

Shawnee falls  
in regional final

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## Ohio State gets past Nebraska



Ohio State's Chris Olave (2) stiff arms Nebraska's Quinton Newsome during Saturday's game in Lincoln, Neb. AP photo

### Buckeyes remain unbeaten in Big Ten

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LINCOLN, Neb. — After the last two weeks Ohio State might be ready for an opponent that hasn't been disappointed with how its season has unfolded.

A week ago, OSU held on for a 33-24 win over Penn State. On Saturday, it followed that up with a 26-17 win over Nebraska that was a one-score game late in the fourth quarter.

The win made No. 5 Ohio

State 8-1 overall and 6-0 in the Big Ten. Nebraska dropped to 3-7 overall and 1-6 in the Big Ten in a season in which the Cornhuskers have not lost a game by double figures and have lost to four teams ranked in the Top Ten last week.

All last week OSU coach Ryan Day preached that Nebraska was a better team than its record showed. He was still saying the same thing after Saturday's game.

"This is a good team, they've got a good defense,"

he said about Nebraska. "We said that coming in."

Ohio State had 495 yards of total offense against Nebraska after having 466 yards against Penn State last week.

But touchdowns have been difficult to get the last two weeks. OSU has had more field goals (8) than offensive touchdowns (4) in its last two games.

Day mostly emphasized the positive after beating

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## Shawnee falls to Lexington in boys soccer

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MARION — The Lexington-Shawnee rivalry added another exciting chapter to its history.

Last season, Shawnee stopped Lexington in the regional finals in overtime to advance to state.

But this year, it was the Minutemen who came out on top with

a 3-2 overtime win in the Division II regional final Saturday.

This marks the third straight season Lexington and Shawnee have squared off in the regional final. The 3-2 score is identical to the mark Lexington beat Shawnee in 2019 in the regional final. Shawnee won 2-1 last year.

During the regular season, Lexington beat

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Perry's Braden Yingst stands atop the podium after winning the Division III boys race during Saturday's state championships at Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park in Obetz. Head to LimaScores.com to see more cross country photos. Photos by Richard Parrish | The Lima News

## Yingst runs to state title

### Minster girls claim D-III championship

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OBETZ — Perry's Brady Yingst knew after last year's ninth-place performance at the Division III state cross country meet as a junior, that he had to come back and make a statement.

Yingst's statement was heard loud and clear at Saturday's Ohio High School Athletic Association State Cross Country Championships at Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park.

Yingst separated from the pack of runners midway through the second mile and was never challenged the rest of the way, en route to a personal-best time of 15 minutes, 29.4 seconds on the 5,000-meter course at Fortress Obetz.



Minster's Margaret Hemmelgarn finished third in the Division III girls race during Saturday's state championships at Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park in Obetz to help the Wildcats win the team title.

Anna's Hayden Schmidt finished second in 15:44.7.

Yingst becomes the first ever state cross country

champion in school history at Perry.

"I thank God," an elated Yingst said after winning the state title. "Just going

down that straightaway and looking back — I saw the gap. I just wanted to cry. I'm on top of the world right now. ... I can't believe it."

Yingst said he approached this year's state meet a little differently than last year's.

"I wanted to get out conservative," Yingst said. "I didn't want to overuse my legs early, like last year. So, I kind of held myself back that first mile. They (the lead pack) went through (first mile) where I wanted it. It was about the mile-and-a-half mark, that I knew if I could throw down the hurt there and sprint it out, that I could get away from them."

At the first mile Saturday, Yingst appeared to have a very slight lead with a group of runners right with him.

Yingst ends his senior cross-country season undefeated.

"This was a perfect

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### HIGH SCHOOLS

#### Ottawa-Glandorf makes state semis in girls soccer

BOWLING GREEN — Ottawa-Glandorf claimed a Division III regional championship Saturday with a 4-2 victory against Eastwood.

Myka Aldrich had two goals, Makenna Siefker and Alexa Fortman each had a single tally and Bri Douglass had an assist for O-G.

Emma Brinkman had seven saves also for the Titans who will play Chippewa in a state semifinal Tuesday at a time and location yet to be announced.

#### Boys soccer Ottawa Hills 1, Ottoville 0

TIFFIN — The Big Green's season ended in a Division III regional final.

#### Volleyball Regional finals Division III St. Henry 3, Fort Loramie 0

CLAYTON — The Redskins won 26-24, 25-22, 25-17 and will play the winner of Wellsville and Monroeville in the state semifinals at 4 p.m. Thursday at Wright State University.

#### New Knoxville 3, Tiffin Calvert 1

ELIDA — The Ranges won 26-28, 25-23, 25-23, 25-23 and will play South Webster, a 25-15, 25-22, 25-13 winner against Newark Catholic, at 6 p.m. Thursday at Wright State.

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Browns All-Pro Conklin placed on injured reserve

CLEVELAND (AP) — Browns All-Pro right tackle Jack Conklin will miss at least three games after being placed on injured reserve Saturday with a dislocated elbow.

Conklin got hurt in the second quarter of last weekend's 15-10 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers. He had just returned after missing two games with a knee injury.

Blake Hance will start for Conklin today at Cincinnati.

Blackhawks fire coach

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Blackhawks fired coach Jeremy Colliton on Saturday, dismissing the former NHL forward with the team off to a rough start in his fourth season.

Colliton, who turns 37 in January, was in the first year of a two-year contract extension.

Assistant coaches Tomas Mitell and Sheldon Brookbank also were let go. Derek King was promoted from the AHL's Rockford to replace Colliton on an interim basis.

Chicago lost 5-1 at Winnipeg on Friday night, dropping 1-9-2 after beginning the season with playoff aspirations.

ON THE AIR

Table with columns: TIME, EVENT, TV/RADIO. Includes entries for AUTO RACING (World of Outlaws), FIM MotoGP, NASCAR Cup Series, FIM Motocross, COLLEGE FIELD HOCKEY (ACC, Big Ten), COLLEGE RUGBY (Pac-12), GOLF (LEPGA), and HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

Table with columns: TIME, EVENT, TV/RADIO. Includes entries for HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL (Tiffin Calvert vs. New Knoxville), HORSE RACING (NYRA), MARATHON (New York City Marathon), and MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER.

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Table with columns: TIME, EVENT, TV/RADIO. Includes entries for MLB (Rawlings Gold Glove Awards Show) and NBA (Cleveland at New York, San Antonio at Oklahoma City).

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Table with columns: TIME, EVENT, TV/RADIO. Includes entries for RUGBY (Harlequins at Wasps) and TENNIS (Paris-ATP Doubles/Singles Final, ATP/WTA coverage).

Table with columns: TIME, EVENT, TV/RADIO. Includes entries for WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER (Memphis at South Florida, Virginia vs. Florida State, Michigan at Rutgers, Tennessee vs. Arkansas, St. John's vs. Georgetown, Texas at TCU) and WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (Mississippi at Tennessee, Arkansas at Alabama).

Table with columns: TIME, EVENT, TV/RADIO. Includes entries for WOMEN'S SOCCER (NJ/NY Gotham FC at Chicago) and SPORTS SHOWS (Sports Spectrum, Around the Hirn).

UPCOMING GAMES

Grid of upcoming sports events for Columbus Blue Jackets, Cleveland Browns, Cleveland Cavaliers, Ohio State Football, Cincinnati Bengals, and Ohio State Basketball. Lists dates, times, and TV channels.

AREA RESULTS

Extensive table of sports results including High Schools Boys Cross Country State Championships (Division I, II, III), Regional Finals, Girls Soccer, Football State Playoffs, and various basketball and volleyball results.

Djokovic to end record 7th year as No. 1

The Associated Press

PARIS — Novak Djokovic will end the year at No. 1 for a record seventh time after rallying to beat Hubert Hurkacz 3-6, 6-0, 7-6 (5) in the Paris Masters semifinals on Saturday.

Djokovic, who also stays on course for a record-extending sixth Paris Masters title, moved one ahead of American

Pete Sampras, who secured his six top year-end finishes from 1993-98. "I'm very proud to finish the season as No. 1," Djokovic said. "It's a dream, honestly, because Sampras was such an idol for me when I was young. He motivated me to pick up the racket and try this sport."

Djokovic also finished the year top in 2011-12,

2014-15, 2018 and 2020. "It's a huge achievement, obviously," Djokovic said. "To make the historic seventh time ... (I am) overwhelmed with all the beautiful, positive emotions." Djokovic eclipsed Roger Federer's all-time mark of 310 weeks at No. 1 on March 8 and will finish 2021 having held the top ranking for 348 weeks. Another win on Sun-

day will give Djokovic a record 37th Masters title to move one clear of fellow 20-time Grand Slam winner Rafael Nadal. The top-ranked Serb has also reached a record-extending seventh final here, where he faces Russian Daniil Medvedev after losing to him in straight sets in the U.S. Open final two months ago. Djokovic had not played since.



## AREA ROUNDUP

# ONU wins OAC tourney titles in volleyball, women's soccer

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ADA — The Ohio Northern volleyball team is the Ohio Athletic Conference Tournament champion once again.

The No. 17 Polar Bears defeated No. 24 Otterbein 25-14, 25-21, 25-20 at the ONU Sports Center on Saturday afternoon to win the program's 22nd OAC Tournament championship and earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

"The girls came out ready to play, and we had one of our best performances of the season against a very good team in Otterbein," second-year

head coach Katie Kuhn said. "I'm very proud of the girls for buying into the growth process, and the support from our home crowd was amazing."

ONU's tournament destination and opponent will be announced during the NCAA Selection Show beginning at 12:30 p.m. Monday on NCAA.com.

This is the Polar Bears' fourth OAC Tournament championship in the past six seasons.

ONU, which also won the conference's regular-season championship, improved to 22-5 overall while dropping Otterbein to 23-5.

## ADDITIONAL COVERAGE

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ONU's Melina Woods, an Ada graduate, earned tournament MVP honors. Kiki Carle and freshman Taylor Baxter joined teammate Woods on the All-Tournament Team.

## Women's soccer Ohio Northern 1, Otterbein 0

WESTERVILLE — An early second-half goal from Alaina Casey was all that Ohio Northern needed to win the OAC Tour-

namment championship at Memorial Stadium.

Saturday's victory improved the Polar Bears to 13-4-3 overall and earns them an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

ONU's tournament destination and opponent will be announced during the NCAA Selection Show beginning at 1 p.m. Monday on NCAA.com.

This marks the Polar Bears' fourth OAC Tournament championship in program history after winning it in 2012, 2017 and 2019.

## High schools Football playoffs Allen East 28,

## Franklin 7

HARROD — Jack Hoel had 19 carries for 102 yards and a touchdown, Jacob Hershberger caught a TD pass from Carter Young and ran for another score and Kade Wireman had a touchdown on an interception return for the Mustangs.

## Coldwater 49, Deer Park 7

COLDWATER — Isaac Fullenkamp had two touchdown runs, Reece Dellinger had TD passes to Tyler Schwieterman, who had four catches for 102 yards, and Marcel Blasingame and Blasingame and Adam Hrycko each had a touchdown

run for the Cavaliers.

## Anna 33, Fort Recovery 14

ANNA — Logan Homan had a TD pass to Troy Homan, Cale Rammel had a TD run and Riley Hiser had 29 carries for 158 yards for Fort Recovery.

## Other scores

Liberty Center 21, Columbus Grove 13; Hopewell-Loudon 48, Waynesfield-Goshen 13; Marion Local 42, Ft. Loramie 6; St. Henry 34, Troy Christian 0

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Lima Central Catholic's scores a touchdown before Upper Scioto Valley's Chandler Leonard can make a tackle during Saturday night's Division VII playoff game at Spartan Stadium. See more high school football photos at LimaScores.com.

## LCC advances with win against USV

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LIMA — Lima Central Catholic's offense was back in sync.

After the offense struggled in a Week 1 playoff win over Crestview, LCC was back to power football.

LCC cruised to a 47-14 victory over Upper Scioto Valley in the quarterfinals of the Division VII, region 26, football playoffs Saturday at Spartan Stadium.

LCC (10-2) advances to the regional semifinals against the Edon (10-1)/Antwerp (9-2) winner at 7 p.m. Saturday at a site to be named. USV ends its year 10-2.

"We wanted to come out and be more physical and try to control the line of scrimmage," LCC coach Scott Palte said. "I thought last week we tried to throw too much and didn't establish the inside game. The offensive line takes pride in that (the inside game)."

"I thought Carson (Parker) and Keiron (Bailey) both ran up inside and the line did a great job of opening up holes. Our guys ran hard and blocked well."

The LCC offense revolved around the passing and running of quarterback Carson Parker.

Parker completed 7 of 11 for 108 yards and two TD passes. On the ground, Parker had 16 carries for 126 yards and two TDs.

"We got the running game going first, then we got the passing game going once they brought everyone into the box and we threw it over the top," Parker said.

LCC running back Keiron Bailey added 133 yards on 15 carries, with a 30-yard TD.

Quintel Peoples had four carries for 48 yards and two catches for 43 yards with a TD.

The run-happy Rams came in featur-



Lima Central Catholic's Matt Cira tries to get the ball away from Upper Scioto Valley's Connor Sanders during Saturday night's Division VII playoff game at Spartan Stadium.

ing Jackson Rohrs (1,977 yards) and Connor Sanders (1,333 yards) in the Wing-T attack.

Until the fourth quarter, LCC's defense did a good job denying Rohrs and Sanders the breakaway run.

Rohrs finished with 96 yards on 18 carries with a 9-yard TD. Sanders had 57 yards on 13 carries with a 5-yard TD.

"Those are two excellent backs and they're the two best backs we've seen all year," Palte said of USV. "Those guys run hard and are fast and we did a good job of making them work for their yards."

Added LCC defensive lineman Connor Gephart, "We knew it was going to be a battle in the offensive and defensive lines. We practiced all week on getting a lot more physical. ... I think we were more physical and more disciplined."

LCC led 13-0 after the first quarter and pulled out to a 34-6 lead at the half.

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Ottawa-Glandorf's Caleb Kuhlman runs after making a catch Saturday night against Waynedale. He finished the game with five catches for 154 yards.



Ottawa-Glandorf running back Ian Fenbert celebrates with the student section after scoring a touchdown Saturday. Fenbert finished with 120 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

## Stout defense carries Ottawa-Glandorf

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OTTAWA — You might expect Caleb Kuhlman to be excited about his three-touchdown performance in Ottawa-Glandorf's playoff rout Saturday.

The Titans' senior wide receiver was more focused on another number — zero — following the Titans' win against Waynedale. That's the number of points allowed in the 53-0 shutout win in the Division V, Region 18 playoffs.

"I think the shutout's better," Kuhlman said. "Our defense's got it together this year. We're playing real well. The front seven are real nice."

The Titans (9-3) face the victor in Saturday night's game between the region's top seed, Tontogany Otsego, and Pemberville Eastwood. The Titans lost to Eastwood in the season opener this year.

Perhaps the most excitement for the Titans in Saturday's blowout came on defensive stops. O-G secured the shutout when the defense held secure on a fourth-and-goal play from the 10 at the start of the fourth quarter, successfully defending the pass play. It sealed the Titans' fifth shutout of the year.

"Coming into the season, we really had that goal," said Cy Rump, a junior linebacker for the Titans. "The school record was four, I believe, so I think we broke it tonight. That was really one of our goals this season."

The Titans' defense was stout, giving up just 117 total yards. They allowed only five first downs in shutting down Waynedale's elusive quarterback, Peyton Lemon, to seven car-

ries for minus-1 yard. In the first half, the Titans only allowed 63 yards, with 15 of those coming on a meaningless pass play right before halftime.

"We were able to take away what they wanted to do, which is their quarterback running," said Ottawa-Glandorf coach Ken Schriener. "I think our defense did an outstanding job. We tackled exceptionally well."

Ottawa-Glandorf's offense churned up 350 yards and six touchdowns in the first half to take a commanding 41-0 lead against Waynedale (6-5), which upset higher seeded Indian Lake last week. The Titans let up on the gas a bit in the second half, which was played entirely with a running clock based on the point differential. They finished with 499 offensive yards, fairly evenly distributed between passing (260) and rushing (239).

Kuhlman scored his three touchdowns in a variety of ways, including a 67-yard touchdown pass from Landen Jordan in the second quarter. Kuhlman took a short 15-yard pass and sprinted upfield, somehow slipping between two Waynedale defenders on his way to the end zone.

Kuhlman also scored on a 6-yard rushing play, moving in motion from the left side of the field and taking the handoff on a jet sweep play in the second quarter. He scored his third TD on a more traditional catch in the first quarter. He finished the game with five catches for 154 yards.

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# Smith-Njigba steps up with Wilson out

LINCOLN, Neb. — When wide receiver Jaxon Smith-Njigba got to Ohio State he knew that he might have to be satisfied.

Satisfied with fewer targets and fewer catches than he had as a 5-star recruit and an all-state player in Texas when he caught 109 passes for 2,132 yards and 34 touchdowns as a senior. He had one game where he caught 15 passes and scored six touchdowns.

Saturday during Ohio State's 26-17 win over Nebraska he got an opportunity to turn the clock back when caught an OSU-record 15 passes for 240 yards and scored on a 75-yard pass play.

The previous record of 14 catches in a game belonged to David Boston. Smith-Njigba also came close to Terry Glenn's record of 253 yards



**Jim Naveau**  
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receiving in a game. That gives the sophomore receiver 50 catches for 688 yards and four touchdowns this season.

He was the go-to player in the Buckeyes' offense when the running game struggled for much of the afternoon.

"It felt good. I'm just a little piece of this offense. I got to see a lot of opportunities like back in the day," Smith-Njigba said. "I just try to cherish every one of them. I just try to be there when they need me. C.J. And I have a nice little chemistry going."

Stroud said, "He was amazing, he's always been amazing. It doesn't surprise me."

Smith-Njigba became an even bigger part of OSU's passing game when Garrett Wilson was unavailable because of an

unspecified injury. "A player like Garrett, of course we miss him. I definitely hope he comes back as soon as possible," Smith-Njigba said.

Ohio State coach Ryan Day said the hope is that Wilson will be able to play against Purdue this week.

"We'll probably go to day to day tomorrow and hopefully we'll get him back next week," he said.

The centerpiece of Smith-Njigba's big day was the 75-yard touchdown play which gave Ohio State a 17-3 lead late in the first half.

A block by fellow wide receiver Chris Olave helped open a path to the end zone for Smith-Njigba.

"Chris did a great job. I just tried to pick my knees up and go," Smith-Njigba said.

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Ohio State's TreVeyon Henderson (32) rushes against Nebraska's Myles Farmer (4) and Marquel Dismuke (9) during Saturday's game in Lincoln, Neb.

SUMMARY			
<b>No. 6 Ohio State 26, Nebraska 17</b>			
Ohio St.	0	17	6
Nebraska	0	10	7
Second Quarter			
OSU: FG Ruggles 26, 11:25.			
OSU: Olave 3 pass from Stroud (Ruggles kick), 6:41.			
NEB: FG Contreraz 39, 3:52.			
OSU: Smith-Njigba 75 pass from Stroud (Ruggles kick), 3:34.			
NEB: Toure 72 pass from A.Martinez (Contreraz kick), 2:53.			
Third Quarter			
OSU: FG Ruggles 46, 9:42.			
OSU: FG Ruggles 35, 2:05.			
NEB: A.Martinez 1 run (Contreraz kick), :22.			
Fourth Quarter			
OSU: FG Ruggles 46, 1:29.			
OSU		NEB	
First downs	25	18	
Total Net Yards	495	361	
Rushes-yards	30-90	34-113	
Passing	405	248	
Punt Returns	4-32	1-2	
Kickoff Returns	1-24	1-19	
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	2-14	
Comp-Att-Int	36-54-2	16-31-1	
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-20	5-31	
Punts	4-40.5	8-43.125	
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0	
Penalties-Yards	8-65	6-60	
Time of Possession	33:30	26:08	
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
RUSHING: Ohio St., Henderson 21-92, Teague 2-8, M.Williams 1-4, (Team) 2-(minus 1), Stroud 4-(minus 13), Nebraska, R.Johnson 16-62, Martinez 18-51.			
PASSING: Ohio St., Stroud 36-54-2-405, Nebraska, Martinez 16-31-1-248.			
RECEIVING: Ohio St., Smith-Njigba 15-240, Olave 7-61, Henderson 6-44, Ruckert 3-13, M.Harrison 2-25, Fleming 2-22, Rossi 1-0, Nebraska, Toure 4-150, Manning 3-26, Vokolek 3-14, Allen 2-33, Betts 2-15, R.Johnson 2-10.			
MISSED FIELD GOALS: Nebraska, Contreraz 45, Contreraz 31.			

ka quarterback Adrian Martinez found a weak spot in OSU's coverage and delivered a 72-yard touchdown pass to Samori Toure to cut the lead to 17-10.

All of Ohio State's points in the second half came on field goals by Ruggles, including a pair of 46-yard kicks, which were his longest efforts this season.

Ruggles, who transferred to OSU from North Carolina last summer, is 15 of 15 on field goals this season and has hit four field goals in the Buckeyes' last two games. He is the first Ohio State kicker to get four field goals in back-to-back games.

"The first seven games I had seven field goals and in the last two games I've had more than the rest of the season," Ruggles said. "Every kick is the same to me, even in those pressure situations. I try to make it seem like any other kick."

Asked about whether 85,000 fans screaming at him as he goes about his job bothers him, he said, "I don't pay that no mind."

Day said, "When you kick four field goals and you win by nine it's obviously huge. He has become a weapon for us and that's huge. It's a good feeling when you have a guy you feel strongly about."

But two plays later, Nebras-

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# COLLEGE FOOTBALL No. 2 Cincinnati holds off Tulsa

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Desmond Ridder threw for 274 yards and two touchdowns and No. 2 Cincinnati held off Tulsa 28-20 on Saturday.

Alec Peirce had five catches for 113 yards and a touchdown to help the Bearcats (9-0, 5-0 American Athletic) extend the nation's second-longest home winning streak to 25 games. Shamari Brooks rushed for 132 yards for Tulsa (3-6, 2-3), and Anthony Watkins ran for 105.

**Purdue 40, No. 5 Michigan State 29**  
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Aidan O'Connell threw for a career-best 536 yards, matched his career high with three touchdown passes and led Purdue (6-3, 4-2) past Michigan State (8-1, 5-1), leaving the Big Ten without any unbeaten teams.

**North Carolina 58, No. 10 Wake Forest 55**  
CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Ty Chandler ran for career highs of 213 yards and four touchdowns and North Carolina (5-4) overcame an 18-point deficit to beat Wake Forest, handing the Demon Deacons (8-1) their first loss in a nonconference matchup of in-state Atlantic Coast Conference teams.

**Dayton 41, Stetson 13**  
DELAND, Fla. — Jake Chisholm rushed for 119 yard and four touchdowns, Jack Cook passed for two scores and Dayton beat Stetson 41-13 on Saturday.

**Wisconsin 52, Rutgers 3**  
PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Not only has Wisconsin put its horrid 1-3 start behind it, everything is suddenly within reach for the Badgers. Graham Mertz threw a season-high three touchdown passes and Wisconsin (6-3, 4-2 Big Ten) won its fifth straight game and became bowl eligible for the 20th straight year with a victory over Rutgers (4-5, 1-5).

**No. 1 Georgia 43, Missouri 6**  
ATHENS, Ga. — Stetson Bennett passed for 255 yards and two touchdowns before giving way to former starter JT Daniels, leading Georgia (9-0, 7-0 Southeastern Conference) past Missouri (4-5, 1-4).

**No. 8 Notre Dame 34, Navy 6**  
SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Jack Coan threw for 269 yards and a touchdown, Kyren Williams ran for two scores and Notre Dame (8-1) shut down triple-option attack for Navy (2-7).

**No. 11 Oklahoma State 24, West Virginia 3**  
MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Spencer Sanders threw two touchdown passes and Oklahoma State (8-1, 5-1 Big 12) had eight sacks against West Virginia (4-5, 2-4).

**No. 13 Texas A&M 20, No. 12 Auburn 3**  
COLLEGE STATION, Texas

— Micheal Clemons scored the game's only touchdown on a 24-yard fumble return early in the fourth quarter, and Texas A&M (7-2, 4-2 SEC) beat Auburn (6-3, 3-2).

**TCU 30, No. 14 Baylor 28**  
FORT WORTH, Texas — Chandler Morris threw for 461 yards and two touchdowns in his first start for TCU (4-5, 2-4 Big 12) and the Horned Frogs beat Baylor (7-2, 4-2) in their first game without Gary Patterson on the sideline since 1997.

**No. 15 Mississippi 27, Liberty 14**  
OXFORD, Miss. — Matt Coral threw for 324 yards and a touchdown to lead Mississippi (7-2) past Liberty (7-3) and former Rebels coach Hugh Freeze.

**No. 17 BYU 59, Idaho State 14**  
PROVO, Utah — Jaren Hall threw for 298 yards and four touchdowns, all in the first half, and BYU (8-2) demolished Idaho State (1-8).

**No. 22 Penn State 31, Maryland 14**  
COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Jahan Dotson caught 11 passes for a school-record 242 yards and three touchdowns, helping Penn State snap a three-game losing streak. Sean Clifford threw for 363 yards for the Nittany Lions, including an 86-yard TD strike to Dotson that gave Penn State (6-3, 3-3 Big Ten) the lead with 13:55 to play. Dotson also caught scoring passes of 38 and 21 yards. The Terrapins (5-4, 2-4) were trying to secure bowl eligibility for the first time since 2016.

**Memphis 28, No. 23 SMU 25**  
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Seth Henigan threw for 392 yards and two touchdowns, and Memphis' defense stymied SMU. It took a stout defensive effort in the fourth quarter to preserve the victory for the Tigers (5-4, 2-3 American Athletic Conference).

**Illinois 14, Minnesota 6**  
MINNEAPOLIS — Chase Brown rushed 33 times for 150 yards, and the Illinois defense delivered six sacks and two interceptions of Minnesota quarterback Tanner Morgan on the way to a 14-6 victory on Saturday. Kerby Joseph picked off Morgan at the Illini 45-yard line with 38 seconds left to halt the too-little-too-late rally by the Gophers (6-3, 4-2), whose four-game winning streak that put them into sole possession of first place in the Big Ten West was stopped cold.

**North Dakota 24, Youngstown State 21**  
GRAND FORKS, N.D. — Tommy Schuster fired a 16-yard touchdown pass to Garrett Maag and Otis Weah ran 43 yards for the go-ahead touchdown and North Dakota (4-5, 2-4 Missouri Valley) rallied from 11 down late to beat Youngstown State (2-6, 1-5) in the first meeting between the schools since 1962.

## Buckeyes

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Nebraska. "I'm proud of our defense, proud of our special teams. When you play nine conference games and one of your other games is Oregon you have to bring it every week," he said. "We've got a young team and we have to learn that it's every week you show up. The defense did that today. It's hard to win in this conference, it's hard to win on the road."

C.J. Stroud completed 36 of 54 passes for 405 yards for two touchdowns and was intercepted twice. TreVeyon Henderson gained 92 yards on 21 carries. Jaxon Smith-Njigba had 15 catches for 240 yards and a touchdown.

Stroud's assessment of the game was similar to Day's. "It's not always going to be pretty," he said.

Ohio State and Nebraska were scoreless in the first quarter. On their first possession, the Buckeyes went for a first down on fourth down and 1-yard to go at Nebraska's 43-yard line but Stroud's pass to Jeremy Ruckert went off the OSU tight end's hands.

Nebraska marched to Ohio State's 27-yard line after that stop but a 45-yard field goal attempt by Chase Contreraz missed.

OSU put together a good drive on its next possession after the missed field goal but Nebraska's JoJo Domann's interception at the Cornhuskers' 9-yard line left the Buckeyes without points for a second straight possession.

A 26-yard field goal by Noah Ruggles early in the second quarter gave Ohio State a 3-0 lead. That advantage grew to 10-0 when, after a 13-yard punt by Nebraska's William Przystup, Stroud connected with Olave on a

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way to end my high school cross country career,” Yingst said. “To win a state title, just like my sister (Madison) did in track in 2017 (300-meter hurdles for Temple Christian) — I’ve been wanting to do that, ever since then. So, to do it and to set a PR by almost 20 seconds, there’s no better way to end it.”

Added Perry head coach Matt Pauff, “It was a great day. I’m so happy for him. He deserves it. He’s the hardest working kid around. I can’t say enough great things about him.”

Yingst said he had some extra motivation coming into this season.

“To get ninth, I was definitely disappointed with that last year,” Yingst said. “Then I got into track season and got so close to winning a state title (1,600 meters) — second place by less than a second. ... It really motivated me.”

Also in the boys Division III race Saturday, Allen East senior Hunter Sidle placed 12th (16:14.6) to earn all-Ohio honors.

The top 30 finishers in each race at Saturday’s state meet earned all-Ohio honors.

Last season, Sidle just missed qualifying for the state meet as he finished five spots behind the last state-qualifying spot at the Tiffin regional.

This season, Sidle came on strong, placed fifth at last week’s regionals, and then found himself earning all-Ohio honors.

“That was amazing,” Sidle said. “I just got about a 22-second PR. That was way better than I could have imagined. ... I’m very emotional.”

### Grove finishes fourth in D-III

After placing sixth at last year’s state meet in Division III, the Columbus Grove boys team wanted to improve on that stellar performance.

At Saturday’s state meet, the Bulldogs placed fourth in the Division III race. East Canton won the team title with 93 points. Mount Gilead (108) was second, while Fort Loramie came in a close third (109). Columbus Grove (140) and Holgate (181) rounded out the top five teams in a field of 20



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**Columbus Grove’s Trent Koch finished 21st to help the Bulldogs finish fourth in the team standings at Saturday’s state championships at Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park in Obetz.**



**Allen East’s Hunter Sidle finished 12th in the Division III boys race during Saturday’s state championships at Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park in Obetz.**

squads.

Also from the area, Botkins finished sixth, Minster placed 11th and Bluffton was 12th.

“I think we ran about our usual race,” long-time Columbus Grove boys head coach Terry Schnipke said. “Everybody was a little faster today with the conditions being ideal like they were. I can’t complain too much.”

After defending its regional title last Saturday at Tiffin, Columbus Grove had high expectations for this weekend.

“It’s a delicate balance, because obviously our goal since May was that we thought we could win it (state title) this year,” Schnipke said. “That’s been their goal; and they’ve been very focused on that. We’ve done a lot

to motivate them to get there. I had a senior-laden group, who I wanted to go out winners. But I can’t be disappointed at all. I love these guys. They’re a great group, from the seniors down to the freshmen.”

Columbus Grove’s pack included Trent Koch (21st, 16:22.9), Roy Langhals (49th, 16:54.1), Caleb Stechschulte (61st, 17:00.3), Carson Closson (63rd, 17:01.9), Luke Ellerbrock (64th, 17:02.6), Caleb Morman (70th, 17:06) and Bryce Bonifas (73rd, 17:07.3).

Other area Division III runners who earned all-Ohio status Saturday were Minster’s Alex Albers (sixth, 15:59.2), Bluffton’s Landon Armstrong (15th, 16:16.1) and Jackson Center’s Kellen Reichert (24th, 16:25.4).

Behind Albers for Minster on Saturday were teammates Jack Grieshop (85th, 17:17.1), Ryan Halpin (97th, 17:28.4), Jim Trzaska (113th, 17:41.2), Tyler Prenger (144th, 18:23.3), Joseph Slonkosky (146th, 18:24.3) and Nick Prenger (151st, 18:32.2).

For Bluffton junior Landon Armstrong, Saturday’s performance was not expected.

“I’m very happy,” Armstrong said. “This is my first season. I switched over from soccer. So, it’s pretty incredible. I really didn’t expect to do this well.”

The rest of Bluffton’s team included Erik Nygaard (38th, 16:46.8), Sam Derstine (119th, 17:47.2), Trey Boblitt (143rd, 18:20.7), Liam Jordan (147th, 18:24.4), Isaiah Conley (168th, 19:02.5) and John Yoder (174th, 19:30.2).

Other area runners in the Division III boys race were Fort Recovery’s Trevor Heitkamp (76th, 17:09.6), New Bremen’s Zach Wiedeman (74th, 17:08.7), Upper Scioto Valley’s Joe Parker (60th, 17:00.1) and Marion Local’s Noah Budde (46th, 16:52.1) and Troy Stucke (71st, 17:06.2).

### Another title for Minster girls

Minster will need to make room in its trophy case for one more piece of state championship hardware.

On Saturday, Minster’s pack proved to be too tough to break as the Wildcats defeated second-place Liberty Center, 66-108. Fort Loramie finished third (124), while Gilmour Academy (167) and West Liberty-Salem (179) rounded out the top five squads in the 20-team field.

With Saturday’s performance, Minster now has a total of 14 state titles in girls cross country.

St. Henry (10th) and Fort Recovery (12th) were the other two area D-III girls teams at Obetz on Saturday.

Sophomore Margaret Hemmelgarn led Minster on Saturday with an impressive third-place finish (18:23.1).

“I’m so excited,” Hemmelgarn said. “We’ve worked so hard for this. The whole team has come together. I’m so proud of everyone.”

Rounding out the Minster pack were Taylor

Roth (ninth, 18:42.1), Chaney Cedarleaf (21st, 19:13.6), Morgan Ketner (42nd, 19:45.2), Cameo Cedarleaf (57th, 19:59.7), Ava Stammen (58th, 20:01.1) and Rachel Niekamp (77th, 20:21.6).

“I always talk about the journey,” longtime Minster girls head coach Jessie Magoto said. “What really matters is what you become at the end. You’re always fighting to be No. 1, no matter what. I was so proud of them. They really showed up today.”

Waynesfield-Goshen junior Taylor Spencer placed 25th Saturday (19:24.8) in the Division III race, and earned all-Ohio status.

“This is my second-fastest time this season,” Spencer said. “So, I was very happy about that.

“I felt good the first mile. The second mile, I really had to push myself to keep going. That third mile, I felt really solid, going down that hill. I felt really good that final 200 (meters). ... It was a dead sprint — all out at the end.”

Other area runners that finished in the top 30 spots in the girls Division III race were Botkins’ Brittany Arnold (18th, 19:00.7) and St. Henry’s Raleigh Baumer (23rd, 19:22.9).

Kalida’s Andrea Burgei finished 37th in Division III (19:42.1). Coldwater’s Haley Alig placed 54th (19:59.1).

### Kaylie Dameron makes all-Ohio

Celina junior Kaylie Dameron was the lone area Division II girl who finished in the top 30 Saturday. She finished 18th in 18:50.2. Her sister, Joscelyn, came in 39th (19:22.6).

Shawnee’s Alaina Williams finished 86th (20:13.4).

### Shawnee boys finish 17th

Senior Isaiah Johns had the best finish Saturday for Shawnee, as he placed 51st (16:40.5). Teammate Noah Williams was not far behind in 67th (16:49.8).

The rest of Shawnee’s pack included Justin Altenbach (124th, 17:26.2), Carter Cleaves (126th, 17:26.6), Scottie Burden (149th, 17:53.3), Trevor Bowers (159th, 18:15.5) and Thomas Cover (168th, 18:31).

Van Wert’s Hunter Sherer finished 56th (16:43.5).

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## RESULTS

### State Championships

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#### Boys

##### Division II

Team Scores: 1. Marlinton 77, 2. Woodridge 153, 3. Unioto 171, 4. Mariemont 185, 5. Watterson 216, 6. West Liberty-Salem 220, 7. Carroll 221, 8. Oakwood 247, 9. Field 254, 10. Lexington 264, 11. Shelby 281, 12. Lakewood 290, 13. Hawken 306, 14. Cloverleaf 310, 15. Utica 325, 16. Minerva 335, 17. Shawnee 353, 18. Sheridan 357, 19. West Geauga 358, 20. Bexley 380.

##### Race Winner/Area Finishers

1. Jack Agnew (Car) 15:31.3, 5. Isaiah Johns (Shaw) 16:40.5, 56. Hunter Sherer (Van Wert) 16:43.5, 67. Noah Williams (Shaw) 16:49.8, 124. Justin Altenbach (Shaw) 17:26.2, 126. Carter Cleaves (Shaw) 17:26.6, 149. Scottie Burden (Shaw) 17:53.3, 159. Trevor Bowers (Shaw) 18:15.5, 168. Thomas Cover (Shaw) 18:31.0.

##### Division III

Team Scores: 1. East Canton 93, 2. Mount Gilead 108, 3. Fort Loramie 109, 4. Columbus Grove 140, 5. Holgate 181, 6. Botkins 238, 7. South Range 243, 8. Ottawa Hills 275, 9. St. Paul 281, 10. Black River 285, 11. Minster 289, 12. Bluffton 313, 13. New Riegel 321, 14. Anna 330, 15. Whiteoak 336, 16. Fisher Catholic 367, 17. Maplewood 369, 18. Fredericktown 395, 19. Mechanicsburg 410, 20. Centerburg 425.

##### Area Finishers

1. Brady Yingst (Perry) 15:29.4, 6. Alex Albers (Minster) 15:59.2, 12. Hunter Sidle (Allen East) 16:14.6, 15. Landon Armstrong (Bluffton) 16:16.1, 21. Trent Koch (CG) 16:22.9, 24. Kellen Reichert (Jackson Center) 16:25.4, 38. Erik Nygaard (Bluf) 16:46.8, 46. Noah Budde (Marion Local) 16:52.1, 49. Roy Langhals (Columbus Grove) 16:54.1, 52. Keaton Schippel (Botkins) 16:55.6, 60. Joe Parker (USV) 17:00.1, 61. Caleb Stechschulte (CG) 17:00.3, 63. Carson Closson (CG) 17:01.9, 64. Luke Ellerbrock (CG) 17:02.6, 70. Caleb Morman (CG) 17:06.0, 71. Troy Stucke (ML) 17:06.2, 73. Bryce Bonifas (CG) 17:07.3, 74. Zach Wiedeman (Bluf) 17:08.7, 76. Trevor Heitkamp (FR) 17:09.6, 81. Carter Pleiman (Bot) 17:14.0, 82. Parker Schnippel (Bot) 17:14.7, 85. Jack Grieshop (Min) 17:17.1, 94. Carson Brown (Bot) 17:24.9, 97. Ryan Halpin (Min) 17:28.4, 98. Shane Weatherhead (Bot) 17:29.0, 113. Jim Trzaska (Min) 17:41.2, 119. Sam Derstine (Bluf) 17:47.2, 136. Gant Flora (Bot) 17:59.8, 143. Trey Boblitt (Bluf) 18:20.7, 144. Tyler Prenger (Min) 18:23.3, 146. Joseph Slonkosky (Min) 18:24.3, 147. Liam Jordan (Bluf) 18:24.4, 151. Nick Prenger (Min) 18:32.2, 159. Cole Steinke (Bot) 18:46.5, 168. Isaiah Conley (Bluf) 19:02.5, 174. John Yoder (Bluf) 19:30.2.

#### Girls

##### Division II

Team Scores: 1. Minerva 136, 2. Granville 139, 3. Woodridge 166, 4. Salem 185, 5. Reverse 195, 6. Waynesville 205, 7. Oakwood 214, 8. Lexington 215, 9. Akson St. Vincent St. Marys 227, 10. Tippecanoe 229, 11. Hathaway Brown 273, 12. Chagrin Falls 281, 13. Eastwood 286, 14. Bentley 289, 15. Shelby 296, 17. Liberty-Benton 397, 18. Fairfield Union 400, 19. Jonathan Alder 418, 20. Sheridan 441.

##### Race Winner/Area Finishers

1. Grace Hartman (Oakwood) 17:31.6, 18. Kaylie Dameron (Celina) 18:50.2, 39. Joscelyn Dameron (Cel) 19:22.6, 86. Alaina Williams (Shawnee) 20:13.4.

##### Division III

Team Scores: 1. Minster 66, 2. Liberty Center 108, 3. Fort Loramie 124, 4. Gilmour Academy 167, 5. West Liberty-Salem 179, 6. Madeira 218, 7. Colonel Crawford 248, 8. Waynedale 249, 9. McDonald 298, 10. St. Henry 313, 11. Mineral Ridge 315, 12. Fort Recovery 316, 13. Anna 327, 14. Margaretta 356, 15. Ashland Crestview 257, 16. Fort Frye 362, 17. Mount Gilead 376, 18. Grandview Heights 395, 19. Caldwell 397, 20. Cardington-Lincoln 448.

##### Race Winner/Area Finishers

1. Calleigh Richards (Maplewood) 18:16.2, 3. Margaret Hemmelgarn (Min) 18:23.1, 9. Taylor Roth (Min) 18:42.1, 18. Brittany Arnold (Bot) 19:00.7, Chaney Cedarleaf (Min) 19:13.6, 23. Raleigh Baumer (St. Henry) 19:22.9, 25. Taylor Spencer (Waynesfield-Goshen) 19:24.8, 37. Andrea Burgei (Kalida) 19:42.1, 42. Morgan Ketner (Min) 19:45.2, 54. Haley Alig (Coldwater) 19:59.1, 57. Cameo Cedarleaf (Min) 19:59.7, 58. Ava Stammen (Min) 20:01.1, 63. Ally Heath (SH) 20:10.1, 70. Ellie Will (FR) 20:14.5, 77. Rachel Niekamp (Min) 20:21.6, 82. Jenna Hart (FR) 20:27.0, 112. Keira Rahm (Versailles) 20:59.9, 121. Joelle Kaup (FR) 21:10.0, 128. Joscie Evers (SH) 21:20.0, 129. Alexis Wendel (FR) 21:23.4, 139. Megan Broering (SH) 21:49.9, 144. Megan Diller (FR) 22:04.8, 147. Caitlin Weitzel (FR) 22:06.1, 151. Anna Roessner (FR) 22:13.6, 156. Adison Romer (SH) 22:23.0, 169. Amelia Seifring (SH) 22:54.5, 171. Leah Heitkamp (SH) 23:07.0.

# Shawnee

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Shawnee 1-0 for the Indians’ lone loss this year.

Shawnee ends its season with a 19-2 mark overall. Lexington (16-1-4) advances to the state semifinals against Bay Village on Wednesday at a site to be determined.

It took less than a minute in overtime for Lexington to convert the winning score when Luke Roberts scorched one in the back of the net for the game winner.

“We had a game plan and it didn’t really work in the beginning,” Shawnee head coach Ryan Quatman said. “Once we went back to our tried and true we started to get our feet back under us and played a good half of the first half and a good whole second half. It was back and forth. A lot of back and forth,”



**Shawnee’s Anthony Best keeps in front of Lexington’s Dan Elgin during Saturday’s Division II regional final at Marion. See more high school soccer photos at LimaScores.com.**

Shawnee owned a 2-1 advantage going into the 80th minute on the strength of goals from Jacob Miller and Matteo Fusillo. Both goals came within eight minutes of each other and both were due to solid throw ins by Connor Niedermiere.

Down 1-0 after the first period, Shawnee began to find its offensive rhythm in the second with sever-

al scoring chances beginning at the 53rd minute and the Indians’ perseverance paid off at the 62nd minute mark when Miller put in the equalizer.

Shawnee then got the lead when Fusillo gathered in a rebound after the throw in and punched it past Lexington keeper Garett Weaver to give the Tribe a 2-1 lead with just under 12 minutes left in

the game.

But Shawnee’s advantage was short-lived because three minutes later, the Minutemen were celebrating their second goal of the game.

“That is the thing with this game,” Quatman said. “You can build a lot of chances and you can only create chances to score but you can’t create goals. You can only create chances.”

Quatman said the trend to making the regional final is what is expected of Shawnee.

“We shoot for the stars,” Quatman said. “We are a program at that level where coming to the regional finals is right where we belong and if we get to go that one extra one it is icing on the cake so congratulations to Lexington and we wish them the best of luck.”

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**Shawnee’s Austin Miller heads the ball against Lexington’s Nathan Cramer during Saturday’s Division II regional final at Marion.**

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# Bengals, Browns meet in crucial matchup

By Mitch Stacy  
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — Cleveland Browns coach Kevin Stefanski can't see any other way to look at today's division matchup with the Cincinnati Bengals.

"We are 4-4, we have to get a win," Stefanski said of his battered and under-achieving team. "Our lives depend on it, is the way we look at it. We are desperate, and that is where our focus is."

Some of the team's focus this week has been elsewhere, however.

Receiver Odell Beckham Jr. — and his father — drew a lot of attention this past week. Odell Beckham Sr. shared a video on social media highlighting times when quarterback Baker Mayfield didn't throw the ball to the three-time Pro Bowler.

The video has caused controversy and the Browns decided to release Beckham.

Aside from that drama, Cleveland is just in a rut. The Browns offense has produced just 41 points in the past three games with explosive plays a rarity. They couldn't get

anything going in last week's 15-10 loss to the Steelers.

Mayfield has been playing with a fractured left shoulder and both starting tackles are injured. Stefanski's play-calling has come under scrutiny.

The Bengals (5-3) are every bit as motivated after a baffling 34-31 loss to the then-1-5 New York Jets. A victory today at Paul Brown Stadium would keep Cincinnati in contention at the top of the division with the Baltimore Ravens, a team they routed 41-17 on Oct. 24.

The Bengals already beat the Steelers in the first meeting of the teams in September.

Beating Cleveland "puts us in a great position for the first half of the season," Bengals coach Zac Taylor said. "This one is an important one."

## Passing fancy

Cleveland's aerial game has barely gotten off the ground.

Mayfield has thrown just six touchdown passes, and the Browns rank near the bottom in numerous passing categories. This was sup-

posed to be a team that could run it and throw it, but to this point the Browns are one dimensional.

Dropped passes, poor throws, bad play calls and broken routes have all contributed to the passing problems.

## What was that?

The Bengals are still not entirely sure what happened that caused them to lose 34-31 to the Jets last Sunday after win over Baltimore the previous week.

Quarterback Joe Burrow still threw three touchdown passes, keeping him among the NFL leaders. But Jets backup QB Mike White shredded the Cincinnati defense for 405 yards and three touchdowns just one week after throwing his first in the NFL.

## Buddy ball

The Beckham drama frayed nerves this week and caused some unnecessary stress at a time when the Browns didn't need it.

Mayfield said he wasn't worried about it affecting wide receiver Jarvis Landry, Beckham's close friend.



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Shawnee's Kennedy Jensen, right, tries to keep Rocky River's Mackenzie Russell from getting to the ball during Saturday's Division II regional final at Tiffin Columbian. See more soccer photos at LimaScores.com.

# Rocky River stops Shawnee, 5-1

By Jose Nogueras  
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TIFFIN — When Lima Shawnee's Chloe Cleaves scored to tie Rocky River 1-1 two minutes into the second half, it appeared the Indians were poised to make a run at the Pirates.

But after tying the game it was the Pirates who upped their offensive game and recorded four goals in the final 20 minutes to secure a 5-1 win in the Division II regional final Saturday.

The loss ends Shawnee's season with a 16-2 mark. Rocky River (19-2) advances to the state semifinals Tuesday.

"It was great for Chloe to get that set piece and get the equalizer but Rocky River is a very technical team and it just proved to be too much for us the last 17 minutes of the game and they poured some in on us," Shawnee head coach Caroline O'Brien said. "It was a strong first half defensively. I thought we did a great job defensively and just had some breakdowns the last 17 minutes of the game."

The five goals given up were the most the Indians

had given up to an opponent this year and prior to this game Shawnee had given up three goals only twice this year. For the season, Shawnee had yielded a total of 11 goals.

In the first half, Shawnee's defense and goalie Kaelen Swallow held up against Rocky River's firepower until the 16:41 mark when the Pirates worked their way deep into Indian territory and Annika Mocho struck one past Swallow.

Shawnee had trouble putting together any type of serious offensive threat in the first half but at the onset of the second half began to build much better and that eventually led to Cleaves' score who, from the 30 yard line, arched one towards the Pirate goal that Rocky River keeper Caitlyn Rose got a hand on but could not stop.

Unlike Wednesday's game where the Indians' built on their momentum after scoring, Shawnee never seemed to find the right touch for another score.

Rocky River did and scored four times, twice by sophomore Ava Pratt and goals from Maeve

Kelly and Kelly O' Toole.

For the game, the Pirates had 15 shots on goal and Shawnee had one.

"They (Rocky River) are very talented and the way through the midfield. They are very strong strong out of the air as well and they just made some connecting passing and using their speed out wide, crossing it back to the inside and that is one of the most dangerous passes you can make in the game soccer."

The loss ended a historic season for the Indians who had made their first trip to the regionals and an emotional O'Brien praised her team and that included Swallow, Taylor Morris, Kennedy Jensen, Bri Rid-enour and Lily Cleaves.

"This group of seniors has been fantastic," O'Brien said. "They have been leaders since their freshman year and I am so proud of them and the adversity they have overcome with COVID last year and the year before. They have been the strength and the glue of this team and it is hard to seem them go."

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