

# PREP BLITZ

## High school football previews: Week 2

### COUNTY STATISTICS

| Records      | W-L | PF | PA |
|--------------|-----|----|----|
| Center Grove | 1-0 | 41 | 0  |
| Edinburgh    | 0-1 | 0  | 54 |
| Franklin     | 1-0 | 35 | 12 |
| Greenwood    | 0-1 | 0  | 52 |
| Indian Creek | 1-0 | 54 | 0  |
| Whiteland    | 1-0 | 33 | 12 |

| Offense Scoring     |  |      |
|---------------------|--|------|
| Name, school        |  | Pts. |
| Zac Tharpe, IC      |  | 24   |
| Clayton Simmons, F  |  | 18   |
| Jordan Luallen, CG  |  | 12   |
| Tanner Riley, CG    |  | 12   |
| Brandon Collins, IC |  | 12   |
| Joel Ankney, IC     |  | 12   |
| Mike Wood, CG       |  | 11   |

| Rushing            |           |      |    |
|--------------------|-----------|------|----|
| Name, school       | Att.-Yds. | Avg. | TD |
| C. Simmons, F      | 20-140    | 7.0  | 2  |
| Luke Harris, W     | 10-124    | 12.4 | 1  |
| Luke Swift, CG     | 16-119    | 7.4  | 1  |
| Joel Ankney, IC    | 9-116     | 12.8 | 2  |
| B. Cochran, IC     | 9-94      | 10.4 | 0  |
| Tanner Riley, CG   | 11-74     | 6.7  | 2  |
| Drew Slaughter, G  | 12-69     | 5.8  | 0  |
| L. Stevenson, G    | 7-56      | 8.0  | 0  |
| Jordan Luallen, CG | 8-51      | 6.4  | 2  |

| Passing            |            |      |    |
|--------------------|------------|------|----|
| Name, school       | Comp.-Att. | Yds. | TD |
| Dan Bechman, F     | 15-18      | 230  | 2  |
| Trey Reese, IC     | 8-9        | 201  | 4  |
| Bryan Webb, W      | 4-4        | 101  | 1  |
| Jordan Luallen, CG | 2-5        | 44   | 0  |
| Dustin Tucker, IC  | 5-6        | 30   | 2  |
| Paul Morrison, G   | 1-5        | 6    | 0  |

| Receiving            |           |      |    |
|----------------------|-----------|------|----|
| Name, school         | Rec.-Yds. | Avg. | TD |
| Isaac Mercer, F      | 4-89      | 22.2 | 0  |
| Jordan Jackson, IC   | 2-85      | 42.5 | 1  |
| Brandon Gieseking, W | 1-74      | 74.0 | 1  |
| Zac Tharpe, IC       | 5-70      | 14.0 | 3  |
| Brandon Collins, IC  | 5-62      | 12.4 | 2  |
| Alex Dewitt, F       | 3-57      | 19.0 | 0  |

| Defense Tackles   |    |    |       |
|-------------------|----|----|-------|
| Name, school      | UT | AT | Total |
| Mitch Meador, W   | 2  | 10 | 12    |
| Josh Pfifer, F    | 6  | 4  | 10    |
| Anthony Elias, CG | 2  | 7  | 9     |
| Tony Couch, W     | 3  | 5  | 8     |
| Alex Perritt, W   | 3  | 4  | 7     |
| Craig Buck, F     | 5  | 2  | 7     |
| J.D. Stinson, F   | 4  | 3  | 7     |
| Jared Neff, IC    | 3  | 4  | 7     |

| Sacks              |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Name, school       | Sacks |
| Andre Biggers, W   | 2     |
| Bryan Doucey, CG   | 1     |
| Bryce Krebs, CG    | 1     |
| Jesse Moistner, W  | 1     |
| J.D. Stinson, F    | 1     |
| Autsin Gaines, F   | 1     |
| Ross Syphers, F    | 1     |
| Jeremy Carrico, IC | 1     |

| Interceptions       |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Name, school        | Int. |
| Brandon Cochran, IC | 3    |
| Jeremy Doll, IC     | 1    |
| Alex Perritt, W     | 1    |
| Craig Buck, F       | 1    |
| Derek Million, F    | 1    |
| Kye Durbin, F       | 1    |

| Special teams Punting |     |      |      |
|-----------------------|-----|------|------|
| Name, school          | No. | Yds. | Avg. |
| Craig Buck, F         | 1   | 51   | 51.0 |
| Mike Wood, CG         | 1   | 39   | 39.0 |
| Zac Tharpe, IC        | 1   | 32   | 32.0 |
| Jordan Laforet, W     | 2   | 60   | 30.0 |
| Brad Carnes, G        | 4   | 100  | 25.0 |

| Kicking         |     |      |     |
|-----------------|-----|------|-----|
| Name, school    | FG  | Lng. | XP  |
| Mike Wood, CG   | 2-2 | 48   | 5-5 |
| Zac Tharpe, IC  | 0-0 | N/A  | 6-8 |
| Hilary Fox, F   | 0-0 | N/A  | 5-5 |
| Kenny Polley, W | 0-0 | N/A  | 3-4 |

| Kickoff returns    |          |    |      |
|--------------------|----------|----|------|
| Name, school       | No.-Yds. | TD | Avg. |
| Clayton Simmons, F | 1-60     | 0  | 60.0 |
| Joel Ankney, IC    | 1-36     | 0  | 36.0 |
| Brad Carnes, G     | 2-45     | 0  | 22.5 |
| Derek Kern, G      | 6-128    | 0  | 21.3 |

### FRIDAY'S PREP FOOTBALL GAMES



STAFF PHOTO BY JOE SABA

Center Grove senior quarterback Jordan Luallen, right, runs past Dayton (Ohio) Carroll senior Kevin McKenzie during Friday's game at Center Grove. The Trojans will travel to Perry Meridian on Friday.

#### Class 5A No. 2 Center Grove at Perry Meridian, 7 p.m.

**Center Grove Trojans (1-0)**  
**Head coach:** Eric Moore, 10th season at Center Grove (76-33), 14th overall (123-37)  
**Last week:** Won 41-0 against visiting Dayton (Ohio) Carroll



**Conference:** Metropolitan Interscholastic  
**Key players:** Jordan Luallen, Sr., QB; Kyle Jones, Sr., RB; Tanner Riley, Sr., RB; Luke Swift, Sr., WR; Mike Wood, Sr., WR/P/K; Ethan Heedan, Sr., DB; Anthony Elias, Sr., LB; Joel Cox, Jr., DL; Keith Dietel, Sr., DE

#### Perry Meridian Falcons (0-1)

**Head coach:** Doug Bradburn, fifth season (16-29)

**Last week:** Lost 55-14 at Ben Davis  
**Conference:** Conference Indiana  
**Outlook:** Despite their top rusher, senior Kyle Jones, sitting out with a knee injury, the Trojans didn't miss a beat in their season-opener. Senior wingback Luke Swift carried 16 times for 120 yards, while senior running back Tanner Riley and senior quarterback Jordan Luallen ran for two touchdowns each in a clear demonstration that the Trojans' ground attack is on track.

Perry Meridian, meanwhile, struggled mightily at No. 6 Ben Davis and could be in for another long night against a Center Grove team expected to contend for the Class 5A state championship.  
**Directions:** Take State Road 135 north to Stop 11 Road in southern Marion County. Turn left on Stop 11. The school is on the left just past the intersection.

#### Indian Creek at Greenwood, 7 p.m.

**Greenwood Woodmen (0-1)**  
**Head coach:** Mike Campbell, third season (6-16)

**Last week:** Lost 52-0 at Columbus East



**Conference:** Mid-State  
**Key players:** Matt Heller, Sr., 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

#### Indian Creek Braves (1-0)

**Head coach:** Mike Gillin, eighth season at Indian Creek (62-17), 30th overall (228-89)

**Last week:** Won 54-0 against visiting Edinburgh



**Conference:** Mid-Indiana Football  
**Key players:** Dustin Tucker, Jr., QB; Trey Reese, So., QB; Joel Ankney, So., RB; Zac Tharpe, Sr., WR/DB; Isaiah Tworek, Sr., OL/DL; Chi Lawrence, Sr., OL/DL; Josh Bales, Sr., OL/DL; Jared Neff, Sr., LB; Levi Waltz, Jr., LB

**Outlook:** Greenwood had a tall order last week at Class 4A No. 2-ranked Columbus East and is no doubt looking

to rebound, at home, against a smaller opponent.

By contrast, Class 2A Indian Creek had an impressive outing last week against Class A Edinburgh but faces an exponentially tougher challenge against the Woodmen.

#### Washington at Franklin, 7 p.m.

**Franklin Grizzly Cubs (1-0)**  
**Head coach:** Mike McClure, fourth season (13-21)

**Last week:** Won 35-12 at Northview



**Conference:** Mid-State

**Key players:** Dan Bechman, Sr., QB; Clayton Simmons, Sr., RB; Dylan Hodges, Sr., WR; Neal Lane, Sr., OL; Dillion Johnson, Sr., OL; Mark Mathews, Sr., OL; Aaron Rodriguez, Sr., LB; Derek Million, Sr., DB; Craig Buck, Sr., DB; Ross Syphers, Jr. LB

#### Washington Continentals (0-1)

**Head coach:** Henry Jordan, first season (0-1)

**Last week:** Lost 40-0 against visiting Ritter

**Conference:** Indianapolis Public Schools

**Outlook:** Coming off an impressive season-opening win, the Class 4A Grizzly Cubs are looking for their first 2-0 start since 2006.

The Class 2A Continentals, meanwhile, are trying to break an eight-game skid dating to last season. They have four wins since 2004, when the school revived football after 1994, when the school was closed.

#### Edinburgh at North Decatur, 7 p.m.

**Edinburgh Lancers (0-1)**  
**Head coach:** Brad Wheeler, third season (0-21)

**Last week:** Lost 54-0 at Indian Creek

**Conference:** Mid-Indiana Football  
**Key players:** Keith Burton, So., QB; Adam Chandler, Sr., RB; Devin Burton, Sr., RB; Chris Burton, Sr., WR; Sean Hansen, Sr., WR; Wade Teltow, So., OL/LB; Aaron Knue, Jr., DL; Jake Smith, Jr., DL; Cody Smith, So., OL; Ryan Willard, Sr., OL/DL



#### North Decatur Chargers (1-0)

**Head coach:** Jim Louder, fifth season at North Decatur (15-26), 21st overall (85-117)

**Last week:** Won 26-20 at Union County

**Conference:** Mid-Indiana Football  
**Outlook:** The Lancers are looking to break a 37-game losing streak that dates to the 2004 season. Despite last week's lopsided loss at Indian Creek, the Lancers remain confident of reversing their long-struggling fortunes. They return eight starters from last season and boast one of their largest rosters in recent years with 28 players.

**Directions:** Take Interstate 65 north to State Road 44. Take State Road 44 east into Shelbyville, following it through town to Interstate 74. Take I-74 east to State Road 3. Take State Road 3 north; the school is about a mile ahead on the right.

#### Arlington at Whiteland, 7 p.m.

**Whiteland Warriors (1-0)**  
**Head coach:** Darrin Fisher, fourth season at Whiteland (23-15), 18th overall (84-87)

**Last week:** Won 33-12 against 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

#### Arlington Golden Knights (1-0)

**Head coach:** Rob Patchett, fifth season at Arlington (25-17), seventh overall (32-32)

**Last week:** Won 36-22 against visiting Tech

**Conference:** Indianapolis Public Schools

**Outlook:** Looking to build on the momentum of last week's rout of New Palestine, the Class 4A Warriors face a more formidable challenge against Class 5A Arlington.

But the Warriors, who narrowly missed cracking the top 10 of new state poll, are confident they are up to the challenge. Blessed with a senior-heavy lineup, Whiteland dominated the Dragons last week and have staked an early claim as being one of the area's top Class 4A teams.

#### Roncalli at Class 5A No. 7 Franklin Central, 7 p.m.

**Roncalli Rebels (1-0)**  
**Head coach:** Bruce Scifres, 19th season (177-50)

**Last week:** Won 27-17 at Southport



**Conference:** Independent

**Key players:** Kevin Banich, Sr., QB; Charlie Kolisek, Jr., WR; Ben Polizzi, Sr., RB; Drew Oeschle, Sr., LB; Matt Millott, Sr., DB; Cole Williamson, Jr., OL/DL

#### Franklin Central Flashes (1-0)

**Head coach:** Brian Harbin, first season (1-0)

**Last week:** Won 14-7 at Decatur Central

**Conference:** Conference Indiana  
**Outlook:** The Flashes halted a three-game skid against Roncalli last season and look to make it two in a row.

Harbin, a long-time defensive coordinator at Center Grove, is in his first season as Franklin Central's head coach.  
**Directions:** Take Interstate 65 north to the Southport Road exit and take Southport Road east to Franklin Road. Turn left (north) on Franklin Road and follow it about a mile to the school on the right.

### TOP PLAYERS

A look at some of the top performances in Week 1 of the high school football season:



#### Luke Harris

Senior, Whiteland  
 Harris carried the ball 11 times for 120 yards and a touchdown in the Warriors' victory in the PeyBack Classic.

#### Daniel Bechman

Senior, Franklin  
 Bechman connected on 15 of 18 passes for 205 yards and two scores in the Grizzly Cubs' win at Northview.



#### Luke Swift

Senior, Center Grove  
 Swift rushed 16 times for 120 yards and a touchdown and caught two passes for 44 yards in the Warriors' win against Dayton (Ohio) Carroll.

#### Zac Tharpe

Senior, Indian Creek  
 Tharpe caught five passes, three for scores, and kicked six extra points in the Braves' victory against Edinburgh.

#### Ben Polizzi

Senior, Roncalli  
 Polizzi and Mohr combined for 222 yards on 35 carries and two TDs in the Rebels' win against Southport.

#### Tyler Mohr

Junior, Roncalli

### BY THE NUMBERS

A look at key statistics from Week 1 games and this week's matchups:

**293**

Total yards for Whiteland in its victory against New Palestine

**15 of 18**

Passes completed and attempted by four Indian Creek quarterbacks in the Braves' win against Edinburgh.

**42**

Rushing yards allowed by Center Grove in win against Dayton (Ohio) Carroll.

**127-38**

Combined score of Center Grove's victories against southside rival Perry Meridian in the past three seasons. The teams meet again Friday at Perry Meridian.

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