

PREP BLITZ

High school football previews: Week 8

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Class 5A No. 2 Center Grove at North Central, 7 p.m.

Center Grove Trojans (6-1)
Head coach: Eric Moore, 10th season at Center Grove (81-34), 14th overall (129-39)

Last week: Won 44-22 at Ben Davis

Conference: Metropolitan Interscholastic

Key players: Jordan Luallen, Sr., QB; Tanner Riley, Sr., RB; Luke Swift, Sr., WB; Mike Wood, Sr., WR/PK; Austin Pendygraft, Sr., OL; Derek Long, Sr., C; Trey Thompson, Sr., OL; Brook Bemis, Sr., OL; Devin Jacquin, Sr., OL; Ethan Hedeen, Sr., DB; Anthony Elias, Sr., LB; Joel Cox, Jr., DL; Keith Dietel, Sr., DE; Jon Rifkind, Sr., LB; Scott O'Brien, Jr., DB

North Central Panthers (0-7)

Head coach: Mark Haste, third season at North Central (13-17), 19th overall (133-82)

Last week: Lost 37-34 in OT at Terre Haute South

Conference: Metropolitan Interscholastic
Outlook: The Trojans moved up one notch in the state poll following last week's victory at then-No. 7 Ben Davis and are bidding for their fifth straight win.

Center Grove won last year's meeting against North Central 42-7 at home. The struggling Panthers are winding down their worst season since 2002, when they finished 1-10.

Directions: Take Interstate 65 north to I-465 east and then north to the Keystone Avenue exit. Go south on Keystone and take the first exit onto 86th Street. Turn right onto 86th and go to the second traffic light. Turn left into the school.

Martinsville at Class 4A No. 7 Whiteland

Whiteland Warriors (7-0)
Head coach: Darrin Fisher, fourth season at Whiteland (29-15), 18th overall (90-87)

Last week: Won 27-3 at Mooresville

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

Martinsville Artesians (2-5)

Head coach: Fred Kuttruff, second season at Martinsville (4-13), 14th overall (90-56)

Last week: Lost 42-7 at Roncalli

Conference: Mid-State

Outlook: The Warriors, who moved up one spot in the state poll after handing then-No. 10 Mooresville its first loss, can take another giant step toward their first Mid-State title since 1982 with a victory against the struggling Artesians.

Whiteland is the only unbeaten team in league play, while Martinsville is on a three-game skid. The Warriors have given up a combined 20 points in the past four games and have outscored all opposition by a 277-97 margin.

Franklin at Greenwood, 7 p.m.

Greenwood Woodmen (3-4)
Head coach: Mike Campbell, third season (9-19)

Last week: Lost 34-6 at Decatur Central

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

Franklin Grizzly Cubs (2-5)

Head coach: Mike McClure, fourth season (14-26)

Last week: Lost 24-13 against visiting Plainfield

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: Coming off last week's disappointing loss against struggling Decatur Central, the Woodmen look to regain momentum with two regular-season games left.

Franklin, meanwhile, is on a five-game skid.

Both teams are looking for a spark as the postseason rapidly approaches.

Indian Creek at Triton Central, 7 p.m.

Indian Creek Braves (5-2)
Head coach: Mike Gillin, eighth season at Indian Creek (66-19), 30th overall (232-91)

Last week: Won 40-7 at North Decatur

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; Jared Neff, Sr., LB; Levi Waltz, Jr., LB

Triton Central Tigers (6-1)

Head coach: Kevin Kling, first season (6-1)

Last week: Won 21-13 at Park Tudor

Conference: Mid-Indiana Football

Outlook: This clash of Mid-Indiana titans likely will determine the conference championship. Both are 3-0 in league play and are the only unbeaten in the conference.

The Tigers are the defending champions. They have a five-game winning streak and have outscored their opponents 257-99. The Braves have a three-game winning streak and have outscored their opposition 199-86.

The game also marks the latest stop for the Indianapolis Colts' 2008 Friday Night Football Tour, which is a part of the Colts' Make It Personal campaign. Festivities, which include a traveling museum and interactive video in the 42-foot Colts in Motion trailer, start 90 minutes before kickoff. Fans

also can participate in a Quarterback Challenge football toss and win Colts merchandise, as well as register to win prizes in drawings.

Directions: Take State Road 252 east to U.S. 31 north. Take U.S. 31 north to Southport Road. Turn right onto Southport Road and follow it until it ends at Acton Road. Turn left onto Acton Road and follow it to Interstate 74. Get on I-74 east (toward Cincinnati) and go to the London Road exit. Turn right and then take the first left onto Frontage Road. Follow Frontage Road east to the flashing light at Shelby County Road 600N. Turn right and follow 600N to the school on the right.

Milan at Edinburgh, 7 p.m.

Edinburgh Lancers (0-7)
Head coach: Kyle Wheeler, third season (0-27)

Last week: Lost 32-15 against visiting Indiana Deaf

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., WR/LB; Aaron Knue, Jr., DL; Jake Smith, Jr., DL; Cody Smith, So., OL; Ryan Willard, Sr., OL/DL

Milan Indians (4-3)

Head coach: Ryan Langferman, fourth season (15-25)

Last week: Won 13-7 against visiting South Decatur

Conference: Mid-Indiana Football

Outlook: The Lancers will try once again to end the state's longest active losing streak, which stands at 43 games.

Resurgent Milan, meanwhile, looks for its second straight win and is bidding for its first winning season since 2000.

Decatur Central at Roncalli, 7 p.m.

Roncalli Rebels (4-3)
Head coach: Bruce Scifres, 19th season (180-53)

Last week: Won 42-7 against visiting Martinsville

Conference: Independent

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

Decatur Central Hawks (2-5)

Head coach: Tim Able, eighth season at Decatur Central (43-42), 17th overall (95-89)

Last week: Won 31-6 at Greenwood

Conference: Mid-State

Outlook: The Rebels look for their second straight win against a once-struggling opponent that has won two of its past three games.

Roncalli has not strung together consecutive victories since opening the season with wins against Southport, which has since won six straight and ranked No. 6 in Class 5A, and Franklin Central, which was No. 7 in Class 5A at the time.

COUNTY LEADERS

Records				Defense Tackles								
W-L	PF	PA	Name, school	UT	AT	Total						
Center Grove	6-1	299	88	Adam Chandler, E	61	34	95					
Edinburgh	0-7	79	299	Josh Pfifer, F	51	40	91					
Franklin	2-5	90	205	Mitch Meador, W	36	46	82					
Greenwood	3-4	116	185	Jared Neff, IC	42	35	77					
Indian Creek	5-2	199	86	Tyler Osborn, F	39	25	64					
Whiteland	7-0	277	97	Devin Burton, E	34	29	63					

Offense Scoring				Sacks								
Name, school	Pts.											
Luke Harris, W	108	Name, school	Sacks									
Tanner Riley, CG	74	LaMarr Stevenson, G	5									
Luke Swift, CG	66	Andre Biggers, W	5									
Zac Tharpe, IC	64	Josh Bales, CG	4.5									
Jordan Luallen, CG	60	Josh Phelps, IC	4									
Mike Wood, CG	55	Jared Harris, G	3									
Brandon Collins, IC	50	Josiah Harrell, IC	3									
Clayton Simmons, F	42	***										
Drew Smyth, W	42	Interceptions			Intr.							
Drew Slaughter, G	36	Name, school	Intr.									
Joel Ankney, IC	36	Kevin Jones, CG	4									

Rushing				Special teams Punting								
Att.-Yds.	Avg.	TD	Name, school	No.	Yds.	Avg.						
Luke Harris, W	133-1,384	10.5	Zac Tharpe, IC	17	641	37.7						
Luke Swift, CG	97-767	7.9	Craig Buck, F	25	935	37.4						
Tanner Riley, CG	72-755	10.5	Mike Wood, CG	9	323	35.9						
Drew Smyth, W	45-507	11.3	Brad Carnes, G	20	649	32.5						
Matt Heller, G	59-454	7.7	Jordan Laforet, W	13	409	31.5						
Clayton Simmons, F	108-406	3.8	***									
Joel Ankney, IC	96-384	4.0	Kicking									
Jordan Luallen, CG	45-340	7.6	10	Name, school	FG	Lng.	XP	Pts.				

Passing				Mike Wood, CG	4-5	48	37-38	49				
Comp.-Att.	Yds.	TD	Kenny Polley, W	1-1	25	31-34	35					
Keith Burton, E	124-284	1,505	9	Zac Tharpe, IC	0-0	N/A	16-25	16				
Trey Reese, IC	100-179	1,338	16	Toby Kemp, G	0-0	N/A	14-15	14				
Dan Bechman, F	74-131	778	4	Hilary Fox, F	0-1	N/A	8-8	8				
Jordan Luallen, CG	32-57	557	10	***								
Bryan Webb, W	20-35	334	3	Kickoff returns								
Paul Morrison, G	17-45	222	0	Name, school	No.-Yds.	TD	Avg.					
Matt Heller, G	12-30	200	2	Clayton Simmons, F	9-236	0	26.2					
***							Zac Tharpe, IC	6-126		0	21.0	
Receiving				Derek Kern, G	14-258		0		18.4			
Name, school	Rec.-Yds.	Avg.	TD	Junior Ortega, F	15-229		0		15.2			
Brandon Collins, IC	55-626	11.3	8	Dylan Hodges, F	6-56		0		9.3			
Wade Teltoe, E	50-679	13.6	5	***								
Zac Tharpe, IC	36-514	14.2	8									
Sean Hansen, E	35-349	10.0	2									
Nick Harrison, E	17-284	16.7	1									
Dylan Hodges, F	17-218	12.9	0									
Austin Clark, F	16-190	12.0	3									
Alec Dewitt, F	15-163	10.9	0									
Clayton Simmons, F	14-70	5.0	1									
Luke Swift, CG	12-183	15.3	3									
Chris Burton, E	12-140	11.7	0									

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TOP PLAYERS

A look at some of the top performances in Week 7 of the high school football season:



STAFF PHOTO BY JOE SABA

Swift, left, ran for two touchdowns and caught two TD passes during the Trojans' win at Ben Davis. He gained 137 yards on 18 carries.

WHERE THEY STAND

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

	Metropolitan Interscholastic	
	Conf.	All
Carmel	5-0	7-0
Center Grove	4-1	6-1
Warren Central	4-1	5-2
Ben Davis	3-2	5-2
Terre Haute South	2-3	3-4
Lawrence North	2-3	3-4
Terre Haute North	0-5	1-6
North Central	0-5	0-7

Luke Swift Senior, Center Grove



Riley rushed 17 times for 143 yards, including TD runs of 35 and 44 yards, in the Trojans' win at Ben Davis.

Tanner Riley Senior, Center Grove



Harris carried the ball 25 times for 233 yards and three scores in a win against Mooresville.

Trey Reese Sophomore, Indian Creek



Reese completed 22 of 33 passes for 271 yards and three scores in a win against North Decatur.

Brandon Collins Senior, Indian Creek



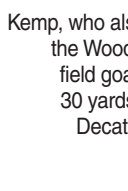
Kemp, who also plays soccer for the Woodmen, booted field goals of 23 and 30 yards in a loss to Decatur Central.

Devin Burton Sophomore, Edinburgh



The Lancers' ground game got a boost from Burton, who had 112 yards in a loss to Indiana Deaf.

Toby Kemp Senior, Greenwood



Collins caught 10 passes for 121 yards and a touchdown in Indian Creek's victory against North Decatur.

BY THE NUMBERS

A look at key statistics from Week 6 games and this week's matchups:

28

Points scored in the second half by Center Grove in a win against Ben Davis.

35

Points scored in the first half by Roncalli in a victory against Martinsville.

112.05

QB rating for Indian Creek's Trey Reese in a win against North Decatur. He was 22 of 33 for 271 yards, a TD and no interceptions.

131

Rushing yards for Edinburgh in a loss to Indiana Deaf. The Lancers gained minus 17 yards in their previous game.

40.6

Points a game allowed this season by North Central, Center Grove's opponent on Friday.

25-3

Triton Central's record since the start of the 2006 season. The Tigers will host Indian Creek on Friday.