

PREP BLITZ



High school football previews: Week 3

Class 5A No. 1 Carmel at Class 5A No. 2 Center Grove, 7 p.m.

Center Grove Trojans (2-0)
Head coach: Eric Moore, 10th season at Center Grove (77-33), 14th overall (123-37)
Last week: Won 55-15 at Perry Meridian

Conference: Metropolitan Interscholastic
Key players: Jordan Luallen, Sr., QB; Kyle Jones, Sr., RB; Tanner Riley, Sr., RB; Luke Swift, Sr., WR; Mike Wood, Sr., Aaron Goffinet, Sr., OL; WR/P/K; Ethan Heedan, Sr., DB; Anthony Elias, Sr., LB; Joel Cox, Jr., DL; Keith Dietel, Sr., DE; Jon Rifkind, Sr., LB; Scott O'Brien, Jr., DB



Carmel Greyhounds (2-0)
Head coach: Mo Moriarity, fourth season at Carmel (34-10), 24th overall (217-52)
Last week: Beat visiting Lebanon 52-0
Conference: Metropolitan Interscholastic

Outlook: A preview of the 2008 state championship game? Possibly. A rare regular-season meeting between Class 5A's top two teams, the showdown also is the 11th contest in the annual battle for the Copper Kettle trophy.

Besides MIC bragging rights and the No. 1 ranking, the lead in the Copper Kettle series also is at stake. The series is tied at 5-5. Center Grove won last year's clash in a 32-31 OT thriller against then-No. 1 Carmel.

Class 4A No. 8 Whiteland at Plainfield, 7 p.m.

Whiteland Warriors (2-0)
Head coach: Darrin Fisher, fourth season at Whiteland (24-15), 18th overall (85-87)
Last week: Beat visiting Arlington 54-27

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



Plainfield Quakers (1-1)
Head coach: Brian Woodard, third season (20-6)
Last week: Lost 21-14 against visiting Lawrence North
Conference: Mid-State

Outlook: The Warriors cracked the top 10 of this week's state poll. But more importantly, they are looking to end a 17-game losing streak against the traditional Class 4A state power Quakers.
Whiteland's most recent victory against Plainfield was 1988. The Warriors nearly halted the streak last year but fell short 14-12. Whiteland also is looking for its first 3-0 start since 2000.

Directions: Take U.S. 31 north to Interstate 465 West to I-70 West. Go to the Plainfield exit and turn right (north). Turn left on Stafford Road, which will take you to the school.

Class 4A No. 6 Shelbyville at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Franklin Grizzly Cubs (2-0)
Head coach: Mike McClure, fourth season (14-21)
Last week: Beat visiting Washington 28-18

Conference: Mid-State
Key players: Dan Bechman, Sr., QB; Clayton Simmons, Sr., RB; Dylan Hodges, Sr., WR; Neal Lane, Sr., OL; Dillon Johnson, Sr., OL; Mark Mathews, Sr., OL; Aaron Rodriguez, Sr., LB; Derek Million, Sr., DB; Craig Buck, Sr., DB; Ross Sypfers, Jr. LB



Shelbyville Golden Bears (2-0)
Head coach: Patrick Parks, 14th season (67-73)
Last week: Won 40-6 at Rushville
Conference: Hoosier Heritage

Outlook: Off to their best start in two seasons, the Grizzly Cubs look to extend their unbeaten streak to three games. But the challenge is formidable against a red-hot opponent that also is unbeaten and is coming off an 11-1 season in 2007.

Martinsville at Greenwood, 7 p.m.

Greenwood Woodmen (1-1)
Head coach: Mike Campbell, third season (7-16)



STAFF PHOTO BY JOE SABA

Whiteland senior defensive back Tony Couch, right, stops an Arlington ball carrier during Friday's game at Whiteland. The Warriors visit Plainfield on Friday.

Last week: Beat visiting Indian Creek 28-13

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



Martinsville Artesians (1-1)
Head coach: Fred Kuttruff, second season at Martinsville (3-9), 14th overall (89-52)
Last week: Lost 28-6 against visiting Bloomington South
Conference: Mid-State

Outlook: The Woodmen look to build off the momentum of last week's win against Class 2A power Indian Creek.
Greenwood won last year's showdown at Martinsville 28-14.

Indian Creek at Eastern Hancock, 7 p.m.
Indian Creek Braves (1-1)
Head coach: Mike Gillin, eighth season at Indian Creek (62-18), 30th overall (228-90)
Last week: Lost 28-13 at Greenwood
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
Eastern Hancock Royals (0-2)
Head coach: Mark Reddy, first season (0-2)
Last week: Lost 30-18 against visiting Soecina
Conference: White River

Outlook: Looking to regroup after last week's loss at Class 4A Greenwood, the Class 2A Braves have dominated the series against Class 2A Eastern Hancock.
Indian Creek won last year's meeting 28-7 and is 5-1 against the Royals since the series began in 2003.

Directions: Take State Road 135 north to State Road 44 and go east. Take State Road 44 through Franklin to Shelbyville and turn left onto State Road 9. Go to Greenfield and turn right onto U.S. 40. Go to County Road 1050E and turn left in Charlottesville. Take County Road 1050E to the school on the left.

Northeastern at Edinburgh, 7 p.m.

Edinburgh Lancers (0-2)
Head coach: Kyle Wheeler, third season (0-22)
Last week: Lost 13-12 at North Decatur
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 Teltoe, So., OL/LB; Aaron Knue, Jr., DL; Jake Smith, Jr., DL; Cody Smith, So., OL; Ryan Willard, Sr., OL/DL



Northeastern Knights (1-1)
Head coach: Mark Roeder, 12th season (42-74)
Last week: Won 22-21 in OT at Winchester
Conference: Tri-Eastern

Outlook: The Lancers came tantalizingly close to halting one of the state's longest losing streaks last week at conference rival North Decatur.
Edinburgh will try again to put the brakes on a 38-game skid.

Class 3A No. 1 Chatard at Class 4A No. 7 Roncalli, 7 p.m.

Roncalli Rebels (2-0)
Head coach: Bruce Scifres, 19th season (178-5)

Last week: Won 30-7 at Franklin Central
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

Chatard Trojans (2-0)
Head coach: Vince Lorenzani, sixth season at Chatard (65-11), 17th overall (124-78)
Last week: Won 31-7 at Lexington (Ky.) Catholic
Conference: Independent

Outlook: The traditional state power Rebels returned to the top 10 after handing Class 5A No. 7 Franklin Central a lopsided loss last week. The Rebels have been sharp on both sides of the ball but face another fierce test against the two-time defending Class 3A state champs.
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COUNTY LEADERS

Records	W-L	PF	PA
Center Grove	2-0	96	14
Edinburgh	0-2	12	67
Franklin	2-0	63	30
Greenwood	1-1	28	65
Indian Creek	1-1	67	28
Whiteland	2-0	87	39



HARRIS



THARPE

***	Offense	Scoring	Pts.
Name, school			
Zac Tharpe, IC			31
Luke Harris, W			30
Clayton Simmons, F			30
Jordan Luallen, CG			24
Tanner Riley, CG			24
Luke Swift, CG			18
Mike Wood, CG			18

***	Rushing	Att.-Yds.	Avg.	TD
Name, school				
Luke Harris, W	26-286	11.0	5	
Clayton Simmons, F	45-240	5.3	4	
Luke Swift, CG	28-192	6.9	2	
Luke Harris, W	10-124	12.4	1	
Drew Slaughter, G	23-124	5.4	2	
Joel Ankney, IC	16-115	7.2	2	
Tanner Riley, CG	16-115	7.2	2	
Drew Smyth, W	15-112	7.5	2	
Matt Heller, G	22-102	4.6	0	
LaMarr Stevenson, G	16-100	6.2	1	

***	Passing	Comp.-Att.	Yds.	TD
Name, school				
Keith Burton, E	36-86	441	2	
Dan Bechman, F	27-37	358	3	
Trey Reese, IC	20-32	340	5	
Jordan Luallen, CG	8-12	217	3	
Bryan Webb, W	10-13	195	1	
Matt Heller, G	5-10	116	2	
Dustin Tucker, IC	15-21	111	2	

***	Receiving (ranked by total yards)	Name, school	Rec.-Yds.	Avg.	TD
Sean Hansen, E	13-160	12.3	0		
Tanner Riley, CG	2-119	59.5	2		
Brandon Gieseke, W	2-112	56.0	1		
Zac Tharpe, IC	10-109	10.9	4		
Isaac Mercer, F	5-94	18.8	0		
Wade Teltoe, E	8-94	11.8	1		
Nick Harrison, E	4-93	23.3	0		
Jordan Jackson, IC	2-85	42.5	1		
Alex Dewitt, F	5-83	16.6	0		
Austin Clark, F	6-82	13.7	2		

***	Defense	Tackles	UT	AT	Tot.
Name, school					
Adam Chandler, E	21	12	33		
Devin Burton, E	13	14	27		
Josh Pfifer, F	16	6	22		
Mitch Meador, W	6	15	21		
Jared Neff, IC	8	9	17		
J.D. Stinson, F	10	5	15		
Tyler Osborn, F	13	3	15		
Wade Teltoe, E	7	8	15		
Anthony Elias, CG	5	9	14		
Nick Harrison, E	8	6	14		
Derek Million, F	13	0	13		

Sacks

Name, school	Sacks
Andre Biggers, W	2.5
Austin Gaines, F	2
Bryan Doucey, CG	1
Bryce Krebs, CG	1
Jesse Moistner, W	1
J.D. Stinson, F	1
Ross Sypfers, F	1
Jeremy Doll, IC	1
Joel Hale, CG	1
Aaron Rodriguez, F	1
Adam Chandler, E	1
Nick Harrison, E	1

Interceptions

Name, school	Int.
Brandon Cochran, IC	3
Derek Million, F	2
Alex Perritt, W	2
Ricky Faulkner, W	1
Dexter Howard, W	1
Jermaine Harris, W	1
Nick Markowicz, CG	1
Kevin Jones, CG	1
Bryan Meadows, CG	1
Jeremy Doll, IC	1
Jared Neff, IC	1
Craig Buck, F	1
Kye Durbin, F	1
Ryan Ogden, G	1
Joe Furtado, G	1
Dylan Streeval, E	1
Chris Burton, E	1
Jake Emerson, E	1

Special teams

Name, school	Punting		
	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Mike Wood, CG	2	68	34.0
Craig Buck, F	6	178	30.0
Jordan Laforet, W	5	144	28.8
Brad Carnes, G	4	100	25.0

Kicking

Name, school	FG	Lng.	XP	Pts.
Mike Wood, CG	2-2	48	12-12	18
Kenny Polley, W	1-1	25	10-11	13
Zac Tharpe, IC	0-0	N/A	7-10	7
Hilary Fox, F	0-0	N/A	5-5	5
Toby Kemp, G	0-0	N/A	4-4	4

Kickoff returns

Name, school	No.-Yds.	TD	Avg.
Clayton Simmons, F	2-78	0	38.0
Brad Carnes, G	2-45	0	22.5
Derek Kern, G	6-128	0	21.3
Drew Smyth, W	2-41	0	20.5

TOP PLAYERS

A look at some of the top performances in Week 2 of the high school football season:



Luke Harris

Senior, Whiteland
Harris carried the ball 18 times for 176 yards and four TDs in a win against Arlington.

Matt Heller

Senior, Greenwood
Heller threw two touchdown passes and rushed for 100 yards in a victory against Indian Creek.

Tanner Riley

Senior, Center Grove
Riley caught just two passes in a win at Perry Meridian, but they went for TDs of 79 and 40 yards.

Clayton Simmons

Senior, Franklin
Simmons carried the ball 27 times for 106 yards and two scores in a victory against Washington.

Ben Polizzi

Senior, Roncalli
Polizzi rushed 23 times for 128 yards and three touchdowns as the Rebels upset Class 5A No. 7 Franklin Central.

BY THE NUMBERS

A look at key statistics from Week 2 games and this week's matchups:

49
Number of passes attempted by Edinburgh sophomore Keith Burton in a loss at North Decatur.

47
Rushing yards allowed by the Center Grove defense in a win at Perry Meridian.

13
Passes caught by Indian Creek senior Brandon Collins in a losing effort at Greenwood.

17
Combined state championships for Chatard (9) and Roncalli (8). The teams meet Friday at Chatard.

11-3
Franklin's record against Shelbyville in the past 14 meetings.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Carmel
at
Center Grove
7 p.m.

Northeastern
at
Edinburgh
7 p.m.

Shelbyville
at
Franklin
7 p.m.

Martinsville
at
Greenwood
7 p.m.

Indian Creek
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Eastern Hancock
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Whiteland
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Plainfield
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