

THURSDAY

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# The Vindicator

## GAMES TO WATCH | 5 more not to miss

### CANFIELD AT NILES

**Kickoff:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Bo Rein Stadium.

**Records:** 6-2, 2-0 All-American Conference Red Tier; Niles 2-6, 1-2

**Notebook:** Five straight wins have put the Cardinals in the driver's set for Red Tier title, but with Poland looming, they can't afford to look past Niles. Canfield's defense has been its biggest strength, giving up a total of six points over the last four weeks. The Cardinals are in seventh in the Div. II, Region 7 standings and probably need to win out to make it. Niles, meanwhile, has lost four straight and is playing for pride at this point.

### EAST VS. WARREN HARDING

**Kickoff:** 7:30 p.m. Friday at Mollenkopf Stadium

**Records:** East 3-5, Warren Harding 4-4

**Notebook:** No playoffs. No league title. But this one should be fun anyway as two teams

hoping to finish strong show off their speed and athleticism. East scored a slight upset in last year's matchup and the Raiders will be looking for revenge – and some good mojo after three straight losses this season.

### CRESTVIEW VS. SPRINGFIELD

**Kickoff:** 7 p.m. Friday at Springfield

**Records:** 7-1, 4-1 Inter Tri-County League Tier One; Springfield 4-4, 1-4

**Notebook:** The Rebels can capture a share of the league title – and a playoff berth – with two more wins, but the Tigers will be looking to play spoiler. Surprisingly, Springfield is still in the playoff hunt, sitting ninth in the Div. VI Region 21 standings. The Rebels are fourth in Div. V, Region 17 standings and control their own destiny.

### YCS VS. LEDGEMONT

**Kickoff:** 7 p.m. Friday at Ledgemont

**Records:** YCS 6-2, 4-0 East Suburban Conference; Ledgemont 3-5, 1-3

**Notebook:** It's hard to believe how fast the Eagles' program has risen. They went 0-7 in their first season (2004) but have steadily improved since and are now on the brink of their first league title and playoff berth. YCS is eighth in the Region 21 standings and will be heavily favored against a Ledgemont team that has lost four straight, including a 52-0 defeat to Southington two weeks ago. YCS beat Southington on Saturday.

### FITCH VS. LAKE

**Kickoff:** 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lake

**Records:** Fitch 4-4, 1-4; Lake 3-5, 1-5

**Notebook:** Both teams snapped long losing skids last week. The Falcons throttled Perry for their first win since Sept. 5, while the Blue Streaks beat Jackson after five straight losses. The Falcons' rivalry game with Boardman is looming, but they can't afford to look past a Lake team that's been good enough to stay with most teams, but not good enough to beat them.