vincent 2-0-3			
<b>Lake Catholic (8-6, 3-3):</b> Alston 0-0-0, Fitzgerald 0-0-0, Friday 5-0-10, Grosel 0-2-2, Hinesley 1-0-2, Robinson 5-5-20, Russell 2-0-5, Stalnaker 1-0-3, wollerman 2-0-5			

<b>White Division</b>			
<b>Cle. Cent. Cath.</b>	16	8	24 17-65
<b>VASJ</b>	17	19	17 28-81
<b>Cleveland Central Catholic (9-2, 3-1):</b> Beck 8-0-16, Crosby 4-4-12, Hullum 1-0-2, Lillard 5-1-12, Locklear 7-0-16, McCar 3-1-7			
<b>Villa Angela-St. Joseph (10-1, 4-0):</b> Bragg 7-9-25, Grudzinski 1-0-3, Higgins 0-1-1, Pardon 4-2-10, Parker 9-7-25, Texidor 4-2-12, Mo Johnson 1-3-5			

<b>Northeast Ohio Conference</b>			
<b>Crossover</b>			
<b>Cuyahoga Falls</b>	19	12	16 17-64
<b>Brush</b>	11	11	21 22-65
<b>Cuyahoga Falls (1-11, 0-5):</b> Adams 5-1-2, Freeman 0-4-4, Fritz 7-2-18, Gera 1-0-3, Thomas 5-5-17, Winar 2-4-6			
<b>Brush (8-3, 3-2):</b> Bearden Jr. 5-0-10, Flowers 5-2-7, Marshall 2-0-4, Oakley 8-8-27, Rice 5-3-12			

<b>Twinsburg</b>	2	5	11 20-64
<b>Hudson</b>	4	9	13 10-28
<b>Twinsburg (4-8, 1-4):</b> Farmer 5-3-15, Gardschire 2-2-7, Heath 1-0-2, Nicholson 1-0-2, Strozier 1-0-2			
<b>Hudson (10-2, 4-1):</b> Burdett 1-0-3, Colazzo 2-2-2, Guadagni 7-2-17, MacGillis 1-2-5, Meder 8-1-19			

<b>Valley Forge</b>	13	18	19 16-66
<b>Mayfield</b>	26	20	14 25-65
<b>Cuyahoga Falls (1-12, 0-5):</b> Blasko 2-2-2, Captain 1-0-2, Hogan 2-2-6, Hujar 7-2-10, Jackson 3-1-7, Jackson 5-1-10, Keserich 2-3-7, Yurick 5-3-11, repko 2-2-6			
<b>Mayfield (6-4, 3-1):</b> Bican 1-1-2, Bican 2-1-5, Casey 1-1-2, Dixit 4-1-8, Early 4-1-0, Ferreri 1-1-3, Mangelluzzi 5-5-15, Nahr 9-1-20, Strasshofer 8-1-20, Trivisonno 2-5-10, Trivisonno 3-5-6, Trivisonno 1-2-4			

<b>Elyria</b>	11	11	12 30-64
<b>Normandy</b>	10	16	15 27-71
<b>Elyria (6-4, 3-2):</b> Atkinson 0-1-1, Blanton 5-4-15, Dalton 5-5-20, Jarcon 6-2-14, Marks 1-0-3, Miller 2-5-9, Ringer 1-0-2			
<b>Normandy (9-3, 4-2):</b> Crewdson 2-0-4, Kitko 4-0-8, Massa 11-5-30, Newman 7-7-11, Norton 3-0-6, Wylie 1-0-2, Zaremba 3-4-10			

<b>Parma</b>	14	10	21 17-62
<b>N. Royalton</b>	8	16	10 18-52
<b>Parma (6-7, 3-2):</b> Agosto 6-9-23, Banker 3-3-9, Lyon 7-1-18, Pastva 2-6-10, Rodriguez 1-0-2			
<b>North Royalton (3-9, 1-4):</b> Coberly 3-1-7, Diffenbacher 2-2-6, Filippi 5-0-13, Glass 2-1-5, Miduri 2-3-8, Nezcypor 1-1-3, Tarowski 5-0-10			

<b>Bruswick</b>	14	7	19 9-49
<b>Shaker Heights</b>	17	11	9 14-51
<b>Bruswick (11-2, 2-2):</b> Armenta 5-0-10, Badowski 0-1-1, Bulic 4-1-10, Cebalga 5-2-10, Okulovich 5-1-13, Quiring 4-2-11, Simmons 1-0-2			
<b>Shaker Heights (9-3, 5-1):</b> Ahmad 5-4-14, Burdett 0-1-1, Harsh 0-2-0, Johnson 2-2-4, Redus 1-0-3, Roy 3-2-9, Stokes 1-1-3, Wright 4-2-13			

<b>Stow-Mun. Falls</b>	10	13	15 19-63
<b>Solon</b>	10	13	15 19-67
<b>Stow-Munroe Falls (5-6, 3-2):</b> Bower-Malone 6-2-22, Huffman 5-2-12, Kollar 0-1-1, Lawson 2-0-4, Lindsay 1-0-2, Rice 5-4-18, Vantrease 1-0-2, Wright 0-2-2			
<b>Solon (4-7, 3-1):</b> Glaser 0-2-2, Harmody 1-0-2, Perry 4-0-9, Steele 2-1-5, Thompson 6-6-30			

<b>Medina Mentor</b>	5	9	15 17-46
<b>Medina</b>	17	17	26 9-69
<b>Medina (5-6, 0-4):</b> Clark 3-0-6, Daw 1-0-2, Keller 1-0-2, King 1-2-4, Moran 2-1-5, Morrison 0-1-1, Sarfatin 2-0-4, Schaefer 2-0-4, Schreck 3-0-7, Teske 4-3-11			
<b>Mentor (9-1, 3-1):</b> Craven 1-0-3, Dilbert 0-1-1, Korsk 4-1-11, Koss 0-2-2, Krzy 1-0-3, McIntosh 10-4-30, Potter 1-0-3, Sateika 1-0-2, Smith 3-0-6, Tenku 1-0-2, Zangis 2-0-6			

<b>Patriot Athletic Conference</b>			
<b>Crossover</b>			
<b>Buckeye</b>	17	11	17 18-63
<b>Oberlin</b>	15	8	16 12-51
<b>Buckeye (6-6, 6-2):</b> Brumfield 1-0-2, Grauel 0-6-6, Lowry 2-0-4, Miller 1-0-3, Murray 5-5-16, Polidori 6-6-18, Widenmyer 0-0-0, Wills 6-2-14			
<b>Oberlin (3-10, 2-7):</b> Allen 2-2-7, Freeman 0-0-0, Hicks 7-0-17, Huggly 1-0-2, Jackson 3-0-6, Johnson 4-2-10, Payne 2-3-7, Robinson 1-0-2			

<b>Black River</b>	14	15	82-46
<b>Fairview</b>	11	22	12 22-60
<b>Black River (3-6, 2-3):</b> Benson 4-1-9, Goff 1-0-3, Holly 1-0-3, Lewis 4-3-11, McIntyre 1-0-2, Potter 1-0-2, Roupe 4-2-10, heath 3-0-6			
<b>Fairview (3-11, 1-6):</b> Butler 5-3-14, Elder 1-1-3, Kerchenski 4-5-13, Kolman 2-0-4, Schwarber 5-0-15, Williams 4-2-11			

<b>Brookside</b>	13	7	23 13-54
<b>Lutheran W.</b>	22	23	16 20-81
<b>Brookside (4-8, 2-6):</b> Alam 0-2-2, Drey 4-2-12, Gray 2-0-6, Hargula 5-4-16, Milone 4-0-8, Smith 1-0-2, Tav 5-0-10			
<b>Lutheran West (11-2, 7-2):</b> Berghaus 2-3-7, Carper 5-2-12, Felten 3-0-8, Hillenbrand 1-0-2, Januzzi 2-0-5, Knudsen 3-0-6, Miraldi 1-0-2, O'Hara 5-4-14, Ranc 2-1-6, Viorals 7-2-17, Walker 1-0-2			

<b>Brookside</b>	4	11	15 13-43
<b>Culver Academics</b>	15	15	17 18-65
<b>Western Reserve Academy (8-2, 0-0):</b> Culver Academics (2-0, 1-0):			
<b>Warrensville</b>	14	18	15 26-73
<b>Shaw</b>	4	10	15 28-57
<b>Warrensville Heights (8</b>			

# Westshore Sports Be A Fanatic.com atop WSC



Story by Jim Horvath  
Photos and video by Larry Bennet

After a slow start to their 2014-15 season, the Rocky River Pirates will have a tough time winning the final West Shore Conference championship.

But if Friday night's game with WSC contender Lakewood was any indication, they could have a big say in who does.

The Pirates jumped out to a big lead early and pulled off a 12-0 run in the third quarter to stun the Rangers, 71-60, on a night that threw the WSC race into a logjam. River's second conference win played a big part in sending the

conference race into a four-way tie.

Bay and Lakewood, who came into Friday night tied for first, both lost. Bay, which had won nine in a row, saw a double digit lead slip away in an 86-79 loss to Elyria Catholic. In the meantime, Avon was putting a 66-48 beatdown on Midview.

Those results put Avon, Bay, EC and Lakewood atop the WSC standings, each at 5-3, with six games remaining. Midview and North Ridgeville, a 39-36 loser against Vermilion, are tied for second at 4-4.

Rocky River is just 2-6 in the WSC, but Pirates head coach Michael Murray felt the best was yet to come for his squad.

"Early in the year, we played well and lost some close games," said Murray, whose team moved to 5-7 overall. Then we went through a time where we had some kids injured and other kids getting sick.

"That's no excuse, but in getting kids back to practice, we've been able to work on things. You can see during the games that their confidence is much higher, and they're playing with a lot better pace offensively. We're able to create off the dribble and share the basketball more.

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Things got worse for the Rangers when River reached the bonus with 1:15 left in the third. For the game, the Pirates made 19 of 26 free throws to Lakewood's seven of 12. The home team made nine of 12 attempts in the game's final 3:10 to help close out the game.

After a lengthy post-game discussion in the Rangers' locker room, Argento didn't mince any words concerning his team's performance.

"We just had a very serious conversation with our guys about where they want to go, what they want to do and how they want to do it," he said.

"We played tonight like we've practiced, and that's a bigger issue for us. It trumps what Rocky River was doing," Argento said. "The things that every coach is trying to do in practices is to get better and show improvement in different phases of the game, whether it's offensive execution or defensive intensity. We haven't been getting better.

"At the beginning of the second round, you should be seeing guys who weren't doing things earlier in the year start to get it. We're not getting it, and that's a serious problem," he added.

Corrigan, thanks to a 16-point first half, wound up with a game-high 22 points.

"Jack has done an amazing job this year," Murray said.

"He's played in a couple of games where he's had maybe two reps of practice just from being sick," Murray recalled. "Then he had a high ankle sprain, but he's never complained. He missed a game, and he went through a stretch where he could barely practice.

"Now he's getting his reps in practice, and it's great to see that hard work pay off. The last couple of games, you've seen the Jack Corrigan that we knew we had," he added.

Jones was right behind Corrigan with 20 points. Pat Connors chipped in with eight points, while Jimmy Kinsley had seven rounds. River outrebounded the Rangers, 31-24.

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"We're able to spread things out more, and today, we were able to get the ball inside. We got our bigs some touches, and that hasn't happened in the past," he said.

Murray's Pirates got a lot of touches early and often. Down 3-0, River got three straight 3-pointers from junior guard Jack Corrigan. He connected from both corners and the right wing, prompting Lakewood head coach Phil Argento to call a timeout just 2:07 into the game.

But the break did nothing to slow down the Pirates, who connected on eight of 13 from the floor in the quarter with five treys, four of them from Corrigan. River led 21-11 after one quarter and 36-27 at the half.

"Getting off to a good start is important to us," Murray said. "We haven't done that early in the year, but the last couple of games we have.

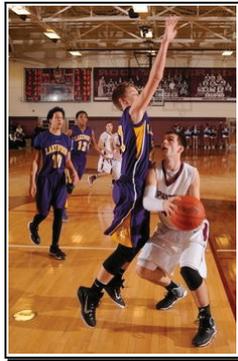
"That's really helped us. We got off to a good start defensively as well, and that helped springboard us," Murray continued. "They're very hard to guard. Not only do they shoot it well, they drive it well and pass well. What we tried to do was make them take tough shots, and I thought we did that.

"They buried some in the first half with a hand in their face, but for the most part we stayed in front of them and made them take tough shots," he said.

The Rangers scored first in the third quarter on a reverse layup from senior Joe Malone. At 36-29, the visitors were still within range, but what happened in the next five-plus minutes changed all that.

River went on a 12-0 run, starting with an offensive rebound for two from junior Evan Nugent. A pair of free throws from junior Eric Jones and another 3-pointer from Corrigan had the Rangers back on their collective heels.

Jones hit on another drive, then the march to the free throw line began. The Pirates made just three of their next six attempts, but by then the lead had grown to 19 points, 48-29, with 2:11 left in the quarter.



For Lakewood, senior guard Nick Porter led the team with 15 points, while Justin McDonald came off the bench to add 12 points. Wes Gerhardt had nine points, while Malik Leisinger added eight points and six rebounds.

As for the WSC race, Argento took a wait and see approach.

"We'll see. We've got a big week coming up with Avon and Bay," Argento said. "If we're all on the same page, it'll look like it. If we aren't, it'll look like that too.

"But even when you buy in, and you're making that complete commitment and showing the mental toughness to overcome the negative things that happen, you still don't have a guarantee of winning. But you do have the guarantee of competing very, very hard. I thought they outplayed us in everything tonight.

"We had bad shot selection, a complete lack of effort rebounding, and you pay for that," he added.

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## Sunahara sparks Rocket rally, WSC win over River



Story by Jim Horvath  
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Coming off a tough loss to Elyria Catholic, the Bay Rockets found themselves trailing Rocky River at the half, 31-25. The Pirate lead grew to nine as Eric Jones drilled a 3-pointer to open the second half.

That's when Rex Sunahara and the Rockets went off.

Bay, with their senior center scoring 16 of his 25 points in the quarter, blindsided Rocky River with an 18-2 run to take the lead. And this time, the Rockets held on to their fourth quarter lead and came away with a 66-55 West Shore Conference win Friday night at The Launch Pad.

Bay moved to 10-5 overall and maintained a share of the WSC lead with Avon and EC. The Eagles got past Lakewood, 80-71, Friday night, while the Panthers took down Vermilion, 56-49.

Rocky River had held the lead throughout most of the first half, with Jack Corigan hitting the second of his four first-half threes to put his team ahead at 11-3. The Pirates led 18-12 after one quarter and scored the last six points of the second quarter for their 31-25 halftime lead.

But after Jones hit his 3-pointer to open the second half, it was as if someone flicked the switch for Bay.

And especially for Sunahara.

Senior Alec White, who was assigned to guard Corigan in the second half, got things started for the Rockets with a rebound for two. Then Sunahara, after a relatively quiet first half, launched and hit a 3-pointer from the right corner.



"Danny hit two big shots there, and Brandon Morriss was down low doing what he does best and getting boards, and Alec came in and played one heck of a game off the bench.

"I can't give them enough credit. Without them, I can't do what I did," he added.

Rocky River hung close early in the fourth quarter. Corigan hit a medium-range jumper to pull the Pirates to within six, 50-44, then Jones went coast-to-coast for a layup to make it 50-46.

But Heideloff came back with a 3-pointer, and Sunahara drilled another trey from the top of the key to keep things rolling the Rockets' way. Sunahara's trey sparked a 9-0 run that put the game out of reach at 62-49.

That run ended on Sunahara's second slam dunk of the game off an assist from junior John Koz.

"A couple of those threes they hit, you really don't expect," Murray said. "But give them credit. They were playing hard.

"We still managed to get back into it there in the fourth quarter. At one point we got it back down to four, but we just couldn't score much after that. We went cold, and we didn't get enough stops at the defensive end," he said.

Corigan, who was held to six points in the second half, led the Pirates with 20 points. Jones finished with 13 points, while Nate Seffernick added seven.

For Bay, Heideloff and White each scored 12 points, while Morriss had 11 points and nine rebounds.

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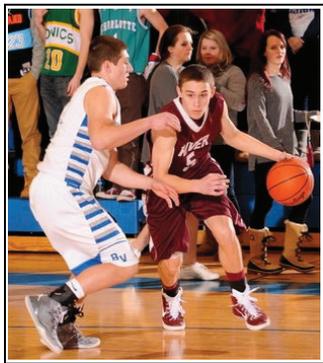
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Back-to-back drives to the hoop from senior guard Danny Heideloff tied the game at 34-34, and the momentum looked to be clearly in the home team's favor.

But Corigan hit a driving jumper to put the Pirates back in the lead at 36-34, prompting Bay head coach Jared Shetzer to call a timeout.

"At that point, we just wanted to re-emphasize some of the things we talked about at halftime," Shetzer said. "Either we were going to do it or we weren't."

From that point on, Shetzer's crew kicked things up another notch. Sunahara hit a baseline jumper, then White scored on a baseline drive. Seconds later, Sunahara put down a two-handed slam dunk to make it 40-36, Rockets with 2:44 left in the third quarter.



Timeout, Rocky River.

"You have to give Bay's kids credit," said Rocky River head coach Michael Murray. "I thought they made a great run there."

After the timeout, that Rocket run continued. Sunahara drained another trey from the right corner, this one glancing off the glass. Jones countered with a jumper, but then Sunahara answered right back with an NBA-range trey from the top of the key that banked in.

Sunahara finished his big quarter with a conventional 3-point play with 33.3 seconds left. When the smoke cleared, Bay held a 49-42 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

"It wasn't just me out there," Sunahara said after the game. "My teammates were setting me up very well. They were passing the ball around and getting me open.

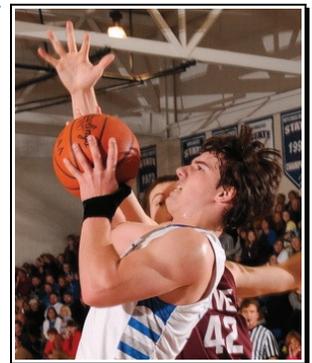
"In the first half, we played Rocky River's game," Shetzer said. "In the second half, we got out and ran.

"We played the tempo and style we wanted to play," Shetzer continued. "Anytime you play Rocky River, they're going to try to slow you down and make you play their tempo. They did that for two quarters tonight.

"We threw a challenge at our guys at halftime: 'If you're going to run, run. If you're not going to run, forget it because we're not going to win.' Alec came in and played probably the best game he has all season. We put him on Corigan, and he did a great job," he said.

Bay's next challenge will be against Lakewood Tuesday night when they take on the Rangers at Harding Middle School. Avon will be at North Ridgeville, while Elyria Catholic will host Midview.

Rocky River will host Vermilion the same night.



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The Cavaliers' LeBron James drives to the basket against the Kings' Carl Landry and Rudy Gay during the second quarter on Jan. 30 at Quicken Loans Arena.

CAVALIERS 101, KINGS 90

## LeBron back, Love stars

■ Cavs win 9th in row

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The Cavaliers received word before the game that All-Star LeBron James would play. That euphoria carried over to the game, as the Cavaliers shredded the Kings on Jan. 30, 101-90, before a sold-out crowd at Quicken Loans Arena.

It was the Cavaliers' ninth consecutive victory, as well as

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James was listed as doubtful before the game with a sprained right wrist. He had missed the Portland game on Jan. 28.

The Cavaliers (28-20) played so well, they probably would have survived without James, who finished with 19 points and seven assists in 33 minutes.

Power forward Kevin Love recorded his 26th double-double of the season with 23 points and 10 rebounds. He shook out of his recent slump by making 9 of 17 shots from the field.

Point guard Kyrie Irving, fresh off earning a berth on the Eastern Conference All-Star team, added 21 points and six assists. He had averaged 46.5 points in his previous two games, including a career-high 55 points against Portland Jan. 28.

The Cavaliers' stout defense

continues to impress. It has been outstanding during their winning streak, and has been a key to the team's turnaround.

They held the Kings (16-29) to 35.7 percent shooting from the field. They have held their last seven opponents under 100 points. In that stretch, the Cavaliers are allowing 93.8 points per game and a combined 40.8 percent shooting.

Center DeMarcus Cousins paced the Kings with 21 points.  
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## Dumb things could cost athletes a lot

Having no concrete evidence to support this premise, other than years of experience observing all the subtle nuances of societal dumbness — mine and others' — it seems probable that the percentage of professional athletes who do or say dumb things is about the same as that of non-professional athletes.



Jim Ingraham

The only difference is they make more money than we do. Say, for example, there are 53 people who work in your office, and you've observed two of them consistently doing or saying dumb things.

Now you know how Browns tackle Joe Thomas feels.

He's dealing with about the same percentage in his workplace. Thomas is the one I feel most sorry for in the Browns' ongoing saga of The Bonehead Chronicles.

Thomas is an earnest, professional workman who labors at one of the least glamorous positions in football: offensive tackle. It's a position in which it's possible to play 15 years in the NFL without ever once touching the football.

All Thomas wants is to play on a good team. Thomas has been in the league eight years. He has made the Pro Bowl in all eight of those years, and gone to the playoffs in none of those years.

Now he has to deal with this: two teammates — are names even necessary? — who do dumb things, say dumb things, or make dumb decisions.

Like all of us do.

However, when you and I do dumb stuff, almost nobody knows about it. Our dumb stuff — unless we really get carried away — doesn't make headlines in the paper, there's no video of it on TMZ, and there aren't dozens of reporters wanting to ask us about it immediately afterward.

So we have that going for us.

Athletes behaving badly do not. But it's still nice work if you can get it — and you can keep it if you try.

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BAY 65, ROCKY RIVER 55

## Sunahara sinks the Pirates

■ Bay senior scores 16 in third quarter

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The Pirates will not forget the name Rex Sunahara anytime soon.

The Bay senior erupted for 16 of his team's 24 points in the third quarter and led the Rockets Boys (10-5, 6-3 WSC) basketball to a 66-55 win over visiting Rocky River (7-9, 2-7 WSC) on Jan. 30.

"It helps when you have a 6-foot-6 guy who's going to step out and knock down some 3s," Bay coach Jared Shetzer said. "That certainly helps."

A sloppy shooting first half by Bay — the Rockets were 11 of 26 from the field and 1-for-9 from beyond the arc — coupled with a 14-point half by Rocky River's Jack Corrigan — who ended with 18 points on the night to lead the Pirates — put the Rockets in a hole to start the second half.

Trailing, 31-25, entering the third quarter, Rocky River junior Eric Jones knocked down a 3 only 20 seconds into the period to put the Pirates up by nine, 34-25.

For the next seven minutes, it was all Sunahara and the Rockets.

Bay went on a 24-8 run for the remainder of the quarter, spurred by Sunahara's 16-point outburst that included a dunk, a deep jumper, three 3-pointers and an and-1 that took a Bay deficit and turned it into a seven-point lead.

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Midview's Logan Bolin (24) lays it in over North Ridgeville guard Jordan Montgomery (1) on Jan. 30. Bolin had 15 points in the Middies' 68-63 overtime win over the Rangers.

MIDVIEW 68, NORTH RIDGEVILLE 63 (OT)

## Middies ramp it up in OT

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They were tied for second place in the West Shore Conference standings. It was their second meeting of the season. They didn't disappoint.

Midview defeated North Ridgeville, 68-63, in overtime on Jan. 30, boosting the

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Middies to 5-4 in conference play. Junior Jacob Wells' 3 with 1:21 left in the game kept the Middies alive. From the corner, Wells' shot tied the score at 56.

"It was great," Midview coach Troy DiFranco recalled.

"Matt Randolph found him and Jake knocked it down, real calm on his shot. It was a big shot for us."

The shot was also a welcome back moment for Randolph, who was making his return after suffering a concussion during the second game of the season.

Still knotted at 56 at the

end of regulation, the Middies entered overtime with energy. Damion Mahone and junior Logan Bolin each swiped a steal that resulted in a 62-58 Midview lead. A technical foul on Midview kept the Rangers close, and junior Jordan Montgomery hit one of two foul shots.

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LORAIN 95, SHAW 51

## Titans keep on grinding

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Trailing 18-17 with seconds remaining in the first quarter, the Lorain Titans decided it was time to take charge.

Junior guard Jamar Ross connected on a 3-pointer to take the lead, followed by a Devon Andrews steal and layup on the inbounds pass to completely take the momentum, and put the Titans (16-0, 7-0) on track for a 95-51 victory over the Shaw Cardinals (3-12, 1-7) Jan. 30.

"These guys just love to play basketball," said Lorain coach John Rositano. "We go 10 deep. We play hard. We play the right way."

Shaw opened the game shooting 7-of-10, and frustrated the Titans defensively with the quick switches and physicality. The tactics briefly slowed down the Lorain offense, but also led to eight team fouls in the first quarter.

"They came at us early," said Rositano. "Offensively, we just had to get settled and in relaxed. Defensively, we started with a loose zone. Once we got into our pressures, the game was over."

Beginning with the five points to end the first quarter, the Titans went on a 27-6 run and never looked back. They scored 36 second-quarter points, and held the Cardinals to 10. Lorain then followed that up with a 22-6 third quarter. The ability of Lorain's bigs to not only clog the lane, but also to shut down the perimeter, was ultimately too much for Shaw to handle.

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BAY 65 ,  
ROCKY RIVER 55

# Sunahara sinks the Pirates

■ Bay senior scores  
16 in third quarter

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The Pirates will not forget the name Rex Sunahara anytime soon.

The Bay senior erupted for 16 of his team's 24 points in the third quarter and led the Rockets (10-5, 6-3 WSC) to a 66-55 win over visiting Rocky River (7-9, 2-7 WSC) on Jan. 30.



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"It helps when you have a 6-foot-6 guy who's going to step out and knock down some 3s," Bay coach Jared Shetzer said. "That certainly helps."

A sloppy shooting first half by Bay — the Rockets were 11 of 26 from the field and 1-for-9 from beyond the arc — coupled with a 14-point half by Rocky River's Jack Corrigan — who ended with 18 points on the night to lead the Pirates — put the Rockets in a hole to start the second half.

Trailing, 31-25, entering the third quarter, Rocky River junior Eric Jones knocked down a 3 only 20 seconds into the period to put the Pirates up by nine, 34-25.

For the next seven minutes, it was all Sunahara and the Rockets.

Bay went on a 24-8 run for the remainder of the quarter, spurred by Sunahara's 16-point outburst that included a dunk, a deep jumper, three 3-pointers and an and-1 that took a Bay deficit and turned it into a seven-point lead.

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HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bay 66, Rocky River 55

ROCKY RIVER — Korigan 18, Jones 13, Seffernick 7, Connors 6, Nugent 5, Kinsley 4, Waite 2
BAY — Sunahara 25, Heideloff 12, White 12, Morris 11, Koz 4, Kyle 2
Rocky River 18 13 11 13 — 55
Bay 12 13 24 17 — 66
Rebounds: Rocky River 22 (Connors 5), Bay 30 (Morris 9); Turnovers: Rocky River 4, Bay 6; Records: Rocky River 7-9 (2-7 WSC); Bay 10-5 (6-3)
JV: Rocky River 48, Bay 42

Brookside 60, Oberlin 49

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JV: Rocky River 48, Bay 42

Elyria 77, Parma 39

PARMA — Pastva 13, Agosto 7, Lyon 7, Banker 6, Demko 2, Musarra 2, Todd 2

ELYRIA — Furcron 17, Miller 13, Blanton 10, Marks 10, Lotio 10, Egnor 6, Dalton 4, Atkinson 3, Marsh 2, Keopp 2
PARMA — 10 15 9 5 — 39
ELYRIA — 16 23 18 20 — 77
Rebounds: Parma 22 (Jones 7), Elyria 28 (Atkinson 7); Turnovers: Parma 19, Elyria 12

Wellington 44, Fairview 43

FAIRVIEW — Butler 21-6, Williams 3-1-7, Elder 1-0-3, Kerchenski 10-0-20, Hofzyer 1-0-2, Kohlman 2-1-5
WELLINGTON — Kingle 0-2-2, Holiday 0-1-1, Paramore 2-0-4, Basler 5-7-17, Gibbs 9-2-20
Fairview 12 8 13 10 — 43
Wellington 9 13 10 12 — 44
Field goals: Fairview 19 of 54, Wellington 16 of 49; Free throws: Fairview 3 of 6, Wellington 12 of 17; Three pointers: Fairview 2 (Elder, Butler); Rebounds: Fairview 26, Wellington 47; Turnovers: Fairview 9, Wellington 17

Midview 68, North Ridgeville 63, OT

MIDVIEW — Randolph 6, Wells 10, Blevins 2, Mahone 16, Bolin 15, Redwood 11, Overy 2, Crum 2
NORTH RIDGEVILLE — Montgomery 19, McCall 8, Sullinger 15, Draft 7, Rowe 5, Arnold 11
Midview 12 15 19 10 12 — 68
North Ridgeville 13 19 9 7 — 63

Rebounds: Midview 29, North Ridgeville 19; Records: Midview 8-7, North Ridgeville 8-8

Lorain 95, Shaw 51

SHAW — Keyes 13, Mason 11, Mitchell 10, Douglass 8, Lashley 4, Scott 3, Johnson 2
LORAIN — Andrews 27, Bohannon 14, Ross 14, Smothers 12, Berry 8, Davis 7, Andrews 4, Smith 4, Sturgill 3, Williamson 2
Shaw 18 10 6 17 — 51
Lorain 22 36 22 15 — 95
Rebounds: Shaw 24 (Douglass 7), Lorain 33 (Smothers 8); Turnovers: Shaw 15, Lorain 12; Records: Shaw 3-12, Lorain 16-0
JV: Lorain 70, Shaw 51

Western Reserve 60, New London 54

NEW LONDON — Phillips 0-1-1, Thomas 3-7-14, Weber 1-2-4, Hamilton 1-0-2, Lane 3-6-14, Molnar 3-1-7, Brady 6-0-14
WESTERN RESERVE — Sapienza 5-1-15, Munz 0-2-2, Craft 5-8-21, Stump 3-4-7, Bartlett 1-0-3, Logan 4-1-11, Buck 0-1-4
New London 14 11 16 15 — 54
Western Reserve 11 17 17 15 — 60

Fouled out: x; Field goals: New London 17 of 23, Western Reserve 18 of 46; Free throws: New London 17 of 23, Western Reserve 14 of 20; Rebounds: New London 33, Western Reserve 28; Turnovers: New London 14, Western Reserve 11

North Ridgeville travel returned the ball to the Middies' hands. Midview extended a 68-63 lead that the Rangers couldn't overcome.

There were six lead changes, but the Rangers started on top, carrying a 15-12 advantage after the first quarter due in part to a steal and layup by Tyler Rowe at the buzzer.

Midview junior Dimitri Redwood tied it at 16 before Rangers senior Tyler Arnold sank his third trey of the day to boost North Ridgeville ahead, 19-16.

The Middies regained the lead soon after as junior Mahone snagged a steal and was fouled en route to the basket. Cue sophomore Collin

defensive rebounds. "We were getting some good looks," DiFranco said. "I thought we missed some easy ones in the first half and I said defensive rebounds are going to win this game."

DiFranco was right, as the Middies yielded just one rebound during North Ridgeville's final four shots of the game. To get there, Midview had to overcome a seven-point deficit in the third quarter.

Sullinger banked his second 3 with two minutes remaining in the quarter for a 45-37 North Ridgeville lead. Randolph responded with a 3 of his own as the Middies cut the difference to trail by one heading into the final stanza.

Sullinger nailed his third 3 to lead off the fourth quarter,

0-3-19 victor. As the battle for the West Shore Conference title remains tight amid its final year, DiFranco noted the importance of wins. "[It was] a great high school basketball game, they don't get much better than that," DiFranco said. "It seems every time we play Ridgeville, it's like that. When we played at their place earlier in the year, it was a similar game but they came out on top. For us to turn the tables tonight was a huge win for our ball club."

"[It's a] crazy conference, you don't want to get too many losses, that's for sure. We want to try to keep pace and see how things play out, so it's a big win in the conference for us."

Sunahara

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Bay led, 49-42, entering the final quarter.

"We got out and we ran," Shetzer said. "We played the tempo and the style that we want to play. Anytime you play Rocky River, they're going to try and slow you down and make you play their tempo. They did that for two quarters. We threw the challenge at the guys that if you're going to run, run. If you're not going to run, forget it because we aren't going to win."

Sunahara — who finished the game with 25 points, seven rebounds and four blocks — opened his scor-

ing up on a 3-pointer from the right corner to cut the Rocky River lead to 34-30. A pair of layups by Bay senior Danny Heideloff knotted the game at 34-34 with 5:04 remaining in the quarter, but Evan Nugent's jumper for the Pirates put them back on top, 36-34.

Sunahara hit a deep jumper from the left elbow to knot it back up and senior Alec White hit a baseline layup to give Bay a 38-36 lead. It was the Rockets' first lead since a 6-5 advantage with 5:22 remaining in the first quarter.

"Alec White played probably the best game he's played all season," Shetzer said. "He's a guy who sometimes can be a turnover problem,

and he just wasn't tonight. It clicked for him."

That was Sunahara's cue to completely take over.

Sunahara could not miss to end the quarter, slamming home a dunk to put the Rockets up 40-36 and followed it with a 3-pointer from the right corner that somehow touched glass before going in.

"Man, I have no idea," Sunahara said about his third quarter. "I yelled that the one was off and it somehow just kicked off the glass and went in. You know, my friend and I practice bank shots all the time, but I don't think that one was really meant to be a bank shot."

The practice paid off, as Sunahara

let loose a 3-point try from five feet behind the top of the key that banked in and put Bay up, 46-38, with 1:03 remaining. He closed out his dominating quarter with a layup in which he was fouled hard and converted the and-1 to put the Rockets up, 49-42, entering the fourth.

"It's not really me," Sunahara said. "My teammates were setting me up very well. They were passing the ball around and getting me open. Danny Heideloff hit two big shots. Brandon Morris is down there doing what he does best and getting boards. Alec White comes in and plays a heck of a game off the bench.

"I can't credit enough to them.

Without them, I can't do what I did."

The Pirates tried to get back into the game in the fourth, cutting the lead to as little as four points, but the Rockets used a 9-2 run over a four-minute span to put the game out of reach.

"You have to give Bay's kids credit," Rocky River coach Michael Murray said. "I thought they made a great run there. A couple of those banked 3s ... you don't expect there, but they were playing hard."

"We got back into it and were down by four, but we just couldn't score and went kind of cold and just couldn't get stops. That was probably the difference."

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

**Boys basketball | No. 6 Garfield Heights 61, No. 7 Mentor 42**



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Garfield Heights' Raymel Franklin drives for a basket against Mentor during the first half on Friday. Willie Jackson had 15 points and 15 rebounds in the Bulldogs' 61-42 victory.

# Jackson's double-double paves the way for Bulldogs

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With just a couple of weeks before playoff seeding is determined, Friday night presented an opportunity for No. 6 Garfield Heights to show it deserves a high seed.

That is exactly what the Bulldogs (14-2, 4-1) did, as Willie Jackson finished with 15 points and 15 rebounds to help Garfield Heights complete a season sweep of No. 7 Mentor, 61-42.

Garfield Heights, Mentor and Shaker Heights all entered Friday with one loss in the Northeast Ohio Conference, and coach Sonny Johnson knew his team had a chance to make a statement.

"That is a big win for our team, there is no denying that," Johnson said. "I really think our team is a completely different team than what we were earlier in the season, and I think tonight is a good example of that. Our guys knew that they would continue to battle, but we just had so many guys step up and make plays when we needed them."

Mentor (9-5, 3-2) was able to trigger a quick 8-2 start behind two 3-pointers by junior Micah Potter, but the Bulldogs cranked it up on defense, going on a 29-8 run to end the half.

Potter finished with a double-double scoring 20 points and

grabbing 12 rebounds. **What it means:** Last season, Mentor was able to get the season sweep, and that played a big role in determining playoff seeding. Being able to respond and sweep the Cardinals shows the Bulldogs have a high prospect.

After enduring a two-game losing streak earlier in the season, Garfield Heights has five consecutive victories.

**Play of the game:** Mentor was battling back in the third quarter, cutting the deficit to 10 points when the Cardinals got a steal and had a chance to cut the deficit to eight. However, two point-blank shots were missed, and Jackson got an easy layup for Garfield Heights to push the lead back to 12 points. Mentor was unable to recover from that sequence.

**Crucial run:** Garfield Heights found itself in an 8-2 hole early, but sophomore guard Shawn Christian came in and got the team rolling with two 3-pointers.

**Who stood out for Garfield Heights:** Christian: Johnson has been raving about his sophomore guards all year, and Christian came in and gave the Bulldogs a needed spark early in his 3-point shooting.

Frankie Hughes: The go-to scorer, he can score from any-

where on the court. **Johnson:** He added four blocks to his double-double.

**Who stood out for Mentor:** Potter: The 6-foot-9 junior is becoming a big-time prospect, and he did not disappoint on Friday night.

**Garfield Heights sound bites:** Christian on his role on the team: "We have so many guys that can score the ball, that we will have a different player each night that goes off. Tonight, I was able to give my team a lift early."

Coach Johnson on the win: "We know how good of coach he is and how hard his teams are going to play, so for us to go out and get a victory like that, it really shows how well our team played."

Johnson on Jackson's performance: "He's so athletic, and he really showed tonight how tough he is as well battling down low. He does so many things for us, a lot of the things that don't show up in the stats."

**Mentor sound bites:** Coach Bob Krizancic on his team shooting only three free throws: "To get to the free throw line only three times is just terrible. We did not make any of those shots either. We told our guys, we have had many good offensive players get to the line seven or eight times a game, and for us to get there only three times shows how we weren't aggressive enough."

**Scoreboard**

**Boys basketball**

**CHAGRIN VALLEY**

**Chagrin Division**

Orange	9	10	78-34
Chagrin Falls	13	17	1910-59

**Orange (2-13, 0-7):** Bishop 2-2-6, Foster 1-2-4, Gordon 4-0-8, Hughes 1-0-3, Marshall 1-1-3, Mays 1-0-2, Zwick 3-0-8

**Chagrin Falls (11-3, 7-4):** Brigeman 0-1-1, Diederich 4-0-9, Donley 2-2-6, Karo 7-2-16, McGuire 3-0-7, Powers 1-0-2, Sfera 2-0-5, Tull 3-1-7, Vinci 1-2-4, Wainblat 1-0-2

**Crossover**

Beachwood	10	13	1315-51
Cuyahoga Hts.	5	12	714-38

**Beachwood (10-4, 2-0):** Connor 1-0-2, Dalley 5-2-15, Davis 2-2-6, Gibson 7-0-14, Jones 5-1-11, Rhodes 1-0-3

**Cuyahoga Heights (11-4, 5-2):** Barnes 2-2-7, Bowling 1-0-2, Kozak 4-2-12, Porter 4-6-15, Selig 1-0-2

**Harvey** 6 14 1520-55

**Aurora** 10 19 167-52

**Harvey (8-6, 5-4):** Carswell 4-2-13, Clark 1-0-3, Dixon 4-1-9, Gaston 8-0-16, Holbert 3-0-7, Transou 2-3-7

**Aurora (5-9, 3-4):** Blunt 6-0-14, Blunt 2-0-4, Brubaker 2-0-6, Evans 1-0-3, Fayne 4-1-10, Galchenko 4-0-8, Miller 1-0-3

**Independence** 14 7 915-45

**Hawken** 15 15 1112-53

**Independence (5-9, 1-6):** Brunsmann 5-0-11, Dworznik 1-0-2, Figliola 4-0-8, Mathews 3-3-10, Patel 1-0-3, Stefanski 2-6-11

**Hawken (8-7, 6-2):** Brown 1-2-4, Burton 8-11-28, Dell 1-2-4, Hruby 4-0-8, Lawson 1-1-3, Mazzone 3-0-6

**Overtime**

Kirtland	11	13	14	17
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**9-64**

**Wickliffe** 13 11 22 9

**6-61**

**Kirtland (9-5, 4-3):** Boyd 4-1-11, Difabio 1-2-4, Grazia 1-7-9, Lewis 3-7-8, Loncar 3-7-6, Madden 3-7-14, Skiljan 4-3-12

**Wickliffe (3-12, 1-5):** Fortkamp 2-2-6, LaPaglia 1-2-2, Payton-Drake 3-2-6, Thomeier 2-2-5, Tucker 9-3-21, Young 5-8-21

**LAKE ERIE LEAGUE**

Maple Hts.	14	15	1320-62
Cleveland Hts.	13	16	1524-68

**Maple Heights (8-6, 2-5):** Bailey 1-0-2, Garner 1-2-4, Palmer 1-0-2, Schmook 4-1-13, Taylor 2-5-9, hale 3-5-12, wilson 8-2-20

**Cleveland Heights (6-10, 5-3):** Eddie 3-1-7, Green 1-0-2, Harris 5-8-18, Hill 4-2-11, Pettit 6-2-14, Smith 5-3-14, Smith 0-1-1, Williams 1-0-2

**NORTH COAST**

Blue Division	7	17	1112-47
NDCL	13	14	1918-64

**Maple Heights (6-6, 2-5):** Bailey 1-0-2, Garner 1-2-4, Palmer 1-0-2, Schmook 4-1-13, Taylor 2-5-9, hale 3-5-12, wilson 8-2-20

**Cleveland Heights (6-10, 5-3):** Eddie 3-1-7, Green 1-0-2, Harris 5-8-18, Hill 4-2-11, Pettit 6-2-14, Smith 5-3-14, Smith 0-1-1, Williams 1-0-2

**PREMIER ATHLETIC**

Will, South	7	14	1619-56
Eastlake	16	8	1310-47

**Willoughby South (15-1, 13-0):** Burks 2-2-6, Coleman 4-5-13, Coleman 1-1-4, Conliffe 1-0-2, Danford 2-0-2, Schuenemann 3-2-8, Shelby-Shorter 1-0-2, Whitaker 6-2-17

**Eastlake North (7-6, 6-3):** Dukes 1-1-3, Finucan 1-0-3, Grady 4-2-11, Kleinjohn 0-1-1, Petrecca 6-3-15, Picquet 2-0-6, Province 2-0-4, Robinson 2-0-4

**PRINCIPALS ATHLETIC**

Triway	10	13	56-44
CVCA	9	8	2412-53

**Triway (0-2, 0-2):** Carmichael 9-7-29, Furr 1-7-2, Garrett 2-2-6, Miller 1-2-2, Walker 2-1-5

**Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (12-2, 10-1):** Britton 1-2-4, Foght 1-5-7, Peters 1-3-5, Taylor 3-8-15, Peters 6-3-17, Smith 2-2-2, Taylor 2-0-4

**SENATE ATHLETIC**

East Tech	32	32	25-796
Collinwood	8	12	1814-52

**East Tech (14-3, 12-0):** Bigsby 1-0-2, Carmon 5-3-15, Cullum 6-4-16, Green 2-0-4, Griffin 4-3-14, Howard 2-0-4, Johnson 11-6-30, Pullum 1-1-3, Thomas 3-0-6, woodley 1-0-2

**Collinwood (9-10, 7-4):** Ballew 5-5-15, Bennett 1-0-3, Clark 1-0-2, Day 2-0-4, Hill 3-2-8, Taylor 5-2-13, Wilson 3-0-7

**John Adams** 32 25 242-103

**Lincoln West** 22 16 1419-71

**John Adams (7-9, 7-4):** Johnson 11-3-25, Lawrence 3-2-9, LeVerette 6-1-13, Price 1-1-5, Ruthledge 11-1-30, Sigler 1-1-3, Sims 3-1-9, Williams 4-3-11

**Lincoln West (2-9, 2-7):** Cook 4-8-9, Gony 1-3, Jackson 2-4, Littlejohn 2-2-2, Negron 2-2-4, Reyes 4-2-11, Santiago 8-1-19, Smith 6-7-20

**John Marshall** 12 22 2723-84

**John F. Kennedy** 25 29 919-82

**John Marshall (4-10, 3-8):** Brown 7-0-17, Lewis 7-9-23, McNeal 5-3-11, Parker 2-1-6, Stevens 3-1-8, martin 8-3-19

**Cleveland John F. Kennedy (3-12, 3-6):** Collins 2-0-4, Day 5-3-14, Harrison 5-2-12, Huffstetter 2-2-7, Lucien 5-3-13, Simons 2-0-5, Winfield 5-2-13, henderson 4-2-10, Taylor 3-0-6

**Rhodes** 19 24 2216-81

**Martin Luther King Jr. (3-6, 3-5):** Blake 1-0-2, Carr 1-0-2, Cottrell 0-1-1, Jones 1-0-2, MAY 1-1-3, Maddox 8-0-9, Pappas 3-0-8, Simons 1-0-2, Tegeder 1-0-3, Toy 0-0-0

**Berea-Midpark (13-3, 6-1):** Bachie 2-0-4, Blosson 5-4-18, Elliott 0-0-0, Gassman 1-0-3, Gerrity 9-1-19, Hausler 0-2-2, McLean 0-0-0, Marx 1-0-2, Peter-Son 0-0-0, Simmons 2-0-4, Swinerton 5-2-13, Taborn 2-1-6, Walker 0-0-0

**North Olmsted** 15 10 1416-55

**North Olmsted** 12 19 1019-60

**Holmsted Falls (9-8, 5-5):** Fritz 5-0-11, Gamm 1-2-12, Hitterman 1-2-5, Hurrell 3-0-8, Meehan 3-0-8, Smith 1-0-2, Stodtbeck 0-0-0, Trujillo 4-0-8

**North Olmsted (11-5, 7-2):** Coleman 5-2-12, Huffstetter 2-2-7, Lucien 5-3-13, Simons 3-0-7, Sullivan 2-0-4, Washpost 8-8-24

**Amherst** 15 5 1516-51

**Westlake** 12 21 1316-62

**Amherst Westlake (4-8, 3-6):** Busey 2-0-6, Kneisel 6-1-15, Rua 3-4-10, Serrano 2-3-7, Sris 4-3-13

**Highland (11-4, 4-3):** Hauser 3-6-6, Wienciek 1-2, greenhoe 5-10, houska 5-4-14, Kinsey 1-4-2, levine 2-4-4, scott 8-8-24

**SOUTHWESTERN**

Avon Lake	11	10	1217-50
Berea-Midpark	24	17	2015-76

**Avon Lake (3-12, 0-9):** Ball 0-0-0, Canteberry 0-0-0, Good 4-0-9, Harris 5-0-11, Marinelli 0-0-0, Marsh 4-0-8, Molina 4-0-0, OS&S/Connor 0-0-0, Outcalt 0-0-0, Pappas 3-0-8, Simons 1-0-2, Tegeder 1-0-3, Toy 0-0-0

**Avon (10-5, 6-3):** Ferguson 1-0-2, Laraway 1-0-2, Orr 8-8-26, Peganoft 2-1-6, Smigel 1-0-3, Thornton 5-1-12, Torbert 3-6-13, Ybarra 6-4-16

**River** 18 13 1113-55

**Bay** 12 13 2417-66

**River (7-8, 2-7):** Connors 3-0-6, Corrigan 8-0-20, Jones 5-2-13, Kinsley 7-0-4, Nugent 1-1-3, Seffernick 3-1-7, Waite 1-0-2

**Bay (10-5, 6-3):** Heidehoff 5-1-12, Koz 1-0-2, Koz 1-0-2, Morris 5-1-11, Sunahara 9-3-25, White 5-1-12

**Waresville** 16 12 1210-50

**Bedford (12-3, 6-1):** Brandon 2-6-11, Jeffrey 2-2-6, Perry 2-0-5, Prewitt 10-2-22, Rhodes 1-0-2, Smith 1-3-6

**Warrensview Heights (8-6, 5-3):** Dunning 1-0-2, Gatter 1-0-2, Hall 9-7-27, Howze 3-6-12, Peters 2-2-7

**Gilmour** 9 5 136-33

**Berkshire** 7 6 1410-37

**Gilmour Academy (1-15, 0-0):** Berkshire (9-7, 4-4): Fisher 1-2-4, Hess 2-8, Johnson 4-2-10, Pawlik 3-1-8, Smetana 3-1-7

**Lawrence School** 72

**Mentor Christian** 41

**Lawrence School (2-8, 2-6):** Mentor Christian (0-1, 0-1):

**Saint Thomas** 19 10 124-65

**Trinity** 20 8 156-49

**Saint Thomas Aquinas (1-8, 0-0):** dimarzio 3-0-6, knox 1-3-3, meoglin 6-3-16, newman 3-1-8, paul 7-0-14, pellegreene 4-0-11, piero 3-0-7

**Trinity (3-12, 0-4):** Dawson 1-0-2, Dye 8-2-20, Filippi 1-0-2, McSweeney 4-1-9, Trent 3-2-8, Wodzisz 4-0-8

**Girls basketball**

**SENATE ATHLETIC**

Collinwood	4	7	129-32
East Tech	24	25	2718-94

**Collinwood (9-9, 2-6):** Caselott 1-0-3, Echols 2-3-7, Heard 1-0-5, Mustin 1-0-3, Rigo 4-1-12, Tidwell 1-0-2

**East Tech (16-3, 11-0):** Barns 1-3-5, Bostick 5-8-16, Cardwell 7-2-16, Daniel 5-9-13, Jackson 2-3-7, Lums 5-2-12, Richardson 1-0-2, Sanders 1-1-3, Sanford 4-2-12, Thompson 3-2-8

**Lincoln West** 6 9 45-24

**John Adams** 9 12 1115-47

**Lincoln West (3-10, 2-4):** Goss 3-0-7, Thornton 3-0-6, Thorpes 5-0-11

**John Adams (8-7, 5-3):** Chambers 3-0-6, Morman 6-3-16, Prial 5-0-10, Reeves 4-0-8, Smith 1-0-3, Woodruff 2-0-4

**John Hay** 15 15 1523-67

**Whitney Young** 6 3 62-17

**John Hay (9-9, 8-3):** Abed 3-0-7, Billingsley 1-0-5, Bolden 3-1-7, Bryant-Kendrick 3-0-6, Cannon 3-6-5, Jeffries 3-1-11, Kitchart 5-3-13, Montgomery 4-0-9, Phillips 0-1-1, Watkins 0-2-2

**Whitney Young (0-1-1, 0-0-0):** Barnes 0-1-1, King 0-1-1, Lewis 1-0-2, Riddle-Lash 5-3-13

**Rhodes** 13 9 2317-62

**Martin Luther King Jr. 15 14 84-51**

**Rhodes (8-6, 8-3):** Claw 3-1-7, Davila 1-0-2, Dye 5-2-12, Lums 5-2-12, Jackson 9-0-8, McFarland 4-5-13, Pettigrew 3-0-7, Rossler 1-0-2, Rutini 1-0-2

**Martin Luther King Jr. (3-11, 3-16):** Appling 3-1-2, Bell 4-1-10, Hunt 2-0-5, Jones 3-1-8, Kimbrough 10-2-0

**NONLEAGUE**

**Overtime**

Strongsville	6	12	9	14
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**8-49**

**Mass Washington** 10 9 10 12

**Strongsville (7-9, 1-2):** Novak 2-2-6, Sallee 1-0-3, Rossler 1-0-2, Rutini 1-0-2, Thall 2-0-5, Zbydniowski 1-0-3

**Massillon Washington (0-3, 0-0):** Divers 0-2-2, Broyles 1-2-4, Harris 6-2-16, Rey 1-0-3, Solomon 0-1-1, Stinson 6-3-17

**Gymnastics**

**Hudson 140.25, Chardon 135.25, West Geauga 132.45, Notre Dame-Cathedral 130.95**

Vault: 1. Piper (H) 9.25; 2. Benjamin (C) 9.15; 3. Phillips (C) 8.90 Chardon. Bars: 1. Piper (H) 8.85; 2. Urbanic (H) 8.825; 3. Benjamin (C) 8.75. Beam: 1. Benjamin (C) 9.20; 2. Piper (H) 9.10; 2.1. Urbic (H). Floor: 1. Benjamin (C) 8.9; 2. Benjamin (H) 8.90; 3. Ange (WG) 8.9. All-around: 1. Benjamin (C) 36.025; 2. Urbanic (H) 35.375; 3. Piper (H) 35.0.

**Hockey**

**Shaker Heights 2, Walsh Jesuit 2** SH (12-9-5): Sweeney 1, Stack 1, WJ 500 free: Costello (C) 5-40-38, 200FR: 5 (Lo, Huang, Hertzler, Crowley) 1:45.74, 100 back: Huang (S) 1:09.17, 100 breast: Weeks (S) 1:19.53, 400FR: 5 (Lo, Huang, Hertzler, Crowley) 5:56.86.

**Solon 104, Kenston 82** 200MR: 5 (Jin, Ye, Jones, Gaydos) 1:57.47, 200 free: D'Amico (C) 2:10.36, 200IM: 10 (C) 2:21.71, 500 free: Jin (S) 24.32, Diving: Krefl (S) 25.85, 100 fly: D'Amico (C) 1:06.83, 100 free: Spencer (C) 53.87, 500 free: Chirokov (C) 5:28.09, 200FR: 5 (Laframboise, McCaffeden, Lownes, Sauerland) 1:37.91, 100 back: LaFramboise (S) 59.63, 100 breast: Whitley (S) 1:08.40, 400FR: 5 (Gustafson, Yoder, Sowell, Tuggle) 3:25.69.

**Girls Swimming**

**Shaker Heights 108, Orange 74** 200MR: 5 (Madden, Macie, Weeks, Brinda, Madden, Mara) 2:05.04, 200 free: Brown (C) 2:10.19, 200IM: Lo (S) 2:18.81, 500 free: Zaverdinos (C) 26.71, Diving: (C) 19.1.18, 100 fly: Freund (C) 1:05.58, 100 free: Crowley (S) 57.67, 500 free: Costello (C) 5:40.38, 200FR: 5 (Lo, Huang, Hertzler, Crowley) 1:45.74, 100 back: Huang (S) 1:09.17, 100 breast: Weeks (S) 1:19.53, 400FR: 5 (Lo, Huang, Hertzler, Crowley) 5:56.86.

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**West Shore**

Lakewood	14	17	1822-71
Avon	22	20	1424-80

**Lakewood (9-5, 5-4):** Gerhardt 5-3-15, Leisinger 8-6-22, McDonald 3-2-8, Porter 6-3-16, Sala 2-1-5, Taylor 1-0-2, Wirtl 1-0-2

**Avon (10-5, 6-3):** Ferguson 1-0-2, Laraway 1-0-2, Orr 8-8-26, Peganoft 2-1-6, Smigel 1-0-3, Thornton 5-1-12, Torbert 3-6-13, Ybarra 6-4-16

**River** 18 13 1113-55

**Bay** 12 13 2417-66

**River (7-8, 2-7):** Connors 3-0-6, Corrigan 8-0-20, Jones 5-2-13, Kinsley 7-0-4, Nugent 1-1-3, Seffernick 3-1-7, Waite 1-0-2

**Bay (10-5, 6-3):** Heidehoff 5-1-12, Koz 1-0-2, Koz 1-0-2, Morris 5-1-11, Sunahara 9-3-25, White 5-1-12

**Overtime**

N. Ridgeville	15	13	9
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**Midview** 12 15 19 10

**North Ridgeville (9-8, 5-5):** Arnold 3-2-11, Draft 3-1-7, McCall 3-2-8, Montgomery 6-5-18, Overy 6-1-1, Rowe 1-1-3, Sullinger 6-1-15

**Midview (7-5, 5-4):** Blewins 1-2, Bollen 6-3-15, Mahone 4-8-16, Miller 4-1-1, Overy 4-2-2, Randolph 2-4-9, Redwood 4-3-11, Wells 3-3-10

**West Shore**

Lake Ridge	15	8	511-39
Andrews Osborne	14	6	1310-43

**Lake Ridge Academy (6-9, 1-3):** Harris 1-0-3, Luccioni 3-0-8, Miller 2-0-2, Scottell 5-0-14, Wallock 4-0-10

**Andrews Osborne Academy (13-7, 9-2):** Camara 8-5-21, Jiang 0-0-0, Leahy 5-2-15, Liu 1-0-2, Singh 0-0-0, Zhou 2-1-5

**Bedford** 12 13 1413-52



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Garfield Heights' Willie Jackson spins to the hoop around Mentor's Adam Smith in the first half Friday. No. 6 Garfield Heights won, 61-42.

**Warrensview** 16 12 1210-50

**Bedford (12-3, 6-1):** Brandon 2-6-11, Jeffrey 2-2-6, Perry 2-0-5, Prewitt 10-2-22, Rhodes 1-0-2, Smith 1-3-6

**Warrensview Heights (8-6, 5-3):** Dunning 1-0-2, Gatter 1-0-2, Hall 9-7-27, Howze 3-6-12, Peters 2-2-7

**Gilmour** 9 5 136-33

**Berkshire** 7 6 1410-37

**Gilmour Academy (1-15, 0-0):** Berkshire (9-7, 4-4): Fisher 1-2-4, Hess 2-8, Johnson 4-2-10, Pawlik 3-1-8, Smetana 3-1-7

**Lawrence School** 72

**Mentor Christian** 41

**Lawrence School (2-8, 2-6):** Mentor Christian (0-1, 0-1):

**Saint Thomas** 19 10 124-65

**Trinity** 20 8 156-49

**Saint Thomas Aquinas (1-8, 0-0):** dimarzio 3-0-6, knox 1-3-3, meoglin 6-3-16, newman 3-1-8, paul 7-0-14, pellegreene 4-0-11, piero 3-0-7

**Trinity (3-12, 0-4):** Dawson 1-0-2, Dye 8-2-20, Filippi 1-0-2, McSweeney 4-1-9, Trent 3-2-8, Wodzisz 4-0-8

**Premier Athletic**

Will, South	7	14	1619-56
Eastlake	16	8	1310-47

**Willoughby South (15-1, 13-0):** Burks 2-2-6, Coleman 4-5-13, Coleman 1-1-4, Conliffe 1-0-2, Danford 2-0-2, Schuenemann 3-2-8, Shelby-Shorter 1-0-2, Whitaker 6-2-17

**Eastlake North (7-6, 6-3):** Dukes 1-1-3, Finucan 1-0-3, Grady 4-2-11, Kleinjohn 0-1-1, Petrecca 6-3-15, Picquet 2-0-6, Province 2-0-4, Robinson 2-0-4

**PRINCIPALS ATHLETIC**

Triway	10	13	56-44
CVCA	9	8	2412-53

**Triway (0-2, 0-2):** Carmichael 9-7-29, Furr 1-7-2, Garrett 2-2-6, Miller 1-2-2, Walker 2-1-5

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Browns

Gordon suspended for year

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Josh Gordon was suspended for at least all of 2015 by the NFL on Feb. 3, and this time the Browns made no promises of standing by their troubled receiver until he can play again.



Gordon

first 10 games of 2014 for testing positive for marijuana, got the boot this time for testing positive for alcohol. "Josh Gordon of the Cleveland Browns has been suspended without pay for at least one year for violat-

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ing the NFL Policy and Program for Substances of Abuse," the league said in a statement. "Gordon's suspension begins immediately."

Gordon originally was suspended for all of 2014, but the NFL revised its substance

abuse policy in September. Gordon's suspension was reduced, but to be reinstated after 10 games he had to agree to abstain from alcohol for the rest of the season.

According to his version of the story, Gordon and some unidentified teammates flew on a private plane to Las Vegas five days after the season ended.

Gordon claimed in an open letter he had two beers and two mixed drinks on the flight and wrote when he landed he received a message to report to a testing location within four hours.

The test revealed the alcohol consumption, so once again the Browns will be without the star receiver who in 2013 led the NFL with 1,646 receiving yards.

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See Gordon, Page C3

VERMILION 39, ROCKY RIVER 36

Nader's charity tosses seal win

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It doesn't get much closer than that.

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See Nader, Page C5



Tony Dejak/Associated Press

The Cavaliers' Tristan Thompson drives past the Kings' Nik Stauskas on Jan. 30 at Quicken Loans Arena. Thompson has been a solid performer for the Cavaliers coming off the bench.

Cavaliers

Thompson a pillar for Cavs

Ironman supplies boost of energy when he enters the game

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Tristan Thompson operates under the radar.

The Cavaliers' forward/center doesn't get much fanfare. Rarely is he ever in the headlines.

Yet he's one of the team's unsung heroes.

He's the Cavaliers' first big off the bench. Thompson is the backup center/power

forward behind starters Timofey Mozgov and Kevin Love, respectively.

"I'm bringing the energy," Thompson said. "That's my role on this team. That leads to getting extra possessions on the court. Defensively, just taking on the challenge of guarding the other team's best big and giving Timo and Kevin a breather."

The 6-foot-10, 238-pound Thompson found himself

guarding Timberwolves behemoth Nikola Pekovic in the Jan. 31 game in Minnesota.

"Going against a guy like Pekovic, you have to almost be a pest, use my quickness to get him out of his comfort zone," Thompson said.

"When he does get the ball, he likes to go over his left shoulder for a right-handed hook."

See Thompson, Page C4



Clippers at Cavaliers

- When: 8, Feb. 5
Where: Quicken Loans Arena
Records: Clippers 33-16; Cavaliers 30-20
TV: TNT; Radio: WTAM-AM 1100, WHMS-FM 100.7, WLFM-FM 87.7, WEOL-AM 930

High school girls basketball

Raiders' Schafer achieves dream

Columbia junior passes 1,000 points

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It wasn't difficult for Columbia's Alison Schafer to forget. People were pestering her, reiterating the statements.

Then, on Jan. 31 in a home game against Lake Ridge, she could feel a weight lifted off her shoulders.



Schafer

The junior point guard eclipsed the 1,000-career point mark in a 43-37 overtime win.

She needed five points to reach 1,000. Schafer scored 23. She also had nine rebounds, four assists and four steals.

"The whole game, you're thinking about it and it kind of just sticks in your head, and, of course, people are just like 'Five more points until you hit 1,000' and I was like, 'I know, trust me. I hear it all the time,'" Schafer said.

Schafer added that scoring her 1,000th point before an essential Patriot Athletic Conference game against Fairview Park on Feb. 4 is a relief.

Columbia has had a stellar season, compiling a 13-5 record and an 11-2 record in the PAC.

See Schafer, Page C5

What if Browns, Belichick had stayed?

Well isn't this special? Bill Belichick wins another Super Bowl.

Here's looking at you, Cleveland!

Just when you think it can't get any worse for Browns fans, it gets worse. Belichick has become to Cleveland what Newman was to Seinfeld.

Seinfeld: Hellooooo... Newman! Cleveland: Hellooooo... Belichick!

That's right, Mr. Excitement is back, waving another Lombardi Trophy in all of our faces. The Patriots were presented the Lombardi Trophy by Seattle coach Pete "Worst Call in the History of Sports" Carroll.

The Seahawks snatched defeat from the jaws of victory, and Belichick had no choice. He had to accept the trophy. On the first day of



Jim Ingraham

February MMXXV, the Patriots were gifted a XXVIII to XXIV victory in Super Bowl XLIX.

Ironically, XLIX is Belichick's hoodie size. Go figure.

Let's get the niceties out of the way right up front. Belichick is a great coach. Maybe the greatest ever. Has anyone consistently done more with less?

Aside from Tom Brady Belichick keeps winning Super Bowls with a bunch of busboys. In many ways, this Super Bowl was a triumph of Least Mode over Beast Mode.

Seriously, Danny Amendola? Julian Edelman? Malcolm Butler?

I'm pretty sure one of them handed me my Big Mac and fries the last time I drove through McDonald's.

Doesn't matter. Coach Monotone keeps showing up for the big game with his Sesame Street All-Stars, goes all-Elmo over the opposition and takes home another Super Bowl trophy.

But enough about him. What about us?

The wretched refuse of his coaching career. He didn't leave Cleveland by choice, of course. He was fired by the owner, after the owner moved the whole operation from Cleveland to Baltimore, and the NFL just stood back and let it be.

Since then, it has been one kick in the gut after another for Dawg Pound Nation.

Consider the following: See Ingraham, Page C3



Patrick Semansky/Associated Press

Patriots coach Bill Belichick hoists his fourth Lombardi Trophy in Glendale, Ariz., on Feb. 1. How many would the hoodie have won if he and the original Browns had stayed in Cleveland.

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## Nader

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Then junior Evan Nugent's layup gave the Pirates the 23-21 lead heading into the half.

"It's two really good defensive teams," Vermilion coach Kurt Habermehl said. "I thought both teams dug in tonight and did a great job playing defense."

Vermilion's defense dominated the third quarter, limiting the Pirates' shooting to 1-of-6 for three points from the field.

Meanwhile, the Sailors took

the lead on another 3 from Barnes with 4:20 left in the quarter. Senior Jimmy Kinsley took a feed from Corrigan and found an open lane to tie the score again at 26.

"Defense hasn't been our problem the last four or five games," Habermehl noted. "We've had a hard time putting the ball in the hoop. We've been outstanding defensively for the last four games. We've done a great job of cutting off all the lanes and I thought tonight was no exception."

The Sailors took a 29-26 lead into the fourth quarter and their defense remained sound. Rocky

River remained close as Corrigan's 3 set the score at 33-31 with 3:50 to play.

Cue Nader, whose six fourth quarter points and 4-of-7 performance from the charity stripe kept the Sailors ahead. Nader ended the evening with a game-high 20 points.

"Kyle went through a couple rough games and he's really done a great job of getting back in track. . . . He took better shots tonight and scored 20 points and that's the kind of kid we need now because we are struggling a little bit offensively. Until we turn it around, he's going to have to carry the load a

little bit."

It was the third conference win for the Sailors who moved into sole possession of fourth place in the SWC as their win lifts them to 7-9 overall. With North Ridgeville and Lakewood knotted for third place, Habermehl noted the competitive balance of the SWC in its final year.

"You look at Rocky River, they are 2-8 in the league right now, but they just beat a good Lakewood team last week, so it's basically whoever has a great night and any team can beat whoever in this league," Habermehl said.

## HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Clearview 83, Fairview 56**

<b>Fairview</b>	9	11	13	23
<b>Clearview</b>	24	17	23	19

**Clearview** — Deuce Martin 17, Antonio Bennett 12, Jason Young 10, Lance Billings 9, Juan Torres 8, Jacob Kotzch 7, Malek Ivey 6, Ray Contreras 6, Jalen Castro 4, Antonio Alvarado 2, De'ari Todd 2.

**Fairview** — Kevin Kerchenski 15, Jared Butler 14, Ryan Williams 7, Mohammed Elder 6, John McQuate 4, Paul Hoftzyer 4, Derek Schwarber 3, Paul Miles 3.

**Rebounds** — Clearview 32 (Bennett, Young 6), Fairview 15 (Kerchenski, Hoftzyer 3); **Turnovers** — Clearview 15, Fairview 15; **Team records** — Clearview 5-12 (5-7 PAC), Fairview 3-14 (2-9 PAC).

**JV** — Clearview 50, Fairview 49

**Vermilion 39, Rocky River 36**

<b>Vermilion</b>	9	11	9	9
<b>Rocky River</b>	12	11	3	10

**Vermilion** — Kyle Nader 20, Ryan Barnes 9, Caleb Waller 8, Jordan Murray 8, Jody Pfeil 3. **Rocky River** — Sutton Klodnick 2, Eric Jones 7, Jack Corrigan 14, Evan Nugent 2, Jimmy Kinsley 9, Nate Seffermick 2.

**Rebounds** — Vermilion 19, Rocky River 27; **Team records** — Vermilion 7-9, Rocky River 7-10.

**JV** — Vermilion 45, Rocky River 39

**North Ridgeville 58, Avon 49**

**Avon** — Michael Smigel 10-3, Zack Tarbert 2-0-4, Nick Toth, D'amonie Thornton 14-6, Will Ybarra 10-2-23, DelShawn Orr 5-1-13.

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE** — Jordan Montgomery 14-6, Demario McCall 4-0-8, Isa Abdal'Alim 5-1-14, Greg Draft 9-1-19, Tyler Arnold 5-1-11.

**Three-point goals:** Avon: (Orr 2, Ybarra, Smigel), North Ridgeville: (Abudalim 3, Arnold). **Field goals:** Avon 19-57 (33 percent), North Ridgeville 24-50 (48 percent). **Free throws:** Avon 7-11 (64 percent), North Ridgeville 6-14 (43 percent). **Rebounds:** Avon 42, North Ridgeville 25. **Turnovers:** Avon 24, North Ridgeville 14. **Total fouls:** Avon 14, North Ridgeville 8.

**JV:** Avon 70, North Ridgeville 48

**Westlake 47, Avon Lake 41**

<b>Westlake</b>	14	6	11	16
<b>Avon Lake</b>	10	5	11	15

**Westlake** — Andris Balodis 23, Cameron Brown 11, Scott Leonard 6, Mark Schuler 4, Noah Meek 3.

**Avon Lake** — A.J. Outcalt 10, James O'Connor 9, Luke Harris 9, David Marsh 6, Matt Molina 4, Logan Good 2, Quinn Cattleberry 1.

**Rebounds** — Westlake 27 (Brown 8), Avon Lake 23 (Marsh 6); **Turnovers** — Westlake 10, Avon Lake 11; **Team records** — Westlake 5-8, Avon Lake 3-14.

**JV** — Westlake 45, Avon Lake 39

**Bay Village 85, Lakewood 67**

<b>Bay Village</b>	18	21	26	20	— 85
<b>Lakewood</b>	19	9	21	20	— 67

**Bay Village** — Brandon Morris 20, Rex Sunahara 11, Danny Helderhoff 11, John Kotz 8, Alec White 7, Jack Kyle 7, Jonathon Bradic 6, Jack Jelen 3, Cole Gergey 2, Kyle Thompson 2.

**Lakewood** — Porter 12, Taylor 10, Leisinger 10, Gerhardt 9, McDonald 8, Sala 8, Weri 6, Malone 2, Rollins.

**Rebounds** — Bay Village 27 (Sunahara 8), Lakewood 22 (Sala 6); **Turnovers** — Bay Village 11, Lakewood 16; **Team records** — Bay Village 11-5.

### AREA SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

**Feb. 4 GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Lorain at Warrensville Heights, 7:30  
Wellington at Black River, 7:30  
Buckeye at Firelands, 7:30  
Clearview at Lutheran West, 7:30  
Oberlin at Brooklyn, 7:30  
Bay at Avon, 7:30  
Vermilion at Midview, 7:30  
Rocky River at North Ridgeville, 7:30  
Lakewood at Elyria Catholic, 7:30  
Westlake at Avon Lake, 7:30  
Brunswick at Olmsted Falls, 7:30  
North Olmsted at Brecksville, 7:15

**HOCKEY**  
Parma at Elyria Catholic, 7

**SWIMMING**  
Perkins at Oak Harbor, 5

**Feb. 5 BOYS BASKETBALL**

Fuchs Mizrahi at Lake Ridge, 7  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Open Door at Mentor Christian, 6  
New London at Huron, 7:30

**WRESTLING**  
Clearview, Avon at Amherst, 6

**HOCKEY**  
CVCA at Midview, 7:30

**Feb. 6 BOYS BASKETBALL**

Maple Heights at Lorain, 7:30  
Elyria at Valley Forge, 7:30  
Brookside at Black River, 7:30  
Firelands at Keystone, 7:30  
Wellington at Buckeye, 7:30  
Clearview at Brooklyn, 7:30  
Columbia at Oberlin, 7:30  
Edison at Clyde, 7:30  
Bay at Vermilion, 7:30  
Rocky River at Midview, 7:30  
Monroeville at St. Paul, 6  
Mapleton at Western Reserve, 6  
Willard at Sandusky, 7:30  
Avon Lake at Amherst, 7:30  
Brecksville at Olmsted Falls, 7:30  
Berea-Midpark at Westlake, 7:15  
Lake Center at Open Door, 7:30  
Huron at Port Clinton, 7:30  
Lakewood at North Ridgeville, 7:30  
South Central at New London, 7:30

**WRESTLING**  
NOC Championships at Garfield Heights, 5  
Elyria Catholic, Normandy at Maple Heights, 6

**HOCKEY**  
Avon at Western Reserve Academy, 5:50

Westlake vs. North Olmsted at Quicken Loans Arena, 4:30

**Feb. 7 BOYS BASKETBALL**

Black River at New London, 7:30  
St. Paul at Edison, 7:30  
Perkins at Perrysburg, 7:30  
Avon at North Olmsted, 7:30  
St. Paul at Edison, 6  
Lake Ridge at St. Martin de Porres, 6:30  
Avon Lake at Lakewood, 7:30  
Western Reserve at Norwalk, 7:30  
Huron at St. Mary, 7:30

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Lorain at Euclid, 7:30  
Elyria at Strongsville, 2:30  
Black River at Keystone, 7:30  
Brookside at Buckeye, 7:30  
Wellington at Firelands, 7:30  
Clearview at Columbia, 2:30  
Oberlin at Fairview, 2:30  
Edison at Clyde, 2:30  
Oak Harbor at Perkins, 2:30  
St. Paul at Crestview, 1  
Avon at North Olmsted, 6  
Bay at Normandy, 2:30  
Gilmour at Rocky River, 2:30  
Western Reserve at Plymouth, 1  
Avon Lake at Amherst, 2:30  
Brecksville at Olmsted Falls, 2:30  
Berea-Midpark at Westlake, 2:30  
Norwalk at Bellevue, 2:30  
Huron at Port Clinton, 2:30  
Monroeville at New London, 2:30

**WRESTLING**

Amherst at Lorain, 6  
NOC Championships at Garfield Heights, 11 a.m.  
PAC Championships at Buckeye, 10 a.m.  
PC Conference at St. Paul, 10 a.m.  
Perkins, Huron at Oak Harbor, 10 a.m.

**HOCKEY**  
North Olmsted at Avon, 5:30  
Brecksville at Rocky River, 4:15

**Feb. 8 HOCKEY**

Parma at Bay, 5:30  
Benedictine at Midview, 3:30  
Rocky River at Avon Lake, 6  
Lakewood at Solon, 5  
Lakewood at Avon Lake, 6  
North Olmsted at Olmsted Falls, 4:15  
Hudson at Westlake, 5:30

**Feb. 9 GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Elyria at North Ridgeville, 7:30  
New London at Firelands, 7:30  
Amherst at Clearview, 7:30  
Akron SVSM at Elyria Catholic, 7:30  
Willard at Sandusky, 7:30  
North Olmsted at Valley Forge, 7:15

**Feb. 10 BOYS BASKETBALL**

Lorain at Cleveland Heights, 7:30  
North Olmsted at Elyria, 7:30  
Wellington at Black River, 7:30  
Buckeye at Firelands, 7:30  
Clearview at Lutheran West, 7:30  
Oberlin at Brooklyn, 7:30  
Avon at Rocky River, 7:30  
Midview at Bay, 7:30  
Vermilion at Lakewood, 7:30  
Brookside at Keystone, 7:30  
Christian Community at Lake Ridge, 6  
North Ridgeville at Elyria Catholic, 7:30

## National Signing

# Big-name remain

Ralph D. Rus  
Associated Press

Spend a few hours on national television watching teenagers pick high school gymnasiums and you can't help but believe that the vast majority of football prospects have long choice of colleges.

Those who do hold out tend to be the best players in country.

This year, several five-star players set to announce where they will attend school on signing day. A lot of excitement on Wednesday, football teams re-stock the shelves.

Byron Cowart, LB, 6-foot-6, Armwood (Florida) High School player on the board according to ESPN, he seemed destined for the Gators fired coach 'till the Muschamp landed the director job at Auburn. Cowart up the practices for the Unc America

Martez Ivey, OT, 6-5 1/2, 245 lbs (Fla.) High School. Another signing between Auburn and Florida was considering Auburn even though Ivey has rounded linemen, Ivey has r

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### BASEBALL

#### Axford signs with Rockies

Reliever John Axford agreed to a minor league contract with the Colorado Rockies and will try to earn a job as a setup man for closer LaTroy Hawkins. Axford was 2-4 with a 3.95 ERA in 62 games with Cleveland and Pittsburgh last year, when he struck out 63 and walked 36. In six seasons, Axford is 24-23 with a 3.40 ERA and 116 saves, including 10 for Cleveland in last year.

### GOLF

#### Hospital honors Nicklaus

A decade after Ohio State graduate Jack Nicklaus began a foundation aimed at children's health, a Miami health care system is changing the name of its main hospital to the Nicklaus Children's Hospital. Miami Children's Health System and the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation announced a \$60 million pledge. Part of the money will be used to build a 212,000-square-foot Advanced Pediatric Care Pavilion.

#### Caddies sue over logos

A group of PGA Tour caddies sued the PGA Tour in federal court for making them wear bibs that have the logo of the tournament sponsors without sharing in what it estimates as \$50 million in endorsement revenue. The class-action suit on behalf of 81 caddies was filed in San Francisco, where former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon successfully sued the NCAA for keeping college players from selling their marketing rights.

### LAW AND ORDER

#### Armstrong cited in mishap

Disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong hit two parked cars with an SUV after a night of partying in Aspen, Colorado, but agreed to let his longtime girlfriend take blame to avoid national attention, police reports show. Police cited Armstrong with failing to report an accident and speeding weeks after the Dec. 28 accident, but only after his girlfriend, Anna Hansen, acknowledged lying for him. Police say Hansen and Armstrong left the scene before police arrived.

### COLLEGE

#### Raftery, Hill reunited

Bill Raftery called the regional final when Grant Hill led Duke to the 1994 Final Four. More than two decades later, Raftery and Hill are going back to the Final Four together. The popular veteran and the promising rookie are taking the place of the suspended Greg Anthony for the broadcasts of the NCAA semifinals and national championship game. Raftery and Hill will work as analysts alongside play-by-play announcer Jim Nantz, CBS and Turner Sports said. Anthony was suspended after he was arrested in Washington on charges he solicited a prostitute.

#### Mountaineer apologizes

West Virginia forward Brandon Watkins issued an apology to Texas Tech and coach Tubby Smith for an obscene gesture. The sophomore made the gesture after fouling Texas Tech's Robert Turner in the 15th-ranked Mountaineers' 77-58 win over the Red Raiders on Saturday. A brief skirmish ensued and Texas Tech center Norene Odiase was ejected. Watkins wasn't penalized further.

### WINTER SPORTS

#### Fenninger upstages Vonn

Anna Fenninger, of Austria, added a world championship super-G title to her Olympic gold medal, winning the event in Lindsey Vonn's backyard in Beaver Creek, Colorado, on a shortened course because of blustery conditions. Finding the perfect line, Fenninger finished in 1 minute, 10.29 seconds to top Tina Maze of Slovenia by a 0.03 seconds. Vonn wound up third, 0.15 seconds back despite a wind gust standing her up early in her run.

### OLYMPICS

#### Football is too 'American'

American football isn't getting into the Summer Olympics anytime soon. International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach said at the world ski championships in Beaver Creek, Colorado, that one condition for inclusion into the Olympics is a sport "must have a broad international representation. This I cannot see in football. It's a very American sport."

### SOCCER

#### USA goalkeeper, 89, dies

Frank Borghi, the goalkeeper in the United States' 1-0 upset victory over England in the 1950 World Cup, has died. He was 89. Borghi grew up in The Hill neighborhood of St. Louis, 7 miles from downtown, which produced five members of the 1950 American team and major league baseball players Yogi Berra and Joe Garagiola.

#### Calendar

	Today	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>Cavaliers</b> 800-820-2287	LAC 8:00	IND 7:00	LAL 3:30		
	TNT	FSO	WEWS		
<b>Monsters</b> 216-420-0000		Tor 7:30	Ham 7:00		
<b>Northfield</b> 330-467-4101	Post 6:00	Post 6:00			

### Latest Line

NBA	Favorite	Points	(O/U)	Underdog
INDIANA	4 (190)			Detroit
TORONTO	8 (200)			Brooklyn
ATLANTA	6 (199)			Washington
BOSTON	1 (197)			Denver
HOUSTON	3 (204)			Chicago
MIAMI	1 (188)			MINNESOTA
a-MILWAUKEE	OFF			LA Lakers
b-Oklahoma City	OFF			NEW ORLEANS
San Antonio	12 ½ (203)			Orlando
Golden State	6 ½ (189)			UTAH
MEMPHIS	8 ½ (217)			Dallas

a-Milwaukee guard B. Knight is questionable. b-Oklahoma City forward K. Durant is doubtful.

### College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Temple	7	SOUTH FLORIDA
Ohio St	2 ½	PURDUE
VILLANOVA	15 ½	GEORGE MASON
Hofstra	4 ½	DELAWARE
NORTHEASTERN	9	Towson
JAMES MADISON	4	NC WILMINGTON
CONNECTICUT	13	East Carolina
MICHIGAN	4	Bowling Green
Buffalo	6 ½	BALL ST
W. MICHIGAN	3	Kent St
Akron	2 ½	OHIO
CLEVELAND ST	14	Youngstown St
MIAMI-OHIO	1 ½	Northern Illinois
TOLEDO	6 ½	Eastern Michigan
DAVIDSON	8 ½	St. Bonaventure
Massachusetts	6 ½	FORDHAM
DUKE	16	Georgia Tech
NORDEAM	13	Boston College
MISSISSIPPI	6	Texas A&M
TEXAS	6	Oklahoma St
Wichita St	15	BRADLEY
Southern Illinois	1 ½	DRAKE
SOUTH ALABAMA	2	Texas St
Oakland	4 ½	ILL. CHICAGO
VALPARAISO	10	Detroit
BAYLOR	8	Tou
MARYLAND	8	Penn St
MISSOURI ST	2 ½	Loyola Chicago
GEORGETOWN	7	Providence
OREGON	6 ½	Washington
XAVIER	14 ½	Creighton
WYOMING	1	Colorado St
New Mexico	5	AIR FORCE
ALABAMA	10	Missouri
Kansas St	4	TEXAS TECH
FLORIDA ST	2 ½	Clemson
San Diego St	10 ½	NEVADA
FRESNO ST	18 ½	San Jose St
MEMPHIS	18	Jacksonville St

### NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
Pittsburgh	½-1	EDMONTON
NY RANGERS	Even-½	Boston
San Jose	Even-½	CALGARY

Home Team in CAPS

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	32	15	69	167	135
Montreal	32	15	67	132	114
Detroit	29	12	69	149	129
Boston	27	16	61	134	124
Florida	22	17	54	122	140
Ottawa	20	20	49	137	138
Nashville	20	22	48	147	160
Buffalo	15	33	33	97	181

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	32	17	65	160	143
Pittsburgh	28	14	64	145	129
N.Y. Rangers	29	15	62	145	115
Washington	26	15	62	151	129
Philadelphia	22	27	51	140	151
New Jersey	20	26	49	115	139
Columbus	21	25	35	142	155
Carolina	17	26	6	105	129

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	33	11	67	153	118
St. Louis	33	13	64	162	121
Chicago	31	18	62	155	118
Winnipeg	26	18	60	144	137
Colorado	22	18	55	134	143
Minnesota	24	20	54	138	140
Dallas	23	19	54	159	162

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	32	12	67	147	134
San Jose	27	17	61	143	140
Calgary	28	20	59	149	131
Vancouver	27	18	57	131	124
Los Angeles	27	17	54	134	136
Arizona	24	20	49	115	139
Edmonton	14	28	9	172	170

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

### Monday

Edmonton 5, San Jose 4, SO  
N.Y. Rangers 6, Florida 3  
Calgary 5, Winnipeg 2

### Tuesday

New Jersey 2, Ottawa 1  
Florida 4, N.Y. Islanders 2  
Washington 4, Los Angeles 0  
Arizona 4, Columbus 1  
Buffalo 3, Montreal 2

### St. Louis 2, Tampa Bay 1, OT

Nashville 4, Toronto 3  
Nashville 3, Chicago 0  
Colorado 3, Dallas 2  
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
Carolina at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

### Today

Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 8 p.m.  
San Jose at Calgary, 10 p.m.

### AHL

#### Tuesday's Games

Rochester 3, Chicago 2  
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton 4, Springfield 0  
Lake Erie 3, Milwaukee 2, SO  
San Antonio 3, Texas 2, SO

#### Wednesday's Games

Grand Rapids at Toronto, 11 a.m.  
Albany at Manchester, 7 p.m.  
Iowa at Adirondack, 7 p.m.  
Hartford at Syracuse, 7 p.m.  
Worcester at Lehigh Valley, 7:05 p.m.

#### Thursday's Games

Texas at San Antonio, 8 p.m.  
**Monsters 3, Admirals 2, SO**

#### Monsters 3, Admirals 2, SO

1st Period: No Scoring. Penalties-Maggio Le (fighting), 2:20; Liambas Mil (fighting), 2:20.

2nd Period: 11, Milwaukee, Grant 5 (Aranson, Aberg), 15:54, 2, Milwaukee, Sissons 15 (Arvidsson), 19:19. Penalties-Girard Mil (hooking), 3:49; Stollery Le (interference), 11:37.

3rd Period: 3, Lake Erie, Street 3 (Smith), 3:55 (SH), 4, Lake Erie, Carey 12 (Smith, Lauridsen), 14:13 (PP), Penalties-Chek Le (interference), 0:47; Carey Le (hooking), 2:57; Noonan Mil (delay of game), 4:43; Budish Mil (tripping), 12:11.

Overtime: No Scoring. Penalties-Stalberg Mil (goaltender interference), 4:50. Shootout: Lake Erie 1 (Smith NG, Vincour NG, Hishon G), Milwaukee 0 (Fiala NG, Stalberg NG, Lepisic NG).

Shots on Goal-Lake Erie 10-11-9-1-36. Milwaukee 13-7-1-0-28. Power Play Opportunities-Lake Erie 1-4; Milwaukee 0-3. Goalies-Lake Erie, Pickard 10-6-2 (28 shots-26 saves). Milwaukee, Hellberg 12-5-3 (35 shots-33 saves), A-2,3,3,6-1.

Referees-Jarrod Ragusa, Pierre Lambert. Linesmen-Peter Cichy, William Hancock.

### Transactions

#### BASEBALL

**American League**  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLES** - Traded C Michael Ohlman to St. Louis for cash considerations.

**KANSAS CITY ROYALS** - Agreed to terms with 3B Mike Moustakas and OF Lorenzo Cain on one-year contracts.

**National League**  
**COLORADO ROCKIES** - Agreed to terms with RHP John Axford on a minor league contract.

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** - Acquired INF Steve Lombardozzi from Baltimore Orioles for cash considerations.

**SAN DIEGO PADRES** - Signed C Wil Nieves to a minor league contract.

#### BASKETBALL

**National Basketball Association**  
**LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS** - Signed G Dakotai Jones for the remainder of the season.

**OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER** - Signed F Nick Collison to a multiyear contract extension.

#### Women's National Basketball

### PHOENIX

**ASPECTUM MERCURY** - G Diana Taurasi announced she will sit out the 2015 WNBA season.

### FOOTBALL

**National Football League**  
**NFL** - Suspended Cleveland WR Josh Gordon for at least one year for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

**BALTIMORE RAVENS** - Released NT Terrence Cody.

**BUFFALO BILLS** - Claimed WR Justin Brown off waivers from Pittsburgh.

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** - Announced the retirement of special teams coach Scott O'Brien, who will remain with the organization. Named Joe Judge special teams coach.

**NEW YORK JETS** - Retained assistant offensive line coach Ron Heller and Steve Hagen, who will switch from tight ends coach to assistant special teams coach.

**SAN DIEGO CHARGERS** - Announced the retirement of C Nick Harwick.

**Arena Football League**  
**ORLANDO PREDATORS** - Agreed to terms with LB Aaron Robbins.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**DALLAS STARS** - Recalled G Jussi Rynnas from Texas (AHL). Loaned G Anders Lindback to Texas for a conditioning assignment.

**American Hockey League**  
**AHL** - Suspended Rockford LW Brandon Mashinter two games and Portland C Justin Hodgman and Bridgeport C Lukas Sutter one game.

### SOCCER

**Major League Soccer**  
**NEW YORK RED BULLS** - Named Denis Hamlett assistant coach.

**National Women's Soccer League**  
**COLLEGE**  
**HULLY CROSS** - Named Charlie Noonan defensive line coach.

**UTSA** - Retained receivers coach Tony Jeffery.

### Tennis

**ATP**  
**PBZ Zagreb Indooors**  
**First Round**  
Tuesday  
At Don Sportova, Zagreb, Croatia

Purse: \$559,500 (W7250)  
Surface: Hard-Indoor

#### Singles

**First Round**  
Go Soeda, Japan, def. Matthias Bachinger, Germany, 7-6 (4), 7-5.

Viktor Troicki (7), Serbia, def. Ilya Marchenko, Ukraine, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3).

Mikhail Youzhny (6), Russia, def. Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

Damir Dzumhur, Bosnia-Herzegovina, def. Michael Berrer, Germany, 6-2, 0-6, 7-5.

Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, def. Toni Andric, Croatia, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-3.

Andreas Seppi (5), Italy, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

#### Doubles

**First Round**  
Marin Draganja, Croatia, and Henri Kontinen (2), Finland, def. Borja Coric and Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 6-3, 6-4.

Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, and Franko Skugor, Croatia, def. Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, and Alessandro Tassi, Italy, 6-4, 6-4.

#### ATP

**Sud de France**  
Tuesday  
At Arena Montpellier, Montpellier, France

Purse: \$559,500 (W7250)  
Surface: Hard-Indoor

#### Singles

**First Round**  
Kenny de Schepper, France, def. Marsel Ilhan, Turkey, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Duje Ajkic, Croatia, 6-3, 6-4.

Lucas Pouille, France, def. Alexander Kudryavtsev, Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, def. Taro Daniel, Japan, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-1.

Benoit Paire, France, def. Nikoloz Basilasidze, Georgia, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

#### Doubles

**First Round**  
Rameez Junaid, Australia, and Adil Shamsidin, Canada, def. Mate Pavic, Croatia, and Andre Sa (3), Brazil, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 10-4.

Dustin Brown and Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. Ken and Neil Skupski, Britain, 3-6, 6-3, 10-8.

Gong Mao-Xin, China, and Peng Hsien-Yin, Taiwan, def. Laurent Lokoy, France, and Alexander Zverev, Germany, 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Dimitry Pavlov, Russia, def. Taro Daniel, Japan, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-1.

Benoit Paire, France, def. Nikoloz Basilasidze, Georgia, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

#### First Round

1. Fortune King, ROidens 8-1

2. Tripoli, RYStahl 8-1

3. Mastroferomeries, RonWrennr 2-1



# Bay beats Rocky River to keep pace in the WSC

## BAY VILLAGE/ROCKY RIVER

By Ryan Kaczmarek

Bay senior Rex Sunahara put on a scoring clinic against visiting Rocky River on Jan. 30.

Sunahara scored from 3-point land, had two humongous slam dunks, scored from the charity stripe

and took the game over in the second half, as he led the way for the Rockets – scoring 25 points – in the 66-55 win over the Pirates.

With the win, Bay keeps pace with Avon and Elyria Catholic, which each have an overall record of 10-5, and share a three-way lead in the West Shore Conference. The Eagles got past Lakewood, 80-71, Jan. 30 night, while the Panthers took down Vermilion, 56-49.

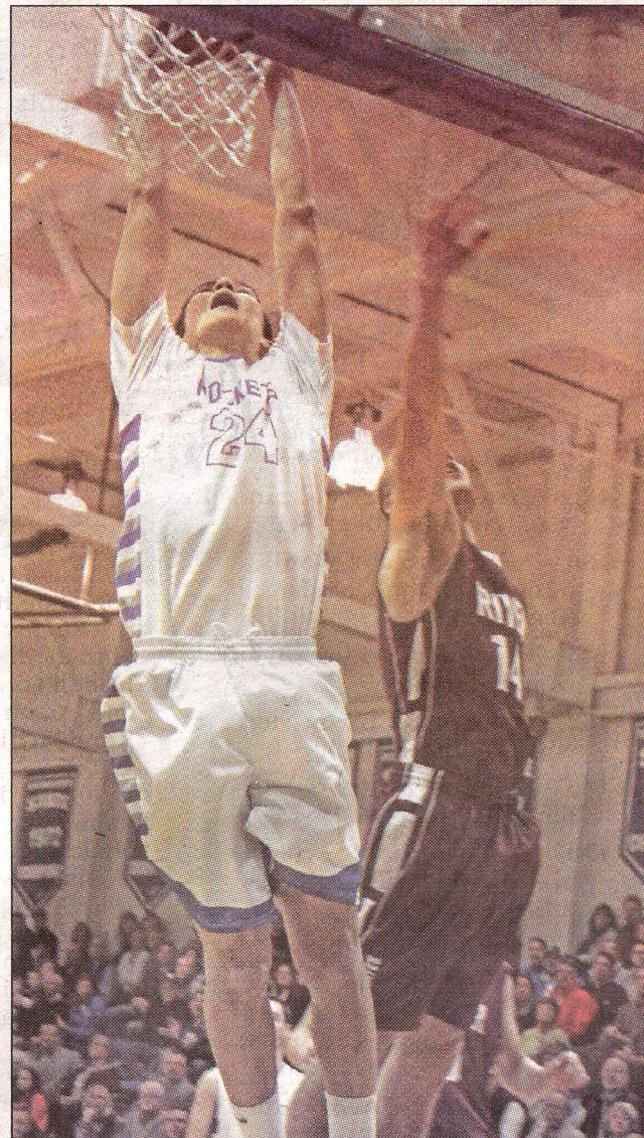
Sunahara went into halftime with just two field goals and two free throws made, and his team was down to the Pirates 31-25. But in the third quarter he went to work, draining three 3-point shots and three field goals, including a monster two-handed dunk with just over two minutes remaining in the quarter.

Rocky River's Eric Jones started off the third with a big 3-pointer, but the Rockets were awakened and would not be denied, taking a 49-42 lead into the fourth quarter.

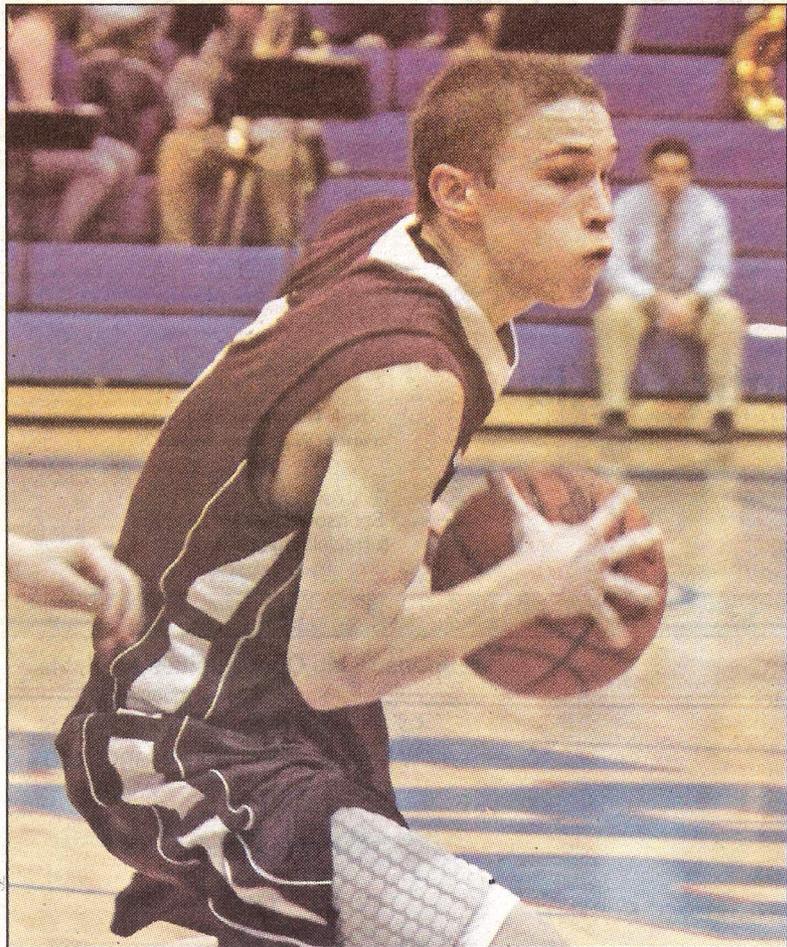
Sunahara knocked down his fourth 3-pointer early in the fourth quarter and capped his night with another slam dunk for the ages. Three other Rockets finished the game with double-digit scoring, including Alec White with 12, Danny Heideloff with 12 and Brandon Morriss with 11. Junior John Koz had a field goal and two free throws, for four points and Jack Kyle chipped in with two.

Rocky River's Jack Corrigan gave the Pirates an early spark, hitting four 3-pointers in the first half, and managing to score 20 for the game. Sutton Klodnick hit a 3-pointer and added four field goals and two free throws to score 13 for the Pirates, followed by Nate Seffernick with seven, Patrick Connors with six, Jimmy Kinsley with four, Evan Nugent with three and Zach Waite with two.

Bay continues through the WSC schedule on Feb. 6 at Vermilion, while Rocky River travels to Midview the same night. Both varsity games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m.



Bay senior Rex Sunahara scored four of his game-leading 25 points on two sky-scraping slam dunks in the win over Rocky River Friday night at the Launching Pad. Photo – Daniel Ondercin



Jack Corrigan led Rocky River with 20 points, including four 3-pointers, in the loss at Bay Friday night. Photo – Daniel Ondercin

**Boys basketball**

No. 5 St. Edward 63, No. 12 St. Ignatius 55

# Nichols, Eagles kick it up a notch

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St. Edward earlier this season rolled to a 73-55 win over St. Ignatius.

In Friday night's rematch, the Wildcats gave the Eagles all they could handle, but St. Edward senior forward Kipper Nichols scored 27 points to help the No. 5 Eagles (13-4) defeat No. 12 St. Ignatius (10-6), 63-55.

While Friday's victory proved much more difficult, Eagles coach Eric Flannery said he really liked how his team responded.

"We knew they were going to come out and give us all we wanted," Flannery said. "Anyone who knows or watches basketball knew they were going to come in fired up, and they did. Their guys came out and made a ton of plays and really made us work hard, but I love the way our responded and did what was needed to get the win."

St. Ignatius found itself down eight points early in the second quarter, but a 10-0 run enabled the Wildcats to take a four-point lead into the half.

Wildcats guard Deven Stover suffered a head injury in the second quarter, and coach Sean O'Toole said he was taken to an area emergency room as a safety precaution.

**What it means**

St. Edward has swept the two-game, regular-season series with St. Ignatius for the past two years.

Two weeks ago the Eagles lost to MacDuffie (Mass.) in the final seconds of a game in which they had led. Friday night, St. Edward was able to come back from a deficit and get the victory.

Flannery said these are the type of games his team is going to have to win later in the season, and the Eagles are gearing for a run at another state championship.

The Wildcats showed they can play with anybody. Despite not having the Eagles' height, the Wildcats did a terrific job of making the Eagles have to work for everything down low.

St. Ignatius has another tough game against Canton Timken to-

day, but O'Toole's team is going to be difficult to beat in the playoffs.

**Play of the game**

With the score tied at 51, St. Edward point guard Sean Flannery threw a perfect lob pass to Derek Funderburk, who threw the ball down while getting fouled. Funderburk sank the free throw to complete the three-point play.

The Eagles led the rest of the way.

**Crucial run**

Funderburk's dunk fueled the Eagles to the win, as St. Edward ended the game on a 12-4 run.

**Who stood out for St. Edward**

Danny Chambers: He did not have the biggest scoring night, but he scored five points in the first quarter when the rest of the Eagles were struggling to score.

Flannery made sure after the game to compliment the play of Chambers and the other role players.

Nichols: He once again showed that he is as good as any player in the area, finishing with a game-high 27 points, 20 coming in the second half.

Funderburk: The junior continues to improve each game, and for a 6-foot-9 player he has a rare ability to put the ball on the floor.

**Who stood out for St. Ignatius**

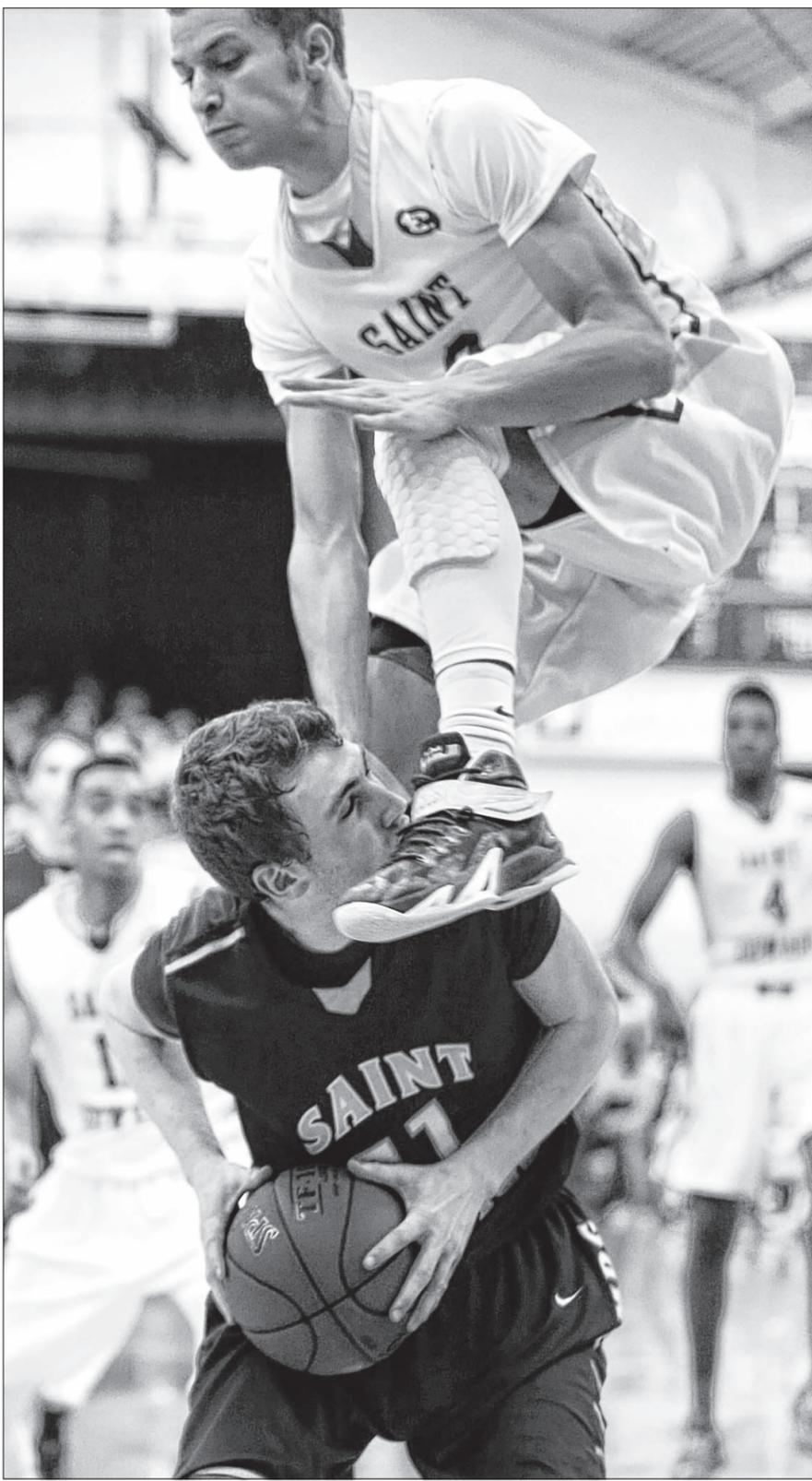
Dre'mont Jones: Yes, he is an Ohio State commit for football, but Jones gives the Wildcats a physical player down low that many teams do not have.

Andre Wolford: He hit some big 3-pointers for the Wildcats on Friday night, giving the team a true deep threat.

**St. Edward sound bite**

Flannery: "In the playoffs, there are going to be games that you have to win when you don't play your best basketball. I am very proud because our team did not play great, but when we needed to, we made the winning plays."

O'Toole: "We are not going hang a banner or anything like that, but I am extremely proud of how our team played. We competed so hard against them, but we need to make free throws at the end of the game."



St. Ignatius' Tim Kiefer (bottom) fakes St. Edward's Darien Knowles into the air and into a foul during the third quarter of St. Edward's 63-55 win Friday night in Lakewood.

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## Scoreboard

**Boys basketball**  
**Chagrin Valley Conference**

**Crossover**

Fairport Harding	17	10	13	14-51
Kirtland	24	25	18	14-81

Fairport Harding (9-11, 0-5):	Bish 1-2, Hites 2-0-6, Morenz 2-0-5, Severino 2-0-4, Shelby 6-2-17, Thomas 1-0-3, Williams 6-2-14
Kirtland (10-6, 6-4):	Boyd 5-2-14, Bragalone 1-0-2, Capretta 0-2-2, Davis 1-0-3, DiFabio 1-0-2, Grazia 1-0-10, Guenther 2-0-4, Lewis 9-0-25, Madden 1-1-3, Skjilan 8-0-16

Perry	7	4	13	18-42
Harvey	6	8	4	15-33

Perry (11-2, 8-1):	Aultman 0-2-2, Buescher 2-4-8, Buryshaw 5-4-15, Farrell 3-2-8, Zampini 1-7-8
Harvey (9-8, 6-6):	Carswell 2-1-5, Dixon 4-1-12, Gaston 0-1-1, Hayes 1-0-2, Holbert 2-0-4, Tronau 4-1-9

Richmond Hts.	13	20	12	24-69
Independence	13	8	14	11-46

Richmond Heights (8-5, 4-1):	Bamba 1-1-3, Hansford 2-0-4, Hicks 2-0-4, Jones 3-2-11, Owens 1-1-3, Parks 9-2-20, Sy 4-0-12, Wilcox 5-0-12
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Independence (5-11, 1-8):	Brunsmann 3-1-7, Dworznic 1-0-2, Figliola 5-0-10, Mathews 4-2-12, Roddy 1-0-2, Stefanick 2-3-8, Terrano 2-0-5
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**Metro Division**

Hawken	3	20	14	17-54
Cuyahoga Hts.	6	22	17	15-60

Hawken (8-10, 6-5):	Brown 1-0-3, Burton 3-0-6, Dooly 4-6-14, Hruby 4-5-14, Mazonne 1-0-3, Simmons 1-1-3
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Cuyahoga Heights (12-4, 6-2):	Barnes 6-0-14, Bowling 0-2-2, Drockton 1-0-2, Hartman 1-0-4, Jezieriac 4-2-11, Lowther 1-0-2, Porter 9-4-25
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**Independent/other**

St. Ignatius	16	12	18	9-55
St. Edward	16	10	16	21-63

St. Ignatius (10-6, 0-0):	Berger -6, Berger -0, Davel -2, Ellifritt -0, Farren -0, Hollis -0, Irish -2, Isabella -0, Jones -11, Kalish -4, Kiefer -5, McDonald -2, Mutschach -0, Nieto -3, Outcalt -5, Stover -3, Wolford -12
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St. Edward (12-4, 1-0):	Berdersmann -0, Calhoun -0, Chambers -5, Dowell -2, Dowell -2, Flannery -6, Funderburk -12, Gassman -0, Geib -0, Gonzalez -0, Kinzel -0, Knowles -3, Lerch -0, Nichols -27, Ryan -6, Schmock -0
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Cleveland Hts.	3	13	14	16-46
Bedford	12	10	13	17-70

Cleveland Heights (6-11, 5-4):	Cook 1-0-3, Eddie 1-0-2, Harris 4-8-16, Hill 3-2-8, Kirincic 1-0-3, Pettit 1-1-3, Smith 2-5-9, Smith 1-0-2
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Bedford (13-4, 7-1):	Brandon 4-0-11, Jeffrey 6-1-13, Johnson 3-0-7, Parham 1-0-3, Perry 1-0-2, Prewitt 7-8-22, Rhodes 4-0-8, Smith 1-0-2, Williams 1-0-2
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Maple Hts.	-45
Lorain	-74

Maple Heights (9-7, 2-6):	Lorain (17-0, 9-0):
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**North Coast League**

**Blue Division**

Hoban	8	17	19	31-75
Lake Catholic	14	12	11	22-59

Archbishop Hoban (9-7, 3-4):	Balmer 2-0-4, Bonner 2-0-6, Christian 4-10-18, Cwuppert 2-0-4, Gurley 5-4-18, Jackson 6-3-19, Schwendler 0-0-0, Spaulding 6-3-19
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Lake Catholic (10-7, 4-4):	Fitzgerald 6-0-15, Friday 1-0-2, Robinson 9-3-28, Russell 2-2-8, wollerman 2-0-6
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Benedictine	10	20	7	14-51
NDCI	9	8	15	47-97

Benedictine (7-10, 3-5):	Camp 4-4-13, Layne 2-3-7, Moore Jr 6-0-14, Patterson 2-4-6, Penny 1-0-2, Sylvester 2-0-4, hardy 1-0-2, kaywood 1-1-3
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Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin (3-13, 1-6):	Cantini 1-0-2, Hammer 3-0-8, Kostelac 4-2-10, Leininger 0-3-3, McMahon 2-0-6, Mlachak 3-5-11, Sabath 2-0-5, Shubert 0-2-2
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Walsh Jesuit (17-0, 7-0):	Canzano 5-5, Iacobacci 4-1-9, Keough 1-2-5, Mittiga 2-2-7, Peterson 7-7-29, Schlosser 6-6-14
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Padua (10-10, 4-4):	Adler 3-2-11, Byke 3-2-2, Cradler 1-2-4, Creadon 3-2-11, Gagnon 9-4-22, Miranda 0-4-4
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**Crossover**

Trinity	8	10	12	21-51
Cle. Cent. Cath.	15	18	24	26-83

Trinity (3-13, 0-5):	Caja 0-0-0, Dawson 0-0-0, Dye 4-7-17, Filippi 0-3-3, LeSeuer 0-0-0, Maloney 4-7-3, Saleem 2-1-5, Trent 4-6-14, Wodzisz 4-1-9
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Cleveland Central Catholic (14-2, 5-1):	Allen 3-3-11, Beck 5-2-12, Bybee 2-1-5, Crosby 4-4-16, Hullum 2-0-5, Jackson 1-2-4, Lillard 2-2-6, Lillard 1-2-4, Locklear 3-2-8, McRae 3-0-6, Mills 2-4-4, Saleem 1-1-3
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**White Division**

Warren John F. Kennedy	16	11	25	10-62
VASJ	32	25	22	25-104

Warren John F. Kennedy (1-4, 1-4):	Bofenkamp 3-4-13, C. 1-1-3, Carrino 7-0-20, Unger 4-6-15, bruzynski 1-0-2, grant 3-1-7
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Villa Angela-St. Joseph (13-2, 6-0):	Bragg 10-2-23, Dean II 2-1-5, Grudzinski 2-0-5, Hig-gins 1-0-2, McGarry 1-0-2, Pardon 8-1-17, Parker 5-6-16, Teixidor 7-0-17, Turk 2-0-4, mo-johnson 1-2-4, Williams 3-0-7
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**Northeast Ohio Conference**

**Crossover**

Elyria	31	31	22	2322-98
Valley Forge	14	14	11	20206-51

Elyria (10-4, 5-2):	Atkinson 1-2, Blanton 5-0-9, Mohler 10-9-30, Rehak 3-2-8, Retina 3-0-8, Voudouris 1-2-4, Wasser 2-1-5
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Valley Forge (1-15, 0-2):	Captain 3-1-8, Hogan 10-1-20, Jurick 10-1-1, Keschich 1-1-2, Weiland 1-1-2, Yurick 3-1-9, Zevchik 1-1-3
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Normandy	14	15	14	12-55
N. Royalton	9	7	11	16-43

Normandy (14-3, 7-0):	Credwson 3-1-7, Jones 1-0-2, Kitko 3-0-8, Massa 3-1-9, Newman 4-0-9, Norton 6-3-18, Zaremba 0-2-2
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North Royalton (4-11, 2-5):	Coblely 0-2-2, Dittenbacher 2-2-6, Filippi 4-1-10, Kierly 1-0-2, Miduri 4-5-15, Nezcypor 2-0-4, Tarnowski 1-2-4
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Mayfield Heights	12	14	15	14-65
Parma	15	23	17	20-75

Mayfield (7-8, 3-4):	Bican 1-2-2, Bican 6-1-4, Casey 4-3-11, Dixit 1-3-2, Early 1-1-1, Nahra 7-4-19, Trivisono 1-0-2, Trivisono 1-4-4
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Parma (8-9, 4-4):	Agoston 7-7-24, Banker 1-4-6, Brown 1-4-2, Jones 4-4-8, Lyon 6-2-17, Mura-sarza 6-1-1, Pastva 6-6-17
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Shaker Heights	15	10	23	25-63
Mentor	13	12	21	25-62

Shaker Heights (13-3, 6-1):	Ahmad 6-9-21, Hartfield 3-0-7, Johnson 3-4-10, Redus 3-0-6, Roy 2-4-8, Stotes 2-0-6, Wright 2-1-5
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Mentor (10-6, 3-3):	Korsok 2-2-4, Koss 2-0-6, McIntosh 0-1-1, Potter 11-2-24, Sateika 2-0-4, Zaugg 8-3-23
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Brush	14	9	5	11-39
Solon	10	10	5	18-43

Brush (10-6, 4-3):	Bearden Jr. 2-2-6, Flowers 2-1-5, Oakley 7-0-18, Rice 3-4-10
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Holm (6-9, 5-2):	Dillard 2-1-7, Guest 1-3-5, Harnody 1-1-3, Johnson Jr. 3-0-7, Lesko 1-0-1, Perry 1-0-2, Steele 5-4-16, Thompson 1-0-2
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Stow-Mun. Falls	6	8	11	17-42
Hudson	6	9	20	29-61

Stow-Munroe Falls (9-7, 5-2):	Bower-Malone 6-4-20, Huffman 2-4-8, Lawson 3-0-6, Rice 2-0-5, Vantrase 1-0-3, Wright 2-1-5
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Hudson (12-3, 5-2):	Colazzo 1-0-2, Guadagni 4-0-8, Norton 3-2-9, Meder 6-5-18, Rightmour 0-2-2
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**Valley Division**

Brwnswick	13	25	13	16-67
Strongsville	17	12	15	19-62

Brwnswick (13-4, 3-3):	Armstrong 4-2-10, Badowski 2-0-6, Bulic 5-3-14, Cebula 1-0-2, Ficyk 4-1-9, Okulovich 0-3-3, Quiring 6-3-19, Simmons 1-2-4
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Strongsville (4-11, 0-4):	Aske 2-0-5, Castora 4-3-11, Jamison 4-0-8, Pesarichik 1-0-2, Rob-ertson 2-0-4, Rush 5-1-10, Thrall 1-0-3, Toffey 2-0-4, Yezbek 3-0-9
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Garfield Hts.	13	17	22	17-69
Medina	14	14	15	19-62

Garfield Heights (15-2, 6-1):	Christian 2-2-8, Franklin 3-2-10, Hughes 4-4-14, Jackson 3-0-13, Jackson 9-1-19, Johnson 1-1-3, Rose 0-2-2
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Medina (8-8, 2-5):	Gesche 3-0-7, Morrow 1-2-4, Schaefer 4-3-11, Schreck 2-4-9, Teske 10-5-28, Martin 0-1-1
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**Patriot Athletic Conference**

**Stars Division**

Wellington	10	8	6	12-36
Buckeye	13	13	7	22-55

Wellington (6-12, 4-10):	Bealer 1-4-6, Gibbs 3-0-5, Holliday 3-2-9, Joppack 1-3-5, Kindle 2-1-5, Paramore 1-0-2, Schmidt 0-3-3
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Buckeye (10-7, 9-2):	Brumfield 1-0-3, Grauel 1-0-2, Hagemeyer 0-0-0, Lowry 3-1-7, Murray 6-0-14, Palodini 5-0-11, Roskey 1-0-2, Stauffer 0-0-0, Willis 7-2-16
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**Stripes Division**

Fairview	13	13	6	14-46
Lutheran W.	16	16	17	13-62

Fairview (3-15, 1-8):	Butler 6-0-12, Elder 0-1-1, Hoftzyer 1-2-4, Kerchenski 4-1-9, Kol-man 1-0-2, Schwarber 3-0-7, Whitney 0-2-2, Williams 3-2-9
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Lutheran West (14-3, 9-2):	Berghaus 4-0-9, Carper 4-2-10, Felten 3-2-11, Januzzi 0-2-2, O&#39;Hara 7-4-19, Voiers 0-0-11
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**Portage Trail Conference**

**Crossover**

Streetsboro	13	16	5	15-49
Woodridge	18	11	20	27-64

Streetsboro (14-5, 6-4):	Dixon 1-0-2, Jones 0-1-1, Judd 10-6-30, Tucker 3-0-9, Van Reeth 3-1-7
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Woodridge (8-7, 5-3):	Clark 6-9-24, Dickon 1-0-2, Fink
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Elyria Catholic's James Tirbaso, left, blocks the shot of Lakewood's Desmond Rollins during a loss to the Rangers on Friday.



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## Different story for EC in a loss to WSC rival

Bob Daniels  
The Chronicle-Telegram

ELYRIA — What a difference a month makes. After scoring 35 first-quarter points, Elyria Catholic breezed past Lakewood, 103-73, in West Shore Conference play on the Rangers' court Jan. 13.

It was a different story in the rematch Friday night in EC's Coliseum.

With senior guard Nick Porter scoring a career-high 33 points, the Rangers pulled away for a 77-63 victory in a WSC game that was closer than the score might suggest.

Elyria Catholic trailed for chunks of time throughout, including by 10 points in the second quarter and again with just over five minutes left in the game. But the Panthers wouldn't go away. They went on a late 13-5 tear, during which junior guard Jacob Kuchta nailed three straight 3-point baskets in just under two minutes.

By the time he'd hit his third in a row, the Panthers had closed the gap to 63-61 and there were still nearly three minutes to play. Unfortunately, from an EC point of view, Lakewood (12-7, 7-6 WSC) responded with a 14-2 tear from then to the end.

Even with the loss, Elyria Catholic (14-6, 8-5) is still in the conference championship picture, a game behind Bay. The league-leading Rockets suffered a 58-56 loss to Avon on Friday.

"Elyria Catholic really put it to us the last time we played," Lakewood coach Phil Argento said. "They shot the lights out and we have a lot of respect for their team. We knew we were going to have to come in here and play much better defensively. I thought we had a much better effort in the first half and shot the ball really well. EC has a nice club and we wish them all the best."

The Rangers' Porter said his team felt it had

something to prove after the drubbing it suffered in the Jan. 13 game.

"We know we don't have a shot at the conference any more, but we want to keep getting better every game," Porter said.

The Panthers' outlook was darkest after Porter's free throw put the Rangers up, 58-48, with 5:26 to go in the game. But they went to work. Senior point guard D.J. Graham drove for a basket with 5:10 to go and added two foul shots 16 seconds later.

At 4:32 Kuchta nailed the first of his three 3-pointers, cutting the deficit to 59-55. He nailed his second three with 3:50 to go and when he buried the third at 2:56, the Lakewood lead had been cut to 63-61.

But even with the Panthers' refusal to fold, coach Phil Kuchta said EC never really got it together as a team.

"For whatever reason, we just didn't play well tonight," Kuchta said. "I didn't like the way we started, but I give my guys credit. They made some runs and certainly made a game of it. Lakewood's a good team, a typical West Shore Conference opponent. But I just didn't like the way we played."

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### Lakewood 77, Elyria Catholic 63

LAKEWOOD (77): Joe Malone 2-0-4, Justin McDonald 3-0-8, Wes Gerhardt 5-3-13, Malik Leisinger 2-6-10, Desmond Rollins 0-1-1, Logan Swift 3-0-6, Jack Witri 0-0-0, Nick Porter 13-4-33, Brenden Horinger 0-0-0, Ozemenay Taylor 0-2-2, Jacob Sala 0-0-0. Totals 28-16-77.

ELYRIA CATHOLIC (63): D.J. Graham 8-5-21, Kevin Kelley 1-0-3, Ceeven Shelton 5-0-10, Darin Guice 0-2-2, Cole Virgin 2-0-4, Jacob Kuchta 5-0-13, James Tirbaso 4-0-8, Brian Duffield 1-0-2. Totals 26-7-63.

Lakewood 15 13 22 27 — 77  
Elyria Catholic 12 16 18 17 — 63

Three-point goals: Lakewood 5-13 (Porter 3, McDonald 2); Elyria Catholic 4-17 (Kuchta 3, Kelley). Field goals: Lakewood 28-60 (46.7 percent); Elyria Catholic 26-70 (37.1 percent). Free throws: Lakewood 16-23; Elyria Catholic 7-9. Rebounds: Lakewood 31; Elyria Catholic 32. Turnovers: Lakewood 16; Elyria Catholic 17. Junior varsity: Elyria Catholic, 56-54.

## AVON

From D1

He hung on the rim to avoid an Avon player and was whistled for a technical, which drew an emotional response from the 6-foot-6 center and another technical — his fifth foul. D'Amonte Thornton drained three of the four free throws for Avon.

"Our kids responded the way they're supposed to," Bay coach Jared Schetzer said. "They're champions and they responded the way they're supposed to. We love our kids and we're proud of them. I think if you go back and watch the film you'll clearly see somebody was underneath him (Sunahara) on the first technical. But that's all I have to say about that."

Bay bounced back with a 7-3 run, sparked by two quick field goals from Brandon Morriss, who also finished with a double-double — 13 points and tied for a game-high 14 rebounds.

The Rockets looked like they were going to use the ejection as fire to propel them to victory, but the offense fell flat after it took a 56-51 lead. Torbert connected on a jumper and Orr followed with a huge three at the 1:42 mark to tie the game at 56.

Avon (12-8, 8-5) left the door open down the stretch when it only converted 2-of-6 from the line in the final two minutes — one by Torbert and the other by Orr. But it turned out to be enough.

Avon's Will Ybarra missed two of those free throws with 19.3 left, but Alec White's final 3-point attempt with 3.3 seconds left hit off the rim.

"Our goal was to get Alec White the ball and swing it back to John Koz in the corner to either get a shot or get something going at the rim," Morriss said. "They defended it well. Credit to them."

Ybarra was one of four Avon players in double figures with 13 points, tying Torbert for the team high. He also grabbed a team-high 14 rebounds with one blocked shot.

Orr — a freshman — and Thornton were huge off the bench, adding 11 each and combining to score 10 in the third quarter, including Thornton's strong drive for an old-fashioned three-point play to close the third quarter with a 44-43 lead.

"Orr and Thornton are huge for us," Ybarra said. "They hit clutch shots in the right moments and they pass the ball when they need to. They're good, they're just good."

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### Avon 58, Bay 56

BAY (56): John Koz 3-2-10, Brandon Morriss 5-2-13, Rex Sunahara 10-0-20, Danny Heideloff 0-1-1, Jonathan Brajdic 1-0-2, Jack Jelen 2-0-5, Alec White 2-0-5, Jack Kyle 0-0-0, Scott Durham 0-0-0, Cole Geryge 0-0-0. Totals 23-5-56.

AVON (58): Chris Maxwell 0-0-0, Zack Torbert 4-4-13, Will Ybarra 5-0-13, Michael Smigel 3-0-8, Johnny Paganoff 0-0-0, D'Amonte Thornton 3-5-11, DelShawn Orr 3-4-11, Michael Nose 1-0-2, Jeffrey Laraway 0-0-0. Totals 19-13-58.

Bay 17 12 14 13 — 56  
Avon 15 11 18 14 — 58

Three-point goals: Bay 5-22 (Koz 2, Brajdic 2, Morriss), Avon 7-19 (Ybarra 3, Smigel 2, Torbert, Orr). Field goals: Bay 23-63 (37 percent), Avon 19-52 (31 percent). Free throws: Bay 5-13 (39 percent), Avon 13-24 (54 percent). Rebounds: Bay 38 (Morriss 14, Sunahara 11), Avon 36 (Ybarra 14). Total fouls: Bay 19, Avon 13. Technical fouls: Sunahara 2. Fouled out: Sunahara, Heideloff. Turnovers: Bay 9, Avon 8. Junior varsity: Avon, 77-41.

## NORTH OLMSTED 47, WESTLAKE 45

# Eagles hold onto win

Joel Hammond  
The Chronicle-Telegram

NORTH OLMSTED — How do we put this politely? Things have not been ... aesthetically pleasing lately for North Olmsted.

Just as certain, though: The Eagles aren't about to apologize.

North Olmsted won its fourth in five games Friday night, beating Southwestern Conference foe Westlake 47-45. Those four wins have come by a combined 10 points, and for the second straight victory, the Eagles nearly coughed up a double-digit fourth-quarter lead.

Now, the pretty stuff: After winning one game two years ago, and eight last year, the Eagles are 14-6 and 9-2 in the SWC, and will play Berea-Midpark on Friday for a share of the conference crown. The Titans are 10-1 in the league after a methodical 41-29 win over Brecksville on Friday.

And North Olmsted is in this position despite losing starter Tommy Sullivan likely for the year with a knee injury; playing with injuries to 6-foot-6 Andy Lucien (knee injury in practice this week) and sixth man Josh Hufstetler (hand injury); and losing another contributor to academic ineligibility.

The Eagles will take it. "When you have injuries like that, you have to stay together and play together, and this is

### North Olmsted 47, Westlake 45

WESTLAKE (45): Noah Meek 2-0-5, Andris Balodis 4-2-12, Scott Leonard 4-0-9, Rico Tate 5-3-13, Cameron Brown 3-2-5. Totals 20-4-47.

NORTH OLMSTED (47): Josh Hufstetler 1-0-2, Ryan Coleman 4-0-8, Matt Starcovic 9-1-22, Jimmy Clark 1-0-3, Andy Lucien 4-3-12. Totals 20-4-47.

Westlake 13 9 8 15 — 45  
North Olmsted 16 16 6 9 — 47  
Three-point goals: Westlake 4-15 (Meek, Balodis 2, Leonard), North Olmsted 5-16 (Starcovic 3, Clark, Lucien). Field goals: Westlake 18-42 (43 percent), North Olmsted 20-46 (43 percent). Free throws: Westlake 5-11 (45 percent), North Olmsted 4-7 (57 percent). Rebounds: Westlake 26 (Tate, Brown 7), North Olmsted 28 (Lucien 8). Total fouls: Westlake 11, North Olmsted 9. Turnovers: Westlake 13, North Olmsted 12. Fouled out: None. Junior varsity: Westlake, 49-41.

what happens when you do," said N.O. senior Matt Starcovic, who led all scorers with 20.

North Olmsted scored the first 10 points of the game, including five from Lucien and Starcovic. Westlake fought back, but still trailed by 10 at halftime, 32-22.

The game slowed in the third quarter, but the Eagles extended their lead to 14 by scoring the first two buckets of the second half. The Demons (5-13, 3-8), though, again rallied, scoring eight of the final 10 of the quarter to cut it to eight; they also missed two layups that could have further cut the lead.

Starcovic scored the Eagles' first eight points of the fourth, and North Olmsted held a comfortable nine-point lead, 46-37, with three minutes left. But Scott Leonard hit a three, and Andris Balodis hit one of his own off a turnover. Talented

sophomore point guard Rico Tate scored off another turnover with 40 seconds left to make it 46-45.

The Eagles missed the front end of a one-and-one, but the ensuing loose ball bounced off Westlake. Lucien made one of two, and the Eagles gave their last foul with 12 seconds left. Off a timeout, Westlake coach Shawn Hood drew up a play for the win, with Balodis coming off a double screen on the baseline for a three — but the Eagles blocked the shot as time expired.

"We've let leads slip and evaporate; we're just not making those plays that we should to put teams away," North Olmsted coach Jason Frolo said. "It's a little bit of a concern, but this time of the year you take wins where you can."

Lucien had 12 points to back Starcovic, but only one in the second half, as the injury seemed to slow him. He took a couple hard hits. Tate scored 13 and Balodis had 12 for the Demons, who lamented another game where a slow start cost them.

"We lost the game in the first half — we just didn't come out with the right defensive mentality," Hood said. "We were too worried about how we were going to play offensively and that doesn't work."

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## ROCKY RIVER 59, NORTH RIDGEVILLE 41

# Rough night for Rangers

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ROCKY RIVER — North Ridgeville coach Bryan Morgan was seeing red after Friday's 59-41 West Shore Conference loss to Rocky River, and it had nothing to do with it being Valentine's Day weekend.

It was the Rangers' performance that clouded Morgan's vision. His team turned the ball over 22 times, shot a paltry 38 percent (9-of-24) from the free throw line and only scored 15 points in the second and third periods, while falling to 9-11 and 5-8 in the WSC with two regular-season games remaining.

"We weren't able to execute at all," Morgan said. "Rocky River sent us to the line quite a few times but we were just awful. I don't think I've been part of a team performance that has been that poor from the free throw line."

"We made stops on defense and got them to turn the ball over, but we could not capitalize. Instead, we're firing one-handed, no-look passes or throwing cross-court passes

### Rocky River 59, North Ridgeville 41

NORTH RIDGEVILLE (41): Alex Overy 1-3, Jordan Montgomery 1-1-3, Dario McColl 2-1-5, Brian Flanagan 2-0-5, Isa Abdul-Alim 0-1-1, Greg Draft 3-1-7, Jack Lesniak 1-0-2, M.J. Smith 1-3-5, Guac Buchko 1-0-3, Tyler Arnold 2-1-7. Totals 14-9-41.

ROCKY RIVER (59): Eric Jones 3-2-8, Patrick Connors 6-0-14, Corey Zucker 1-0-2, Jack Corrigan 1-5-7, Justin Monte 1-0-2, Evan Nugent 3-2-8, Zach Waite 0-1-1, Jimmy Kinsley 3-0-5, Nathan Sefferick 5-1-11. Totals 23-11-59.

North Ridgeville 11 6 9 15-41  
Rocky River 13 11 12 23-59

Three-point goals: North Ridgeville (Arnold 2, Buchko, Flanagan), Rocky River (Connors 2). Field goals: North Ridgeville 14-34 (41 percent), Rocky River 23-41 (56 percent). Free throws: North Ridgeville 9-24 (38 percent), Rocky River 11-19 (58 percent). Rebounds: North Ridgeville 40, Rocky River 29. Turnovers: North Ridgeville 22, Rocky River 21. Total fouls: North Ridgeville 15, Rocky River 19. Fouled out: Waite. Junior varsity: North Ridgeville, 53-33.

out of bounds."

After watching his team go through a 16-minute stretch where they only scored 15 points, Morgan pulled all of his starters with 5:45 remaining and allowed his bench players to finish the game. The Rangers' reserves briefly provided a spark, cutting the deficit to 12, but Morgan was also hoping they would ignite a fire in the locker room and on

the practice court.

"We've had a lot of injuries over the course of the season and therefore there really has been no competition for spots in the lineup," he said. "Tonight, we saw that maybe there is some competition waiting in the wings. That's what has to happen. Guys can't get comfortable."

Rocky River (8-12, 3-10) played solid defense and forced the Rangers into numerous mistakes in their half-court game but Pirates coach Michael Murray was left wishing that his team, which committed 21 turnovers of its own, could do a better job turning turnovers into points.

"We defended and rebounded well but we got careless at times and wound up with over 20 turnovers," Murray said.

Rocky River never trailed and the score was only tied once, 11-11, after an Arnold 3-pointer with 40 seconds left in the first period.

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## OLMSTED FALLS 72, AMHERST 38

# Bulldogs bag big victory

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The Chronicle-Telegram

OLMSTED FALLS — For Olmsted Falls it was a Senior Night to remember. For Amherst it was a forgettable experience.

The Bulldogs could do little wrong in a 72-38 victory over their Southwestern Conference rival Friday night.

"Maybe one of the last times playing on this court, we just wanted to come out and appreciate it and take it all in and play our best, and I think we did that tonight," Olmsted Falls senior forward Ryan Sosic said. "To come out with a victory like that was great. It starts in practice really, where everyone works really hard in practice and that leads to trust in the game."

Olmsted Falls coach Chris DeLisio opened the game with an all senior lineup and it responded with a rugged and gritty performance against an Amherst team which came out trading punch-for-punch with the Bulldogs. When the first quarter ended, the Comets trailed by only one at 17-16.

That concluded the Amherst highlights for the evening.

### Olmsted Falls 72, Amherst 38

AMHERST (38): Adam Srnis 2-0-6, Antonio Serrano 2-1-5, Rees Rua 9-3-21, Matt Kniessel 1-1-4, Dylan Johnson 0-0-0, Rocky Melendez 0-0-0, John Woodridge 0-0-0, Marshall Bussey 1-0-2, Tino Laboy 0-0-0. Totals 15-5-38.

OLMSTED FALLS (72): Tony Kleem 0-2-2, Ryan Hanna 2-0-4, Troy Hurrell 2-0-5, Ryan Sosic 3-0-8, Nick Fritz 3-1-8, Kevin Meehan 2-3-17, Eric Taylor 4-0-9, Anthony Trujillo 2-1-5, Ryan Stroutbeck 1-0-2, Victor Hitterman 1-2-4, Frank Harr 0-0-0, Brian Candow 1-0-2, Ryan Glover 1-0-3, Josh Goodwin 2-0-5. Totals 29-9-72.

Amherst 16 6 8 8 — 38  
Olmsted Falls 17 21 18 16 — 72  
Three-point goals: Amherst 3-10 (Srnis-2, Kniessel), Olmsted Falls 5-11 (Hurrell, Fritz, Taylor, Glover, Goodwin). Field goals: Amherst 15-47 (34 percent), Olmsted Falls 29-45 (64 percent). Free throws: Amherst 5-9 (55 percent), Olmsted Falls 9-14 (64 percent). Rebounds: Amherst 15 (Kniessel 6), Olmsted Falls 27 (Meehan 4). Total fouls: Amherst 12, Olmsted Falls 14. Turnovers: Amherst 14, Olmsted Falls 13. Junior varsity: Olmsted Falls, 56-53.

Starting in the second quarter, it was all Olmsted Falls. For the rest of the game, Amherst failed to reach double digits in a quarter, while Olmsted Falls (11-8, 7-4 SWC) shot 70 percent in the first half, and 64 percent for the game. Falls' pressure defense and hot shooting wore down the Comets progressively as the night progressed.

"We mentally just broke down and it was over. I'm not sure that we lost composure, but we lost all our purpose of

what we wanted to do," said Comets coach John Srnis of the fateful second period. "We didn't catch ourselves and one thing led to another and before you knew it we were in trouble."

Trouble to the tune of a 21-6 second quarter and a 16-point halftime deficit. While Amherst's Rees Rua was the game-high scorer with 21 points, all on traditional two point baskets and free throws on 9-of-14 shooting, his fellow Comets shot 3-of-19 from inside the arc.

"We just didn't play very well and then we helped their runs by turning the ball over in the middle of the court," Coach Srnis said. "They already had enough success on offense. We didn't have to add to it."

Olmsted Falls got 14 players into action and 13 into the score book, led by Kevin Meehan's 17 points.

"It was a great Senior Night, just happy that we could get everybody some quality minutes. We have some great seniors," DeLisio said.

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**ROCKY RIVER 59, NORTH RIDGEVILLE 41**

# Rough night for Rangers

**Todd Shapiro**  
The Chronicle-Telegram

ROCKY RIVER — North Ridgeville coach Bryan Morgan was seeing red after Friday's 59-41 West Shore Conference loss to Rocky River, and it had nothing to do with it being Valentine's Day weekend.

It was the Rangers' performance that clouded Morgan's vision. His team turned the ball over 22 times, shot a paltry 38 percent (9-of-24) from the free throw line and only scored 15 points in the second and third periods, while falling to 9-11 and 5-8 in the WSC with two regular-season games remaining.

"We weren't able to execute at all," Morgan said. "Rocky River sent us to the line quite a few times but we were just awful. I don't think I've been part of a team performance that has been that poor from the free throw line.

"We made stops on defense and got them to turn the ball over, but we could not capitalize. Instead, we're firing one-handed, no-look passes or throwing cross-court passes

**Rocky River 59, North Ridgeville 41**

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE (41):** Alex Overy 1-1-3, Jordan Montgomery 1-1-3, Demario McCall 2-1-5, Brian Flanagan 2-0-5, Isa Abdul-Alim 0-1-1, Greg Draft 3-1-7, Jack Lesniak 1-0-2, M.J. Smith 1-3-5, Guac Buchko 1-0-3, Tyler Arnold 2-1-7. **Totals 14-9-41.**

**ROCKY RIVER (59):** Eric Jones 3-2-8, Patrick Connors 6-0-14, Corey Zucker 1-0-2, Jack Corrigan 1-5-7, Justin Monte 1-0-2, Evan Nugent 3-2-8, Zach Waite 0-1-1, Jimmy Kinsley 3-0-6, Nathan Seffernick 5-1-11. **Totals 23-11-59.**

North Ridgeville	11	6	9	15-41
Rocky River	13	11	12	23-59

**Three-point goals:** North Ridgeville (Arnold 2, Buchko, Flanagan), Rocky River (Connors 2). **Field goals:** North Ridgeville 14-34 (41 percent), Rocky River 23-41 (56 percent). **Free throws:** North Ridgeville 9-24 (38 percent), Rocky River 11-19 (58 percent).

**Rebounds:** North Ridgeville 20, Rocky River 29. **Turnovers:** North Ridgeville 22, Rocky River 21. **Total fouls:** North Ridgeville 15, Rocky River 19. **Fouled out:** Waite

**Junior Varsity:** North Ridgeville, 53-33.

out of bounds."

After watching his team go through a 16-minute stretch where they only scored 15 points, Morgan pulled all of his starters with 5:45 remaining and allowed his bench players to finish the game. The Rangers' reserves briefly provided a spark, cutting the deficit to 12, but Morgan was also hoping they would ignite a fire in the locker room and on

the practice court.

"We've had a lot of injuries over the course of the season and therefore there really has been no competition for spots in the lineup," he said. "Tonight, we saw that maybe there is some competition waiting in the wings. That's what has to happen. Guys can't get comfortable."

Rocky River (8-12, 3-10) played solid defense and forced the Rangers into numerous mistakes in their half-court game but Pirates coach Michael Murray was left wishing that his team, which committed 21 turnovers of its own, could to a better job turning turnovers into points.

"We defended and rebounded well but we got careless at times and wound up with over 20 turnovers," Murray said.

Rocky River never trailed and the score was only tied once, 11-11, after an Arnold 3-pointer with 40 seconds left in the first period.

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### HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

##### Avon 58, Bay 56

Bay 15 11 18 14 — 56

Avon 17 12 14 13 — 58

Avon — Will Ybarra 13, Zack Tolbert 13, Delshawn Orr 11, D'amonte Thornton 11, Michael Smigel 8, Michael 2.

Bay Village — Rex Sunahara 20, Brandon Morriss 13, John Koz 10, Jack Jelen 5, Alec White 5, Jonathon Brajdic 2, Dan Heideloff 1.

Rebounds — Avon 36 (Ybarra 13), Bay Village 41 (Morriss 15); Turnovers — Avon 14, 12; Team records — Avon 12-8, Bay Village 13-6.

##### Rocky River 59, North Ridgeville 41

N. Ridgeville 11 6 9 15 — 41

Rocky River 13 11 12 23 — 59

NORTH RIDGEVILLE — Alex Overy 1-1-3, Jordan Montgomery 1-1-3, Demario McCall 2-1-5, Brian Flanagan 2-0-5, Isa Abdul-Alim 0-1-1, Greg Draft 3-1-7, Jack Lesniak 1-0-2, M.J. Smith 1-3-5, Guac Buchko 1-0-3, Tyler Arnold 2-1-7

ROCKY RIVER — Eric Jones 3-2-8, Patrick

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JV: North Ridgeville 53, Rocky River 33.

##### Crestview 62, St. Paul 45

ST. PAUL — Moffit 2-2-6, Fitzgerald 2-1-6, Rospert 5-1-13, De. Furlong 5-0-12, Dy. Furlong 1-0-3, Ruffing 1-0-2, Jaworski 1-1-3

CRESTVIEW — Olewiler 8-1-19, Braybeal 4-0-10, Stevens 5-0-13, Lutz 3-0-8, Stimpurt 1-0-2, Gray 2-0-4, Radcliffe 3-0-6

St. Paul 10 13 15 7 — 45

Crestview 16 22 17 7 — 62

Fouled out: Stevens; Free throws: St. Paul 5 of 9, Crestview 1 of 8; Three pointers: St.

Paul 6 (Fitzgerald, Rospert 2, De. Furlong 2, Dy. Furlong), Crestview 9 (Olewiler 2, Braybeal 2, Stevens 3, Lutz 2)

##### Edison 68, Huron 56 (OT)

Edison 8 13 12 18 18 — 68

Huron 11 19 9 11 6 — 56

Edison — Keegan Hall 10, Clay Goodwin 15, Robert Morton 4, Bryce Ostheimer 15, Owen Moyer 10, James Hill 4, Mark Johnson 11.

Huron — Matt Dewey 2, Kyle Kovach 3, Will Springer 4, Jeppie Bloor 11, Eric Weir 7, Nick Stauffer 19, Adam Storer 10.

Rebounds — Edison 14, Huron 22; Team records — Edison 13-6, Huron 15-3.

JV — 49-39, Huron.

##### Lorain 100, Euclid 44

EUCLID — West 0-0-0, Pittman 3-0-6, Berry 1-0-3, McCaulley, Emory 3-2-5, McCain 2-0-5, McClardy 3-0-6, Richardson 2-0-4, Sims 3-0-6, Simpson 2-0-2, Wynn 1-0-3, Taylor 2-0-4

LORAIN — Da. Andrews 5-5-18, Williamson 2-0-4, Davis 3-0-6, Berry 2-0-4, De. Andrews 9-3-21, Ross 2-1-7, Smith 5-3-13, Little 1-2-4, Smothers 6-0-12, Bohananan 5-3-13

Euclid 13 11 7 13 — 44

Lorain 23 29 29 19 — 100

Free throws: Euclid 2 of 5, Lorain 17 of 26; Three pointers: Euclid 4 (Emory, McCain, Wynn, Berry), Lorain 3 (Da. Andrews)

JV: Lorain 55, Euclid 47

#### HOCKEY

##### Cleveland Heights 6, North Olmsted 3

at Brooklyn Rec. Center

North Olmsted 2 1 0 — 3

Cleveland Heights 0 2 4 — 6

Goals: Cleveland Heights Edwards (DiTirro, Weisblat) Jameel Gaskins (Hayden), Edwards (DiTirro), Conor Lewis (DiTirro) Kinsly Tricisonno (Soca), Stephen Lang (unassisted); North Olmsted: Michael Ceepo (Noah DeJoy), Nathan Schmitt (DeJoy, Tyler Merth), Shane Malinak (Kyle Sukenik, Zach Servidio).

Goalies — Cleveland Heights: Trent Swain 32 saves; North Olmsted: Ryan Godin 32 saves

**It's on, finally**

Floyd Mayweather announces he will fight Manny Pacquiao on May 2 at the MGM in Las Vegas. Page D2



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**BROWNS**

## Cautious approach

Team expected to avoid red flags after 2014 draft

**Scott Petrak**

The Chronicle-Telegram

INDIANAPOLIS — A little dirt under the fingernails is one thing.

Submerged in a swamp is something completely different.

The importance of character in the draft process is an annual point of discussion at the NFL scouting combine. It's a hot-button issue this year for the Browns.

Quarterback Johnny Manziel is in rehab. Cornerback Justin Gilbert has a "very personal" issue, according to coach Mike Pettine.

They were the first two picks of Ray Farmer's tenure as general manager — Gilbert at No. 8, Manziel at No. 22. Both selections came after trading away a draft pick to move up to take them.

They combined for way more headaches than their combined four starts and two touchdowns — one for each. By the end of their rookie seasons, teammates were blasting them publicly and saying major changes were necessary if they wanted to save their careers.

It only seems natural the Browns would err on the side of caution during the draft

April 30-May 2 and avoid guys with a criminal history or any other red flags in the character department.

"There's a danger in that, that if you just say, 'We're only going to add players to our roster who are in the National Honor Society and the school choir,'" Pettine said this week. "You look across the league, it's not just the league, it's society in general. It's rare you're going to have somebody who has impeccable, clean character. It's all risk-reward, you've got to weigh it."

"As a team, that's why we're here doing these interviews. We've had some players who have had some issues and you look to learn from it. But at the same time I don't think you can just knee-jerk react and go the exact other direction and anybody that has any type of red flag you shy away from."

Perhaps not, but the Browns might be well-advised to proceed with care with their first-round picks, Nos. 12 and 19. That would mean removing top-rated quarterback Jameis Winston from the draft board after a checkered tenure at Florida State, including a sexual assault allegation.

See **BROWNS**, D2

**BOYS BASKETBALL**



STEVE MANHEIM / CHRONICLE

Elyria Catholic's Jacob Kuchta, left, shoots over Rocky River's Sutton Klodnick during the Panthers' loss Friday night. EC was still able to clinch a share of the West Shore Conference title in the league's final season.

**CAVALIERS 127, WIZARDS 89**



AP

Cleveland's LeBron James dunks during a victory at Washington on Friday night.

## 2nd half starts with big victory

**Jason Lloyd**

Akron Beacon Journal (TNS)

WASHINGTON — The second-half push to the postseason began with a two-handed slam. The Cleveland Cavaliers returned from the All-Star break looking every bit as sharp as the team that ended the first half as one of the hottest teams in the league.

LeBron James had 28 points, six assists and five rebounds in only 25 minutes, Kyrie Irving had 25 points and seven assists and the Cavs ambushed the Washington Wizards on Friday 127-89 to move a half-game ahead of them and into fourth place in the East. It narrowly missed as the most lopsided victory of the season, but the Cavs beat the Charlotte Hornets by 39 earlier this season.

The Cavs have won 15 of their past 17 games, and more importantly hold a 2-1 edge on the Wizards in any tiebreaker scenarios. The teams will meet

once more in the season finale at Quicken Loans Arena.

"We're rounding third base going into the final stretch of the regular season," James said. "That should be enough of an edge. Understanding how important every game is for us to get better going into the postseason."

The Cavs have struggled on the road this season, entering

See **CAVS**, D3

# A loss, but a win

EC drops WSC finale, yet still shares league crown

**Joel Hammond**

The Chronicle-Telegram

ROCKY RIVER — Not a whole heck of a lot went right for Elyria Catholic on Friday night — **ROCKY RIVER 62, EC 49** until about 9:20 p.m., when the Panthers were on the bus home.

That about sums up one of the wildest West Shore Conference seasons on record, fitting, since it was the league's last.

Needing a win to ensure at least a share of the final WSC crown, the Panthers started flat against Rocky River and fell behind by as many as 17 early in the fourth quarter. They rallied to cut it to six, but got no closer as the Pirates won 62-49.

Twenty minutes later and seven miles away at Bay, though, North Ridgeville finished off an upset overtime win over the Rockets, meaning the Panthers would share the league championship with the Rockets. It's EC's first league crown of any kind since 2002.

Midview made it a three-way tie, as its

win over Lakewood earlier in the night allowed the Middies also to finish at 9-5 in WSC play.

"Every team was stacked in our conference, and it was difficult and competitive from the first game of the season on," said EC senior James Tirbaso, who along with Jacob Kuchta led the Panthers with 10 points. "Everyone could beat everyone. To win a share of the conference is definitely a point of pride. Of course we wish we could have won tonight, but we'll take it."

See **EC**, E1

## Longhorns clinch title

**Chris Sweeney**

The Chronicle-Telegram

COLUMBIA STATION — The setting was the only thing different for Columbia on Friday night.

Hosting Lutheran West with control of the Patriot Athletic Conference Stripes Division on the line, the Raiders faltered in the second-to-last conference game of the season for the second year in a row, this time losing on their home floor 44-42.

The win gives Lutheran West a share of the division title at 13-2 in the PAC, 16-4 overall. The Longhorns can clinch the division outright with a win against Brooklyn on Tuesday — just as they did last year against Black River after beating Columbia on their home floor.

Columbia falls to 12-3 in the PAC, 13-7 overall and would need to beat Buckeye on Feb. 27 paired with a Lutheran West loss on Tuesday to share the title.

"Heading into this year all I wanted to do was beat Lutheran West so badly," said Columbia senior Kevin Simon, who scored a team-high with 10 points and added five rebounds. "It was just right on my mind every single day. We mentally weren't there tonight, we missed some shots and turned it over, it wasn't good."

See **CLINCH**, E1



DAVID RICHARD / CHRONICLE

Lutheran West's Andrew O'Hara tries to get around Columbia's Justin Tacchite, left, and Brian Hershey during a win Friday night.

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**CENTURY CITY:** Elyria High scores over 100 points in rout of Mayfield. **D4**

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**EAGLES FALL:** North Olmsted misses chance at Southwestern Conference title in loss to Berea-Midpark. **D4**

**UPSET SPECIAL:** North Ridgeville gets 38 points from Isa Abdul-Alim and beats Bay to prevent Rockets from outright West Shore Conference title. **D5**

**MIDVIEW 83, LAKEWOOD 73**

## Middies share crown

**Bob Daniels**

The Chronicle-Telegram

EATON TWP — On the final night of basketball in the final year of existence for the West Shore Conference, underdog Midview still had a chance to tie for the championship.

But it was a long shot, because some things had to fall into place.

So, improbably perhaps, they fell perfectly Friday night and the Middies today share the title with Elyria Catholic and Bay.

First, Midview (13-9, 9-5 WSC) came from behind to pin an 83-73 loss on Lakewood. Second, EC lost on the road to Rocky River and Bay lost in overtime at North Ridgeville.

After they heard the news in their locker room, the Middies returned to the court and cut down the home-end net in a loud and animated celebration. It is their third WSC championship or share thereof.

They did it with a 27-point performance by Daimion

See **MIDDIES**, D4

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

# EC's McCaffrey is 5th at district meet

CLEVELAND — The Elyria Catholic boys swim team finished in 13th place with 61 points in the Division II district meet at Cleveland State University.

Kevin McCaffrey took fifth place in the 100-yard breaststroke and seventh place in the 200 individual medley.

The girls finished in 14th place with 49 points. Jacqueline Lester took sixth place in the 100-yard backstroke and the 400-yard medley relay place in eighth.

The top individuals and relays per event plus 16 at-large individuals and relays qualify to the state tournament at C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton.

**ELYRIA CATHOLIC BOYS RESULTS**  
**200 MEDLEY RELAY:** 9. Elyria Catholic (Charles Splain, Kevin McCaffrey, Peter Velasquez, Brian O'Dell) 1:46.91; **200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY:** 7. Kevin McCaffrey (EC) 2:00.97; **100 FREE:** 25. Brian O'Dell (EC) 52.58; **200 FREE RELAY:** 16. Elyria Catholic (Charles Splain, Kevin McCaffrey, Peter Velasquez, Brian O'Dell) 1:37.26; **100 BACK:** 26. Charles Splain (EC) 1:01.15; **100 BREST:** 5. Kevin McCaffrey (EC) 1:30.77.

**ELYRIA CATHOLIC GIRLS RESULTS**  
**200 MEDLEY RELAY:** 14. Elyria Catholic (Jacqueline Lester, Julia Tollet, Ally Decker, Ashley Watson) 2:00.28; **200 FREE:** 13. Julia Tollet (EC) 2:02.68; **100 FREE:** 17. Jacqueline Lester (EC) 56.58; **500 FREE:** 13. Julia Tollet (EC) 5:28.34; **200 FREE RELAY:** 18. Elyria Catholic (Taylor Cruz, Logan Haywood, Ashley Watson, Ally Decker) 1:52.02; **100 BACK:** 6. Jacqueline Lester (EC) 1:01.58; **400 FREE RELAY:** 8. Elyria Catholic (Jacqueline Lester, Julia Tollet, Ally Decker, Ashley Watson) 3:55.21.

**Boys basketball**

**Olmsted Falls 53, Avon Lake 43**

AVON LAKE — Victor Hitterman scored a game-high 12 points to lead to Olmsted Falls to a win over Avon Lake in Southwestern Conference action. Matt Molina led Avon Lake (4-17, 0-12) with 11 points.

**OLMSTED FALLS (53):** Hanna 4-0-10, Hurrell 3-2-9, Candow 1-0-2, Hitterman 3-3-12, Sosic 3-4-10, Fritz 0-10-10. **Totals 15-19-53.**  
**AVON LAKE (43):** AJ Outcalt 2-0-6, James O'Connor 1-0-2, Luke Harris 4-0-9, Logan Good 2-1-5, Jordan Ball 1-0-2, Matt Molina 4-2-11, Matt Pappas 3-0-8. **Totals 17-3-43.**

**Olmsted Falls** 12 12 15 14 — 53  
**Avon Lake** 8 9 9 17 — 43  
**Three-point goals:** (AL) Outcalt 2, Harris, Molina, Pappas, (OF) Hannah 2, Hurrell, Hitterman 2.  
**Junior varsity:** Olmsted Falls, 48-44.

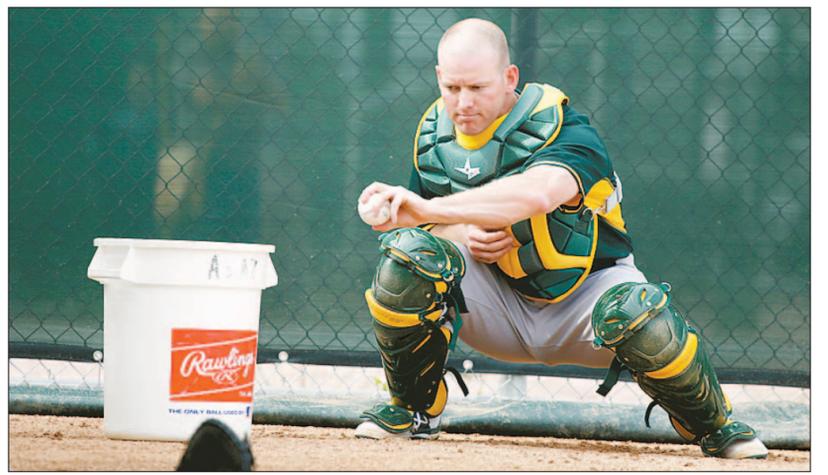
**Brecksville 66, Westlake 40**

WESTLAKE — Andris Balodis led the Demons with 22 points, including six 3-pointers, in a loss to the Bees in SWC play.

**BRECKSVILLE (66):** Auble 5-1-13, Bazil 2-0-4, Bruno 1-0-3, Cipolla 3-0-8, Dimitrijevs 4-0-9, Harwood 7-0-15, Jakovljevic 1-0-2, Maddox 3-0-7, Shirilla 1-0-2, Stevens 1-0-3. **Totals 23-1-66.**  
**WESTLAKE (40):** Andris Balodis 8-0-22, Cameron Brown 1-0-2, Mark Schuler 4-0-9, Rico Tate 3-0-7. **Totals 16-0-40.**

**Brecksville** 13 17 19 17 — 66  
**Westlake** 3 10 17 10 — 40  
**Three-point goals:** (B) Auble 2, Cipolla 2, Bruno, Dimitrijevs, Harwood, Maddox, Stevens, (W) Balodis 6, Schuler, Tate.

BASEBALL



Oakland catcher Luke Carlin, a former Indians player, participates in a drill Friday during training camp.

# Pace of game addressed

Ronald Blum  
 The Associated Press

NEWYORK — Major League Baseball is slowly addressing the lagging pace of games.

MLB and the players' association announced an agreement Friday to enforce the rule requiring a hitter to keep at least one foot in the batter's box in many cases. MLB also will post stadium clocks timing pitching changes and between-inning breaks starting in spring training, and it no longer will require managers to always come onto the field when they request video reviews by umpires.

But the sides limited penalties to warnings and fines, and not automatic balls and strikes. The fines don't start until May 1 and are capped at \$500 per offense.

Many of the more radical ideas experimented with during the Arizona Fall League were not adopted, such as a 20-second clock between pitches, a limitation of pitcher's mound conferences involving catchers and managers, and no-pitch intentional walks.

Still, even the modest changes are too much for players, used to their routines and reluctant to alter them.

"If you rush a hamburger, it's not going to be completely done. There are going to be too many mistakes. You're

going to rush the game. It would just be terrible. I don't think there needs to be a time limit," Miami Marlins pitcher Mat Latos said.

Said Chicago White Sox outfielder Adam Eaton: "I'm not a big fan. There's a lot of thinking involved. When a pitcher steps on the rubber, there's a lot going on. There's thinking in the dugout, the coaches, everyone. Why speed that up?"

Baseball has been contemplating the issue for nearly a decade. In February 2005, the batter's box rule was announced as an experiment in the minor leagues.

Still, the average time of nine-inning games as increased to a record 3 hours, 2 minutes last year, up from 2:33 in 1981.

Detroit Tigers ace Justin Verlander says the change will be tougher on batters than pitchers. "I hope it screws up their whole rhythm and everything," he said, jokingly.

MLB cannot make unilateral changes to playing rules without the consent of the players' union unless it gives one year prior notice, so an agreement was necessary for any 2015 alterations. The World Umpires Association also approved.

"The players believe that enforcing the rules that currently exist regarding

between-inning breaks and plate appearances is the best way to address the issue of pace of play," union head Tony Clark said in a statement. "We're confident that today's announcements will have a positive impact on the pace of the game without jeopardizing the integrity of the competition."

The pitch clock will be used in the minor leagues at Double-A and Triple-A, where union approval isn't needed.

MLB said it is likely to announce only fines involving repeat flagrant violators. In the AFL, strikes and balls were called as penalties, and the average game time was reduced by 10 minutes.

The rule requiring hitter's keep a foot in the box contains many exceptions, including swinging at a pitch, getting forced out by a pitch, calling time, faking a bunt and wild pitches and passed balls.

Clocks will be installed on or near outfield scoreboards and on facades behind home plate, near most press boxes. Inning breaks will be counted down from 2:25 for locally televised games and 2:45 for nationally televised games. Pitchers must throw their last warmup pitches before 30 seconds remaining, with exceptions if the pitcher or catcher is on base when the previous half-inning ends.

# CLINCH

From D1

Coming out of the locker room tied at 16, Lutheran West went on a 12-3 run that ultimately gave it a lead it would not relinquish. Clay Carper hit back-to-back jumpers — the second inches away from being a three-point shot. Adam Felten nailed a three and two possessions later Andrew O'Hara scored his first field goal since scoring the first 10 points for Lutheran West — all in the opening quarter.

O'Hara was spectacular, with a game-high 19 points and leading the Longhorns in rebounds with eight.

"I was just taking open shots in the first quarter, then the second quarter hit and they weren't falling so I kind of shied away a little bit," O'Hara said. "We just took the best shot possible."

Columbia, however, didn't go down without a fight, switching up to a press that frustrated the Longhorns into five of their 12 turnovers in the

fourth quarter — the most they had for any one quarter.

Still, whenever Columbia got close Lutheran West had an answer. The Raiders cut the lead down to six twice only to see Lutheran West push it right back to eight on the next possession. Columbia's Justin Tacchite converted a three-point play to bring Columbia within five, only to see the Longhorns push it back to seven.

"We knew they were holding the ball a lot to make us chase them around, so at that point we had to try and get something going," Columbia coach Larry Babics said. "We did a decent job, we're really not a pressing team. But we put ourselves in a bad spot in that third quarter."

The back-and-forth battle continued for two more series until Columbia forced a turnover and Brian Hershey drained a three that cut Lutheran West's lead to 41-38 with 3:12 left. But Felten answered with a layup and the Longhorns defense clamped down to seal the victory, nursing a five-point lead with five

seconds to play when Taylor Beck connected on a meaningless 3-pointer as the buzzer sounded.

"When you're playing Columbia, the concern always is that they're going to come back and hit threes and get that momentum going," Lutheran West coach Alan Januzzi said. "We focused on chasing them off the line and really it came down to defense. When you get to this time of the year, that's really what it comes down to."

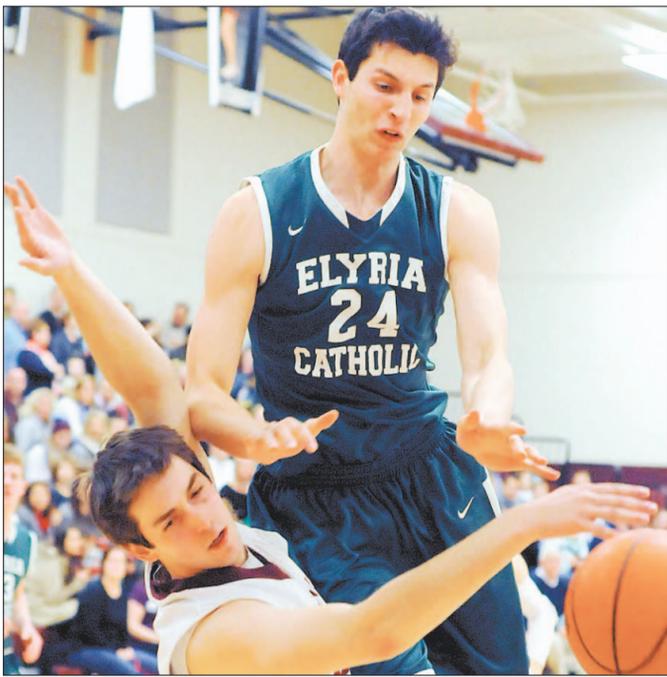
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**Lutheran West 44, Columbia 42**

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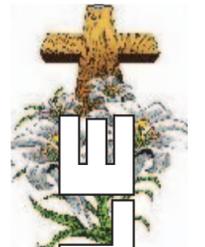
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# A loss, but a win

## EC drops WSC finale, yet still shares league crown

**Joel Hammond**  
The Chronicle-Telegram

ROCKY RIVER — Not a whole heck of a lot went right for Elyria Catholic on Friday night — until about 9:20 p.m., when the Panthers were on the bus home.

That about sums up one of the wildest West Shore Conference seasons on record, fitting, since it was the league's last.

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Needing a win to ensure at least a share of the final WSC crown, the Panthers started flat against Rocky River and fell behind by as many as 17 early in the fourth quarter. They rallied to cut it to six, but got no closer as the Pirates won 62-49. Twenty minutes later and seven miles away at Bay, though, North Ridgeville finished off an upset overtime win over the Rockets, meaning the Panthers would share the league championship with the Rockets. It's EC's first league crown of any kind since 2002.

Midview made it a three-way tie, as its

win over Lakewood earlier in the night allowed the Middies also to finish at 9-5 in WSC play.

"Every team was stacked in our conference, and it was difficult and competitive from the first game of the season on," said EC senior James Tirbaso, who along with Jacob Kuchta led the Panthers with 10 points. "Everyone could beat everyone. To win a share of the conference is definitely a point of pride. Of course we wish we could have won tonight, but we'll take it."

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# THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

● Scouting sectional and district boys basketball ●

## DIVISION I

### Broadview Heights district

**SCOUTING REPORT:** St. Edward will have an easy road to the district final, most likely against Berea-Midpark or Elyria from the bottom half. Olmsted Falls played the Titans tough in the teams' second meeting. Rhodes could be a tough out for Midview, Elyria and/or Berea-Midpark.

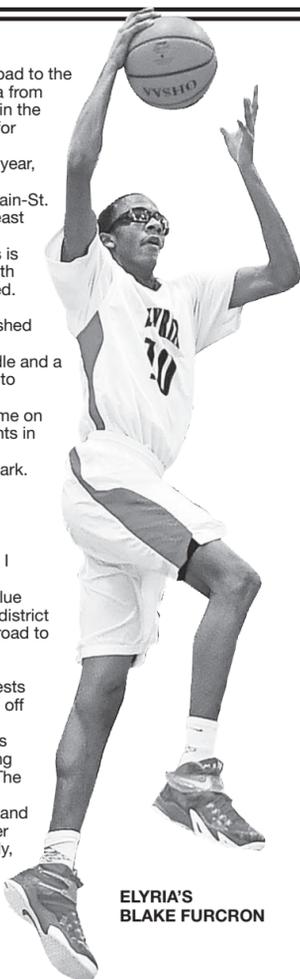
**THE FAVORITE:** St. Edward. For the second straight year, teams ran from the Eagles at the district meeting, most notably Brunswick, which instead chose a possible Lorain-St. Ignatius road. The Eagles' only loss to a team in Northeast Ohio was to unbeaten St. Vincent St. Mary.

**BEST OPENING GAME:** Midview at Rhodes. Rhodes is 16-4 and can fill it up, but Midview ended its season with two impressive wins, over Lakewood and North Olmsted.

**THE SLEEPER:** Berea-Midpark. The Titans won their second straight Southwestern Conference title and finished 19-3 overall and 11-1 in SWC play — and did it all very quietly. With 6-foot-11 Nolan Gerrity patrolling the middle and a stable of athletic wings, Berea-Midpark has the horses to compete with St. Edward.

**PLAYER TO WATCH:** Elyria's Blake Furcron. He's come on as his team won nine of its last 10, scoring over 30 points in multiple games in that stretch.

**DISTRICT FINAL PICK:** St. Edward over Berea-Midpark.



ELYRIA'S BLAKE FURCRON

### Grafton district

**SCOUTING REPORT:** The deeper of the two Division I districts involving area teams, Lorain, St. Ignatius and Brunswick have realistic district final aspirations. The Blue Devils will give the Titans all they can handle in a likely district semifinal, and St. Ignatius could have a relatively easy road to the final, with Brecksville or North Olmsted waiting in a semifinal.

**THE FAVORITE:** Lorain. The Titans have passed all tests presented to them, and have the depth to withstand an off night from one of their best players.

**BEST OPENING GAME:** Amherst at Avon. The Eagles were a loss to Vermilion in the season finale from sharing the WSC crown, and Amherst split its final six games. The winner earns a date against St. Ignatius.

**THE SLEEPER:** Brunswick. The Blue Devils are 17-5 and have close losses to Garfield Heights (twice) and Shaker Heights among them. They've also blown out Normandy, Mentor and Hudson.

**PLAYER TO WATCH:** Lorain's Devon Andrews.

He'll get some player of the year votes before heading off to Kent State, and will be a marked man against Brunswick and the Wildcats.

**DISTRICT FINAL PICK:** Lorain over St. Ignatius.

### SECTIONAL FINALS



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### North Ridgeville district

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Two weeks ago, Keystone would have been an overwhelming favorite to win this district. But with the Wildcats losing to Brookside and then Buckeye by 15, you have to at least question whether Keystone is as big of a shoo-in as once thought. Bay looms as a potential district final opponent of whatever team survives the top half of the draw — the Rockets hammered Lutheran West to end their season, which also included a share of the WSC crown.

**THE FAVORITE:** Despite the late slump, Keystone is the top pick, but it won't be easy. A rematch with Buckeye looms in the sectional final, then a district semifinal with Holy Name before a district final versus Bay, most likely.

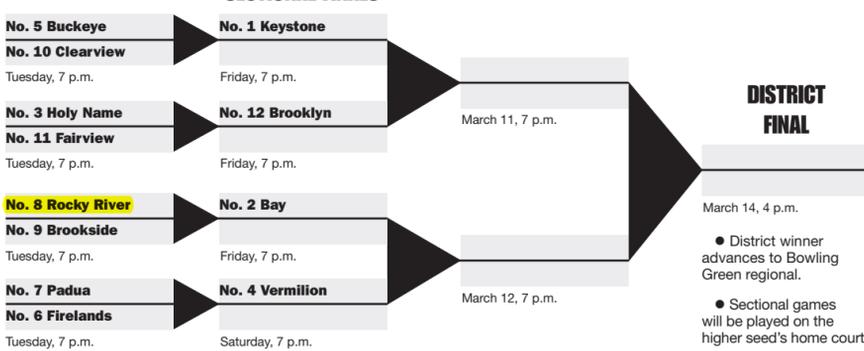
**BEST OPENING GAME:** Padua at Firelands. The Bruins are 9-13 but have beaten Benedictine twice and play in the rugged North Coast League. Firelands finished 13-9, with a win over Buckeye on its resume, and the Falcons have played the PAC's other top teams tough as well.

**THE SLEEPER:** Vermilion. Coach Kurt Habermehl said after the Sailors' blowout of Avon two Fridays ago that his team is peaking at the right time. Vermilion avenged lopsided losses to Lakewood and Avon with big wins in the season's final weeks.

**PLAYER TO WATCH:** Kyle Nader, Vermilion. The Sailors will go as far as Nader, a Malone University recruit, can take them. He'll be the focal point of the Padua-Firelands winner, and if his team wins there, against WSC foe Bay. The Rockets, by the way, beat Vermilion twice — by a combined 11 points.

**DISTRICT FINAL PICK:** Keystone over Bay.

### SECTIONAL FINALS



### Garfield Heights district

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Three of the area's better teams are up against three of the state's best teams in the same district, with Villa Angela-St. Joseph, Warrensville Heights and Beachwood atop this one. The EC-Columbia winner will take on the Vikings in the district semifinals, and while each team can fill it up, they'll face a tall task. Lutheran West faces a likely sectional final matchup against Beachwood.

**THE FAVORITE:** VASJ. One Division I recruit is bad enough, with Carlton Bragg off to Kansas. But the Vikings have others, too, and should advance easily before what should be a terrific matchup with Warrensville Heights in the final.

**BEST OPENING GAME:** Kirtland at Columbia. The Hornets have to make the 70-mile trek to Columbia Station, but the Raiders could be in for a fight: Kirtland is 14-7 with wins over Aurora and Lutheran West to its credit.

**THE SLEEPER:** Warrensville Heights. The Tigers have played Lorain and Bedford tough, and could give the Vikings a run — they nearly ended the Titans' unbeaten season Thursday night before Lorain rallied in the final 90 seconds.

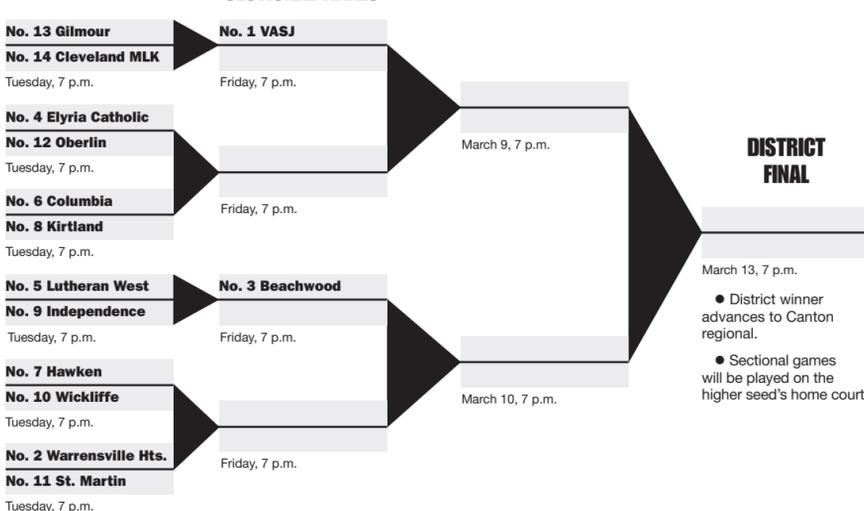
**PLAYER TO WATCH:** Bragg. His numbers aren't eye-popping, especially for a guy going to the Jayhawks and whose game has been compared to Kevin Durant. But he'll wow you with his athleticism and skills.

**DISTRICT FINAL PICK:** VASJ over Warrensville Heights.



ELYRIA CATHOLIC'S JACOB KUCHTA

### SECTIONAL FINALS



### Wooster district

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Northwestern, Dalton and Tuslaw each could lay claim to the title, with the Bulldogs and Mustangs likely meeting in a district semifinal before clashing with Northwestern in the final. Tuslaw beat Dalton in the regular season, and Northwestern and Dalton tied for the Wayne County Athletic League crown.

**THE FAVORITE:** Northwestern. The Huskies went 16-6, beat Dalton late in the season and seem to be peaking at the right time.

**BEST OPENING GAME:** Loudonville at Apple Creek Waynedale. Wellington coach Dan Gundert called this the best first-round matchup in the district, with two talented and well-coached teams going at it.

**THE SLEEPER:** Dalton. The Bulldogs lost their first four games before rebounding and earning a tie for the league crown.

**PLAYER TO WATCH:** Derek Koch, Northwestern. The 6-foot-8 sophomore scored 26 to help the Huskies beat Dalton, and doesn't have many equals in this district from a size standpoint.

**DISTRICT FINAL PICK:** Northwestern over Dalton

### SECTIONAL FINALS



### Barberton district

**SCOUTING REPORT:** Richmond Heights and Mogadore earned their respective top seeds with strong seasons, but Cuyahoga Heights, Lutheran East and Trinity could challenge. Danny Stintzman and Andrew Patterson could make Open Door a tough out as well.

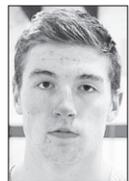
**THE FAVORITE:** Richmond Heights. The Spartans are 14-8 against a difficult schedule, and have played Glenville and Beachwood tough lately. Last year, they fell short in the regional semifinals to St. Thomas Aquinas, the eventual state runner-up.

**BEST OPENING GAME:** Lake Ridge Academy at Open Door. The rivals are paired up after splitting their two regular-season meetings — the Lions won 52-49 on Dec. 6, and the Patriots won 62-43 on Jan. 3.

**THE SLEEPER:** Trinity. The Trojans have won only five games, but they play one of the most difficult schedules out there in the North Coast League, with Cleveland Central Catholic, VASJ and St. Thomas Aquinas on their slate. They also have size, with 6-foot-6 Matt Trent and 6-3 Kevin Wodzisz, Brevin Dye and Kyle McSweeney on the roster.

**PLAYER TO WATCH:** Richmond Heights' Mike Parks. The 6-8 post player is a tough matchup for all these teams, though Trinity has the size and depth to potentially match. Parks was a second-team All-Ohio selection last year.

**DISTRICT FINAL PICK:** Richmond Heights over Mogadore.



Stintzman

### SECTIONAL FINALS



## DIVISION II

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## DIVISION IV

## High school boys basketball tournament capsules

Staff Writer Stephanie Metzger will preview games involving area teams throughout the boys basketball tournaments.

### Division I Broadview Heights sectional semifinal North Ridgeville vs. North Royalton

- **When:** 7, March 3
- **Where:** North Ridgeville High School, 34600 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville

- **For the record:** North Ridgeville is the No. 15 seed. North Royalton is seeded 21st. The Rangers have had an up-and-down season, but they've proven they can play in clutch situations considering they've been part of seven overtime games this year. They also have a weapon in junior forward Isa Abdul-Alim, who can score from any place on the court.

- **Metzger's pick:** North Ridgeville

### Division II North Ridgeville sectional semifinal Rocky River vs. Brookside

- **When:** 7, March 3
- **Where:** Rocky River High School, 20951 Detroit Road, Rocky River

- **For the record:** Brookside (No. 9 seed) ended the regular season with some big wins, including an upset over Keystone. On paper, Rocky River (No. 8 seed) has had a tougher schedule in the West Shore Conference, and the Pirates proved they can hang tough as they beat Elyria Catholic Feb. 20.

- **Metzger's pick:** Rocky River

### Sectional semifinal Firelands vs. Padua

- **When:** 7, March 3
- **Where:** Firelands High School, 10643 Vermillion Road, Oberlin

- **For the record:** Sixth-seeded Firelands has had a season peppered with big wins and questionable losses. Still, the Falcons finished third in the PAC Stars division while Padua has struggled through the duration of the season.

### Metzger's pick: Firelands Sectional semifinal Buckeye vs. Clearview

- **When:** 7, March 3
- **Where:** Buckeye High School, 3084 Columbia Road, Medina

- **For the record:** In this PAC Stars matchup, Buckeye appears to have the advantage. The Bucks took second in the Stars division and defeated No. 1 Keystone Feb. 20.

### Metzger's pick: Buckeye Division II Mansfield Sectional semifinal Norwalk vs. Clear Fork

- **When:** 8, March 3
- **Where:** Mansfield Madison High School, 600 Esley Lane, Mansfield

- **For the record:** Fifth-seeded Norwalk has had a tough year compared to last season, but the Truckers have an athletic team with the likes of seniors Breck Turner and Seth Staley. Eighth-seeded Clear Fork is on a down year, like Norwalk, but the Colts have senior

must be limited for the Truckers to win.

### Metzger's pick: Norwalk Division III Wooster Sectional semifinal Orrville vs. Black River

- **When:** 7, March 3
- **Where:** Orrville High School, 841 North Ella St., Orrville

- **For the record:** Black River heads into this game as the 12th seed, while Orrville is No. 6. The Red Riders have suffered some tough losses, but also have some statement wins, such as a 45-42 victory over Wooster.

### Metzger's pick: Orrville Sectional semifinal Chippewa vs. Wellington

- **When:** 7, March 3
- **Where:** Chippewa High School, 100 Valley View Road, Doylestown

- **For the record:** Eighth-seeded Chippewa hasn't had a stellar season, but Wellington has struggled more, finishing fifth in the PAC Stars.

### Metzger's pick: Chippewa Division III Garfield Heights sectional semifinal Elyria Catholic vs. Oberlin

- **When:** 7, March 3
- **Where:** Elyria Catholic High School, 725 Gulf Road, Elyria

- **For the record:** Fourth-seeded Elyria Catholic certainly has the advantage over 12th-seeded Oberlin, who had a tough season. The Panthers' athleticism and defense should lock this one down.

- **Metzger's pick:** Elyria Catholic

### Division III Ashland Sectional semifinal Willard vs. New London

- **When:** 8, March 3
- **Where:** Shelby High School, 1 Whippet Way, Shelby

- **For the record:** Ninth-seeded New London has guys who can score, while fifth-seeded Willard has had some big wins — such as 63-60 over Shelby — and some questionable losses — such as two to Norwalk.

### Metzger's pick: New London Division IV Willard Sectional semifinal St. Peter's vs. St. Paul

- **When:** 8, March 3
- **Where:** Ashland, 1440 King Road, Ashland

- **For the record:** Tenth-seeded St. Paul has had a down year. Most of the team had a late start due to the Flyers' state football run, and they haven't been able to make up the lost time.

### Metzger's pick: St. Peter's Division IV Barberton Sectional semifinal Open Door vs. Lake Ridge

- **When:** 7, March 3
- **Where:** Open Door High School, 8287 West Ridge Road, Elyria

- **For the record:** Both teams have weapons, such as the fifth-seeded Royals' Sam Waldock. Open Door, the No. 3 seed, has senior Danny Stintzman, who can score in bulk. The teams split a pair of matchups this season. This one could go either way.

## DIVISION III SECTIONAL: COLUMBIA 60, KIRTLAND 50

## Raiders go on run, onto 2nd round

Dan Gilles

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COLUMBIA TWP. — Columbia held Kirtland scoreless for the first 4:20 of the game. Unfortunately, the Raiders also went scoreless.

Eventually, the sixth-seeded Raiders found their scoring touch, using a 16-0 run that ended the first half and began the second to put away the eighth-seeded Hornets 60-50 Tuesday night in a Division III sectional semifinal.

The Raiders (15-8) advance to play at No. 4 seed Elyria Catholic on Friday at 6 p.m. Early in the season, the Panthers came into Columbia and won by 25.

"The way the game started, I didn't know if anybody was going to score," Columbia coach

Larry Babics said. "Then once we started trading a little bit of baskets, we knew they could shoot the basketball. That's a quality team that's well-coached that were champs in their league. In this tournament, there are no easy opponents.

"I'm just proud of my guys for hanging in, staying the course and doing what they had to do to win the game. Guys are going to be nervous in the first tournament game — there is no tomorrow. Our guys buckled down and played defense and went on that 16-0 run and rode that wave."

Both teams opened the game shooting 0-for-5 with three turnovers apiece before Brian Hershey scored the first points with 3:39 left in the first.

Kirtland led 15-14 with 4:42

left in the first half when it (15-8) went on an 11-0 run to jump out to a 26-14 advantage. Instead of calling a timeout, Babics decided to have faith in his players that they'd snap out of it.

That they did, ending the first half with eight unanswered points over the final 2:29 to cut the deficit to 26-22. Building off that momentum to start the second half, two 3-pointers from Hershey and a bucket from reserve Justin Tacchite gave Columbia a 30-26 lead.

The Raiders defense held Kirtland scoreless for the final 3:25 of the first half and the first 2:25 of the second half. After allowing 16 second-quarter points, Kirtland was held to 24 over the course of the second half while being forced into 12

of its 20 turnovers.

"The key really was letting them play through it," Babics said. "(Kirtland) had three or four threes in that stretch and my coaches were yelling at me to use a timeout, but I knew they had to play through it and they could figure it out. If they don't, our season's over, but to the kids' credit, they locked down. I think it upset them that they got down by that much and they started being a little more aggressive."

Columbia took the lead for good on a putback from Brandon Heidecker with 1:10 remaining. That basket started a run of nine unanswered points, which turned into a 12-2 run that gave the Raiders a 50-41 lead.

"Anytime you can host a play-off game, especially since I'm a

senior, it's huge," said Kevin Simon, who grabbed a team-best 13 rebounds while adding 12 points. "I never want to lose, but especially at home. We came prepared, we watched film every single day of the week. It's not about gameday, it's about what you do in those couple days beforehand that help you win the game."

Junior David Delahunty led all scorers with 15, seven of which came during the fourth quarter. Hershey added 12, while Tacchite had seven off the bench to pace a balanced scoring effort.

"I was so happy to see Kevin's aggression tonight," Babics said. "That's what we've been begging from him all year every day. He just got after it. He was on the floor, stealing balls, blocking shots, dominating the glass, tak-

ing the ball to the basket, he was an animal tonight.

"If Kevin can get in the right mindset, he's an unbelievable player. Kevin stops Kevin, but when he's focused like he was tonight, he's a really talented kid."

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## Columbia 60, Kirtland 50

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**Columbia 11 11 20 18 — 60**  
**Three-point goals:** Kirtland 7-22 (Lewis 4, Madden 2, Skiljan), Columbia 5-22 (Hershey 2, DeLisle, Beck, Delahunty). **Field goals:** Kirtland 18-47 (58 percent), Columbia 21-56 (38 percent). **Free throws:** Kirtland 7-7, Columbia 13-20 (65 percent). **Rebounds:** Kirtland 29 (Madden 8), Columbia 41 (Simon 13, Heidecker 8). **Turnovers:** Kirtland 20, Columbia 15. **Total fouls:** Kirtland 17, Columbia 13.

## D-III: CHIPPEWA 75, WELLINGTON 63

## Dukes fight, but fall

Chris Sweeney

The Chronicle-Telegram

DOYLESTOWN — Even short-handed, Wellington did not go down without a fight.

Playing without one of its top players in Trey Bealer, and in an 18-point hole to Chippewa, the Dukes battled back in the fourth quarter Tuesday, but ultimately fell 75-63 to the Chipps in the Division III sectional semifinal at Chippewa High School.

Wellington coach Dan Gundert said Bealer was out for medical reasons. Starting in his place was freshman Max Joppeck, who scored 12 points and forced a number of key turnovers in the fourth quarter to keep Wellington alive.

"When I found out it was going to be me starting I was shocked because I never thought that as a freshman I was going to start in my last freshman game," Joppeck said. "We knew we came in and we had a mission. Our mission was to not let up and keep pushing through and try and get a win."

Wellington (7-16) climbed out of an early hole in the first quarter, utilizing a 6-0 run to pull within three. But the Chipps (11-12) caught fire, rattling off a 17-2 run over a 4:47 stretch to take a 52-34 lead midway through the third quarter.

Chippewa's Bailey Breitenstine scored 12 of his game-high 31 points during the run, including the 3-pointer that started it late in the second quarter. He also had four steals.

"We kind of folded a little bit there, but we didn't break," said Wellington's Bryce Gibbs, who scored a team-high 15 points and added nine rebounds. "We still kept fighting. The biggest thing was we didn't give up in the end. We didn't give up, we kept going with it."

Joppeck scored four points on a 6-0 run to bring the Dukes back to 12, and Wellington ultimately outscored the Chipps 14-4 through the remainder of the third quarter, capped by Colton Schmidt's steal with less than five seconds left. The senior ran the floor and missed the layup, but Josh Kindle was there to tip it in right before the clock expired.

That put the Dukes down eight, but they didn't get any closer until the final minutes.

"I'm really proud of our effort tonight because we could have packed it in a couple of times," Gundert said. "But we have to do a better job of taking care of the ball, it killed us early."

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## Chippewa 75, Wellington 63

**CHIPPEWA (75):** Jerry Bennett 7-1-15, Zach Beals 2-3-9, Matt Blair 3-4-10, Bailey Breitenstine 11-5-31, Ray Sales 4-1-9, Austin Durbin 0-1-1. **Totals 27-15-75.**  
**Wellington 16 16 16 15 — 63**  
**Chippewa 23 17 16 19 — 75**  
**Three-point goals:** Wellington 2-9 (Joppeck 2), Chippewa 6-15 (Breitenstine 4, Beals 2). **Field goals:** Wellington 26-62 (42 percent), Chippewa 27-53 (51 percent). **Free throws:** Wellington 9-15 (60 percent), Chippewa 15-20 (75 percent). **Rebounds:** Wellington 26 (Gibbs 9), Chippewa 25 (Blair 9). **Total fouls:** Wellington 16, Chippewa 13. **Turnovers:** Wellington 15, Chippewa 13.

## DIVISION II: BUCKEYE 76, CLEARVIEW 59



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Clearview's Jason Young goes up for a shot against Buckeye's Tyler Hagmeier.

## Clippers can't stop Grauel in 2nd half

Albert Grindle

The Chronicle-Telegram

YORK TWP. — Ryan Grauel sat on a locker room bench at halftime and peered into the deepest part of his soul. He then asked himself a question: Is this how he wanted to end his high school basketball career?

The answer came in a virtuoso performance that sent Clearview to the offseason.

The free-wheeling point guard was a young man on a mission Tuesday, exploding for a career-high 32 points, six rebounds and six assists in Buckeye's whirlwind 76-59 victory over the 10th-seeded Clippers in the North Ridgeville Division II sectional semifinals.

The fifth-seeded Bucks (15-8), who scored 48 points on 19-for-31 shooting in the second half, advanced to play at top-seeded Patriot Athletic Conference Stars Division champion Keystone (18-4) on Friday.

"(Grauel's) just a leader. You can just tell," said Clearview coach John Szalay, whose team finished 8-15. "I have a lot of respect for him. Even though things went bad for him early, which I thought they did, he sees the court so well. He's just a great player, and as an opposing coach I give him a lot of respect and a lot of due credit. He deserves it."

Grauel, who did not play last season after starting most of his

sophomore year, had fortitude-testing moments in the first quarter, when Antonio Bennett stripped him clean three times for layups. Grauel's struggles spread team-wide in the second quarter, when Buckeye shot 2-for-14 against a 2-3 zone to trail 33-28 at halftime.

Once Grauel had four points in a 7-0 third-quarter run that took less than a minute, however, he might as well have been playing the video game "NBA Jam" with the always-on-fire cheat activated.

The 6-footer had 20 points, three rebounds and three assists in the second half. Fifteen points came in the fourth quarter, when he was 6-for-6 from the floor and 2-for-2 from the foul line.

Grauel capped his night on technical free throws with approximately a minute to go. He exited having outscored Clearview 20-19 over a 12-minute stretch.

"I just wanted to calm myself down and get rid of the jitters," said Grauel, who has a combined 61 points, 24 rebounds and 19 assists in recent wins over Keystone, Columbia and Clearview. "It's my senior year. It could have been my last game, so I just wanted to go out there and make sure it wasn't."

Starting only one senior in their 11-man rotation, the

Clippers had plenty of positives in a season designed around growth, and frustrated Buckeye with length and quickness in the first half.

Power forward Jason Young got to the rim consistently and finished with 16 points, junior sharpshooter Lance Billings added 13 and Bennett had 11, five rebounds and three steals, but Szalay was disheartened with the lack of resolve once Grauel got rolling.

"I thought we played hard in the first half and the tempo was where we wanted it, but we came out in the third quarter and a lot of the errors were unforgotten," he said. "Buckeye got that momentum going and we didn't have an answer for it."

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## Buckeye 76, Clearview 59

**CLEARVIEW (59):** Marcus Martin 1-3-6, Jason Young 7-2-16, DeArti Todd 3-0-6, Lance Billings 5-1-13, Antonio Bennett 4-3-11, Jameil Billings 1-0-3, Juan Torres 0-0-0, Jallen Castro 0-0-0, Antonio Alvarado 0-0-0, Ray Contreras 2-0-4, Maliek Ivey 0-0-0, Jacob Andrick 0-0-0. **Totals 29-9-59.**  
**BUCKEYE (76):** Liam Murray 2-0-4, Tyler Hagmeier 1-0-2, Nick Wills 4-1-9, Nate Polidori 5-4-17, Ryan Grauel 12-7-32, Hayden Roskey 1-0-2, Blake Brumfield 2-0-6, Justin Lowry 1-0-2, Robert Miller 1-0-2. **Totals 29-12-76.**  
**Clearview 17 16 13 13 — 59**  
**Buckeye 21 7 23 25 — 76**  
**Three-point goals:** Clearview 4-12 (L. Billings 2, J. Billings, Martin), Buckeye 6-15 (Polidori 3, Brumfield 2, Grauel). **Field goals:** Clearview 23-54 (42.6 percent), Buckeye 29-63 (46.0 percent). **Free throws:** Clearview 9-15 (60 percent), Buckeye 12-17 (70.6 percent). **Rebounds:** Clearview 26 (Todd 7), Buckeye 34 (Murray 9). **Assists:** Clearview 7 (Young, L. Billings 2), Buckeye 16 (Grauel 6). **Turnovers:** Clearview 17, Buckeye 15. **Total fouls:** Clearview 16, Buckeye 17.

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**ROCKY RIVER (57):** Suttin Klodnick 0-1-1, Eric Jones 4-2-10, Patrick Conners 3-0-7, Corey Zucker 1-0-5, Jack Corrigan 4-4-14, Evan Nugent 3-1-7, Zach Walte 2-0-4, Jimmy Kinsley 2-3-7, Nate Seffernick 2-0-4. **Totals 21-11-57.**  
**Brookside 10 13 5 15 — 43**  
**Rocky River 17 11 15 14 — 57**  
**Three-point goals:** Brookside (Harcula 3, Taw 2), Rocky River (Corrigan 2, Zucker, Conners). **Field goals:** Brookside 16-43 (37 percent), Rocky River 21-49 (43 percent). **Free throws:** Brookside 6-9 (67 percent), Rocky River 11-20 (55 percent). **Rebounds:** Brookside 23, Rocky River 36. **Turnovers:** Brookside 13, Rocky River 11. **Total fouls:** Brookside 15, Rocky River 8.

## PATRIOTS

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"We panicked a bit in the third quarter," Stintsman said. "But in the fourth we calmed down and played better except on the line. The win was a total team effort."

It also helped that the Patriots were red-hot shooting the whole game. They finished 22-of-40 for 55 percent.

In the first half they were almost unbelievable, sinking 10 of 14 attempts, including all three from beyond the arc. But Lake Ridge was not bad, either, shooting 40 percent from the field (19-47).

Andrew Patterson led the Patriots with 23 points and 10 rebounds.

"We stopped playing smart in that third quarter," Patterson said. "But we did better in the fourth and in overtime."

Open Door and Lake Ridge split their two games in the regular season. The second was a one-sided affair in the Patriots' favor.

Open Door coach Todd Wright was unhappy with his team's 22 turnovers, 14 in the first half. But the Patriots set-

tled down and had just two turnovers in the fourth and none in overtime.

"We came through when we needed to at the end," Wright said. "Our defense really picked up in the fourth and overtime."

Open Door lost by 12 to Cuyahoga Heights, its second-round foe, during the regular season.

Lake Ridge coach Brian Asberry wasn't all that unhappy with the result.

"I was proud of our kids' effort," he said. "I was happy with the way we responded tonight when we fell behind. No heads were hanging after the game."

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## Open Door 64, Lake Ridge 56 (OT)

**LAKE RIDGE (56):** Sam Waldock 6-5-18, Scott Chiss 4-3-13, Josh Schofield 3-4-12, Jayson Lucioni 3-0-7, Chris Miller 3-0-6, Colin Harris 0-0-0. **Totals 19-12-56.**  
**OPEN DOOR (64):** Andrew Patterson 8-7-23, Danny Stintsman 6-4-16, Drew Zaborowski 3-5-14, Dustin Hackney 2-3-9, Caleb Crowder 1-0-2, Zach Thomas 0-0-0. **Totals 20-19-64.**  
**Lake Ridge 9 19 14 12 — 56**  
**Open Door 16 13 8 17 10 — 64**  
**Three-point goals:** Lake Ridge 6-10 (Chris 2, Schofield 2, Waldock, Lucioni), Open Door 5-7 (Zaborowski 3, Hackney 2). **Field goals:** Lake Ridge 19-47 (40 percent), Open Door 20-40 (50 percent). **Free throws:** Lake Ridge 12-18 (66 percent), Open Door 9-30 (30 percent). **Rebounds:** Lake Ridge 27 (Waldock 4, Chris 3), Open Door 37 (Patterson 10, Hackney 6). **Turnovers:** Lake Ridge 20, Open Door 22. **Total fouls:** Lake Ridge 24, Open Door 13. **Fouled out:** Miller, Chris, Waldock.

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The Reds' Zack Cozart waits for the throw as the Indians' Tyler Naquin slides back to second on a pick-off attempt during the fourth inning on March 3 in Goodyear, Ariz. Naquin was safe.

REDS 10, INDIANS 0

Cincinnati romps in spring opener

Associated Press

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Brandon Phillips, Todd Frazier and Jay Bruce each had one of the Cincinnati Reds' six doubles in a 10-0 win over the Indians on Tuesday, the spring opener for both teams.

"The base running was outstanding," Reds manager Bryan Price said. "We worked hard on that. We were more aggressive on the bases. We had great at-bats. We had 10 RBIs by 10 hitters. The pitchers came in and threw strikes. That's the kind of game we need to play."

Phillips doubled in his first at-bat off Cleveland starter Zach McAllister and scored on a single by Devin Mesoraco.

McAllister is trying to win a job as Cleveland's fifth starter, but the right-hander could also wind up in the bullpen. He made seven relief appearances in September and the Indians were pleased to see his velocity improve when he pitched late in games.

Jason Marquis, who is competing for one of two open spots in the Reds' starting rotation, struck out three and walked two in two scoreless innings.

"He was a hit eratic. I give him a little bit of a pass the first game," Price said. "They are getting acclimated to pitching again. I still think he threw the ball fine. He will get better with the command of his pitches."

After his team was blanked on four hits, Indians manager Terry Francona said he thought McAllister pitched well. However, he couldn't find many other positives on a day Major League Baseball tested its new race of play initiatives for the first time.

"It's like we were working on pace of play when we were hitting," Francona cracked.

March 3 game Reds 10, Indians 0. Scoreboard showing runs, hits, errors, and pitcher stats for both teams.

"Hopefully we'll do better tomorrow."

Trainer's room

Indians Outfielder Brandon Moss has been making steady progress in his return from October hip surgery. Moss ran the bases without any problems on Monday and Manager Terry Francona expects him to play in exhibition games earlier than expected.

"He's streaking along," Francona said. "It's hard to slow him down. He's passing every test they give him. He's coming quick."

The Indians acquired Moss on Dec. 8 in a trade with Oakland.

Reds: Joey Votto is missing the first few days of Cactus League games. Votto is behind the rest of the team because he has been rehabbing his surgically repaired quadriceps. While there are no restrictions, he needs to get enough reps to catch up to the other players, according to Price.

Up next

Josh Tomlin makes his first start for the Indians on Wednesday against Cincinnati. In 2014, he spent two stints with the Indians, the last from Aug. 5 through the end of the season. LHP: J. House, RHP: C.C. Lee, LHP: Nick Maronde, RHP: Wil Roberts and RHP: Jeff Manship will follow Tomlin.



The Indians' Lonnie Chisenhall grounds out against the Reds on March 3 at Goodyear, Ariz. Chisenhall was 0-for-2 in the opener of the spring exhibition season for the Tribe. The Tribe hopes that Chisenhall can be consistent at the plate for an entire season as he was last year for the first half.

ROCKY RIVER 57, BROOKSIDE 43 Pirates use defense to secure win

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Holding Brookside to just five points in the third quarter, Rocky River earned a big win on March 3 in the first round of the boys state tournament, 57-43, and will travel to play arch-rival Bay on March 6.

Looking for a formula to separate his team from Brookside's, Rocky River coach Michael Murray had his team bring the pressure in the third as the Pirates outscored the Cardinals, 15-5, to back Brookside into a corner for the fourth quarter.

"We were able to get some stops and get out on the break, we got that spurt there in the middle of the first quarter, but then the game went back and forth for a while," Murray said. "The second half coming out, only giving up five points in the third quarter, that was big. We mixed up a couple defenses. I thought our kids rebounded the ball well and then we got out in transition, and I thought we got some easier baskets, which helped us."

With the game in the balance before the third, Murray said it was a team effort to extend the lead and it all started with the defense.

Holding the Cardinals to just two made shots in the third quarter, Rocky River collected 12 rebounds in the quarter that in turn jump-started the offense.

"A couple of their shooters had it going so we had to get through screens a little bit better, we also mixed in some zone there that you saw and were able to match up," Murray said. "I thought we pressured well, especially in the half court, so those three things I thought we did well."

Watching and adjusting on the sideline a little ways down from Murray was Brookside coach Brent Schremp. Working with his team to try to keep themselves in the game, Schremp said the change in the Pirates' defense really threw his team off their game.

"They came out and went into their 1-3-1, they switched defenses and I thought we had some wasted possessions there," Schremp said. "They got going a little bit and extended it and just kind of put us on our heels and we didn't score for quite a few possessions there. It certainly changed the game there."

Another big key for Rocky River in the win was the lopsided rebounding column. The Pirates pulled in offensive boards and limited the Cardinals' shots, outrebounding Brookside, 35-23.

"If you're going to give them extra possessions, they're going to hurt you, especially, and you saw, they spaced us out there in the fourth and hit some 3s and got in some rhythm," Murray said. "For us, the rebounding was very important, not only to lead us in transition, but prevent them from getting more opportunities and they had a couple turnovers there that helped us out as well so that was a big key for us out rebounding."

Eagles

From Page C1

Avon played Wadsworth the first game of the season on Nov. 28 and lost, 52-26.

"We were talking about watching different films on Wadsworth and the type of team they are and we said, 'Guys, you need to go back and watch yourself in game one.' I said we're a completely different basketball team top to bottom," Larrick said. "It's interesting to go back and watch how scared we were as a basketball team. I think overall that our confidence and our experience will allow us to play good basketball."

Avon's team as a whole has gained valuable experience during the season after having to overcome numerous injuries and illnesses that players suffered throughout the year. Larrick said that she had at least 10 starting lineups this season.

"We had to take a different approach this year, taking one day at a time because in the past, we've looked at 'Let's get here, let's get there,' but breaking down earlier in the season, we had to focus one game at a time because we didn't know what was coming our way. I think

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that's what made us more mentally strong and more mentally strong-willed when it comes to big-time games and big-time situations. "I definitely think that injuries made other players that maybe weren't one of our starters at the beginning of the year, step up. I think that's what's the coolest thing about coaching this group of girls is that we've such a dynamic group. We're so well distributed in the area of scoring, rebounding, a different girl shows up each night. I think that it makes it difficult for teams to scout us because if they take away one of our areas, we have another area to capitalize on, and that's something that has been a strong suit for Avon girls basketball the last four years, but this year especially."

Avon's strength of schedule has played a role with how the Eagles have managed to make to the title

game. It was a difficult stretch to begin the season for Avon as it started out 5-5.

In addition to playing Wadsworth, the Eagles played Westlake, St. Joseph Academy, Avon Lake, Magnificat and Berea-Midpark in nonconference play during that stretch. Two losses came from West Shore Conference foes — conference champion Elyria Catholic and third-place Lakewood. Avon split the series against the WSC teams and was second in the WSC at 11-3.

"We made a really hard schedule this year because the girls are very basketball-oriented and basketball-minded and that's something that we thought — make a hard schedule so come tournament time, we're prepared," Larrick said. "If you would have asked me mid-season I would have said, 'Oh man, we may have made a mistake,' (setting a tough schedule) with all of the injuries and illnesses and the crazy adversity that was coming our way. But now, the difficult schedule has prepared us for big games against Brunswick, St. Joe's and hopefully we'll be prepared come Thursday for Wadsworth."

GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT CAPSULE

Division III North Ridgeville District semifinal

Elyria Catholic vs. Richmond Heights • When: 6, March 4 • Where: North Ridgeville High School, 34600 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville • For the record: No. 1 seed Elyria Catholic will attempt to make it to a district final for the second-straight year. Last season, the Panthers lost to Mogadore in the

title game. No. 3 seed Richmond Heights is coming off an exhilarating win against Beachwood, as they won on a buzzer-beater. It will be interesting to see if the Spartans can carry the momentum of an exciting victory into the game against Elyria Catholic. The road to the district semifinal hasn't been difficult for the Panthers, winning by 34 and 38. But they now face a bigger challenge in Richmond Heights. Elyria Cath-

olic's defense has been good as advertised all season, and on offense, different players are stepping up in the scoring role. An additional advantage for Elyria Catholic, North Ridgeville High School is 6 miles away — a hometown crowd will favor the Panthers.

• Amnen's pick: Elyria Catholic • Amnen's record: 32-5 — Sam Amnen

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT CAPSULE

No. 2 St. Edward vs. No. 3 Rocky River District semifinal

• When: 7, March 4 • Where: John M. Coyne Recreation Center, 7600 Memphis Ave., Brooklyn • Records: St. Edward 23-9-4; Rocky River 28-9-0 • Outlook: This matchup was bound to happen. It seemed during the regular season that Rocky River was bound to face one of the Saints, whether it be Ignatius or Edward, in the Brooklyn District semifinal. Now that it is finally here, no one should walk away disappointed. Why? Because Rocky River is the one Red North team that foes from the Great Lakes Hockey League need fear. Rocky River has shown this year that it is not afraid of tougher competi-

tion. In fact the Pirates sport a winning record against GLHL foes at 5-2. Those three wins have come against Holy Name and Walsh Jesuit. The Eagles sport a 1-1 record against those teams, with the loss coming against the team that Rocky River has beaten twice (Holy Name). Add in that prior to the start of the Brooklyn District, St. Edward has been on a skid, posting a 1-4-1 record over its last six games. In other words, 44 percent of the Eagles' losses have come in February and the tail end of January. Meanwhile, Rocky River is riding a 14-game winning streak dating back to Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. Still, numbers and streaks can only tell us so much. For the Pirates to beat the 11-time state champions, they will have to stop a potent offensive

attack led by Collin Mitchell and Colin Price. Pirates' senior goaltender Anthony Mod will have to be on top of his game. Additionally, this will be one of the first real tests for the Pirates after losing star senior forward Eli Spertl in the regular season finale. That doesn't mean that there haven't been those who have already stepped up as the Pirates won the Baron Cup I and started the Brooklyn District run. No, rather it means that Jack Mallett, Matt Lowy, Can Heider and Ian Herrmann will have to show that they are the players that we have seen over the last few weeks. If those players can step up, expect Rocky River to take the upset and face St. Ignatius with a trip to Columbus on the line. — Jon Behm

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Holding Brookside to just five points in the third quarter, Rocky River earned a big win on March 3 in the first round of the boys state tournament, 57-43, and will travel to play arch-rival Bay on March 6.



**Boys  
basketball**

Looking for a formula to separate his team from Brookside's, Rocky River coach Michael Murray had his team bring the pressure in the third as the Pirates outscored the Cardinals, 15-5, to back Brookside into a corner for the fourth quarter.

"We were able to get some stops and get out on the break, we got that spurt there in the middle of the first quarter, but then the game went back and forth for a while," Murray said. "The second half coming out, only giving up five points in the third quarter, that was big. We mixed up a couple defenses. I thought our kids rebounded the ball well and then we got out in transition, and I thought we got some easier baskets, which helped us."

With the game in the balance before the third, Murray said it was a team effort to extend the lead and it all started with the defense.

Holding the Cardinals to just two made shots in the third quarter, Rocky River collected 12 rebounds in the quarter that in turn jump-started the offense.

"A couple of their shooters had it going so we had to get through screens a little bit better, we also mixed in some zone there that you saw and were able to match up," Murray said. "I thought we pressured well, especially in the half court, so those three things I thought we did well."

Watching and adjusting on the sideline a little ways down from Murray was Brookside coach Brent Schremp. Working with his team to try to keep themselves in the game, Schremp said the change in the Pirates' defense really threw his team off their game.

"They came out and went into their 1-3-1, they switched defenses and I thought we had some wasted possessions there," Schremp said. "They got going a little bit and extended it and just kind of put us on our heels and we didn't score for quite a few possessions there. It certainly changed the game there."

Another big key for Rocky River in the win was the lopsided rebounding column. The Pirates pulled in offensive boards and limited the Cardinals' shots, outrebounding Brookside, 35-23.

"If you're going to give them extra possessions, they're going to hurt you, especially, and you saw, they spaced us out there in the fourth and hit some 3s and got in some rhythm," Murray said. "For us, the rebounding was very important, not only to lead us in transition, but prevent them from getting more opportunities and they had a couple turnovers there that helped us out as well so that was a big key for us out rebounding."

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# The Record

## NewsWatch

### COLLEGE

## Cheating is on agenda

A group of 20 university presidents and college athletics administrators is crafting a proposal to better define when the NCAA should investigate cases of academic cheating by student athletes. Ohio President **Rod McDavis**, chairman of the NCAA's Committee of Academics, says the group plans to have a proposal ready by the end of June. NCAA head of enforcement **Jon Duncan** said in January academic misconduct is on the rise and his department was handling 20 open academic-misconduct investigations.

## CBS inks Neuheisel

CBS hired former coach and Pac-12 Network analyst **Rick Neuheisel** as a studio analyst on its Saturday college football pregame show. Neuheisel coached at Colorado, Washington and UCLA before joining the Pac-12 Network in 2012. His quick wit and keen insight, with seemingly no fear of being critical, helped make him the network's most popular personality.

### TENNIS

## Wozniacki wins, Davis loses

Top-seeded **Caroline Wozniacki** avoided a repeat of her last appearance at the Malaysian Open — a first-round loss — by dispatching Chinese qualifier **Wang Yafan** 6-3, 6-1. No. 2-seeded **Sabine Lisicki** of Germany and No. 3 **Casey Dellacqua** of Australia lost. ... **Gates Mills' Lauren Davis** lost to second-seeded **Sara Errani** of Italy, 6-0, 6-3, in the first round of the Alberto Monterrey Afirme tourney in Mexico.

### SOCCER

## Racism in Russia a problem

Russia needs to crack down on racism ahead of playing host to the 2018 World Cup, the general secretary of the Russian Football Union said. **Anatoly Vorobyov** said that "unfortunately not everything is going smoothly" with Russia's fight against racism in soccer. Last week, a report by two anti-discrimination organizations said more than 200 cases of discriminatory behavior were linked to Russian soccer over two seasons.

## Crew stadium is renamed

Crew Stadium will be called MAPFRE Stadium after the team signed a multiyear naming-rights deal. The Columbus Crew announced it had reached the deal with MAPFRE, an international insurance company. The team's home has been called Crew Stadium since 1999. The Crew open their 20th season in Major League Soccer on March 7 at Houston.

### OLYMPICS

## Clear sailing in jeopardy

A program has been halted to retrieve floating rubbish from the sailing venue of the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, according to Brazilian media. A report in the newspaper O Globo said 10 rubbish collection boats were out of service because of a lack of funding from Rio's state government. It said that some barricades to keep household waste from reaching the bay also lacked funding.

## On the air

**AHL**  
7 p.m. Monsters vs. Milwaukee, AM/1420

### BASEBALL SPRING TRAINING

1 p.m. Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees, MLB  
3:05 p.m. Indians vs. Cincinnati, STO

### GOLF

11 p.m. LPGA, Women's Champions, Golf Channel

### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m. Ohio State at Penn State, BTN  
7 p.m. La Salle at St. Joseph's, CBSN

7 p.m. Notre Dame at Louisville, ESPN2  
7 p.m. UCF at South Florida, ESPNU

7 p.m. Providence at Seton Hall, FS1  
8 p.m. Purdue at Michigan State, BTN

8 p.m. Houston at Tulane, ESPNNEWS  
9 p.m. Cincinnati at Tulsa, CBSN

9 p.m. Southern Cal at UCLA  
9 p.m. TCU at Oklahoma State, FS1

9 p.m. St. John's at Marquette  
10 p.m. Nebraska at Illinois, BTN

11 p.m. San Diego State at UNLV, CBSN  
11 p.m. Oregon at Oregon State, ESPNU

### NBA

7:30 p.m. Cavs vs. Toronto, FSO; AM/1100  
8 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Miami, ESPN

10:30 p.m. Portland at L.A. Clippers, ESPN

### NHL

8 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, NBCSN

### SOCCER

2 p.m. Women's national teams, Algarve Cup, United States vs. Norway, FS1

2:40 p.m. Premier League, Chelsea at West Ham, NBCSN

## Calendar

	Today	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>Indians</b>	Cinc 216-420-4487	Cinc 3:05	KC 3:05	LAD 3:05	Tex 4:05
<b>Cavaliers</b>	Tor 800-820-2287	Atl 7:30	Pho 7:30	Fso 7:30	Fso
<b>Monsters</b>	Mil 216-420-0000	Chi 7:30	Chi 3:00		
<b>Northfield</b>	Post 330-467-4101	Post 6:00	Post 6:00		

## Baseball

### Spring Training Game AMERICAN LEAGUE

W	L	Pct
Detroit	1	0.000
Oakland	1	0.000
Boston	0	0.000
Chicago	0	0.000
Houston	0	0.000
Kansas City	0	0.000
Los Angeles	0	0.000
Minnesota	0	0.000
New York	0	0.000
Seattle	0	0.000
Tampa Bay	0	0.000
Texas	0	0.000
Baltimore	0	1.000
Cleveland	0	1.000
Texas	0	1.000

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

W	L	Pct
Cincinnati	1	0.000
Pittsburgh	1	0.000
Arizona	0	0.000
Atlanta	0	0.000
Chicago	0	0.000
Colorado	0	0.000
Los Angeles	0	0.000
Miami	0	0.000
Milwaukee	0	0.000
New York	0	0.000
Philadelphia	0	0.000
San Diego	0	0.000
St. Louis	0	0.000
Washington	0	0.000
San Francisco	0	1.000

**Tuesday**  
Detroit 15, Baltimore 2  
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Yankees 5, tie  
Texas 8, Toronto 7  
Oakland 9, San Francisco 4  
Cincinnati 10, Cleveland 0  
Today  
Detroit vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
San Diego vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
Oakland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
Kansas City vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
Arizona vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
**Thursday**  
N.Y. Yankees vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
Atlanta vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
Baltimore (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
St. Louis vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
Oakland vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
San Diego vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
Texas vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
Cleveland vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
Colorado vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.  
Milwaukee vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 5 p.m.  
Boston vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 7:05 p.m.  
Toronto vs. Baltimore (ss) at Sarasota, Fla., 7:05 p.m.

## Transactions

**Monday**  
N.Y. Rangers 4, Nashville 1  
Chicago 5, Carolina 2  
San Jose 4, Montreal 0  
**Tuesday**  
Minnesota 3, Ottawa 2, SO  
New Jersey 3, Nashville 1  
Toronto 3, Philadelphia 2, OT  
Washington 5, Columbus 3  
Tampa Bay 3, Buffalo 0  
Toronto 3, Florida 2  
Dallas 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT  
Boston 1, Philadelphia 1  
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.  
San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
**Today**  
Ottawa at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.  
N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 8 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 10 p.m.  
Montreal at Anaheim, 10 p.m.  
**Thursday**  
Calgary at Boston, 7 p.m.  
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
Washington at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Florida, 7:30 p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
Vancouver at Arizona, 9 p.m.  
Montreal at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

## Latest Line

**NBA**  
**Favorite Points (O/U)**  
INDIANA 113 (190) New York  
Phoenix 4 (204) ORLANDO  
BOSTON 2 (194) Utah  
a-Cleveland (OFF) TORONTO  
BROOKLYN 5½ (191) Charlotte  
b-MINNESOTA (OFF) DENVER  
HOUSTON 3 (197) Memphis  
c-MIAMI (OFF) LA LAKERS  
e-OKLA CITY (OFF) PHILADELPHIA  
e-NEW ORLEANS (OFF) DETROIT  
f-SAN ANTONIO (OFF) SACRAMENTO  
g-LA CLIPPERS (OFF) PORTLAND  
GOLDEN ST 12½ (203) MILWAUKEE  
a-Toronto guard K. Lowry is doubtful.  
b-Minnesota guard K. Martin is questionable.  
c-Miami guard G. Dragic is questionable.  
d-Okla City guard R. Westbrook is questionable.  
e-New Orleans forward A. Davis is questionable.  
f-Sacramento center D. Cousins is questionable.  
g-L.A. Clippers guard J. Crawford is doubtful.

College Basketball  
**Favorite Points Underdog**  
OHIO ST 5 PENN ST  
LOUISVILLE 5 NOTRE DAME  
Providence 2 SETON HALL  
Central Florida 1½ SOUTH FLORIDA  
ST. JOSEPH'S 1½ LA SALLE  
FORDHAM 4 DUQUESNE  
George Washington 3½ GEORGE MASON  
LSU 9 TENNESSEE  
MASSACHUSETTS 1 RICHMOND  
St. Bonaventure 4 SAINT LOUIS  
DUKE 18½ WAKE FOREST  
PITTSBURGH 3 MIAMI-FLORIDA  
MICHIGAN ST 6½ PURDUE  
TULANE 4½ HOUSTON  
TULSA 2½ CINCINNATI  
WYOMING 4 UTAH ST  
UCLA 13 SOUTHERN CAL  
St. John's 1½ MARQUETTE  
VANDERBILT 11 LA LAKERS  
OKLAHOMA ST 6½ TCU  
ILLINOIS 9 NEBRASKA  
Colorado St 7½ NEVADA  
FRESNO ST 5½ AIR FORCE  
Boise St 19 SAN JOSE ST  
San Diego St 4½ UNLV  
Oregon 2½ OREGON ST  
HAWAII 2 Cal Santa Barbara

**NHL**  
**Favorite Goals Underdog**  
WINNIPEG ½-1 OTTAWA  
DETROIT Even-½ NY RANGERS  
Pittsburgh Even-½ COLORADO  
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## Tennis

### WTA Abierto Monterrey Affirme

**Tuesday**  
At Sierra Madre Tennis Club  
Monterrey, Mexico  
Purse: \$50,000 (Int.)  
Surface: Hard-Outdoor  
**Singles**  
2 p.m. Women's national teams, Algarve Cup, United States vs. Norway, FS1

2:40 p.m. Premier League, Chelsea at West Ham, NBCSN

## Baseball

glu Buyukcakay, Turkey, 7-5, 6-4.  
Julia Georges (8), Germany, def. Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, 6-1, 7-6 (2).  
Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, def. Casey Dellacqua (3), Australia, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.  
Misa Eguchi, Japan, def. An-Sophie Messach, Belgium, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3.  
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Wang Yafan, China, 6-3, 6-1.  
Zhu Lin, China, def. Yuliya Beygelzimer, Ukraine, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.  
Klara Kouklova (5), Czech Republic, def. Patricia Mayr-Achleitner, Austria, 6-1, 6-3.  
Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, def. Sabine Lisicki (2), Germany, 6-4, 7-5.  
Carina Witthoft, Germany, def. Misaki Doi, Japan, 7-5, 7-5.

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**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES** – Released CB Cary Williams.

**TENNESSEE TITANS** – Released S Bernard Pollard. Claimed LB Jonathan Massaquoi off waivers from Atlanta.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**NHL** – Fined Colorado Fs Gabriel Landeskog \$5,000 and Cody McLeod \$3,091.40 for their actions during a Feb. 28 game.

**BUFFALO SABRES** – Recalled Fs Mikhail Grigorenko, Tim Schaller and Jerry D'Amigo from Rochester (AHL).

**DETROIT RED WINGS** – Assigned RW Teemu Pulkkinen to Grand Rapids (AHL). Reassigned G Jared Coreau and RW Martin Frk from Grand Rapids (AHL) to Toledo (ECHL).

**NEW JERSEY DEVILS** – Activated D Damon Severson off injured reserve.

**NEW YORK RANGERS** – Assigned F Carl Klingberg and D Chris Summers to Hartford (AHL).

**American Hockey League**  
**AHL** – Suspended Albany RW Cam Janssen five games for receiving a match penalty for an illegal check to the head of an opponent, during a March 1 game against Birmingham. Suspended Worcester LW Jimmy Bonneau three games for an elbowing incident in a Feb. 28 game against St. John's. Suspended Charlotte LW Brock McGinn one game for a charging incident in a Feb. 28 game at Hamilton.

Suspended Milwaukee LW Richard Clune one game for accumulating his third instigating misconduct this season during a March 1 game at Chicago.

**BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS** – Traded D Matt Lashoff to Portland for F Dyon Stevenson.

**HAMILTON BULLDOGS** – Assigned D Bobby Shea to Wheeling (ECHL). Released F Shane Bakker from his professional tryout agreement.

**HARTFORD WOLF PACK** – Released D Sean Escobedo from his professional tryout agreement. Loaned D Dallas Jackson to Greenville (ECHL).

**SOCCER**  
**Major League Soccer**  
**NEW YORK RED BULLS** – Signed MF Manolo Sanchez.

**COLLEGE**  
**IDAHO** – Announced the NCAA lifted a ban on postseason play against the football team for failing to meet academic standards for the 2009 through 2012 seasons.

**PHILADELPHIA** – Named Tim Moyer women's volleyball coach.

**ST. SCHOLASTICA** – Announced the addition of men's and women's golf beginning in the fall of 2015.

**WISCONSIN** – Named John Settle running backs coach.

**College Basketball results**  
**Men**  
**East**  
Buffalo 93, Ohio 66  
Maryland 60, Rutgers 50

**South**  
Mississippi 82, Alabama 74  
NC State 66, Clemson 61  
North Carolina 81, Georgia Tech 49

**Midwest**  
Cent. Michigan 85, Toledo 77  
Dayton 75, Rhode Island 59  
E. Michigan 67, Ball St. 60  
Georgetown 60, Butler 54  
Iowa 77, Indiana 63  
Kent St. 81, Bowling Green 80  
Miami (Ohio) 70, Akron 63  
Missouri 65, Auburn 51  
N. Illinois 65, W. Michigan 63  
Nebraska-Omaha 80, North Dakota 78

**West**  
Abilene Christian 83, Houston Baptist 71

**Tournaments**  
**American Midwest Conference**  
**First Round**  
Benedictine Springfield 79, Missouri Baptist 69  
Lyon 86, Harris-Stowe 58  
Park 76, St. Louis Pharmacy 51  
William Woods 67, Hannibal-LaGrange 63

**Atlantic Sun Conference**  
**First Round**  
Florida Gulf Coast 81, Jacksonville 63  
Lipscomb 76, N. Kentucky 73, OT  
North Florida 81, Stetson 67  
SC-Upstate 90, Kennesaw St. 54

**Horizon League**  
**First Round**  
Detroit 77, Youngstown St. 67  
Ind. Chicago 60, Wright St. 57

**NSIC Conference Tournament**  
Championship  
Augustana (SD) 98, Minn. St.-Moorhead 82

**Patriot League**  
**First Round**  
Holy Cross 62, Loyola (Md.) 45  
Navy 56, Army 52

**WHAC Conference Tournament**  
Championship  
Cornerstone 78, Davenport 67

**Women**  
**East**  
Mass.-Lowell 60, NUIIT 51

**Midwest**  
Kansas St. 59, West Virginia 55

**Southwest**  
Texas 79, TCU 45

**Tournaments**  
**Big South Conference**  
Gardner-Webb 63, Longwood 55  
Presbyterian 47, Charleston Southern 39  
UNC Asheville 68, Coastal Carolina 54

**KIAC Conference Tournament**  
Championship  
Ashby 64, Indiana-East 61

**NSIC Conference Tournament**  
Championship  
Northern St. (SD) 61, Wayne (Neb.) 45

## Soccer

**CONCACAF Champions League**  
**Group Stage**  
Home teams listed first  
**QUARTERFINALS**  
**First Leg**  
Tuesday, Feb. 24  
Olimpia (Honduras) 1, Herediano (Costa Rica) 1  
Pachuca (Mexico) 2, Montreal (Canada) 2  
Wednesday, Feb. 25  
Saprissa (Costa Rica) 0, America (Mexico) 3  
Thursday, Feb. 26  
Alajuelense (Costa Rica) 5, D.C. United (United States) 2

**Second Leg**  
Tuesday  
Montreal (Canada) 1, Pachuca (Mexico) 1, Montreal won on the away goals rule.  
**Today**

**D.C. United (United States) vs. Alajuelense (Costa Rica), 8 p.m.**  
America (Mexico) vs. Saprissa (Costa Rica), 10 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Herediano (Costa Rica) vs. Olimpia (Honduras) 7 p.m.  
**SEMI-FINALS**  
Dates TBA  
First Leg  
Olimpia-Herediano winner vs. Saprissa-American winner  
Montreal (Canada) vs. Alajuelense-D.C. United winner

**Second Leg**  
Alajuelense-D.C. United winner vs. Pachuca-Montreal winner  
Saprissa-American winner Olimpia-Herediano winner  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Dates TBA  
First Leg  
Semifinal winners

**Second Leg**  
Semifinal winners

**6th Race, Purse \$3,200 3000CL Pace**  
1. Lord Rave, JaThmpsn 25-1  
2. Ruling V C N, JDWengrdr 5-1  
3. Blue Collar Raider, Dolvrnvr 15-1  
4. Mystical Brothers, Wylvrne 12-1  
5. Ruff Stuff Jackson, KeKashr 12-1  
6. Mexican Coast, RyStahl 7-1  
7. Western Range, JaMerrman 7-1  
8. Activator, RonWrennr 7-5

**5th Race, Purse \$3,000 NW200PSCD Trot**  
1. Lucky Cirr, Wylvrne 9-1  
2. Shin Georgian Star, AMerrmm 9-2  
3. Legacy Chip, RonWrennr 7-2  
4. Wild Nordic, Dolvrnvr 5-1  
5. Lady Rev, FfHarris 7-1  
6. Gang Of Six, JaThmpsn 20-1  
7. Abbeycrest, RoMllr 20-1

**6th Race, Purse \$4,000 7500CL NW Pace**  
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## High school boys basketball capsules

Staff Writer Stephanie Metzger will preview games involving area teams throughout the boys basketball tournaments.

### Division II North Ridgeville Sectional finals

#### Buckeye vs. Keystone

- **When:** 7, March 6
- **Where:** Keystone High School, 580 Opportunity Way, LaGrange
- **For the record:** Keystone is the No. 1 seed, but this match could go either way. Buckeye, the fifth seed, finished second in the PAC Stars Division behind the Wildcats. Buckeye also beat Keystone, 70-55, in their second meeting of the season. The first time the teams met, Keystone's defensive traps and pressure frustrated the Bucks to keep them off balance. The Wildcats will need to refer back to that game plan to secure a win.

- **Metzger's pick:** Keystone

#### Bay vs. Rocky River

- **When:** 7, March 6
- **Where:** Bay High School, 29230 Wolf Road, Bay Village
- **For the record:** The West Shore Conference lives on in the postseason. No. 8 seed Rocky River may not have finished the regular season with a share of the WSC title, but second-seeded Bay knows not to sleep on the Pirates. Rocky River played spoiler to Elyria Catholic, defeating the Panthers, 62-49, to prevent them from winning the WSC outright. River defeated Bay, 61-60, in their first meeting. The Rockets responded with a 66-55 win the second time around. The Rocky River defense has been sound, but

the Pirates must find ways to contain Bay's big man, 6-foot-8 Rex Sunahara.

### • Metzger's pick: Bay

#### Division II Mansfield Sectional finals

#### Perkins vs. Ontario

- **When:** 6:15, March 6
- **Where:** Madison High School, 600 Esley Lane, Mansfield
- **For the record:** First-seeded Ontario shouldn't have much trouble getting past 11th-seeded Perkins in this one. The Warriors have one loss and have something to prove after falling to Lexington in last year's sectional final. The Pirates have had a down year but sophomore Connor Roesch and senior Aleck Speer have pitched in, averaging 13.1 and 10.5 points per game respectively.

- **Metzger's pick:** Ontario

#### Norwalk vs. Shelby

- **When:** 8, March 6
- **Where:** Madison High School, 600 Esley Lane, Mansfield
- **For the record:** If Norwalk can start off strong and gain an early lead, the fifth-seeded Truckers may be able to sneak past the third-seeded Whip-pets. Shelby is a balanced squad with good scorers, but the Whippets have faltered in big games, falling twice to Ontario and Sandusky.
- **Metzger's pick:** Shelby

#### Sandusky vs. Galion

- **When:** 6:15, March 6
- **Where:** Willard High School, 123 Whisler Drive, Willard
- **For the record:** Sandusky is the No. 2 seed and the Blue Streaks are riding the momentum of a successful

regular season. Meanwhile, the seventh-seeded Tigers have had an up-and-down year. Stopping the Blue Streaks isn't easy, especially when you look at their depth. Jayrese Williams is Sandusky's main man, but the Blue Streaks can go 7-8 deep.

### • Metzger's pick: Sandusky

#### Division III Ashland Sectional finals

#### Huron vs. Western Reserve

- **When:** 8, March 6
- **Where:** Oak Harbor High School, 11661 OH-163, Oak Harbor
- **For the record:** Second-seeded Huron rolled right through Northwood in the first round while 11th-seeded Western Reserve managed to fend off a late rally by Woodmore. Huron shouldn't have too much of an issue in this one, considering the Roughriders' defense has a pattern of inconsistency. That's bad news for Western Reserve, which will need to find some way to stop Tigers post man Nick Stauffer.

- **Metzger's pick:** Huron

#### Edison vs. Willard

- **When:** 8, March 6
- **Where:** Shelby High School, 1 Whippet Way, Shelby
- **For the record:** Edison, the No. 3 seed, has had a solid season with some state-ment wins, such as defeating state-ranked Huron. But fifth seed Willard has quietly proved it packs some punch with a win over a tough Shelby team, and a two-point loss to Ontario. Chargers junior Kee-gan Hall is tough to handle — and tough to avoid — as he's averaging 14.2 points and four steals per game.

- **Metzger's pick:** Edison

#### Division III Garfield Heights Sectional final

#### Elyria Catholic vs. Columbia

- **When:** 7, March 6
- **Where:** Elyria Catholic High School, 725 Gulf Road, Elyria
- **For the record:** Fourth-seeded Elyria Catholic has a potential matchup with first-seeded VASJ on its radar, but the Panthers won't and should not take sixth-seeded Columbia lightly. The Panthers won, 86-62, during their regular season matchup, but the Raiders have proved they can score. Defending, however, will be key, as Elyria Catholic has outscored its opponents, 71.4-59.6, on average this season.

- **Metzger's pick:** Elyria Catholic

#### Division IV Barberton Sectional final

#### Open Door vs. Cuyahoga Heights

- **When:** 7, March 6
- **Where:** Cuyahoga Heights High School, 4820 E. 71st St., Cleveland
- **For the record:** This one could easily go either way. The Patriots are riding the high of a comeback, overtime victory against Lake Ridge. The third-seeded Patriots have size on their side in seniors Danny Stintsman and Andrew Patterson and defense has been Open Door's strength. Second-seeded Cuyahoga Heights hasn't had an easy schedule, and the Redskins got the best of the Patriots earlier this year.
- **Metzger's pick:** Cuyahoga Hts.
- **Metzger's record:** 10-2

BAY 62, ROCKY RIVER 54

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Keystone's K.J. Williams (5) hits a jumper over Buckeye guard Tyler Hagmeier (11) in the first quarter March 6, 2015. Williams had a game-high 24 points in the Wildcats' 67-52 win over the Bucks.

Williams

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The first-seeded Wildcats opened up a 23-13 lead after the first quarter in which Williams shot 5 of 6 from the field for 10 points.

Buckeye, the No. 5 seed, struggled to find the net early, which translated to response buckets from the Wildcats, who shot 16 of 27 for 59 percent in the first half.

The Bucks battled back to a seven-point deficit with three minutes remaining in the second quarter, but Keystone responded to pad its lead to 10 heading into the half.

They didn't stop there. After Williams and Buckeye junior Liam Murray traded 3s to start the third quarter, the Wildcats took off on a 10-point unanswered run before a bucket from Murray stifled the Bucks' bleeding.

"We just wanted to stick to our game plan," Holzhauser said. "The big thing with high school kids is you always have to control your emotions, and that's something we talk about all the time. You can never be too high, you can never be too low and we just wanted to stay even-keel and keep executing the game plan that we had."

Buckeye hung around, clinging to a 10-point deficit through most of the second half. Junior Nathan Polidori's trey brought the Bucks within nine, but Buckeye struggled to contain Williams, who ended the evening 11 of 15 for 73 percent from the field.

"All of us were feeling it," Williams said. "And when they're feeling it, it makes me feel it. We were just getting going real quick and it was hard to stop us."

During the regular season, Keystone won its first matchup with the Bucks, 57-47. A month later, Buckeye emerged the victor with a 70-55 win. Keystone finished

first in the Patriot Athletic Conference Stars division, one game ahead of Buckeye. Williams acknowledged a tough night when the Wildcats fell to the Bucks during the regular season.

"The last game was huge," Williams said. "That struck a fire in us and we knew it was big — especially me, I had a bad game. I knew I had to bring it back to help my team win."

Next, the Wildcats take on third seeded Holy Name March 11 in the district semifinal at North Ridgeville High School. Holzhauser knows defeating Holy Name will be a tough task, but he's also confident in the size and athleticism of his Wildcats.

"That's a very good basketball team," Holzhauser noted. "They're a matchup nightmare. They have a couple guards that are excellent. But I like to think that we're a matchup nightmare for them as well."

BOYS BASKETBALL CAPSULES

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Division I Broadview Heights sectional finals Olmsted Falls vs. Berea-Midpark

• When: 7, March 7 • Where: Berea-Midpark High School, 165 East Bagley Road, Berea

• For the record: Fourth-seeded Berea-Midpark beat No. 13 North Olmsted, 70-47, and, 64-51.

Teams have had trouble sitting up the Titans, and Bret Swinnerton (6-foot-6) and Nolan Gerrity (6-foot-11) will create havoc for defenders. Bulldogs senior shooting guard Troy Hurrell averages 13.1 points per game and shoots the 3-pointer at a 47 percent clip.

Metzger's pick: Berea-Midpark

Elyria vs. Midview

• When: 7, March 7 • Where: Elyria High School, 601 Middle Ave., Elyria

• For the record: Fourth-seeded Midview has momentum after upsetting ninth-seeded Rhodes in Round 1, but seventh-seeded Elyria is tough to stop.

The Pioneers beat the Midlands, 69-65, during the regular season, and the Elyria defense is tough to penetrate.

The Pioneers have three players averaging in double figures.

Midview won't be an easy opponent. The Midlands are clutch and guards Daimon Mahone and Logan Bolin are tough to contain.

Metzger's pick: Elyria Division I Grafton District

sectional finals Lorain vs. North Ridgeville

• When: 7, March 7 • Where: Lorain High School, 2270 E. 42nd St., Lorain

• For the record: The last time these teams met, the Lorain crowd rocked the North Ridgeville gym. Now, the first-seeded Titans will be at home and the atmosphere will be charged. If the 15th-seeded Rangers can overcome the raucous crowd, they can put up a fight, despite having lost by 40 points the last time they played Lorain.

The Rangers will have a tough time defending Devon Andrews, Rashod Berry and Naz Bohannon, but the Titans must keep an eye on Rangers junior Isa Abdul-Alim.

Metzger's pick: Lorain

Avon Lake vs. Brunswick

• When: 7, March 7 • Where: Brunswick High School, 3581 Center Road, Brunswick

• For the record: Fifth-seeded Brunswick has had a solid year, posting a 17-5 record. Avon Lake has struggled through a down year. The Blue Devils are tight on defense, and scoring will not be an issue if Zech Cebula can get to the bucket.

Metzger's pick: Brunswick

North Olmsted vs. Strongsville

• When: 7, March 7 • Where: North Olmsted High School, 5755 Burns Road, North Olmsted

• For the record: Sixteenth-seeded Strongsville wasn't supposed to win its Round 1 matchup over 10th-seeded Brecksville-Broadview Heights, but eighth-seeded North Olmsted will take it.

The Eagles had a roller-coaster season, while the Mus-

tangs struggled. Expect a big game from North Olmsted junior Andy Lucien.

Metzger's pick: North Olmsted

Avon vs. St. Ignatius

• When: 7, March 7 • Where: St. Ignatius High School, 1911 W. 30th St., Cleveland

• For the record: Even on a down year, Ignatius is a tough opponent.

Avon will be put to another test, the first being an overtime victory against Amherst. Second-seeded Ignatius has had a tough schedule peppered with losses to WASJ, St. Edward and Bedford, while 12th-seeded Avon has been confusing at times, picking up wins over tough West Shore Conference opponents and dropping games to struggling teams such as Avon Lake.

Metzger's pick: St. Ignatius

Division II North Ridgeville District sectional final Vermilion vs. Padua

• When: 7, March 7 • Where: Vermilion High School, 1250 Sanford St., Vermilion

• For the record: Seventh-seeded Padua pulled off a first-round win over Frelands, largely due to senior scorer Michael Miranda.

The Sailors have their own senior weapon in Kyle Nader. Nader is approaching the range of a caliber some 10th-ranked and the Sailors are anchored by their tough defense, which should play spoiler to the Bruins.

Metzger's pick: Vermilion

Metzger's record: 10-2 (Prior to games played on March 6)

GIRLS BASKETBALL CAPSULE

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Division II Attica District Championship New London vs. Oak Harbor

• When: March 7, 3 • Where: Seneca East High School, 13343 U.S. 224, Attica

• For the record: No. 5 seed New London Wildcats continues to impress as it defeated Bucyrus Wynford on

March 5, 43-30. Wynford was coming off an upset victory over Crestview but the excitement of a caliber win did not carry over against New London.

The Wildcats are talented from top to bottom and is unselfish with the ball on offense.

Their rotation allows them to press heavily, wearing out opponents that have a short bench.

New London coach Eric Mitchell prides his team on

playing solid defense. In the Wildcat's three tournament wins, they have held teams to 32.3 points per game. No. 3 Oak Harbor is a respectable team, however, they've had a roller coaster season in regards to how it has played, but obviously, has been firing on all cylinders in the tournament. New London's defense will deter Oak Harbor from the win and take the district title.

Ameen's pick: New London

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Day 2 of the CSU district tournament kicks off March 7 at 9 a.m. at Woodling Gymnasium in Cleveland.

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## Rockets hold off Pirates to move on in DII tourney



Story by Jim Horvath  
Photos and video by Larry Bennet

During their two regular season meetings, the Rocky River Pirates gave the Bay Rockets all they could handle as the two teams split the series. In Friday night's rubber match, nobody expected anything different as the longtime rivals met for a Division II sectional championship.

So when Rocky River's Jack Corrigan drilled a 3-pointer with two minutes left in the game, most fans at The Launch Pad were on the edge of their seats.

Clinging to a 51-47 lead, the Rockets managed to answer. They hit nine of 10 free throws down the stretch and came away with a 62-54 win over the Pirates that sent them to next week's district semifinals at North Ridgeville.

Bay, now 16-7, will face either Vermilion or Padua Thursday at 7 p.m. A win there would put the Rockets in the district championship game on Sat., March 14 at 4 p.m. at North Ridgeville High School.

Keystone and Holy Name play Wednesday night in the other semifinal game.

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That great start had Shetzer's Rockets up 7-0 and pitching a shutout until Evan Nugent scored inside for the Pirates with 3:30 left in the first quarter, Bay led by 10, 12-2, but Rocky River bounced back to trail by only four, 13-9, heading into the second quarter.

In the second, River made another run and pulled to within a point, 16-15, on a steal for two by Sutton Klodnick. But the home team answered with a 10-1 run to close out the half. John Koz was a big part of that Rocket outburst, scoring six of his game-high 21 points in that stretch.

Bay held a 26-16 halftime lead, but the Pirates kept coming.

Rocky River pulled to within two points twice late in the third quarter, once on a 3-pointer from Eric Jones and the other on a driving jumper from Klodnick. But Koz came back with a pair of free throws and a 3-pointer in the quarter's final minute to give Bay a 40-33 lead heading into the fourth.

The Rockets led by as many as 12 points, 45-33, in that final quarter. River made one last run, with Corrigan's trey keeping the game in doubt. But moments later, Danny Heidehoff hit both ends of a one-and-one to start Bay's game-clinching march to the free throw line.

For the game, the Rockets hit 26 of 31 free throw attempts, Rocky River, which shot just 38 percent from the floor on the night, made five of 13 attempts from the stripe.

"I had us for shooting 25 threes in the game, and they shot eight," said River head coach Michael Murray when asked about the free throw discrepancy.

"That's part of it. We were more perimeter-oriented than they were tonight," Murray continued. "They definitely benefited at the line. Maybe there were times where we could have gone to the line, but we didn't.

"We settled for a lot of jumpers, and that had a lot to do with it," he said.

Shetzer, on the other hand, felt his team's defense played a big part in the win.



"It's a double-edged sword," he added.

After Koz, 6-8 senior Rex Sunahara contributed 11 points and eight rebounds despite picking up his fourth foul in the third quarter.

From there, no other Rocket reached double figures. Brandon Morriss had six points and six rebounds, while Jonathon Brajdic, Alec White, Scott Durham and Heidehoff each scored five points. Durham, playing big minutes in Sunahara's absence, also had five rebounds.

For Rocky River, Jones led the way with 16 points, while Corrigan finished with 11 Points and 10 rebounds. Pat Connors added nine points as the Pirates concluded their season at 10-13.

"We did compete, and we were able to make some runs," Murray said.

"But there were times where we'd either settle for the long jumper, or didn't get back on defense to give them some easy baskets.. When we stayed in front, they struggled. But then we gave them some easy layups."

"I bet we gave up 10 points on them throwing the ball ahead and getting open layups," he said,

When it was all said and done, it was all about execution, according to Murray.

"I'm proud of our kids' effort," Murray said. "Our effort was there, but our execution wasn't.

"We played OK on defense, but there were a lot of missed opportunities where they were handing the ball off, or a high screen where we didn't hedge, times when we didn't block out and couldn't get the rebound.

"For us to have a defensive game like that and have a poor shooting night, it's a recipe for not winning a game," he said.



# Rockets defeat Rocky River for sectional crown

## DIVISION II BOYS BASKETBALL

By Ryan Kaczmarek

In their third meeting of the season the Bay High School boys' varsity squad kept visiting Rocky River from mounting a second-half comeback and won the rubber-match, 62-54, for the Division II sectional championship Friday night before a capacity crowd at The Launching Pad.

"With tournament basketball, anybody can make a run," Bay head coach Jared Shetzer said. "Rocky River made a good run at us."

Bay came out strong offensively, scoring 13 points in each of the first two quarters, while holding Rocky River to nine and seven points, respectively.

But even with the 26-16 halftime lead, the Rockets had a lapse in defensive play which let the Pirates back into the game, as they cut Bay's lead to a mere seven points going into the fourth.

"We got off to a great start, but you knew they'd come back," Shetzer explained. "You have to just give our kids credit that we answered the bell."

"We didn't do anything different than we've done all year, except that we played defense – probably in the first time in Bay basketball history since I've been here for two years."

Bay's 6-8 center Rex Sunahara sat for much of the third quarter with foul trouble, but junior Scott Durham came off the bench and sparked the defense, while chipping in five key second-half points.

"Scott Durham – if you talk to him – is a pretty carefree kid, and plays that

way sometimes, but tonight he was all business," Shetzer said. "Tonight, Scotty was the best version of himself, and he showed what he can do when he plays with some passion and intensity."

junior John Koz led the Rockets in scoring with 21 points, followed by Sunahara with 11, Brandon Moriss with six, and Jonathon Brajdic, Danny Heidehoff, Alec White and Durham with five each. Bay senior Jack Kyle chipped in with four points.

After sitting most of the third, and the beginning of the fourth, Sunahara was sent to the foul line four times, and scored eight points to close out the game.

Bay (16-7) shot 31 foul shots in the game, compared to Rocky River's 13.

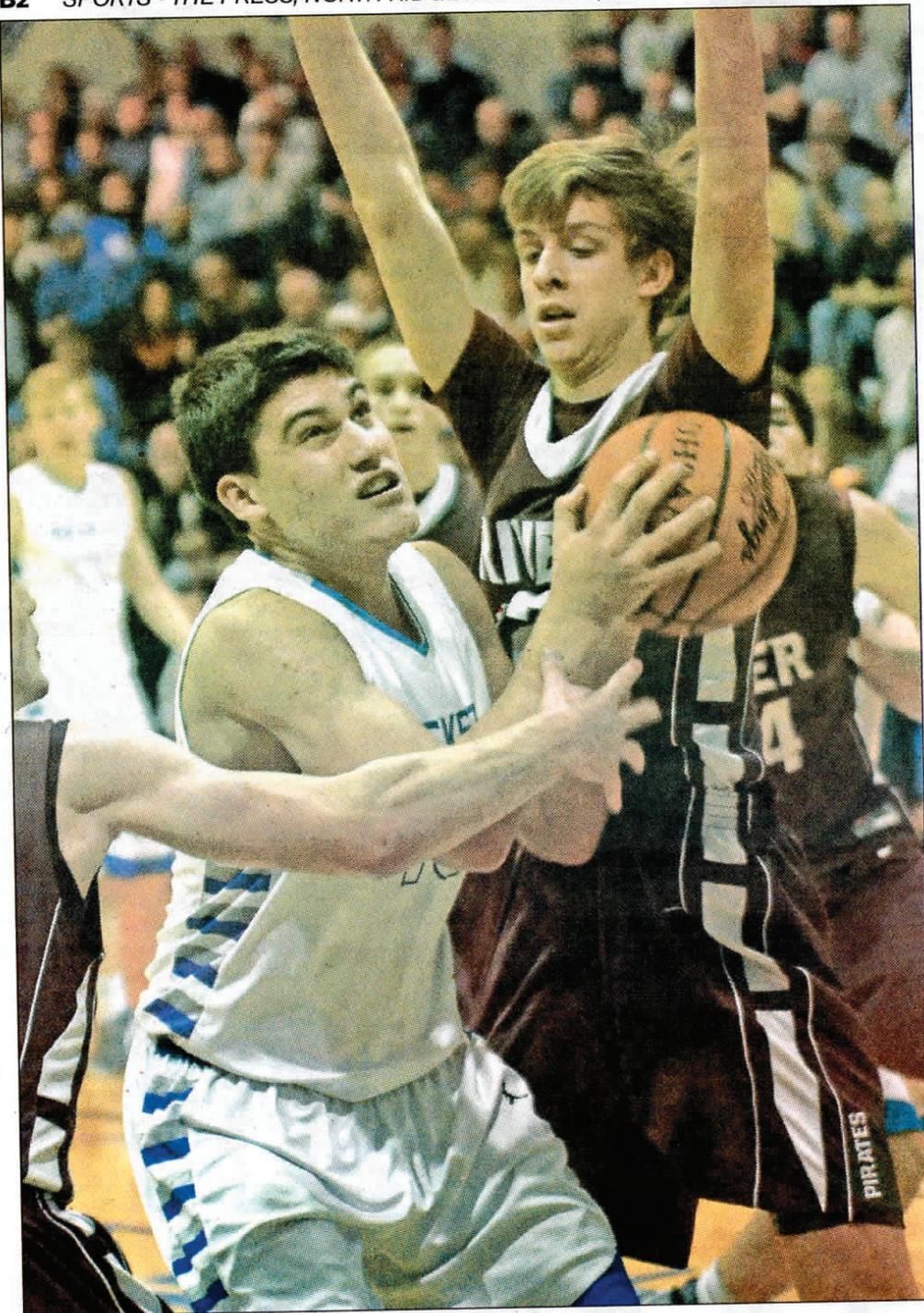
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Rocky River junior Eric Jones led the Pirates in scoring with 16 points, followed by Jack Corrigan with 11, Patrick Connors with nine, Sutton Klodnick with six, Evan Nugent with five, Zach Waite with four, Corey Zucker with two and Jimmy Kinsely with one.

The No. 2-seeded Rockets move on to play No. 4-seeded Vermilion tomorrow night at North Ridgeville High School in the district semifinals. The tip-off is set for 7 p.m.



Bay junior Scott Durham saw increased playing time against Rocky River with starting center Rex Sunahara sitting on the bench with foul trouble. Photo – Ryan Kaczmarek