

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

TONIGHT'S AREA MATCHUPS

Lafayette Jeff (2-0) at McCutcheon (1-1)

Time: 7 p.m.
Radio: WASK-FM 98.7/WJEF-FM 91.9
Series history: Lafayette Jeff leads 11-9. The two teams split a pair of meetings last season.
Sagarin ratings: Lafayette Jeff 57.47; McCutcheon 78.83
About Lafayette Jeff: The Bronchos average 26.5 points and allow 23. ... Lafayette Jeff is ranked 10th in Class 5A Associated Press poll. ... The Bronchos are aiming to start 3-0 for the first time since 2008. ... Leaders-Passing: Matthew Wilkerson (30-59, 265 yards, 1 TD, 3 INT). ... Rushing: Brittain Chandler (42 car., 376 yards, 4 TD), Latrell Brown (31-165, 3 TD). ... Receiving: Chandler Ferguson (7 rec., 108 yards), Jalen Williams (11-71, 1 TD). ... Tackles: Devin Mickle (18), Jeremiah Smith (15). ... Interceptions: Chase Swingle (1). ... Sacks: Mickle (2), Josiah Lee (1).
About McCutcheon: The Mavericks average 17.5 points and allow 31.5. ... McCutcheon is 12-4 in home games since the start of the 2013 season. ... The Mavericks are receiving votes in the Class 5A Associated Press poll. ... Leaders-Passing: Peyton Williams (21-40, 221 yards, 1 TD, 2 INT). ... Rushing: Darren Lathrop (26 car., 83 yards, 2 TD), Williams (13-51, 2 TD). ... Receiving: Isaac Angstadt (10 rec., 121 yards), Gavin Dunbar (7-70, 1 TD). ... Tackles: Walter Foster (18), Josh Stevens (15). ... Interceptions: Foster (2).
If you go: Ellison Stadium is at 4951 US 231.

Logansport (2-0) at Harrison (0-2)

Time: 7 p.m.
Radio: WSAL-AM 1230
Series history: Harrison has won three of four meetings, including 40-13 last season.
Sagarin ratings: Logansport 51.62; Harrison 57.75
About Logansport: The Berries average 27.5 points and allow 14. ... Logansport is 2-0 for the first time since 2010. ... The Berries have lost eight of their last nine North Central Conference road games, dating back to 2013. ... Leaders-Passing: Ryan Bullard (14-27, 313 yards, 2 TD, 1 INT). ... Rushing: Tucker Platt (22 car., 150 yards, 2 TD), Bullard (20-122, 1 TD). ... Receiving: Oscar Grimaldo (6 rec., 120 yards), Dustin Wilson (4-84, 2 TD). ... Tackles: Tate Gaby (24), Wilson (11). ... Interceptions: Elijah Crowe (1). ... Sacks: Bullard (1).
About Harrison: The Raiders average 21 points and allow 32. ... Harrison is trying to avoid its first 0-3 start under coach Terry Peebles, now in his third season. Harrison was 0-10 three straight seasons prior to Peebles' arrival. ... The Raiders are 5-6 in home games under Peebles. ... Leaders-Passing: Jackson Vanderwielen (16-34, 205 yards, 1 TD, 3 INT). ... Rushing: Dawson Dahkne (28 car., 127 yards, 2 TD), Jonathan LaGuire (17-98). ... Receiving: Dahnke (4 rec., 86 yards, 1 TD), Joey Morrison (3-84, 1 TD). ... Tackles: Butch Knox (22), Cade Bishop (17). ... Sacks: Bishop (2).
If you go: Rickard Field is at 5701 N. 50 W.

Western (1-1) at West Lafayette (1-1)

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Series history: West Lafayette leads 5-0, including 62-7 last season.
Sagarin ratings: Western 36.54; West Lafayette 79.75
About Western: The Panthers average 35.5 points and allow 18. ... Western defeated Tippecanoe Valley 65-14 last Friday, posting its most points since Sept. 24, 2010. ... The Panthers are attempting to win at least two of their first three games for the first time since starting 4-0 in 2013. ... Statistics unavailable.
About West Lafayette: The Red Devils average 41.5 points and allow 31. ... West Lafayette is ranked third in the Class 3A coaches and Associated Press polls. ... The Red Devils have not lost a Week 3 game since 2003. ... Leaders-Passing: Mikey Kidwell (46-92, 694 yards, 10 TD, 1 INT). ... Rushing: Kidwell (21 car., 136 yards, 2 TD), Sage Hood (33-125). ... Receiving: Matt Marley (14 rec., 235 yards, 2 TD), Caleb Green (14-198, 2 TD). ... Tackles: George Karlaftis (15), Luke Staton (15). ... Interceptions: Coby Custer (1). ... Sacks: Karlaftis (3), Gabe Parker (1).
If you go: Straley Field is at the corner of Salisbury Street and Cumberland Avenue.

Tipton (2-0) at Central Catholic (2-0)

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Radio: PutMeInSports.com
Series history: Central Catholic leads 5-1, including a 51-0 victory last season. Tipton's win came in the 2013 sectional.
Sagarin ratings: Tipton 47.44; Central Catholic 80.31
About Tipton: The Blue Devils average 41.5 points and allow 3.5. ... Tipton is attempting to start 3-0 for the first time since 2013, when it was the Class 2A runner-up. ... The Blue Devils are receiving votes in the Associated Press Class 3A poll. ... Passing: Kellen Woods (25-36, 469 yards, 5 TD, 1 INT). ... Rushing: Sebastian Connor (13 car., 81 yards, 1 TD), Woods (10-50, 2 TD). ... Receiving: Caleb Burkett (10 rec., 192 yards, 2 TD), Sam Gutierrez (9-161, 2 TD). ... Tackles: Jake Juday (20), Connor (14), Chase London (14). ... Interceptions: Connor (1). ... Sacks: Four with 1.
About Central Catholic: The Knights average 52 points and allow 6.5. ... Central Catholic is ranked No. 1 in the Class A Associated Press and Coaches polls. ... The Knights have won 13 straight games at home dating back to August 2014. ... Leaders-Passing: Avery Denhart (29-43, 391 yards, 4 TD, 0 INT). ... Rushing: Jake Page (27 car., 117 yards, 1 TD), Ben Metzinger (11-52, 4 TD). ... Receiving: Metzinger (10 rec., 141 yards, 2 TD), Jordan Turpin (7-95). ... Tackles: D'Mitri George (8), Dawson Skees (6). ... Interceptions: Carlos Velasquez (1).
If you go: LaRocca Field is at 2410 S. 9th St.

Benton Central (1-1) at Northwestern (2-0)

Time: 7 p.m.
Radio: WIBN-FM 98.1
Series history: Northwestern won the only previous meeting 38-6 last season.
Sagarin ratings: Benton Central 31.39; Northwestern 59.1
About Benton Central: The Bison average 26.5 points and allow 21. ... Benton Central is coming off its highest-scoring game in three years with a 40-15 win over Seeger last Friday. ... The Bison have started 2-1 just once since 2003 (2011). ... Leaders-Passing: Koltin Tucker (11-24, 219 yards, 1 TD, 3 INT). ... Rushing: Blake Morin (11 car., 119 yards, 1 TD), Bryson Ford (22-49). ... Receiving: Morin (8 rec., 133 yards), Logan Crabtree (8-87, 1 TD). ... Tackles: Jake Matson (27), Tucker (14). ... Interceptions: Matson (1). ... Sacks: Crabtree (1), David Arthur (1), Daniel Carillo (1).
About Northwestern: The Tigers average 40.5 points and allow 7. ... Northwestern has given up exactly one touchdown in wins over Clinton Central and Twin Lakes. ... The Tigers are aiming for their first 3-0 start since 2013. ... Passing: Trey Richmond (14-30, 337 yards, 3 TD, 1 INT). ... Rushing: Evan Cardwell (68 car., 432 yards, 7 TD), Richmond (7-37, 2 TD). ... Receiving: Noah Dowden (10 rec., 242 yards, 2 TD). ... Tackles: Nick Sottong (22), Ethan Breisch (19). ... Interceptions: Charlie Devaul (1). ... Sacks: Sottong (4).
If you go: Tiger Field is at 3431 North 400 West in Kokomo.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL NOTES

Drew Retherford felt he had a little something extra at the end of last week's victory over West Lafayette.

Before the game, Retherford and West Lafayette quarterback Mikey Kidwell met up and Kidwell gave the McCutcheon senior defensive back an arm sleeve.

Not just any arm sleeve - Christian Burns' arm sleeve.

Kidwell moved to West Lafayette in seventh grade and immediately befriended Burns, a West Lafayette running back who was killed in an automobile accident in May. Burns and Retherford were friends and by association, Kidwell and Retherford became good friends.

The double overtime game ended with Retherford, sleeve coating his right arm, blitzing Kidwell and hitting him just as he let go, forcing a bad pass that was intercepted in the end zone.

"I will wear it every game and it is something that is pretty important to me," Retherford said. "I met with Mikey before the game and he gave it to me. Christian has been a friend of mine all growing up. I think I will play a little bit better keeping (the sleeve) with me."

Rivalry week

For the second week in a row, McCutcheon will host a county rival.

This time, there's conference implications, too, when Lafayette Jeff makes the short trip to Ellison Stadium.

A year ago, the Mavericks won the regular season matchup, only to be outdone by the Bronchos in a sectional rematch.

Both teams look a bit different this season, but it doesn't diminish the importance of the North Central Conference opener for both teams.

"It's Jeff," McCutcheon coach Ken Frauhiger said. "If somebody has to talk to you to get you up to play Jeff, then you are in the wrong sport."

The Bronchos make their first road trip having won two games to start the year thanks to late interceptions in both - one by Chase Swingle against Twin Lakes and Marquan Hardy's pick to preserve a 20-18 victory over East Chicago Central last week.

Coach Pat Shanley is well aware the competition level will increase this time around.

"Coach Frauhiger has them playing extremely hard and it shows up on film," Shanley said. "It will be a good challenge for us and will be the best defense we've faced this year. I think our kids are excited about the opportunity."

McCutcheon's offense also showed signs of life last week, especially after scoring for the first time all season in the fourth quarter. Jeff, having seen the Mavericks twice last year, already know what to expect.

"They run a good strong offense, right down the middle," middle linebacker Devin Mickle said. "We're very eager to play them."

The playmakers that did damage to McCutcheon in last year's sectional all graduated, but Frauhiger sees a reloaded collection of skill players rather than a rebuilt one.

"They are skilled offensively and have a good quarterback again," Frauhiger said. "Their offensive line is good and we are going to have our hands full, no doubt about



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 The host McCutcheon Mavericks defeated West Lafayette 35-28 in double-overtime on Aug. 26.

tackle Blake Campos hadn't wrapped his head around the fact he plays for a 0-2 football team.

The Raiders lost six turnovers and saw a big lead evaporate in a loss to Western Boone last week, following a Week 1 contest where the second half against Westfield resembled nothing of the highly-competitive first.

"Honestly, we could have won both of those games," Campos said. "We beat ourselves. It feels really bad inside to know we could be 2-0 right now and going into this game with some momentum."

Instead, it is the Logansport Berries entering tonight's game with momentum, winning their first two games under new coach Mike Johnson, formerly of Pioneer.

"They are going to be riding high," Harrison coach Terry Peebles said. "They have won two straight games. We are on the opposite side where we're not real happy with where we're at right now. Hopefully we can come out and match their intensity and enthusiasm early in the game because I think we're a much better team than what we've shown."

Young lines

Both West Lafayette and Central Catholic advanced to the state championship last season on the strength of a talented and veteran offensive line.

This season, both entered with fairly inexperienced lines that have had mixed results through two games.

Last week against McCutcheon's stunt-happy defense, West Lafayette allowed their quarterback to be hurried 10 times.

"I think it was kind of important as a young line just trying to get that experience," said junior August Schott, a returning starter. "It was definitely beneficial to experience that in Week 2 of the season and not Week 10 in the sectional and lose in the first round."

Central Catholic's rookie line held its own against a ranked Guerin club, but also left plenty of room for improvement.

"We still made a number of mistakes and most of them are rookie mistakes," CC coach Kevin O'Shea said. "The nice thing is we have a lot of room to improve."

West Side feels the same way, trying to take the errors in stride at this point.

"As a coaching staff, we have to remind ourselves a lot that they are sophomores out there playing," WL coach Shane Fry said. "They are good players, just inexperienced. We have to remind ourselves they are playing their second varsity game ever."

The Knights' big win over sister school Guerin Catholic was a big boost for the defending Class A state champions, but also one that was put on the backburner the following day. "Our goal is to get better

AREA LEADERS

RUSHING				
Player	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
Berenda, Tri-County	49	404	8.2	6
Chandler, LJ	42	376	9.0	4
Schoonveld, CP	46	347	7.5	4
Bl. Bennington, TL	24	262	10.9	2
Pinn, NW	46	259	5.6	6
Harmeson, Attica	9	255	28.3	3
Quasebarth, NW	29	236	8.1	3
Harrell, NN	35	203	5.8	0
Fraze, FC	15	200	13.3	4
Brewer, Cov	33	173	5.2	1
Brown, LJ	31	165	5.3	3
Ellis, FC	13	150	11.5	1
Spesard, Carroll	26	150	5.8	6
King, Frankfort	27	147	5.4	3
Randolph, NM	22	141	6.4	3
Johnson, Craw	28	138	4.9	0
Kidwell, WL	21	136	6.5	2

PASSING				
Player	Cp	Att	Yds	TD INT
Kidwell, WL	46	92	694	10 1
Bentley, FC	33	41	450	7 1
Quasebarth, NW	18	21	394	7 0
Denhart, CC	29	43	391	4 0
Filbrun, Carroll	20	32	363	3 3
Stroup, CP	27	64	336	3 1
Johnson, Craw	14	31	340	3 1
Bever, Cov	11	23	330	6 0
Knecht, NM	23	45	305	3 2
Windell, Delphi	18	40	268	2 1
Wilkerson, LJ	30	59	265	1 3
Harmeson, Attica	20	32	231	3 0
Williams, McC	21	40	221	1 2
Tucker, BC	11	24	219	1 3

RECEIVING				
Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
Marley, WL	14	235	16.8	2
Andrews, Cov	6	217	36.2	4
Anderson, Carroll	9	205	22.8	3
Green, WL	14	198	14.1	2
Bridgewater, Craw	8	189	23.6	2
Hook, NW	8	174	21.8	3
Howell, FC	5	159	31.8	4
Selke, CP	13	158	12.2	1
Vanceave, FC	13	149	11.5	1
Metzinger, CC	10	141	14.1	2
Carroll, Delphi	7	138	19.7	2
Morin, BC	8	133	16.6	0
Angstadt, McC	10	121	12.1	2
Fruits, NM	7	115	16.4	1
Ferguson, LJ	7	108	15.4	0

SCORING					
Player	TD	2 pt	1 pt	FG	Pts
Pinn, NW	6	5	0	0	46
Berenda, Tri-County	6	3	0	0	42
Metzinger, CC	6	0	0	0	36
Spesard, Carroll	6	0	0	0	36
Schoonveld, CP	5	0	0	0	30
Andrews, Cov	5	0	0	0	30
Chandler, LJ	4	0	1	0	25
Fraze, FC	4	0	0	0	24
Howell, FC	4	0	0	0	24
Quasebarth, NW	3	2	0	0	22
Dahnke, Harr	3	1	0	0	20
Hook, NW	3	2	0	0	20
Anderson, Carroll	3	0	0	0	18
Brown, LJ	3	0	0	0	18
Sheridan, Attica	3	0	0	0	18
Harmeson, Attica	3	0	0	0	18
Windell, Delphi	3	0	0	0	18
King, Frankfort	3	0	0	0	18
Randolph, NM	3	0	0	0	18
Becker, Rensselaer	3	0	0	0	18
Justice, Tri-County	3	0	0	0	18
Milazzo, CC	0	0	14	0	14

TACKLES				
27—Matson (BC), Pugh (TL), Spesard (Carroll); 24—Ford (Carroll); 23—Marlatt (NW), Webster (NM), Chaney (Craw); 22—Knox (Harrison); 21—Fraze (FC), Coffing (Cov), 19—Goodlow (TL); 18—Pigg (FC), Mickle (LJ), Foster (McC); 17—Welliever (SM), Chowning (Cov), Bishop (Harrison); 16—Mata (Frankfort), Davis (Frankfort), Jumps (Cov), Snoddy (Cov), Doerflein (Carroll), Filbrun (Carroll), Berenda (Tri-County), Dillon (Harrison); 15—Bl. Bennington (TL), Howell (FC), Johnson (Craw), Karlaftis (WL), Staton (WL), Smith (LJ), Stevens (McC), Cronkite (NW), Stitz (SN), Bushman (WC)				

INTERCEPTIONS				
2—Randolph (NM), Carroll (Delphi), Foster (McC); 1—Bl. Bennington (TL), Custer (WL), Justice (Tri-County), Patton (Tri-County), Velasquez (CC), Swingle (LJ), Durham (Attica), Matson (BC), Brummett (Carroll), Filbrun (Carroll) Andrews (Cov), Stewart (Craw), Webb (Delphi), Bentley (FC), Shelley (Frankfort), Snow (NN), Seitzinger (NN), Cronkite (NW), Hook (NW), Long (SM)				

PUNTING (Average 1 per game)			
Player	No.	Yards	Avg. Long
Phelps, NW	2	100	50.0 N/A
Kidwell, WL	9	359	39.9 54
Fraze, FC	4	158	39.5 48
Dunbar, McC	12	454	37.8 61
Vega, Frankfort	9	339	37.7 52
Wilkerson, Jeff	3	111	37.0 47
Bentley, FC	3	111	37.0 44
Gilbert, Rensselaer	7	249	35.6 47
Stroup, CP	3	105	35.0 45



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