

PREP BLITZ

High school football previews: Week 4

FRIDAY'S GAMES

**Class 5A No. 3
Center Grove at
Terre Haute North, 7 p.m.**
Center Grove Trojans (2-1)
Head coach: Eric Moore, 10th season at Center Grove (77-34), 14th overall (125-39)

Last week: Lost 33-32 against visiting Carmel

Conference: Metropolitan Interscholastic

Key players: Jordan Luallen, Sr., QB; Kyle Jones, Sr., RB; Tanner Riley, Sr., RB; Luke Swift, Sr., WB; Mike Wood, Sr., WR/P/K; Aaron Goffinet, Sr., OL; 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

Terre Haute North Patriots (1-2)
Head coach: Chris Barrett, seventh season at Terre Haute North (25-44), 13th overall (53-76)

Last week: Won 26-21 against visiting Northview

Conference: Metropolitan Interscholastic

Outlook: Following last week's final-minute heartbreaking loss against top-ranked defending Class 5A state champion Carmel, the Trojans look to regroup against a struggling opponent they have dominated in recent years.

Center Grove is 9-0 against the Patriots in the past nine regular-season games. Terre Haute North has not beaten the Trojans in the regular season since 1998. The Patriots did, however, beat Center Grove in a second-round sectional game in 2005.

Directions: Take Interstate 70 west to the first Terre Haute exit (State Road 46) and turn right. Go through two lights (about six to eight miles) and turn left on Wabash Avenue (U.S. 40). Go under the overpass to the first light and turn right on Blakely Avenue. Take Blakely to Maple Avenue and turn left. The school is on the right.

**Greenwood at Class 4A
No. 8 Whiteland, 7 p.m.**
Greenwood Woodmen (2-1)
Head coach: Mike Campbell, third season (8-16)

Last week: Won 41-14 against visiting Martinsville

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

Whiteland Warriors (3-0)
Head coach: Darrin Fisher, fourth season at Whiteland (25-15), 18th overall (86-87)

Last week: Won 41-38 in 3OT at Plainfield

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, Sr., RB; Tony Couch, Sr., DB; Tyler Croy, Sr., OL; Jordan Sharp, Sr., OL; Chase Tichenor, Sr., OL; Jesse Moistner, Sr., DL

Outlook: This is a clash of county and conference rivals heading in winning directions. Whiteland is coming off an inspired win at conference rival Plainfield. Greenwood is coming off a rout of Mid-State opponent Martinsville and has won back-to-back games for the first time since 2005.

Both teams feature ground-oriented offensive attacks but have big-play capability through the air. And both rely on physical defenses that swarm to the ball carrier.

**Franklin at Mooresville,
7 p.m.**

Franklin Grizzly Cubs (2-1)
Head coach: Mike McClure, fourth season (14-22)

Last week: Lost 47-14 against visiting Shelbyville

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 Syphers, Jr., LB

Mooresville Pioneers (3-0)
Head coach: Mark Bless, 14th season at Mooresville (97-47), 19th overall (136-61)

Last week: Won 31-13 at Decatur Central

Conference: Mid-State

Outlook: The Grizzly Cubs are looking for their first win against traditional state power Mooresville since 2005. And as evidenced by their 3-0 record, the Pioneers are off to a hot start.

Mooresville has outscored its opponents a combined 123-25 and regularly receives votes in the state poll.

Directions: Take State Road 144 west into Mooresville to Indiana Street. Turn right on Indiana and follow it to the school on the left.

**Indian Creek
at Brebeuf, 7 p.m.**
Indian Creek Braves (2-1)
Head coach: Mike Gillin, eighth season at Indian Creek (63-18), 30th overall (229-90)

Last week: Won 33-0 at Eastern Hancock

Conference: Mid-Indiana Football

Key players: Dustin Tucker, Jr., QB; 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; Jared Neff, Sr., LB; Levi Waltz, Jr., LB

Brebeuf Braves (2-1)
Head coach: Ryan Gallogly

Last week: Lost 16-7 against visiting Ritter

Conference: Independent

Outlook: The series is knotted at 1-1 since the teams began playing three years ago. Class 2A Indian Creek won in 28-18 in 2006, and Class 3A Brebeuf won last year's meeting 20-14.

Brebeuf had been ranked in the top 10 until last week's loss against Class A No. 2 Ritter. Indian Creek, meanwhile, is coming off a shutout victory against Eastern Hancock.

Directions: Take State Road 252

east to U.S. 31 North and take it to Interstate 465. Take I-465 West to the 86th Street exit (Exit 23). Keep to the right at the fork and merge onto West 86th Street. Go past Georgetown Road and North Michigan Road. The school is before the Township Line Road intersection.

**Class 4A No. 9 Roncalli
at Plainfield, 7 p.m.**

Roncalli Rebels (2-1)
Head coach: Bruce Scifres, 19th season (178-51)

Last week: Lost 18-6 against visiting Chatard

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

Plainfield Quakers (1-2)
Head coach: Brian Woodard, third season (20-7)

Last week: Lost 41-38 in triple overtime against visiting Whiteland

Conference: Mid-State

Outlook: The Rebels fell just short last week against Class 3A No. 1 Chatard.

Although Plainfield's record doesn't reflect it, Roncalli faces another stiff challenge against an opponent that has suffered narrow defeats against Class 5A Lawrence North and emerging Class 4A power Whiteland.

Directions: Take Interstate 465 West to I-70. Take I-70 west to the Plainfield exit, State Road 267. Go north on 267 to the first stop light, which is Hadley Road. Take a left onto Hadley and the school is at the first stop light to the right.

**South Decatur
at Edinburg, 7 p.m.**
Edinburg Lancers (0-3)
Head coach: Kyle Wheeler, third season (0-23)

Last week: Lost 23-22 against visiting Northeastern

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

South Decatur Cougars (2-1)
Head coach: Ken Wendling, 16th season at South Decatur (82-78), 20th overall (98-99)

Last week: Won 6-0 against visiting Cincinnati Country Day

Conference: Mid-Indiana Football

Outlook: In their past two games, the Lancers have come tantalizingly close to putting the brakes on one of the state's longest losing streaks but couldn't quite get it done. Edinburg has lost each of its past two games by one point.

The Lancers' next chance to halt the 39-game skid is against a conference rival that brings a two-game winning streak and the distinction of being the most recent team to lose to Edinburg. The Cougars forfeited a 58-6 win because an academically ineligible player appeared in the game Sept. 10, 2004.

COUNTY LEADERS

School	W-L	PF	PA
Center Grove	2-1	128	47
Edinburgh	0-3	34	90
Franklin	2-1	77	77
Greenwood	2-1	69	79
Indian Creek	2-1	100	28
Whiteland	3-0	128	77

Offense Scoring

Name, school	Pts.
Luke Harris, W	54
Zac Tharpe, IC	40
Clayton Simmons, F	36
Jordan Luallen, CG	36
Tanner Riley, CG	32
Drew Slaughter, G	24
Brad Carnes, CG	24
Brandon Collins, G	24
Mike Wood, CG	24

Rushing

Name, school	Att.-Yds.	Avg.	TD
Luke Harris, W	52-534	10.3	9
Matt Heller, G	44-396	9.0	0
Clayton Simmons, F	59-299	5.0	5
Luke Swift, CG	42-261	6.2	2
Tanner Riley, CG	33-234	7.1	3
Joel Ankney, IC	36-196	5.4	2
Jordan Luallen, CG	23-169	7.3	6
Brad Carnes, G	16-169	10.6	4
Drew Slaughter, G	30-164	5.5	4

Passing

Name, school	Comp.-Att.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Keith Burton, E	65-139	765	4	7
Dan Bechman, F	36-56	443	3	8
Trey Reese, IC	34-64	525	7	4
Jordan Luallen, CG	14-22	307	4	0
Bryan Webb, W	13-18	234	1	0
Matt Heller, G	8-18	148	2	1

Receiving

Name, school	Rec.-Yds.	Avg.	TD
Brandon Collins, IC	24-247	10.2	3
Sean Hansen, E	22-255	11.6	1
Wade Teltoe, E	21-233	11.1	1
Zac Tharpe, IC	15-209	13.9	5
Austin Clark, F	9-112	12.4	2
Clayton Simmons, F	8-43	5.4	1
Alec Dewitt, F	7-99	14.1	0

Defense Tackles

Name, school	UT	AT	Tot.
Adam Chandler, E	27	22	49
Josh Pifer, F	27	15	42



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THARPE

Name, school	Pts.	Yds.	TD
Mitch Meador, W	16	24	40
Devin Burton, E	17	16	33
Jared Neff, IC	16	13	29
Alex Perritt, W	10	17	27
Anthony Elias, CG	11	12	23
Nick Harrison, E	15	8	23
Ryan Willard, E	14	9	23
Tyler Osborn, F	18	5	23
Wade Teltoe, E	9	12	21

Sacks

Name, school	Sacks
Andre Biggers, W	2.5
Autsin Gaines, F	2
LeMarr Stevenson, G	2
Brad Carnes, G	2

Interceptions

Name, school	Int.
Brandon Cochran, IC	3
Derek Million, F	3
Alex Perritt, W	2
Jeremy Doll, IC	2
Brandon Collins, IC	2
Kevin Jones, CG	2

Special teams Punting

Name, school	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Zac Tharpe, IC	5	162	32.4
Mike Wood, CG	5	161	32.2
Brad Carnes, G	11	343	31.2
Craig Buck, F	9	266	30.0
Jordan Laforet, W	6	156	26.0

Kicking

Name, school	FG	Lng.	XP	Pts.
Mike Wood, CG	3-3	48	15-15	24
Kenny Polley, W	1-1	25	15-16	18
Zac Tharpe, IC	0-0	N/A	10-15	10
Toby Kemp, G	0-0	N/A	9-10	9
Hilary Fox, F	0-0	N/A	7-7	7

Kickoff returns

Name, school	No.-Yds.	TD	Avg.
Clayton Simmons, F	4-136	0	34.0
Dylan Hodges, F	6-56	0	9.3
Derek Kern, G	6-128	0	21.3

TOP PLAYERS

A look at some of the top performances in Week 3 of the high school football season:

Matt Heller

Senior, Greenwood



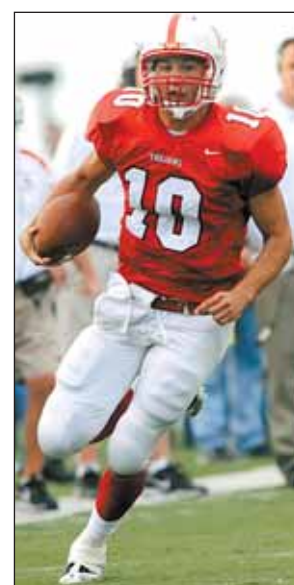
Heller, the Woodmen's quarterback, rushed for 295 yards in a win against Martinsville.

Luke Harris

Senior, Whiteland



Harris rushed for 260 yards and four touchdowns in a triple-overtime victory at Plainfield.



Jordan Luallen

Senior, Center Grove

The Trojans quarterback rushed 10 times for 107 yards and two scores and completed six of 10 passes for 92 yards and another score in a loss to visiting Carmel.

Brandon Collins

Senior, Indian Creek

Collins had a 37-yard TD run and caught six passes for 70 yards in the Braves' win at Eastern Hancock.

BY THE NUMBERS

A look at key statistics from Week 3 games and this week's matchups:

338

Rushing yards for Greenwood in the first half of its win against Martinsville.

21

Points scored in the fourth quarter by Carmel in its win at Center Grove.

91.2

Percentage of Whiteland's rushing yards gained by senior Luke Harris in a win at Plainfield.

50

Passes attempted by Edinburg quarterback Keith Burton in a loss to Northeastern.

2-7

Whiteland's record against county foe Greenwood in the past nine meetings.

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