

# PREP BLITZ



## High school football previews: Sectionals

### FRIDAY'S SECTIONAL SEMIFINAL GAMES

#### Class 5A No. 1 Center Grove at Bloomington South, 7 p.m. Center Grove Trojans (9-1)

**Head coach:** Eric Moore, 10th season at Center Grove (84-34), 14th overall (132-39)

**Last week:** Won 49-14 against visiting Terre Haute South

**Conference:** Metropolitan Interscholastic



**Key players:** Jordan Luallen, Sr., QB; Tanner Riley, Sr., RB; Luke Swift, Sr., WB; Mike Wood, Sr., WR/P/K; Austin Pendencygraft, Sr., OL; OL: Derek Long, Sr., C; Trey Thompson, Sr. OL; Brook Bemis, Sr., OL Devin Jacquin, Sr., OL; Ethan Hedeem, Sr., DB; Kevin Jones, Sr., DB; Geoff Sissom, Sr., LB; Shelby Mappes, Sr., LB; Anthony Elias, Sr., LB; Joel Cox, Jr., DL; Keith Dietel, Sr., DE; Jon Rifkind, Sr., LB; Scott O'Brien, Jr., DB

#### Bloomington South Panthers (8-2)

**Head coach:** Drew Wood, fifth season at Bloomington South (36-17), 10th overall (84-27)

**Last week:** Won 40-37 in OT against visiting Columbus North

**Conference:** Conference Indiana

**Outlook:** The Trojans are playing Bloomington South for the first time since the 2006 sectional. The Panthers won that semifinal meeting 17-14 in overtime.

This time, the Trojans bring a seven-game win streak and the No. 1-ranking in 5A. Center Grove's only loss was 33-32 against defending state champion Carmel on Sept. 5.

Center Grove averages 47.4 points per game and surrenders only 12.2. Bloomington South averages 36.2 points and yields 22.6 per game.

**Directions:** Take State Road 37 South to Bloomington. Take State Road 46 exit east toward Bloomington and turn right onto Walnut Street/College Avenue; follow College until you merge back onto South Walnut Street. School is about 1 mile south on South Walnut.

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#### Greenwood at Class 4A No. 6 Whiteland, 7 p.m. Whiteland Warriors (10-0)

**Head coach:** Darrin Fisher, fourth season at Whiteland (32-15), 18th overall (93-87)

**Last week:** Won 40-7 at New Palestine

**Conference:** Mid-State



**Key players:** Bryan Webb, Sr., QB; Luke Harris, Sr., RB; Michael Robison, Sr., WR; Mitch Meador, Sr., LB; Alex Perritt, Sr., DB; Jermaine Harris, Sr., DB; Nick Scheidler, Sr., TE; Drew Smyth, So., RB; Tony Couch, Sr., DB; Tyler Croy,

Sr., OL; Jordan Sharp, Sr., OL; Josh Stout, Sr., OL; Justyn Hancock, Sr., OL; Chase Tichenor, Sr., OL; Jesse Moistner, Sr., DL; Andre Biggers, Sr., DL

#### Greenwood Woodmen (4-6)

**Head coach:** Mike Campbell, third season (10-21)

**Last week:** Won 9-7 at Franklin

**Conference:** Mid-State

**Key players:** Paul Morrison, So., QB; Sean Brown, Jr., DB/WR; Drew Slaughter, Jr., DB; Brad Carnes, Jr., RB; LaMarr Stevenson, Sr., DL; Ryan Gallagher, Sr., LB; Ryan Ogden, Sr., DB; Jared Harris, Sr., DE



**Outlook:** Greenwood looks for a follow-up victory after halting a three-game skid in the sectional opener. But the challenge is daunting.

Whiteland, which won the regular-season meeting between the county and conference rivals 34-10 on Sept. 12, is unbeaten and bidding for a state championship.

The Warriors average 40.8 points a game and surrender only 13.2. By comparison, the Woodmen average 16.3 points and give up 25 per game.

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#### Brownstown Central at Indian Creek, 7 p.m. Indian Creek Braves (7-3)

**Head coach:** Mike Gillin, eighth season at Indian Creek (68-20), 30th overall (234-92)

**Last week:** Won 42-8 at Clarksville

**Conference:** Mid-Indiana

Football

**Key players:** Trey Reese, So., QB; Joel Ankney, So., RB; Zac Tharpe, Sr., WR/DB; Brandon Collins, Sr., WR/LB; Joel Ankney, So., RB/LB; Isaiah Tworek, Sr., OL/DL; Chi Lawrence, Sr., OL/DL; Josh Bales, Sr., OL/DL; Brandon Cochran, Jr., DB; Jared Neff, Sr., LB; Levi Waltz, Jr., LB

#### Brownstown Central Braves (8-1)

**Head coach:** Reed May, 16th season (155-31)

**Last week:** Won 17-7 against visiting Providence

**Conference:** Mid-Southern

**Outlook:** Co-Mid-Indiana Conference champion Indian Creek has a two-game win streak and has won five of its past six games overall.

But the Braves have lost eight of their past nine postseason meetings against Brownstown Central, including five straight.

Brownstown Central, meanwhile, has a seven-game win streak and has played one less game than Indian Creek because of a Sept. 19 postponement against North Harrison that was not rescheduled.

### COUNTY LEADERS

Records			
	W-L	PF	PA
Center Grove	9-1	474	122
Edinburgh	0-10	87	447
Franklin	3-7	126	249
Greenwood	4-6	163	250
Indian Creek	7-3	288	139
Whiteland	10-0	408	132
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Offense Scoring			
Name, school	Pts.		
Luke Harris, W	168		
Zac Tharpe, IC	115		
Tanner Riley, CG	104		
Luke Swift, CG	96		
Mike Wood, CG	84		
Brandon Collins, IC	74		
Jordan Luallen, CG	72		
Clayton Simmons, F	66		
Drew Smythe, W	54		
LaMarr Stevenson, G	50		
Brandon Giesecking, W	48		
Kenny Polley, W	48		
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Rushing			
Name, school	Att.-Yds.	Avg.	TD
Luke Harris, W	201-2,012	10.0	27
Luke Swift, CG	137-1,167	8.5	11
Tanner Riley, CG	97-1,118	11.5	15
Drew Smyth, W	51-629	10.8	8
Clayton Simmons, F	139-523	3.8	10
Drew Slaughter, G	97-507	5.2	7
Joel Ankney, IC	125-480	3.8	6
Matt Heller, G	59-454	7.7	0
Jordan Luallen, CG	59-442	7.5	12
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Passing			
Name, school	Comp.-Att.	Yds.	TD
Keith Burton, E	154-358	1,827	10
Trey Reese, IC	174-304	2,296	22
Dan Bechman, F	105-206	1,190	4
Jordan Luallen, CG	36-67	688	12
Bryan Webb, W	30-50	536	6
Paul Morrison, G	17-45	222	0
Matt Heller, G	12-30	200	2
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Receiving			
Name, school	Rec.-Yds.	Avg.	TD
Brandon Collins, IC	82-1,016	12.3	12
Zac Tharpe, IC	63-866	13.7	15
Wade Teltoe, E	62-835	13.5	6
Sean Hansen, E	43-431	10.0	2
Dylan Hodges, F	25-327	13.1	0
Austin Clark, F	24-333	13.9	3
Walker Vleck, IC	20-251	12.5	3
Alec Dewitt, F	18-195	10.8	0
Nick Harrison, E	17-284	16.7	1
Clayton Simmons, F	17-107	6.3	1
Luke Swift, CG	16-269	16.8	5
Chris Burton, E	15-177	11.8	0
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Defense Tackles			
Name, school	UT	AT	Total
Josh Pfifer, F	83	66	149
Adam Chandler, E	77	49	126
Mitch Meador, W	58	67	125
Tyler Osborn, F	61	53	114
Jared Neff, IC	60	51	111
Johntel Smith, F	51	35	86
Devin Burton, E	44	36	80
Ryan Willard, E	60	17	77
Alex Perritt, W	39	34	73
Nick Smith, F	48	22	70
Levi Waltz, IC	47	23	70
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Sacks			
Name, school	Sacks		
Josh Bales, IC	8.5		
Andre Biggers, W	6		
Josh Phelps, IC	5		

### TOP PLAYERS

A look at some of the top performances during the opening round of the sectional:

#### Luke Harris Senior, Whiteland



Harris rushed for 230 yards and three touchdowns as Whiteland beat New Palestine.

#### Luke Swift Senior, Center Grove



Swift carried the ball 11 times for 125 yards and one touchdown in Friday's win against Terre Haute South.

#### Zac Tharpe Senior, Indian Creek



Tharpe had 226 yards from scrimmage, including 138 receiving yards, as Indian Creek beat Clarksville.

#### Trey Reese Sophomore, Indian Creek



Reese completed 22 of 27 passes for 294 yards, including four TDs and no interceptions, in Friday's victory.

### BY THE NUMBERS

A look at key statistics from the opening week of sectional play and this week's semifinal matchups:

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Number of field goals Greenwood kicked to eliminate Franklin. The game's only TD was scored by the Grizzly Cubs in a 9-7 Woodmen win.

204

State-record number of career catches Indian Creek's Zac Tharpe has heading into Friday's game against Brownstown Central.

444

Number of yards Center Grove rushed for by a dozen different ball carriers during last week's 49-14 victory against Terre Haute South.

2,012

State-leading number of rushing yards Whiteland's Luke Harris has heading into Friday's game against county rival Greenwood.

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