



# Bryan staying focused on Swanton with Wauseon showdown looming



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Bryan has a huge Week 10 football showdown with Wauseon looming next week.

But the Golden Bears know they have to focus on taking care of business on Friday against winless Swanton first.

“We know we’ve got to go week by week,” Bryan running back Korbin Shepherd said. “We know the last week, Week 10, is a little more there, a little more important but we know we’ve still got to get this job done before we can even start worrying about next week.”

Bryan (4-4 overall, 2-3 Northwest Ohio Athletic League) is still in the hunt for a playoff berth. The Golden Bears are ranked 18th in the latest OHSAA weekly computer ratings in Division IV, Region 14.

Bryan will likely need to win its final two games to finish in the top 16 in Region 14 and qualify for the postseason.

The Golden Bears host Swanton (0-8, 0-5 NWOAL) in their final home game of the season Friday and travel to Wauseon (6-2, 4-1 NWOAL) on Oct. 22 for a game with enormous playoff implications. The Indians are No. 11 in Region 14 and host unbeaten Archbold (8-0, 5-0 NWOAL) on Friday.

“Swanton’s a good enough team that if you don’t show up, they can make a run at you. Their record, yeah, is 0-for but they played all the best teams in the NWOAL,” Bryan coach Grant Redhead said. “They haven’t had anybody that has a bad record.”



Photo by Michael Burwell

Bryan’s Ayden Pelz (35), Mikey Wolff (24) and Maddox Langenderfer (12) combine to tackle Evergreen’s Riley Dunbar during Friday’s Northwest Ohio Athletic League football game at Golden Bear Stadium.

Swanton has played each of the top teams in the NWOAL. The Bulldogs have been outscored 249-14 in NWOAL play and 377-34 overall; only one team on their schedule currently has a losing record.

Bryan, which is coming off a solid 45-14 win over Evergreen on Friday, is hoping to keep building momentum for a late-season push.

“We’re really trying to perfect our game up for next week and hopefully a playoff run,” Shepherd said. “We’re trying to get that perfected, get everything down straight.”

Offensively, Shepherd has had a busy workload in the Golden Bears’ backfield.

The 5-foot-7, 174-pound senior has rushed for 988 yards (123.5 per game) and 18 touchdowns on 213 carries (26.6 per game). He has surpassed 100 yards in five games, recorded multiple touchdowns in six and found the end zone at least once in every contest.

“I still feel pretty good,” Shepherd said. “We’ve



Photo by Michael Burwell

Bryan’s Sam Herold (right) breaks the tackle attempt of Evergreen’s Colton Robertson (middle) as the Vikings’ Hunter Vaculik tries to catch up during Friday’s Northwest Ohio Athletic League football game at Golden Bear Stadium.



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Bryan football coach Grant Redhead talks to his team after the Golden Bears beat Evergreen 45-14 in Friday’s game at Golden Bear Stadium.

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## Week 9 Glance

**EDON**

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**LAKOTA**

Edon’s football team will face another stern nonleague test Friday when the Bombers (7-1) make the 100-mile trek to Kansas, Ohio, to face Lakota (6-2). Both teams have four straight wins. Edon, No. 2 in the latest Division VII, Region 26 computer ratings, averages 46.1 points per game; Lakota, ninth in Division V, Region 18, is averaging 36. Edon’s Drew Gallehue has thrown for 3,124 yards, 42 TDs and 4 INTs so far this season, while Gannon Ripke has 62 catches for 1,050 yards and 13 TDs in Edon’s high-powered passing attack.

**EDGERTON**

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**ANTWERP**

Edgerton, ranked No. 20 in the Division VII, Region 26 computer ratings, has another solid chance at picking up a much-needed win for a playoff push when the Bulldogs travel to Green Meadows Conference foe Antwerp on Friday. A win over Antwerp (6-2, 4-1 GMC) would go a long way for Edgerton (4-4, 2-2 GMC), whose four wins have come against teams with a combined 1-28 record. Antwerp, which had just two total wins in the 2019-20 seasons, has lost 12 straight games to Edgerton; the Archers’ last win came in 2007.

**FAIRVIEW**

at

**AYERSVILLE**

Another area Green Meadows Conference team trying to solidify its playoff status takes the field at Ayersville on Friday as Fairview (3-5, 3-2 GMC) battles the Pilots (4-3, 2-2). Fairview is clinging to the No. 15 spot in Division VI, Region 22 (top 16 in each region after Week 10 qualify for playoffs). Ayersville is No. 7 in Region 26 and is looking to secure a home game for the playoffs. Fairview has won the last four meetings after Ayersville took four in a row from 2013-16.

**MARGARETTA**

at

**MONTPELIER**

Two teams looking for their first win of the season square off in Montpelier at noon Saturday as the Locomotives (0-6) host Margaretta (0-7). Margaretta, located more than 100 miles west of Montpelier in Castalia, had a pair of single-digit losses in its first four games before losing the last three by a 120-13 margin. Montpelier has lost its last two by a 84-18 margin to Northwood and Ottawa Hills after an 18-12 defeat to Fremont St. Joseph in Week 6.

**HILLTOP**

at

**CARDINAL STRITCH**

Hilltop will return to the gridiron Friday night when the Cadets take on Cardinal Stritch in a Toledo Area Athletic Conference game at Oregon Clay High School. Hilltop (0-7, 0-3 TAAC) had to cancel Friday’s Week 8 game at home vs. Lucas due to coronavirus-related reasons. Cardinal Stritch (4-2, 1-1 TAAC) is coming off a 43-28 loss to Edon. Hilltop and Cardinal Stritch have split the last 10 matchups, but the Cardinals have won the last three.

**STRYKER**

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**BRITTON DEERFIELD**

Stryker will head to Michigan for its final road game of the season when the Panthers (1-4) take on Britton Deerfield on Friday. Stryker, which is coming off a 42-14 loss to Toledo Christian on Saturday, will look to end a four-game losing skid. Britton Deerfield, though, has outscored its opponents 353-44 so far this season en route to going 7-0. The Patriots have surpassed 60 points in four games.

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# Bassett, Grothaus returning to state

*Bryan doubles duo earn historic milestone at Division II districts in Port Clinton*



Photo by Michael Burwell

Bryan's Reese Grothaus hits a shot during the Golden Bears' girls tennis match against Elida on Sept. 28 at Bryan High School.



Photo by Jonathan LeBlanc

Bryan's Emilee Bassett reaches to hit a shot during the Golden Bears' Ohio Tennis Coaches Association team tournament match against Toledo Central Catholic on Monday at Bryan High School.

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PORT CLINTON — A pair of dominating wins helped Bryan senior Emilee Bassett and junior Reese Grothaus reach a historic milestone on Wednesday. The Golden Bears' doubles duo became the first two-time state qualifiers in Bryan girls tennis history after cruising to straight-set victories on the first day of the Division II district tournament at Port Clinton High School. "I think they are thrilled to just have the opportunity to go back to state," Bryan coach Mitchell Owens said.

"This year, they came in and people knew who they were, so they couldn't kind of sneak under the radar. "I thought they played excellent tennis all day. Last year, they got in with a second-set tiebreaker and a third set total win to get into state, and this year they took care of things in straight sets and looked really good doing it too." The top four singles players and top four doubles teams advanced to Saturday's district semifinals at Port Clinton, as well as the OHSAA Division II state tournament on Oct. 22-23 at Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason.

Bassett and Grothaus, who were fourth in the district doubles tournament at Port Clinton a year ago to earn a state berth, joined Bryan senior Jay Fortner as the only tennis players in Bryan history to reach multiple state tournaments. Fortner qualified for the OHSAA Division II boys state tournament in singles play earlier this year and as a freshman in 2019. Bassett and Grothaus, who were the No. 2 seed from the Ottawa Hills sectional, knocked off Lexington's Kylie Diehl and Evie Hostetler 6-2, 6-2 in their opening match Wednesday. The Golden Bears' standouts toppled the No. 1 seed from the Port Clinton sectional, Norwalk's Dezi Hernandez and Megan Miller, 6-3, 6-0 to earn a second trip to state. "It's very impressive and they're not playing nobodies. They're playing Lexington and they're playing Norwalk, the No. 1 seed, and they're knocking those type of teams off," Owens said. "They've improved a lot and we talked about that a little bit today. They both improved the weaker portions of their game and I think what that does is it raises the entire level of the team.

"They both bring very unique aspects of the game to their team. Reese is obviously just a monster at the net and Emilee can just play the backcourt (well). The challenge to both of them coming into the season was you need to elevate the part that your partner's good at and the other one needs to do the same so that you have more stability and you're just tougher to beat. "They've done that. Emilee played some great net today and Reese was just solid in the

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# Bryan seeking strong finish in D-II state golf tourney

*Golden Bears start two-day event Friday at NorthStar Golf Club in Sunbury*



Photo by Michael Burwell

Bryan's Colin Shirkey (left) follows through on his tee shot on the par 4 No. 16 hole during the Northwest Ohio Athletic League Tournament on Sept. 24 at Auglaize Golf Club in Defiance.

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Bryan's boys golf team is hoping to make a little noise in its first state tournament appearance in nearly a decade. The Golden Bears, who are brimming with confidence after winning each of their last three tournaments, will

compete in the OHSAA Division II state tournament on Friday and Saturday at NorthStar Golf Club in Sunbury. "I think our kids are really focused and I think hopefully have set a goal, we want to finish in the top half," Bryan coach Todd Grosjean said. "You never know what can happen with conditions. "I like our chances, our kids are playing pretty well. Ball striking's been really good, off the tee especially, and it's going to boil down to who can make putts." Bryan, which has a rich golf tradition, will be making its 15th appearance as a team in the state tournament and first since 2012 (Case Hartman qualified as an individual in 2019). The Golden Bears have posted seven top-six finishes, including runner-up showings in 1974 (Class AA), 1995 and 1996. Bryan made four appearances from 2008-12, with its best showing coming in 2009 (sixth at NorthStar with a 651). The Golden Bears finished 10th in 2011 and

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Photo by Michael Burwell

Bryan's Carter Brown chips the ball on the par 4 No. 16 hole during the Northwest Ohio Athletic League Tournament on Sept. 24 at Auglaize Golf Club in Defiance.



Photo by Michael Burwell

Bryan's Nathan Hess putts the ball on the par 4 No. 16 hole during the Northwest Ohio Athletic League Tournament on Sept. 24 at Auglaize Golf Club in Defiance.

*Dual fall sport athletes Brown, Hess enjoying exciting stretch for Golden Bears*

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Carter Brown and Nathan Hess have had an exhausting fall sports season. But the Bryan seniors still have plenty left in the tank for one last golf tournament on Ohio's biggest stage. Brown, who plays golf and football for the Golden Bears, and Hess, a key member of the golf and soccer teams, will

tee it up at NorthStar Golf Club in Sunbury this weekend as Bryan competes in the OHSAA Division II state boys golf tournament. "It's crazy," Brown said. "Especially going into golf season, we didn't really know that we really had much of a chance of doing what we're doing right now, and I really didn't think I had much of a chance at

really competing at that level, and I guess I do. "It's really cool, it's an amazing experience." Bryan, which is competing in its first state tournament since 2012 and 15th overall, will join 11 other teams and 12 individuals for the two-day event. The opening round will be Friday and the final round Saturday.

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Dual

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Brown and Hess have been key components of a Golden Bears' golf team that has won the Northwest Ohio Athletic League title, Division II sectional championship and Division II district crown in the last three weeks.

Juggling two sports, school work and other activities has been an exciting challenge for them.

"It's been a lot to balance so far with school work and soccer obviously, but it's a lot of fun though," Hess said.

Added Brown: "I have

fun doing it. They're both great sports and I love playing them both. It gets a little stressful at times, but I've dealt with that so it's fine."

Constant communication with coaches and Bryan athletic director Chad Savage has been key for Brown and Hess. Although they have to miss some practices and games in one sport to compete in the other, they have been able to make nearly every big event.

Brown's 91 at the NWOAL tournament at Auglaize Golf Club on Sept. 24 helped the Golden Bears win with

a 337 total. Later that day, he put on the pads to compete in Bryan's football game at Patrick Henry.

Hess, meanwhile, fired an 82 at Catawba Island Club in Port Clinton in the Division II district tournament on Oct. 7. He made it back to Recreation Park in Bryan that night to play in the Golden Bears' soccer match against Swanton.

He even scored a goal in Bryan's 11-3 victory.

Finding time to work on their golf game has been a struggle at different points throughout the season – Brown did not play in the practice

round at Catawba Island Club before districts – but it has still helped the Golden Bears earn a state berth.

"I golf when I can, which isn't very much but I guess it's been enough because I've been playing decent," Brown said.

"On the days I've missed, I've just kind of tried to do as much as I can and not overstress myself on the school work," Hess said. "And then soccer, my coach (Luke Collins) is really lenient with all of that so it's really nice."

Hess will have to miss Bryan's soccer match-

es against Pettisville on Thursday and Napoleon on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Brown's hectic schedule this week includes going down with the golf team Thursday morning for a practice round at NorthStar. He will play in the opening round Friday morning and early afternoon – Bryan starts on hole No. 1 at 9:50 a.m. – and make the 150-mile trip with his parents back to Bryan to play in the Golden Bears' NWOAL football game against Swanton at 7 p.m. at Golden Bear Stadium.

After the football game, Brown will head

back to Sunbury to rest for Saturday's final round.

"I'd be interested to see how many other schools have kids that have dual-sport athletes at the state level," Bryan golf coach Todd Grosjean said. "That's a credit to them and it takes a lot of discipline and balance."

"They're both very good students in the classroom, they work really hard at school... It just says a lot about them and their families that they can balance all of this and still be focused and still contribute."

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Members of Bryan's state qualifying golf team are (from left) coach Todd Grosjean, Noah Huard, Drew Dauber, Carter Brown, Nathan Hess, Colin Shirkey and Brayden Hall.

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Focus

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just got to keep going. I can’t stop now obviously, so there’s no point in trying to or at least feeling tired, so you’ve just got to push that behind and just keep going.”

His six-touchdown performance in a 49-0 win at Maumee on Aug. 27 tied a school record for most in a game, and he is nearing another record as well. A big performance on Friday could help Shepherd surpass Tim Newell’s school mark for most carries in a season of 244 in 1997.

Bryan junior quarterback Dylan Dominique (6-1, 185) is coming off his best performance in four games this season after throwing for three touchdowns and no interceptions against Evergreen. For the year, Dominique is 36-of-64 passing for 471 yards, three touchdowns and four interceptions.

Sam Herold, a 5-11, 190-pound sophomore for Bryan, hauled in two touchdowns a week ago and racked up 130 yards on six receptions. For the season, he has 23 catches for 353 yards and five touchdowns.

Senior Trenton Wolfe leads the team with 29 catches for 413 yards and has four touchdowns; Craig Jackson has 16 catches for 135 yards and one score; and Logan Moss has added 14 catches for 167 yards and a touchdown for the Golden Bears.

Redhead said improving defensively and limiting big plays in the passing game will be one of the Golden Bears’ big focal points going forward.

“We’ve got to get better and not allow those big passes like we did last week. We’ll have some different people in the secondary and hopefully we can get that to where it’s not our Achilles’ heel anymore,” Redhead said. “... We’ve got to fix some problems and make sure we don’t let people complete the passes because if we do get past this week, next week and go 6-4, then we’re going to need that to be successful in the playoffs.”

Browns missing key players preparing for Cardinals

By TOM WITHERS  
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BEREA — Keeping slippery Arizona quarterback Kyler Murray under control is a difficult challenge for any defense — even in the best of circumstances.

The Browns aren’t at their best right now. Cleveland had an all-star roster of injured players not practicing Wednesday as it began preparing for Murray and the unbeaten Cardinals (5-0).

NFL sacks leader Myles Garrett, defensive end Jadeveon Clowney and running backs Nick Chubb and Kareem Hunt were among

a group of key Cleveland players kept off the field because of injuries. Coach Kevin Stefanski didn’t rule anyone out, but the Browns are missing vital pieces on both sides of the line.

“I don’t think we’re being cautious with any of our guys, I just think we’re trying to be smart about it,” Stefanski said.

In addition to Garrett and Clowney, end Takk McKinley and linebacker Malcolm Smith were missing from a defense that was shredded for 493 yards last week and gave up 26 points in the fourth quarter.

Garrett, who has seven sacks and been dominant

all season, has been dealing with knee and ankle issues for weeks. The 2020 All-Pro end sat out two practices a week ago, but he played in Sunday’s 47-42 loss to the Los Angeles Chargers.

Clowney, who has a long history of injuries and underwent knee surgery last year, was already dealing with an elbow injury and missed Sunday’s game after his knee stiffened during pregame warmups. Stefanski was asked if Clowney’s knee could be an issue before every game.

“I hope not,” he said. “Obviously he has an injury history there, but that’s just

with any of our guys. When they work out pregame and they are feeling something, you’ve got to go with what they’re feeling. And he didn’t feel like he could go.”

Murray is off to an MVP-level start this season, and the Browns can’t afford to be without Garrett and Clowney to pressure him.

“Everybody is talking about it, the quickness,” linebacker Anthony Walker Jr. said when asked how Murray stresses a defense. “His ability to get from point A to point B, it will be tough to stop, but we are up to the

challenge.” Chubb rushed for 161 yards on Sunday and he and Hunt are the engines behind the league’s most potent running attack. Chubb’s dealing with a calf issue while Hunt, his sidekick, has wrist and knee problems.

The Browns have bigger concerns up front.

Starting right tackle Jack Conklin is sidelined with a knee injury while left tackle Jedrick Wills Jr. returned to practice after missing Sunday’s game with a nagging ankle sprain — only to drop out in the early portion open to media members.

State

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backcourt. So I think all of that just contributes to the fact that they were able to make a statement today and win pretty handily.”

Bryan senior Kaitlyn Posey, competing in the singles bracket, knocked off Vermilion’s Sophia Flemister 6-4, 6-3 in her opening match. Flemister was the top seed from the Port Clinton sectional.

Posey, though, fell to Lima Central Catholic’s Libby Simmons 6-2, 6-1 in the quarterfinals.

“She put a lot of effort

into overcoming that first match and playing a No. 1 seed and trying to knock her off. I think a lot of emotional effort and physical effort went into that,” Owens said. “We were familiar with the Lima Central Catholic girl. We’ve seen her twice this year; we saw her during a dual match, we saw her at the (Northern Buckeye Tennis League) tournament and then we saw her today. I think she’s elevated her game throughout the entire year.

“She looked really good, and Kaitlyn played well. They were going to deuce,

they were battling, she was going to get over the hump. But she had a terrific tournament, sectionals through district and then to get by that first round, overcoming a No. 1 seed, she played very well today.”

Bryan seniors Brooke Taylor and Haylee Wheeler fell to the No. 1 seed from the Shelby sectional, Edison’s Torri Keyser and Alli Vogus, 6-2, 6-2 in their opening match.

Despite having their individual tournament runs end on Wednesday, Posey, Taylor and Wheeler will be big parts of the Golden Bears’

team when they compete at Shelby on Tuesday in the Division II Northwest District final of the Ohio Tennis Coaches Association team tournament. Bryan can earn its first state team tournament berth since 1997 with a victory.

“I think it’s motivated them even more because this is their chance to get where they wanted to go,” Owens said. “I see that they’re very focused and the intensity is still there, and they’re ready to go. They’re like, ‘Hey, we’re practicing tomorrow coach?’ Yep, we’re practicing. All right.

They’re not putting away the tennis racquets; they’re ready to keep going.”

Keyser and Vogus, Toledo Central Catholic’s Bella and Lucia Spinazze and Lima Bath’s Elena Oliver and Anne Oliver each advanced to the district doubles semifinals. Bassett and Grothaus will square off against the Olivers in their first match Saturday.

Simmons, Lexington’s Gracie Pfeiffer and Ottawa Hills’ Lorelei Huber and Catherine Rhegness each reached the district singles semifinals to advance to state.

Start

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2012, and were seventh in 2008.

Bryan’s recent stretch this season has been impressive.

The Golden Bears won their first Division II district title since 2011 after firing a 335 at Catawba Island Club in Port Clinton on Oct. 7. A week prior, Bryan torched Moose Landing Golf Club in Kalida with a 324 to win its first Division II sectional title since 2009.

On Sept. 24, the Golden Bears earned their third straight Northwest Ohio Athletic League title after shooting a 337 to win the conference tournament crown at

Auglaize Golf Club in Defiance.

“They should be confident,” Grosjean said. “They’ve played with some very good teams. They played, in my opinion, one of the toughest district courses that I’ve seen since I’ve been coaching. But I think our kids, they set the bar pretty high.

“I know at the beginning of the season we were disappointed last year. We were very close to making it out last year (fourth at districts, top two advance) and getting to Columbus... The program is on an upswing right now and hopefully we can carry it over to Columbus and make some

noise down there.”

Bryan has been led by sophomore Noah Huard, who has rounds of 78, 77 and 76 each of the last three weeks. He finished second in each tournament.

Junior Drew Dauber has posted an 81.7 average the last three weeks. Seniors Nathan Hess (83.3), Carter Brown (90) and Colin Shirkey (93.7) have also been solid during that span.

“It’s obviously really exciting,” Shirkey said. “It’s been a big goal of mine and the team’s for the past few years (to make state).

“It’s just nice to be able to have a successful season and see all the hard work pay off.”

For Hess, he will be

continuing a family tradition. His dad, Steve Hess, was a member of Bryan’s 1987 Class AA state qualifying team that finished third.

“It’s cool. He mentioned something, saying ‘you’re the second Hess to go to state,’” Nathan Hess said. “I was like ‘Oh yeah, pretty cool.’”

Bryan will face another challenging course. NorthStar, a par 72 layout, can stretch more than 7,500 yards from the pro tees and plays around 6,600 yards from the member tees. Three creeks, 21 ponds and 40 bunkers are also in play, according to the course’s website.

The Golden Bears

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Edon at Fayette, 5:30 p.m.

Fairview at Tinora, 5:30 p.m.

Hilltop at Holgate, 5:30 p.m.

Montpelier at North Central, 5:30 p.m.

Stryker at Pettitsville, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, October 15

Prep Football

Swanton at Bryan, 7 p.m.

Edgerton at Antwerp, 7 p.m.

Edon at Lakota, 7 p.m.

Fairview at Ayersville, 7 p.m.

Hilltop at Cardinal Stritch, 7 p.m.

Stryker at Britton Deerfield (Michigan), 7 p.m.

Prep Boys Golf

Bryan at OHSAA Division II state tournament at NorthStar Golf Club in Sunbury

Saturday, October 16

Prep Boys Soccer

Bryan at Napoleon, 3 p.m.

Prep Cross Country

Bryan at Northwest Ohio Athletic League Championships, 10 a.m. at Evergreen High School

Edgerton, Fairview at Green Meadows Conference Championships, 9:30 a.m. at Ed-

gerton’s Miller Park

Edon, Hilltop, Montpelier, North Central,

Stryker in Buckeye Border Conference Championship, 9:30 a.m. at Superior Athletic Complex in Montpelier

Prep Football

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Prep Boys Golf

Bryan at OHSAA Division II state tournament at NorthStar Golf Club in Sunbury

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Bryan in Division II district tournament at Port Clinton High School

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West 3 2 0 .600 102 76

L.A. Chargers 3 2 0 .600 113 120

Denver 2 3 0 .400 154 163

Las Vegas 2 3 0 .400 154 163

Kansas City 2 3 0 .400 154 163

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East 4 1 0 .800 170 117

Dallas 4 1 0 .800 115 124

Phila. 2 3 0 .400 123 155

Washington 1 4 0 .200 103 139

N.Y. Giants 1 4 0 .200 103 139

South 4 1 0 .800 170 117

Tampa Bay 4 1 0 .800 167 122

Carolina 3 2 0 .600 115 87

New Orleans 3 2 0 .600 127 91

Atlanta 2 3 0 .400 105 148

North 4 1 0 .800 120 122

Green Bay 3 2 0 .600 84 100

Chicago 2 3 0 .400 113 109

Minnesota 0 5 0 .000 98 138

West 5 0 0 1.000 157 95

L.A. Rams 4 1 0 .800 141 116

San Francisco 2 3 0 .400 117 119

Seattle 2 3 0 .400 120 126

Thursday’s Game

Tampa Bay at Phila., 8:20 p.m.

Sunday’s Games

Miami vs Jacksonville at London, UK, 9:30 a.m.

Cincinnati at Detroit, 1 p.m.

Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.

Houston at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

Kansas City at Washington, 1 p.m.

L.A. Chargers at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

L.A. Rams at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.

Minnesota at Carolina, 1 p.m.

Arizona at Cleveland, 4:05 p.m.

Dallas at New England, 4:25 p.m.

Las Vegas at Denver, 4:25 p.m.

Seattle at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.

Open: N.Y. Jets, Atlanta, New Orleans, San Francisco

Monday’s Game

Buffalo at Tennessee, 8:15 p.m.

MLB PLAYOFFS

x-If necessary

WILD CARD

Tuesday, Oct. 5: Boston 6, New York 2

Wednesday, Oct. 6: Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 1

DIVISION SERIES

(Best-of-5)

American League

Boston 3, Tampa Bay 1

Thursday, Oct. 7: Tampa Bay 5, Boston 0

Friday, Oct. 8: Boston 14, Tampa Bay 6

Sunday, Oct. 10: Boston 6, Tampa Bay 4, 13 innings

Monday, Oct. 11: Boston 6, Tampa Bay 5

Houston 3, Chicago 1

Thursday, Oct. 7: Houston 6, Chicago 1

Friday, Oct. 8: Houston 9, Chicago 4

Sunday, Oct. 10: Chicago 12, Houston 6

Tuesday, Oct. 12: Houston 10, Chicago 1

National League

San Francisco 2, Los Angeles 2

Friday, Oct. 8: San Francisco 4, Los Angeles 0

Saturday, Oct. 9: Los Angeles 9, San Francisco 2

Monday, Oct. 11: San Francisco 1, Los Angeles 0

Tuesday, Oct. 12: Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 2

Thursday, Oct. 14: Los Angeles (Uris 20-3) at San Francisco (Webb 11-3), 9:07 p.m. (TBS)

Atlanta 3, Milwaukee 1

Friday, Oct. 8: Milwaukee 2, Atlanta 1

Saturday, Oct. 9: Atlanta 3, Milwaukee 0

Monday, Oct. 11: Atlanta 3, Milwaukee 0

Tuesday, Oct. 12: Atlanta 5, Milwaukee 4

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(Best-of-7)

American League

Boston vs. Houston

Friday, Oct. 15: Boston at Houston, 8:07 p.m.(Fox)

Saturday, Oct. 16: Boston at Houston, TBD (Fox or FS1)

Monday, Oct. 18: Houston at Boston, TBD (Fox)

Tuesday, Oct. 19: Houston at Boston, TBD (Fox)

x-Wednesday, Oct. 20: Houston at Boston, TBD (Fox)

x-Friday, Oct. 22: Boston at Houston, TBD (Fox)

x-Saturday, Oct. 23: Boston at Houston, TBD (Fox or FS1)

National League

Saturday, Oct. 16: Atlanta at San Francisco or Los Angeles at Atlanta (TBS)

Sunday, Oct. 17: Atlanta at San Francisco or Los Angeles at Atlanta (TBS)

Tuesday, Oct. 19: San Francisco at Atlanta or Atlanta at Los Angeles (TBS)

Wednesday, Oct. 20: San Francisco at Atlanta or Atlanta at Los Angeles (TBS)

x-Thursday, Oct. 21: San Francisco at Atlanta or Atlanta at Los Angeles (TBS)

x-Saturday, Oct. 23: Atlanta at San Francisco

or Los Angeles at Atlanta (TBS)

x-Sunday, Oct. 24: Atlanta at San Francisco or Los Angeles at Atlanta (TBS)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

GP W L OT Pts GF GA

Toronto 1 1 0 0 2 2 1

Montreal 1 0 1 0 0 2 1

Tampa Bay 1 0 1 0 0 2 6

Detroit 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Ottawa 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Florida 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Buffalo 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Boston 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Metropolitan Division

GP W L OT Pts GF GA

Pittsburgh 1 1 0 0 2 6 2

Washington 1 1 0 0 2 5 1

N.Y. Rangers 1 0 1 0 0 1 5

N.Y. Islanders 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Carolina 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Columbus 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

New Jersey 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Phila. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

GP W L OT Pts GF GA

Nashville 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Colorado 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Winnipeg 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

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