

PREP BLITZ



High school football previews: Week 6

WEEKEND GAMES

Friday's matchups Lawrence North at Class 5A No. 3 Center Grove, 7 p.m.

Center Grove Trojans (4-1)
Head coach: Eric Moore, 10th season at Center Grove (79-34), 14th overall (127-39)

Last week: Won 35-6 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 Pendygraft, Sr., OL; Trey Thompson, Sr., OL; Derek Long, Sr., C; Brook Bemis, Sr., OL; Devin Jacquin, Sr., OL; Ethan Hedeem, Sr., DB; Anthony Elias, Sr., LB; Joel Cox, Jr., DL; Keith Dietel, Sr., DE; Jon Rifkind, Sr., LB; Scott O'Brien, Jr., DB

Lawrence North Wildcats (2-3)
Head coach: Tom Dilley, sixth season at Lawrence North (33-27), 10th overall (68-43)
Last week: Lost 27-6 against visiting Carmel
Conference: Metropolitan Interscholastic
Outlook: Trojans have dominated their past two opponents since losing a one-point heartbreaker to No. 1 Carmel three weeks ago.

Center Grove has won its past two games by a combined score of 82-6 and continues to wear down defenses with a punishing ground attack.

In Lawrence North, the Trojans host a MIC rival they've dominated in recent years, winning nine of the past 10 meetings, including a 44-36 decision last year.

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

Whiteland Warriors (5-0)
Head coach: Darrin Fisher, fourth season at Whiteland (27-15), 18th overall (88-87)

Last week: Won 40-7 against visiting Danville
Conference: Mid-State
Key players: Bryan Webb, Sr., QB; Luke Harris, Sr., RB; Michael Robison, Sr., WR; Mitch Meador, Sr., LB; Alex



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Whiteland junior Brandon Giesecking, center, dives for extra yardage during a game against Danville last week. Giesecking rushed for 63 yards and two scores as the unbeaten Warriors beat Danville 40-7.

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; Chase Tichenor, Sr., OL; Jesse Moistner, Sr., DL

Franklin Grizzly Cubs (2-3)
Head coach: Mike McClure, fourth season (14-24)

Last week: Lost 27-0 against visiting Decatur Central
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; Josh Pfifer, Sr., LB

Outlook: Warriors are on a five-game winning streak and look to keep pace with unbeaten rival Mooresville in the race for the Mid-State Conference championship.

Franklin, meanwhile, looks to end a three-game skid and is looking for its first win of the season in conference play.

But it's a tall order against Whiteland. With 202 points through five games, the

Warriors average 40.4 points per game and are the highest-scoring team in the Mid-State. Franklin is averaging 15.4 points per game.

Class A No. 10 Sccecina at Greenwood, 7 p.m.

Greenwood Woodmen (2-3)
Head coach: Mike Campbell, third season (8-18)

Last week: Lost 11-3 at Mooresville
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

Sccecina Crusaders (3-2)
Head coach: Ott Hurrell, 17th season at Sccecina (105-85), 18th overall (106-94)
Last week: Lost 35-14 at Roncalli
Conference: Indiana Crossroads

Outlook: Despite playing their first game without senior quarterback Matt Heller, who is expected to miss the rest of the season with a broken leg, the Woodmen gave Class 4A No. 10 Mooresville a scare last week before losing their second straight game.

Greenwood will try to get back on track against Class A power Sccecina, whose only losses are against Class 4A Roncalli and Class 3A Brebeuf. The Woodmen have victories against Class 2A Indian Creek and Class 5A Martinsville.

Milan at Indian Creek, 7 p.m.

Indian Creek Braves
Head coach: Mike Gillin, eighth season at Indian Creek (64-19), 30th overall (230-91)

Last week: Won 34-19 against visiting Brown County
Conference: Mid-Indiana Football

Key players: Dustin Tucker, Jr., QB; Trey Reese, So., QB; Joel Ankey, So., RB/LB; Zac Tharpe, Sr., WR/DB; Brandon Collins, Sr., WR/LB; Isaiah Twarek, Sr., OL/DL;

Chi Lawrence, Sr., OL/DL; Josh Bales, Sr., OL/DL; Jared Neff, Sr., LB; Levi Waltz, Jr., LB

Milan Indians (3-2)
Head coach: Ryan Langferman, fourth season (3-2)
Last week: Won 34-7 against visiting North Decatur

Conference: Mid-Indiana Football
Outlook: Braves are looking to put together consecutive wins for the first time this season. They also are trying to keep pace with Triton Central in the race for the Mid-Indiana Football Conference championship. Triton Central is 2-0 in league play, while the Braves are 1-0.

But Milan, too, is still very much alive in the conference race. The Indians, along with South Decatur, still are unbeaten against Mid-Indiana opposition.

Roncalli vs. Class 4A No. 4 Cathedral, 7 p.m.

Roncalli Rebels (3-2)
Head coach: Bruce Scifres, 19th season (179-52)

Last week: Won 35-14 against visiting Sccecina
Key players: Kevin Banich, Sr., QB; Charlie Kolisek, Jr., WR; Ben Polizzi, Sr., RB; Drew

Oeschle, Sr., Dan Lauck, Jr., DB/LB; Matt Millott, Sr., DB; Cole Williamson, Jr., OL/DL

Cathedral Fighting Irish (3-2)
Head coach: Rick Streiff, 14th season at Cathedral (125-29), 19th overall (146-72)

Last week: Won 37-21 against visiting Arlington
Conference: Independent

Outlook: Trying to build on the momentum of last week's win against parochial rival Sccecina, the Rebels face one of their stiffest challenges of the season against Class 4A parochial power Cathedral.

Cathedral's only losses are against top-ranked defending Class 5A state champion Carmel and Cincinnati St. Xavier. The Rebels' losses have come against Class 3A No. 1 Chatard and tradi-

tional Class 4A power Plainfield.
Directions: Take Interstate 65 North to I-70 East; exit at Emerson Avenue and turn left on Emerson. Take Emerson to 46th Street and turn right. Take 46th Street to first stoplight (Arlington) and turn left. The school is about 1½ blocks on the right.

Saturday's matchup Edinburgh at Wes-Del, 4 p.m.

Edinburgh Lancers (0-5)
Head coach: Kyle Wheeler, third season (0-25)

Last week: Lost 66-16 against visiting Triton Central
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

Wes-Del Warriors (1-4)
Head coach: Cody Thompson, fourth season (11-24)

Last week: Lost 28-6 against visiting Indiana Deaf
Conference: White River
Outlook: Lancers hope to avoid a dubious distinction as they try to break the state's longest active losing streak.

Edinburgh has lost 41 straight since picking up a forfeit victory against South Decatur in 2004. The streak ties Southern Wells for the third-longest in IHSAA history.

In Wes-Del, the Lancers have one of their best opportunities to avoid passing Southern Wells on the losing streak list.

The Warriors also are struggling. Their only victory was a 15-12 decision against winless Cambridge City in Week 2.

Directions: Take Interstate 65 North to I-465 East and follow to I-69 North. Take I-69 North to State Road 28 exit and turn right. Take State Road 28 about 4 miles to a flashing red light and turn left on County Road 600W. The school is about a quarter-mile ahead on 600W.

TOP PLAYERS

A look at some of the top performances in Week 5 of the high school football season:



Luke Harris

Senior, Whiteland

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Harris, right, carried the ball 15 times for 255 yards and scored on touchdown runs of 33, 46 and 69 yards against Danville.



Luke Swift

Senior, Center Grove

Swift rushed eight times for 104 yards and caught a TD pass in a win against Terre Haute South.



Trey Reece

Sophomore, Indian Creek

Reece connected on 15 of 28 passes for 258 yards and five TDs in a win against Brown County.



Wade Teltoe

Sophomore, Edinburgh

Teltoe caught six passes for 105 yards and a touchdown in a loss to Triton Central.



Jordan Luallen

Senior, Center Grove

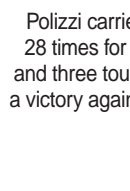
The Trojans' quarterback ran for a TD and threw for another score against Terre Haute South.



Brandon Collins

Senior, Indian Creek

Collins caught five passes for 118 yards, including a 62-yard TD reception, against Brown County.



Ben Polizzi

Senior, Roncalli

Polizzi carried the ball 28 times for 158 yards and three touchdowns in a victory against Sccecina.

BY THE NUMBERS

A look at key statistics from Week 5 games and this week's matchups:

39

Points scored by Indian Creek in the first half of Friday's win against Brown County.

418

Yards rushing for Center Grove in a win against Terre Haute South. Nine players carried the ball for the Trojans.

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Touchdown runs of 40 yards or more by Whiteland in a victory against Danville. The Warriors scored six TDs.

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Players who carried the ball for Franklin in a loss to Decatur Central. The Cubs gained 32 yards.

5-6

Roncalli's record against Cathedral in the past 11 meetings. The two have split their past six state tournament games.

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Points Edinburgh is favored by in its game at Wes-Del, according to Jeff Sagarin's computer ratings of Indiana teams.

WHERE THEY STAND

A look at the standings in conferences that include southside teams:

Metropolitan Interscholastic	Conf.	All
Carmel	3-0	5-0
Warren Central	3-0	5-0
Ben Davis	2-1	4-1
Center Grove	2-1	4-1
Terre Haute South	1-2	2-3
Lawrence North	1-2	2-3
Terre Haute North	0-3	1-4
North Central	0-3	0-5

Mid-State	Conf.	All
Mooresville	3-0	5-0
Whiteland	2-0	5-0
Plainfield	1-1	3-2
Greenwood	1-2	2-3
Martinsville	1-2	2-3
Decatur Central	1-2	1-4
Franklin	0-2	2-3

Mid-Indiana Football	Conf.	All
Triton Central	2-0	4-1
Indian Creek	1-0	3-2
Milan	1-0	3-2
South Decatur	1-0	3-2
North Decatur	1-2	2-3
Edinburgh	0-4	0-5

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Lawrence North at Center Grove 7 p.m.

Franklin at Whiteland 7 p.m.

Sccecina at Greenwood 7 p.m.

Milan at Indian Creek 7 p.m.

Roncalli at Cathedral 7 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAME

Edinburgh at Wes-Del 4 p.m.