



News Release - Football

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2009 OHSAA Football Tournament Schedule

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7

Regional Quarterfinals

- Regional seeds 1, 2, 3 & 4 to host seeds 5, 6, 7 & 8
- Friday 7:30 p.m. - Div. II, III, V
- Saturday 7 p.m. - Div. I, IV, VI

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14

Regional Semifinals

- Sites announced Nov. 8
- Friday 7:30 p.m. - Div. II, III, V
- Saturday 7 p.m. - Div. I, IV, VI

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21

Regional Finals

- Sites announced Nov. 15
- Friday 7:30 p.m. - Div. II, III, V
- Saturday 7 p.m. - Div. I, IV, VI

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28

State Semifinals

- Sites announced Nov. 22
- Friday 7:30 p.m. - Div. II, III, V
- Saturday 7 p.m. - Div. I, IV, VI

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5

State Championship Games

Friday, December 4

- Division III - 11:00 a.m. - Massillon
- Division V - 3:00 p.m. - Canton
- Division II - 7:00 p.m. - Massillon

Saturday, December 5

- Division IV - 11:00 a.m. - Canton
- Division VI - 3:00 p.m. - Massillon
- Division I - 7:00 p.m. - Canton

2009 Tournament Information and Notes

WHAT: 38th Annual OHSAA Football Tournaments (Regional Quarterfinals/First Round)

WHEN/WHERE: Friday, Nov. 6 Divisions II, III and V; Saturday, Nov. 7 Divisions I, IV and VI; Schools that finished first, second, third or fourth in the final OHSAA computer rankings to host.

TIMES: Regional and state semifinal games on Friday begin at 7:30; games on Saturday begin at 7:00.

FORMAT: Thirty-two teams in six divisions (192 total schools) have qualified for the tournaments, with selections based on the OHSAA Football Computer Rankings. To qualify for the tournaments, schools must have finished first through eighth in their assigned region.

ADMISSION: \$7.00 per person presale; \$9.00 per person at the gate.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS/PAIRINGS UPDATE: Media members desiring credentials for the first four rounds should contact the host site manager or media coordinator. An updated list of game sites, site managers or media coordinators and telephone numbers will be posted on the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org) no later than Tuesday, Nov. 3. To find the updated pairings, go to the "Sports" dropdown box in the left-hand corner of the home page followed by

"Football." The final computer rankings are available at the same area of the web site.

ELEVENTH YEAR WITH 192 QUALIFIERS: This is the 11th year that the OHSAA football tournament field consists of 192 total qualifiers. Each of the 24 regions has qualified eight teams to the tournaments, which consist of five rounds. The first round is the regional quarterfinals, and teams that finish first through fourth in their regions in the final OHSAA computer rankings serve as hosts. Teams may choose an alternate site to host first-round games and do not need approval from the OHSAA to do so. In bracket order, team one hosts team eight, team four hosts team five, team two hosts team seven and team three hosts team six. The OHSAA will designate neutral sites for regional semifinal, regional final and state semifinal games, and no rebracketing will occur until the state semifinals.

FOOTBALL SCHOOLS: There were 718 football-playing schools this year. The division breakdowns are:

- Division I: 120 schools (enrollments of 518 or more);
- Division II: 118 schools (enrollments of 348 through 517);
- Division III: 120 schools (enrollments of 252 through 347);
- Division IV: 119 schools (enrollments of 177 through 251);
- Division V: 120 schools (enrollments of 125 through 176);
- Division VI: 121 schools (enrollments of 124 or less).

Divisions are based on enrollments of males in grades 9 through 11 as reported to the State Department of Education.

FOOTBALL STATS: Media members around the state are encouraged to submit any of their area statistical leaders to the OHSAA in order to compile a statewide statistical leader board. Media may submit their area leaders in any format to Tim Stried by email at tstried@ohsaa.org or by fax at 614-267-1677. Statwide leaders are currently posted on the football page at www.ohsaa.org.

FOOTBALL FINALS CREDENTIALS: The media credential request form for the state football finals is posted on the OHSAA website under the 'News & Media' tab from the main navigation bar. The form must be filled out and either mailed or faxed to Tim Stried at the OHSAA at 614-267-1677 by Tues., Dec. 1.

STATE FOOTBALL FINALS TICKET BOOKS ON SALE: Ticket books for all six state football championship games are currently on sale through the Canton/Stark County Convention and Visitors' Bureau. The state football finals are Dec. 4 and 5 at Fawcett Stadium in Canton and Paul Brown Tiger Stadium in Massillon. Tickets can be ordered on-line at www.ohsaafbfinals.com. Ticket books are \$48.00 for the six games. Also available are prepaid two-day parking passes for \$10.00, prepaid two-day motor home parking passes for \$20.00 and state tournament souvenir programs for \$4.00 (a savings of \$1.00 from the price at the games). Priority seating will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a \$3.00 ticket processing fee per order and a \$2.00 postage fee per order. For additional information, contact the Canton/Stark County Convention & Visitors' Bureau at 1-800-533-4302 or 330-454-1439.

FINALS LIVE ON STO: SportsTime Ohio and Time Warner Cable will provide exclusive live coverage of the state football finals Dec. 4 and 5 from Canton and Massillon. The companies will also televise up to eight regional and state semifinal contests during the first four rounds of the OHSAA tournaments. STO/TWC have the exclusive first right of refusal to select contests each round of the tournaments to air on either a live or tape-delayed basis. Other networks will have the opportunity to televise other regional or state semifinal contests not selected by STO/TWC on a tape-delayed basis only.

STO's partnership with Time Warner Cable was forged to deliver OHSAA programming to over 3.1 million homes statewide.

FIRST-TIME PARTICIPANTS: There are 14 schools making their first appearance in the OHSAA football tournaments this year. See pages 7-10 of this release for those teams.

The number of first-time participants by year include 12 in 2008, 14 in 2007, 10 in 2006, 12 in 2005, 16 in 2004, 12 in 2003, 21 in 2002, 17 in 2001, 26 in 2000 and 32 in 1999.

PROVING THE POLLSTERS: Every team ranked in the Top 10 of last week's Associated Press statewide polls qualified for the tournaments except for one, that being New Philadelphia in Division II, which dropped its final regular season game last weekend and slipped to 11th in Region 7. The final AP state polls will be released early Monday.

STILL STREAKING: Defending Div. I champion Cleveland St. Ignatius is making its 22nd-consecutive state tournament appearance, which is the most among all qualifiers. Columbus St. Francis DeSales returns for a 16th straight time, while Coldwater is in for the 13th year in a row and Mogadore has qualified for the 11th-straight time.

Since 1985, Ironton has missed the playoffs only three times. Since 1986, Wheelersburg has been absent from the postseason only three times. Columbus Bishop Watterson is in the tournament for the 10th time in the last 11 years (missed in 2007) and for the 15th time in the last 17 years (also missed in 1998). Germantown

Valley View, meanwhile, is in the playoffs for the 16th time in the last 18 years (missed in 2006 and 2004).

CONGRATULATIONS, COACH LUTZ: And speaking of Ironton, congratulations are in order for head coach Bob Lutz, who won his 361st career game this season to set a new OHSAA record. Lutz, who has had just one losing season in his 40-year career, is 362-82-5 and broke the wins record held by former Hamilton Catholic-Badin coach Terry Malone.

MAKING A HABIT OF THIS: There are 10 schools making at least their 20th appearance in the OHSAA football tournaments.

Div. I: Cleveland St. Ignatius (22nd) and Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller (28th).

Div. III: Youngstown Cardinal Mooney (23rd), Columbus St. Francis DeSales (20th), Columbus Bishop Watterson (20th) and Steubenville (22nd).

Div. IV: Orrville (20th) and Ironton (27th).

Div. V: Wheelersburg (22nd).

Div. VI: Mogadore (23rd).

WELCOME BACK: Galion won a state championship in 1985 and qualified for the playoffs in 1986 and 1989, and the Tigers are now back in the postseason for the first time since then as an undefeated qualifier in Division IV, Region 14. That 20-year span represents the longest playoff drought of any school in the 2009 tournament that is not making its first appearance.

Two schools are back in the postseason for the first time in 19 years, those being Middletown and Heath. This year marks Middletown's fourth overall appearance, while it is the second for Heath.

STADIUMS TOP THE LIST: Canton Fawcett Stadium and Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium were named No. 1 and 10, respectively, among the nation's best high school football stadiums, as voted by ESPN last year. The complete story is located on the football page at www.ohsaa.org.

NOTING THE UNDEFEATED: There are 30 unbeaten teams in the 2009 tournaments, but none of them face each other in the regional quarterfinals. In fact, there could be only four possible match-ups of unbeaten teams in the regional semifinals. Those four contests would come in Regions 16, 19, 20 and 21.

The last undefeated team to miss the playoffs was Newcomerstown in 2001.

MOST TOURNAMENT WINS: There are 18 schools that have at least 30 OHSAA tournament victories. Fifteen of those schools have qualified for the 2009 playoffs, led by Cleveland St. Ignatius with 55 postseason wins. See pages 7-10 of this release for the complete list.

Newark Catholic, which did not qualify for the playoffs this season, leads the state with 62 playoff wins. The other two schools with 30 or more playoff wins which are not in the 2009 postseason are Versailles (45) and Cleveland Benedictine (34).

DEFENDING STATE CHAMPS: Of the six defending state champions, only one did not qualify for the 2009 playoffs, that being Sylvania Southview, which won the 2008 Div. II championship but moved up to Div. I this season and finished 10th in Region 2. Another 2008 champ moved divisions, that being Aurora, which won the 2008 Div. III title and qualified for the 2008 postseason in Div. II, Region 5 (fifth seed).

Associated Press State Football Poll

October 26, 2009 - How a state panel of sports writers and broadcasters rates Ohio high school football teams in the seventh weekly Associated Press poll of 2009, by OHSAA divisions, with won-lost record and total points (first-place votes in parentheses):

DIVISION I

	Record	Poll Points
1. Cleveland St. Ignatius (26)	9-0	295
2. Cin. Moeller (3)	9-0	253
3. Dublin Coffman (1)	9-0	222
4. Solon	9-0	191
5. Cin. St. Xavier	7-2	140
6. Cle. Glenville	8-1	137
7. Cincinnati Anderson	9-0	115
8. Toledo Whitmer	8-1	84
9. Hilliard Davidson	7-1	74
10. Cincinnati Elder	6-2	29

Others receiving 12 or more points: Mayfield 21, Massillon Washington 17, Warren Harding 12.

DIVISION II

	Record	Poll Points
1. Louisville (26)	9-0	290
2. Cincinnati Turpin (1)	9-0	234
3. Logan (2)	9-0	210
4. Mentor Lake Catholic	8-1	183
5. New Philadelphia	9-0	141
6. Toledo St. Francis	8-1	134
7. Chesterland W. Geauga	8-1	102
8. Cincinnati Winton Woods	7-2	82
9. New Carlisle Tecumseh	8-1	65
10. Ashland	8-1	38

Others receiving 12 or more points: Warren Howland (1) 36, Dresden Tri-Valley 24, Canfield 22, Toledo Central Catholic 19.

DIVISION III

	Record	Poll Points
1. Youngstown Mooney (27)	9-0	297
2. Steubenville (3)	8-1	237
3. Cincinnati Wyoming	9-0	212
4. Poland Seminary	8-1	211
5. Napoleon	8-1	137
6. Dayton Chaminade-Julienne	8-1	117
6. Dover	8-1	117
7. Columbus Watterson	7-2	104
8. Columbus DeSales	6-3	60
9. Sandusky Perkins	8-1	48

Others receiving 12 or more points: Hubbard 26, Salem 17, Rayland Buckeye 12.

DIVISION IV

	Record	Poll Points
1. Kettering Alter (22)	9-0	272
2. Amanda-Clearcreek(2)	9-0	253
3. Chagrin Falls (1)	9-0	226
4. Genoa Area (2)	9-0	189
5. Girard (3)	9-0	168
6. Clarksville Clinton-Massie	9-0	155
7. Galion	9-0	112
8. Cincinnati N. College Hill	9-0	100
9. Kenton	8-1	64
10. Cortland Lakeview	6-3	16

Others receiving 12 or more points: Ironton 16, Martins Ferry 14, Campbell Memorial 12.

DIVISION V

	Record	Poll Points
1. Hamler Patrick Henry (20)	9-0	279
2. Coldwater (4)	8-1	235
3. Cuyahoga Heights (3)	9-0	230
4. Independence	9-0	147
5. Anna	8-1	134
6. W. Lafayette Ridgewood (2)	9-0	106
7. W. Liberty-Salem (1)	9-0	87
8. Richwood N. Union	9-0	82
9. Columbiana Crestview	8-1	65
10. Columbus Ready	7-1	61

Others receiving 12 or more points: Woodsfield Monroe Central 33, Lima Cent. Cath. 32, Fredericktown 31, Oak Hill 27, Youngstown Ursuline 24, Hicksville 18, E. Palestine 15, Defiance Tinora 14.

DIVISION VI

	Record	Poll Points
1. Delphos St. John's (27)	9-0	288
2. Bucyrus Wynford	9-0	230
3. Ada	9-0	198
4. Norwalk St. Paul	9-0	182
5. Carey	9-0	176
6. McDonald (3)	9-0	171
7. Lockland	8-1	109
8. Mogadore	8-1	85
9. Warren JFK	7-2	55
10. Malvern	8-1	47

Others receiving 12 or more points: Dalton 30, Berlin Center Western Reserve 19, Ansonia 15, Leipsic 14, Columbiana 12.

State Football Qualifiers By Record

Listed below are the number of teams that qualified for the tournaments by record since the tournament was expanded to include the Top 8 teams in each region.

Record	2009 Teams	2008 Teams	2007 Teams	2006 Teams	2005 Teams	2004 Teams	2003 Teams	2002 Teams	2001 Teams	2000 Teams	1999 Teams
10-0	30	34	29	25	28	21	26	29	26	28	29
9-0	0	1	0	2	1	4	1	2	2	1	2
9-1	49	49	52	58	55	54	56	53	48	52	59
8-1	2	1	3	4	0	4	3	0	3	2	4
8-2	59	54	58	48	51	60	51	53	57	51	43
7-2	2	1	1	2	0	3	5	1	3	4	1
7-3	40	36	35	32	36	28	39	41	40	34	40
6-2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6-3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	3	2	1
6-3-1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
6-4	7	11	12	14	18	12	9	8	6	13	12
5-5	2	2	1	4	0	4	1	4	3	5	1
5-4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4-6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
4-5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
3-6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192

State Football Attendance

Total attendance for the OHSAA football tournaments has been nearly 6.1 million in the last nine years. Listed below is the total attendance for all rounds of the tournaments, attendance for the six state championship games and per game averages for those past eight seasons, which is when the OHSAA football tournaments have had 192 qualifiers and five rounds:

Year	Total Tournament Attendance (186 games)	Per Game Average	State Finals Attendance (6 games)	Per Game Average
1999	752,247	4,044	60,111	10,002
2000	679,707	3,654	57,678	9,613
2001	811,409	4,362	65,663	10,944
2002	669,432	3,599	65,584	10,931
2003	686,411	3,690	60,586	10,098
2004	624,825	3,359	52,799	8,800
2005	691,741	3,529	59,410	9,902
2006	568,230	3,055	48,932	8,155
2007	585,423	3,147	50,972	8,495
2008	516,466	2,777	48,420	8,070

2008 State Championships in Review

2008 REVIEW: 37th Annual OHSAA Football Tournaments, Nov. 28 and Nov. 29, 2007, Fawcett Stadium, Canton (Divisions I, III and IV) and Paul Brown Tiger Stadium, Massillon (Divisions II, V and VI).

2008 DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

November 29, 2008 (at Canton Fawcett Stadium)

Cincinnati Elder	0	7	6	7	— 20	Record: (13-2)
Cleveland St. Ignatius	14	7	7	0	— 28	Record: (14-1)

Coaches: Chuck Kyle (St. Ignatius); Doug Ramsey (Cincinnati Elder)

Division I: Fourth-ranked Cleveland St. Ignatius built a 21-0 lead and held on to top fifth-ranked Cincinnati Elder, 28-20, for the OHSAA Division I football state championship at Canton Fawcett Stadium.

St. Ignatius senior quarterback Andrew Holland completed 12-of-22 passes for 208 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Wildcats, who overcame a record-setting performance from Elder junior quarterback Mark Miller, who set Division I state championship game records with 399 yards passing and 27 completions.

The 10 state titles for St. Ignatius builds on its state record for most championships, which is now two more than the next school on the list (Newark Catholic with eight). The next Division I school on the list is Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller with seven titles.

St. Ignatius and Elder have now combined for 12 state championships since 1988, but it marked the first time they had met to decide the title. St. Ignatius' stretch of 21-consecutive years in the state playoffs is the longest in the state and its all-time postseason win total of 55 is the second-most (Newark Catholic, 62).

One play after Miller was shaken up, Elder backup quarterback Joe Hetzer's two-yard touchdown pass to junior Tim O'Connor with 1:22 left in the game brought the game to within one possession, but St. Ignatius recovered the ensuing onside kick and ran out the clock to end the game.

Miller was 27-for-50 in the game, which also marks a Division I state record for attempts, and his 399 yards is the fifth-most among all divisions in a state championship game. His favorite target was O'Connor, whose 15 receptions are a state record among all divisions and his 184 yards ranks seventh (fourth among Division I games).

Holland threw two of his three touchdown passes in the first quarter, both 21-yard tosses, to junior Brenden Carozzoni with 8:28 left and senior Connor Ryan with 25 seconds left. When senior Patrick Hinkel scored from two yards out with 8:56 left before halftime, the Wildcats were in control, up 21-0.

Scoring once in the second, third and fourth quarters, Elder tallied three of the next four touchdowns to get back in the game as Miller found O'Connor from nine yards out with 3:10 left in the second quarter and senior Josh Jones from 45 yards away with 6:07 left in the third.

Holland's 51-yard pass to Ryan with 17 seconds left in the third quarter marked St. Ignatius' final touchdown, putting the Wildcats up 28-13 before Elder's last score.

2008 DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

November 28, 2008 (at Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium)

Cincinnati Anderson	7	6	3	9	— 25	Record: (12-3)
Sylvania Southview	0	16	0	13	— 29	Record: (15-0)

Coaches: Jim Mayzes (Sylvania Southview); Jeff Giesting (Cincinnati Anderson)

Division II: Sylvania Southview senior quarterback Alex Pidcock accounted for all 80 yards on the game-winning drive, including a 16-yard touchdown pass to senior Paul Murphey with 32 seconds left, as the Cougars came from behind to beat defending state champion Cincinnati Anderson 29-25 in the Division II football state championship game at Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium.

The win gives the sixth-ranked Cougars their first state title and caps a perfect 15-0 season. Anderson, which began its postseason run unranked, ends its season 12-3.

Pidcock completed 23-of-30 passes for a Division II state championship record 333 yards. His favorite target, senior Shaun Joplin, caught eight passes for a Division II state championship record 166 yards and a touchdown.

Pidcock also rushed for 66 yards and a touchdown.

Southview intercepted an Anderson pass on its own 1-yard line with 6:19 to play and took a safety on fourth down with 4:44 left rather than risk a blocked punt in the end zone. Anderson looked to spoil the tactic when junior Kyle Slater scored on a 20-yard run – his third touchdown of the game – with 2:33 remaining to put the Redskins on top, 25-22.

But Pidcock led Southview 80 yards in 2:01 for the comeback win. Beginning at his own 20-yard, Pidcock completed a pair of 18-yard passes, ran twice for gains of eight and 14 yards, then passed for six more to advance the ball to Anderson's 16-yard line. Pidcock then eluded a diving defender, moved out of the pocket to his right and found Murphey open in the middle of the field and he scampered into the end zone untouched.

Anderson drove the ball into Cougar territory in the short time the Redskins had to work with, but a desperation heave on the final play was knocked down to end the game.

It was a back-and-forth game that saw 765 yards in total offense (300 for Anderson, 465 for Southview) and seven lead changes.

Southview scored on a Hail-Mary pass just before halftime when Pidcock connected with freshman Allen Gant on a 38-yard strike that tipped in the air off another Sylvania receiver and an Anderson defender. That gave the Cougars a 16-13 lead at the intermission, but Anderson tied the game on senior John Howard's 33-yard field goal with 8:18 left in the third quarter.

Slater rushed for 177 yards on 26 carries to go along with his three scores. Redskin senior quarterback Daniel Rod completed 7-of-12 passes for 80 yards.

2008 State Championships in Review, continued

2008 DIVISION III STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

November 29, 2008 (at Canton Fawcett Stadium)

Aurora	0	21	0	0	— 21	Record: (13-2)
Columbus Eastmoor Acad.	3	0	7	0	— 10	Record: (13-2)

Coaches: Bob Mihalik (Aurora); Jim Miranda (Columbus Eastmoor Academy)

Division III: Aurora scored touchdowns on all three of its second quarter possessions, two of which came off Eastmoor turnovers, and the Greenmen went on to win the OHSAA Division III football state championship 21-10 at Canton Fawcett Stadium.

It marks the first state championship for Aurora (13-2), which rebounded from a 1-2 start and beat defending state champion Sunbury Big Walnut in the state semifinals.

Aurora senior quarterback Brendan Gallagher was 7-of-15 passing for 120 yards and two touchdowns – a 49-yarder to senior Dee Brizzolara with 8:39 left in the second quarter and a 26-yarder to senior Steven Yung with 52 seconds left before halftime. Those two scoring strikes, coupled with a three-yard touchdown run by junior Eric Schultz, proved to be enough to send the Greenmen to the title.

Field position was controlled in large part by Aurora senior Andy Heacox, who punted five times for a 43.4 yard average and placed two punts inside the 20-yard line. He also kicked all three extra points and had seven tackles on defense.

Eastmoor (13-2) out-gained Aurora 297-191, had 17 first downs compared to 10 for Aurora, and averaged 5.0 yards per play, but a fumble and two interceptions halted potential scoring drives.

The Warriors kicked a 35-yard field goal on their first possession after intercepting an Aurora pass, but the Warriors did not score again until a 12 play, 93-yard drive in the third quarter. Eastmoor had the ball back twice, but could not produce points.

Aurora junior Eric Schultz led the Greenmen with eight tackles, a quarterback sack and an interception.

Eastmoor senior quarterback Malon Johnson completed 10-of-19 passes for 152 yards and a touchdown, a 30-yard pass to senior Alex Coleman. Coleman had 10 receptions, which set a Division III state finals record.

2008 DIVISION IV STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

November 28, 2008 (at Canton Fawcett Stadium)

Kettering Archbishop Alter	7	0	7	7	— 21	Record: (13-2)
Steubenville	0	0	0	6	— 6	Record: (14-1)

Coaches: Ed Domsitz (Kettering Archbishop Alter); Reno Saccoccia (Steubenville)

Division IV: Sixth-seeded Kettering Archbishop Alter built a 21-0 lead and went on to beat top-seeded Steubenville 21-6 in the OHSAA Division IV football state championship.

In winning its first state title, fifth-ranked Alter rushed for 303 yards in the game, which led to an 11-minute advantage in time of possession. It was a rematch of the 2006 Division III state championship game that saw Steubenville hold off Alter for a 34-33 victory and the Big Red's fourth state title.

Second-ranked Steubenville had a pair of 10-play drives in the first half, but came up empty both times. The Big Red had won their four previous playoff games by an average of 21.5 points, but on their first six possessions, they punted four times and turned the ball over twice – once on downs the other on an interception.

Alter, meanwhile, scored touchdowns to cap off drives of seven, eight and 10 plays behind a pair of 100-yard rushers – senior running back Chris Borland, who had 130 yards on 15 carries, and senior quarterback Austin Boucher, who had 111 yards on 19 carries.

Boucher completed 7-of-11 passes for 81 yards and an eight-yard touchdown to Borland with 4:54 left in the first quarter.

Steubenville junior quarterback Dwight Macon threw for 196 yards on 11-of-22 passing and also led the Big Red in rushing with 68 yards on 14 carries. His 33-yard touchdown pass to junior Trey Wiggins with 9:43 left in the game capped a five-play, 67 yard drive, but Steubenville lost the ball on downs to end its last possession.

Junior Connor Cummins and junior Tom Armstrong both had interceptions for Alter, while Borland posted a team-high six and a half tackles. Senior Philip Sowar had two tackles behind the line of scrimmage, including a 13-yard quarterback sack.

2008 State Championships in Review, continued

2008 DIVISION V STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

November 29, 2008 (at Massillon Paul Brown Stadium)

Findlay Liberty-Benton	0	0	0	0	—	0	Record: (14-1)
Youngstown Ursuline	0	0	7	14	—	21	Record: (15-0)

Coaches: Dan Reardon (Youngstown Ursuline); Tim Nichols (Findlay Liberty-Benton)

Division V: Top-ranked Youngstown Ursuline scored three second-half touchdowns, including two on interception returns in the final four minutes of the game, and shut out third-ranked Findlay Liberty-Benton 21-0 in the OHSAA football Division V state championship game at Massillon Paul Brown Tiger Stadium.

It marks the second state championship for Ursuline (15-0), which won its first state title in 2000. The Fighting Irish were the 2007 state runner-up, falling to Maria Stein Marion Local, 20-14.

Liberty-Benton (14-1) had scored at least 34 points in four previous playoff wins and had outscored opponents 649-36 throughout the season. The Eagles out-gained Ursuline 241-152 in total yardage and had 17 first downs compared to eight for Ursuline, but they threw four interceptions that were returned for a combined 178 yards, including touchdowns of 44 yards by senior Dale Peterman with 4:20 left to play and 40 yards by senior LaVance Turnage with 2:57 remaining.

Liberty-Benton junior quarterback Aaron Craft completed 18-of-27 passes for 157 yards, but Ursuline sacked him four times. Craft rushed 24 times and gained 79 yards, but sacks cost him 30 yards for a net gain of 49 yards.

Prior to Peterman's 44-yard interception return for a touchdown, he returned his first interception 40 yards and added four tackles. Sophomore Jeff Podolsky led the Fighting Irish with nine tackles and a sack, while junior Jamel Turner had seven and a half stops and one and a half sacks.

Following a scoreless first half, junior running back Allen Jones put Ursuline on the board a little over a minute into the third quarter with a 59-yard touchdown scamper.

2008 DIVISION VI STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

November 29, 2008 (at Massillon Paul Brown Stadium)

Bascom Hopewell-Loudon	14	0	0	0	—	14	Record: (14-1)
Delphos St. John's	7	14	6	7	—	34	Record: (13-2)

Coaches: Todd Shutle (Delphos St. John's); Brian Colatruglio (Bascom Hopewell-Loudon)

Division VI: Winning its fifth state football championship in five tries, Delphos St. John's scored the game's final 27 points and held the ball in the second half for all but four minutes and 26 seconds to top previously undefeated Bascom Hopewell-Loudon, 34-14.

The Blue Jays finished the season 13-2 and their two losses during the regular season were both to defending state champions in their own Midwest Athletic Conference (Marion Local and Coldwater).

The state runner-up in 2007, Hopewell-Loudon (14-1) scored a pair of touchdowns in the first quarter, but had only three possessions in the second half and turned the ball over to St. John's each time with a pair of interceptions and a fumble.

St. John's took control to start the second half with an eight play, 77-yard drive that took 8:49 off the clock, capped by a six-yard touchdown run by sophomore Jordan Leininger. The Blue Jays kept the ball for 19:34 of the final 24 minutes in the game.

Overall, St. John's held the ball for 32:11 and gained 389 yards, including 299 on the ground. Junior quarterback Wes Ulm ran for 198 yards on 24 carries and a touchdown, a 26-yarder to tie the game at 14-14 with 7:16 left in the first half. Two of his three completions in the game went for touchdowns, including a 26-yarder to senior Jay Leininger with 50 seconds left before halftime to give the Blue Jays their first lead.

Leininger scored three touchdowns for St. John's – a nine-yard run in the first quarter, a six-yard run in the third quarter and a 53-yard pass in the fourth quarter from Ulm.

St. John's sophomore AJ Klausing and senior Brad Hoffman both had interceptions.

Hopewell-Loudon, which averaged 42 points in its four previous playoff games, was held to 238 total yards. The Chieftains, have only two losses the last two seasons, both of which came in the state championship game.

Senior Jay Yost had eight catches for 105 yards and a touchdown for Hopewell-Loudon.

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Division I	Record	Region		Year In Tournament	Last Appearance	All-Time Tournament Record	State Championships (Last)
		Region	Finsh				
Cleveland St. Ignatius	10-0	1	1	22nd	2008	55-11	10 (2008)
Solon	10-0	1	2	15th	2007	16-14	
Mayfield	9-1	1	3	7th	2008	8-6	
North Royalton	9-1	1	4	2nd	2008	0-1	
Cleveland Glenville Academic	9-1	1	5	10th	2008	10-9	
Parma	7-2	1	6	1st			
Euclid	6-4	1	7	14th	2008	2-13	
Youngstown Boardman	7-3	1	8	7th	2007	6-6	
Toledo Whitmer	9-1	2	1	11th	2007	9-10	
Twinsburg	9-1	2	2	6th	2008	2-5	
Massillon Washington	7-3	2	3	18th	2008	22-17	
Canton Glenoak	8-2	2	4	6th	2008	3-5	
Wadsworth	9-1	2	5	6th	2007	4-5	
North Canton Hoover	7-3	2	6	17th	2008	14-16	
Brunswick	7-3	2	7	13th	2008	14-12	
Canton McKinley	6-4	2	8	18th	2008	31-14	3 (1998)
Dublin Coffman	10-0	3	1	9th	2007	12-7	
Hilliard Davidson	8-1	3	2	10th	2008	17-8	1 (2006)
Pickerington Central	9-1	3	3	10th	2008	16-9	
Westerville South	9-1	3	4	8th	2006	6-7	
Powell Olentangy Liberty	7-3	3	5	6th	2008	2-5	
Pickerington North	7-3	3	6	1st			
Lancaster	6-4	3	7	9th	2007	3-7	
Springfield	6-4	3	8	1st			
Cincinnati St. Xavier	8-2	4	1	16th	2007	27-13	2 (2007)
Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller	9-1	4	2	28th	2008	34-20	7 (1985)
Cincinnati Anderson	10-0	4	3	10th	2008	10-8	1 (2007)
Cincinnati Elder	7-2	4	4	14th	2008	24-10	2 (2003)
Huber Heights Wayne	7-3	4	5	13th	2008	8-12	
West Chester Lakota West	9-1	4	6	4th	2006	2-2	
Middletown	9-1	4	7	4th	1990	3-3	
Centerville	8-2	4	8	11th	2008	8-10	

Division II	Record	Region		Year In Tournament	Last Appearance	All-Time Tournament Record	State Championships (Last)
		Region	Finsh				
Mentor Lake Catholic	9-1	5	1	17th	2007	28-13	3 (2001)
Warren Howland	9-1	5	2	7th	2008	4-6	
Ashland	9-1	5	3	5th	2007	5-4	
Canfield	9-1	5	4	8th	2007	8-7	
Aurora	8-2	5	5	7th	2008	10-5	1 (2008)
Chesterland West Geauga	9-1	5	6	5th	2003	1-4	
Medina Highland	6-4	5	7	4th	2008	4-3	
Ravenna	8-2	5	8	3rd	2008	0-3	
Toledo St. Francis DeSales	9-1	6	1	13th	2004	15-10	2 (2001)
Toledo Central Catholic	8-2	6	2	11th	2008	7-9	1 (2005)
Toledo Rogers	9-1	6	3	3rd	2005	0-2	
Maumee	9-1	6	4	7th	2004	2-6	
Avon Lake	7-3	6	5	15th	2008	20-13	1 (2003)
Maple Heights	8-2	6	6	7th	2006	2-6	
Rocky River	7-3	6	7	3rd	2007	1-2	
North Ridgeville	8-2	6	8	1st			
Louisville	10-0	7	1	13th	2008	13-12	
Logan	10-0	7	2	8th	2008	3-7	
Columbus Brookhaven	8-2	7	3	13th	2008	15-11	1 (2004)
Lewis Center Olentangy Orange	8-2	7	4	1st			
Dresden Tri-Valley	9-1	7	5	3rd	2007	1-2	
Columbus Walnut Ridge	8-2	7	6	5th	2003	2-4	
Canal Winchester	8-2	7	7	5th	2008	1-4	
Columbus Marion-Franklin	8-2	7	8	6th	2008	1-5	
Cincinnati Turpin	10-0	8	1	5th	2008	5-4	
Cincinnati Winton Woods	8-2	8	2	6th	2008	2-5	
New Carlisle Tecumseh	9-1	8	3	5th	2008	4-4	
Trotwood-Madison	7-3	8	4	5th	2007	3-4	
Cincinnati Mount Healthy	7-3	8	5	6th	2005	0-5	
West Carrollton	8-2	8	6	2nd	2005	1-1	
Hamilton Ross	6-4	8	7	5th	2001	0-4	
Wilmington	7-3	8	8	3rd	2005	0-2	

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Division III	Record	Region		Year In	Last	All-Time	State
		Region	Finish	Tournament	Appearance	Tournament Record	Championships (Last)
Youngstown Cardinal Mooney	10-0	9	1	23rd	2008	44-16	6 (2006)
Poland Seminary	8-2	9	2	9th	2008	10-7	1 (1999)
Akron Archbishop Hoban	7-3	9	3	10th	2008	13-9	
Hubbard	9-1	9	4	9th	2008	5-8	
Medina Buckeye	8-2	9	5	4th	2005	0-3	
Parma Padua Franciscan	7-3	9	6	7th	2008	2-6	
Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary	6-4	9	7	14th	2007	21-9	4 (1988)
Mogadore Field	8-2	9	8	3rd	2008	0-2	
Columbus St. Francis DeSales	7-3	10	1	20th	2008	43-16	3 (1998)
Columbus Bishop Watterson	7-3	10	2	20th	2008	32-18	1 (2002)
Napoleon	8-2	10	3	9th	2007	3-8	
Sandusky Perkins	9-1	10	4	6th	2006	6-4	1 (1999)
Tipp City Tippecanoe	8-2	10	5	6th	2008	1-5	
Columbus Eastmoor Academy	8-2	10	6	7th	2008	5-6	
Bellefontaine	8-2	10	7	8th	2007	3-7	
Bryan	8-2	10	8	1st			
Steubenville	9-1	11	1	22nd	2008	42-18	3 (2006)
Dover	9-1	11	2	13th	2008	6-12	
Rayland Buckeye Local	8-2	11	3	7th	2008	3-6	
Granville	9-1	11	4	4th	2008	0-3	
Salem	8-2	11	5	1st			
Canal Fulton Northwest	7-3	11	6	9th	2008	8-8	
Cadiz Harrison Central	8-2	11	7	4th	1997	4-3	
Alliance Marlinton	8-2	11	8	3rd	2001	0-2	
Goshen	8-2	12	1	4th	2007	0-3	
Cincinnati Wyoming	10-0	12	2	17th	2007	11-15	1 (1977)
Dayton Chaminade-Julienne	8-2	12	3	11th	2005	15-9	1 (2002)
Circleville Logan Elm	8-2	12	4	5th	2008	2-4	
New Richmond	9-1	12	5	4th	2001	3-3	
Monroe	8-2	12	6	8th	2007	10-7	
Eaton	8-2	12	7	6th	2007	1-5	
Springfield Shawnee	7-3	12	8	3rd	2005	2-2	

Division IV	Record	Region		Year In	Last	All-Time	State
		Region	Finish	Tournament	Appearance	Tournament Record	Championships (Last)
Chagrin Falls	10-0	13	1	7th	2008	4-6	
Girard	10-0	13	2	5th	2002	4-4	
Martins Ferry	7-2	13	3	9th	2008	7-8	
Akron Manchester	9-1	13	4	17th	2005	10-16	
Cortland Lakeview	7-3	13	5	5th	2007	3-4	
Peninsula Woodridge	8-2	13	6	1st			
Cuy. Falls Cuya. Valley Christian Acad.	7-3	13	7	6th	2008	0-5	
Campbell Memorial	7-3	13	8	7th	1999	6-6	
Galion	10-0	14	1	4th	1989	4-2	1 (1985)
Genoa Area	10-0	14	2	3rd	2008	4-2	
Orrville	7-3	14	3	20th	2006	23-18	1 (1998)
Wooster Triway	8-2	14	4	4th	2008	2-3	
Ottawa-Glandorf	8-2	14	5	8th	2008	6-7	
Bellville Clear Fork	7-3	14	6	11th	2006	3-10	
Milan Edison	8-2	14	7	2nd	2003	0-1	
Pemberville Eastwood	8-2	14	8	6th	2008	4-5	
Amanda-Clearcreek	10-0	15	1	16th	2006	32-13	
Ironton	8-2	15	2	27th	2008	38-24	2 (1989)
Heath	8-2	15	3	2nd	1990	1-1	
Zanesville West Muskingum	9-1	15	4	4th	2005	0-3	
Coshocton	8-2	15	5	11th	2008	6-10	
Chillicothe Zane Trace	8-2	15	6	4th	2005	0-3	
Sparta Highland	8-2	15	7	5th	2008	1-4	
Albany Alexander	7-3	15	8	1st			
Clarksville Clinton-Massie	10-0	16	1	9th	2008	6-8	
Kettering Archbishop Alter	10-0	16	2	15th	2008	22-13	1 (2008)
Cincinnati North College Hill	10-0	16	3	4th	2008	2-3	
Kenton	9-1	16	4	7th	2005	15-4	2 (2002)
Germantown Valley View	7-3	16	5	16th	2008	30-12	3 (1997)
Carlisle	8-2	16	6	5th	2004	0-4	
Plain City Jonathon Alder	7-3	16	7	11th	2008	8-10	
Waynesville	8-2	16	8	5th	2008	1-4	

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Division V	Region			Year In	Last	All-Time	State
	Record	Region	Finsh	Tournament	Appearance	Tournament Record	Championships (Last)
Cuyahoga Heights	10-0	17	1	13th	2008	10-12	
Columbiana Crestview	9-1	17	2	8th	2008	3-7	
Youngstown Ursuline	6-3	17	3	15th	2008	24-12	2 (2008)
Independence	9-1	17	4	9th	2003	6-8	
Gates Mills Hawken	8-2	17	5	8th	2001	9-7	
Garfield Heights Trinity	7-3	17	6	5th	2006	3-3	1 (1980)
East Palestine	7-3	17	7	2nd	2002	1-1	
Apple Creek Waynedale	7-3	17	8	9th	2007	9-8	
Hamler Patrick Henry	10-0	18	1	12th	2008	16-10	1 (2005)
Defiance Tinora	9-1	18	2	7th	2007	2-6	
Lima Central Catholic	8-2	18	3	6th	2007	5-5	
Ashland Crestview	9-1	18	4	5th	2008	0-4	
Jeromesville Hillsdale	8-2	18	5	1st			
Hicksville	9-1	18	6	3rd	2004	3-2	
Sherwood Fairview	7-3	18	7	7th	2008	2-6	
Northwood	7-3	18	8	5th	2004	1-4	
Fredericktown	10-0	19	1	5th	2007	4-4	
Oak Hill	10-0	19	2	1st			
Minford	8-2	19	3	6th	2008	2-5	
Woodsfield Monroe Central	9-1	19	4	5th	2003	5-4	
Wheelersburg	8-2	19	5	22nd	2008	19-20	1 (1989)
West Lafayette Ridgewood	10-0	19	6	7th	2008	1-6	
Coal Grove Dawson-Bryant	9-1	19	7	8th	1996	5-7	
Caldwell	8-2	19	8	6th	2008	0-5	
Richwood North Union	10-0	20	1	1st			
Coldwater	9-1	20	2	15th	2008	33-12	2 (2007)
Columbus Bishop Ready	8-1	20	3	11th	2008	11-9	1 (1983)
West Liberty-Salem	10-0	20	4	5th	2008	2-4	
West Jefferson	9-1	20	5	15th	2008	12-12	2 (1982)
Anna	8-2	20	6	8th	2008	1-7	
Hamilton Badin	7-3	20	7	18th	2008	18-16	1 (1990)
St. Henry	7-3	20	8	14th	2006	39-7	6 (2006)

Division VI	Region			Year In	Last	All-Time	State
	Record	Region	Finsh	Tournament	Appearance	Tournament Record	Championships (Last)
McDonald	10-0	21	1	12th	2008	10-11	
Norwalk St. Paul	10-0	21	2	13th	2008	23-12	
Mogadore	9-1	21	3	23rd	2008	42-19	3 (2002)
Bucyrus Wynford	10-0	21	4	9th	2008	3-8	
Dalton	7-3	21	5	9th	2005	5-8	
Warren John F. Kennedy	7-3	21	6	18th	2007	26-16	1 (1991)
Berlin Center Western Reserve	9-1	21	7	4th	2008	2-3	
Bascom Hopewell-Loudon	8-2	21	8	9th	2008	14-8	
Delphos St. John's	10-0	22	1	12th	2008	35-6	5 (2008)
Ada	10-0	22	2	5th	2008	5-4	
Carey	9-1	22	3	9th	2008	6-7	1 (1975)
Leipsic	9-1	22	4	2nd	1994	1-1	
Fremont St. Joseph Cen. Cath.	9-1	22	5	10th	1997	5-9	
Columbus Grove	7-3	22	6	11th	2006	15-9	1 (2003)
Rawson Cory-Rawson	7-3	22	7	3rd	2003	3-2	
Arlington	7-3	22	8	3rd	2008	2-2	
Malvern	9-1	23	1	6th	2008	3-5	
Columbiana	8-2	23	2	8th	2008	5-7	
Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans	8-2	23	3	4th	2008	0-3	
Bridgeport	9-1	23	4	3rd	2008	1-2	
New Phila. Tuscarawas Cen. Cath.	7-3	23	5	3rd	1993	0-2	
Grove City Christian	9-1	23	6	1st			
Shadyside	5-5	23	7	11th	2008	18-10	
Willow Wood Symmes Valley	8-2	23	8	7th	2005	2-6	
Ansonia	10-0	24	1	4th	2008	3-3	
Lockland	9-1	24	2	5th	2008	0-4	
Waynesfield-Goshen	9-1	24	3	4th	2007	0-3	
Sidney Lehman Catholic	7-3	24	4	10th	2008	11-9	
Maria Stein Marion Local	5-5	24	5	12th	2008	34-7	4 (2007)
S. Charleston Southeastern Local	8-2	24	6	5th	2002	2-4	
Fort Loramie	8-2	24	7	1st			
Covington	7-3	24	8	14th	2008	9-13	