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2021 GAME NOTES
GAME FOUR:
EUCLID



THE MATCHUP



at



**Saint Ignatius
WILDCATS**

**Euclid
PANTHERS**

**September 10, 2021
EUCLID COMMUNITY STADIUM
Kickoff: 7 p.m.**

Saint Ignatius 2021 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Score
8/20	@ Springfield	L, 20-24
8/27	@ Mentor	L, 26-28
9/4	vs. Mount St. Joseph (MD)	W, 20-6
9/10	@ Euclid	7:00 p.m.
9/18	vs. Archbishop Hoban	7:00 p.m.
9/25	vs. River Rouge (MI)	4:00 p.m.
10/2	@ St. Edward	7:00 p.m.
10/9	@ Archbishop Moeller	4:00 p.m.
10/16	vs. St. Xavier	4:00 p.m.
10/23	vs. Clarkson Football North (ONT)	3:00 p.m.

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Team Information

Saint Ignatius High School: 1-2
OHSAA Division I, Region 1
Head Coach: Chuck Kyle '69
Record at School: 362-101-1
Overall Record: 362-101-1

Euclid Panthers: 0-3
Division I, Region 1
Greater Cleveland Conference
Head Coach: Rick Lytle
Record at School: 0-3
Overall Record: 6-17

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ABOUT THE WILDCATS ...

Wildcats Storylines ...

EUCLID SERIES HISTORY

10/16/20	W	30-20	A	Reg. QTF
9/7/18	W	21-6	A	
11/10/17	W	45-22	N	Reg. Semifinal
9/9/17	W	34-20	H	
11/6/99	W	28-14	N	Reg. QTF
11/9/96	W	23-2	N	Reg. Semifinal
8/31/96	W	41-7	H	
9/1/95	W	27-0	A	
11/20/93	W	42-7	N	Reg. Final
11/14/92	W	32-27	N	Reg. Semifinal
8/31/90	W	19-7	A	
11/11/89	W	31-30	N	Reg. Final
9/2/89	W	55-26	H	
11/12/88	W	17-0	N	Reg. Semifinal
9/9/88	W	21-12	A	
9/12/87	L	7-30	H	

BY THE NUMBERS

MEETINGS: 16

SAINT IGNATIUS WINS: 15

EUCLID WINS: 1

TIES: 0

At Euclid Stadium: 2-0

Facts to know: The Wildcats most recently played Euclid in the 2020 Regional Quarterfinal, where they defeated the Panthers 30-20 at Euclid Community Stadium.

FAMILIAR FOE: This will be the 17th all-time meeting between Saint Ignatius and Euclid. The Wildcats have a 15 game winning streak against the Panthers, dating back to 1988. The last regular season meeting between the two programs came in 2018 where Saint Ignatius won 21-6.

MARTY AND JOEY: The Wildcat offense has a fantastic duo in the backfield with Marty Lenehan and Joey Georges. Last week Lenehan and Georges carried the Wildcats to their first victory of the season. Lenehan toted the rock 28 times for 170 yards and two touchdowns. Lenehan's total for touchdowns is now six on the season through three games. Georges scored his first touchdown of the season late in the fourth quarter to solidify a 20-6 victory for Saint Ignatius. Georges carried the ball five times for 55 yards.

MEN UP FRONT: The Wildcats have two returning starters on the offensive line: senior Ashton Montgomery and senior Brian Keane anchor the left and right tackles this year. Looking at the guards, senior Joe Ryland and junior Dominic Ference lock down the left and right guard spots. Junior Pat Lavelle is the center for the Wildcats offense for 2021. William Witalis will start in week four vs. Euclid as Ryland will be sidelined with an injury. The O-line has been an integral part of opening the holes for Lenehan and Georges to succeed in the run game and will look to continue that in week four.

DEFENSIVE GEM: The Wildcats put on a defensive gem a week ago to earn the first win of the year. The Cats defense held the Gaels to just six points in the win. The defensive line stepped up in a big way, making passing difficult for the Gaels sophomore quarterback. Excellent penetration upfront from Peter Chalhoub, Thomas Wasinski and Joey Kause headlined a magnificent performance from the Wildcats.

BERGER BOYS: At outside linebacker is Gavin Berger. Berger is joined alongside pure athletes at the linebacker position with Christopher Aerni, Max Palinski and Blase Mastrianni. Altogether, the linebacking core last week was tremendous, turning the Gaels into a one-dimensional team. Palinski has played a rotational role for the Wildcats defense and has disrupted offenses with his ability to drop back into coverage or blitz.

SECONDARY SPECIALIST: The Wildcats secondary did not allow the big play to occur from Mount St. Joseph. AJ Spellacy had a terrific debut performance as the starting safety. Jack Mangan, Franklin Pike and Griffin Taliak all played roles in shutting down the air attack from the Gaels. Taliak blocked a PAT as well in the win, using his speed to come off the edge.

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN: The captains for the 2021 season are #22 Marty Lenehan, #34 Christopher Aerni, #95 Peter Chalhoub and #99 Thomas Wasinski.



ABOUT EUCLID ...

Learning about the Panthers ...

NEW LOOK: The Euclid Panthers come into the 2021 season with a new head coach in Rick Lytle. The Panthers returned only three players from 2020 with varsity-level experience. (Claishon Ivory, Aidan Turos and Ryan Merrill) 2021 has been a rough start for the Panthers as they have dropped their first three games to Aurora, Hudson and Cleveland Heights. There is plenty of talent on this Panthers squad; however, youth plays a factor for first-year head coach Rick Lytle.

ONE RETURNER: There is just one returner for Euclid on the offense and that is Claishon Ivory. The speedy 5'9" 175 lbs junior is looking to have a massive 2021. Currently, Ivory has an offer from the University of Kentucky. Ivory causes the defense to draw doubles which opens the field for his junior quarterback in Deonte' Rucker.

RUCKER FILE: Deonte' Rucker is the starting quarterback for the Euclid Panthers. This is the first year at the varsity level for Rucker and he has gained significant experience in just his first three games. In the match-up against Hudson, Rucker completed 15 of 24 passing for 201 yards and threw for one touchdown, his best start yet. Rucker can zip the ball into a tight window to find a receiver downfield and can be dangerous when he scrambles out of the pocket. Ivory will be the favorite target for Rucker, but another offensive weapon to watch out for will be Rich Buchanan, who scored a touchdown last week vs. Cleveland Heights.

OFFENSIVE HANDFUL: Leading the way for the Panthers' defense is Ryan Merrill. Merrill is the lone returning starter for Euclid's defense and finds a way to be involved in every play. In 2020, Merrill racked up nearly 100 tackles and was named News-Herald second-team all-star on defense. The Panthers defense plays an aggressive brand as they will blitz heavily. Euclid relies on its corners to shut down an opposition's aerial attack and allow enough time for the front seven to get to the quarterback.

THE BOOT OF TUROS: The Special Team game of football is always an important one and the Panthers have a well-rounded kicker in Aidan Turos. Turos boots most of his kicks into the end zone, not allowing the opposition to hurt the Panthers on kick returns. Turos also does the punting and can pin a team back inside their territory. Turos, a senior, is one of the three returning starters from the 2020 season.

2021 Euclid Schedule

Aug. 20	@ Aurora	L, 21-63
Aug. 27	vs. Hudson	L, 34-40
Sept. 3	vs. Cleveland Heights	L, 14-46
Sept. 10	vs. Saint Ignatius	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	vs. Brunswick	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	@ Medina	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	@ Massillon Washington	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	vs. Strongsville	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	vs. Solon	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 22	@ Mentor	7:00 p.m.



2021 Ohio High School Football Rankings (Maxpreps)

1. Cincinnati St. Xavier	3-0
2. Lakewood St. Edward	3-0
3. Pickerington Central	3-0
4. Archbishop Hoban	2-1
5. Springfield	2-0
6. Mentor	2-1
7. Cincinnati La Salle	2-1
8. Lakota West	2-1
9. Marysville	2-0
10. Cleveland Benedictine	3-0



BY THE NUMBERS/ WILDCATS TO WATCH

7

Rushing Touchdowns
in 2021

170

Yards rushed by Marty
Lenehan in week three

4-2

When playing on
September 10th

102

Passing yards allowed
last week

1

Blocked PAT by Griffin
Taliak

15

Game winning streak
against Euclid

RB JOEY GEORGES '22



A dynamic duo of Marty Lenehan and Joey Georges emerged in last week's victory over Mount St. Joseph.

Georges rushed the ball five times for 55 yards and scored his first varsity touchdown last Saturday.

Georges is a rotational back in the offense and when given the opportunity, has explosive play ability. That was evident last week as the senior back broke away for a 41-yard run that set up a touchdown on the very next play to secure a 20-6 victory over the Gaels.

The ground and pound is a staple of the Wildcat offense and with the production of Lenehan and Georges, the Wildcats have had success.

DB AJ SPELLACY '24



AJ Spellacy received his first varsity start last Saturday at safety. On the first play from scrimmage by the Gaels, they broke out a double pass to try and catch the Wildcat defense off guard. Spellacy did not get fooled by the Gaels, stuck to his assignment, and broke up the pass to set the tone for the Wildcat secondary.

The sophomore has impressed the coaches with his ability to take on receivers in coverage and make veteran plays on the ball. Spellacy found time in the Mentor game in week two and has shown the ability to be a reliable safety. With his 6'2" 180 lbs frame, Spellacy looks to create havoc for oppositions passing game.



SAINT IGNATIUS VARSITY ROSTER

#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Position	#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Position
2	Steven Favazzo	Jr.	5'11"	180	RB/S	59	Edmund Soeder	Jr.	6'2"	210	LB
3	Matthew Ruddy	Jr.	6'0"	160	S	60	Dominic Ference	Jr.	6'2"	275	OL
4	Joey Georges	Sr.	5'9"	171	RB/S	61	Patrick Lavelle	Jr.	6'0"	270	OL/DL
5	Zeb Eldridge	Sr.	6'2"	175	K/P	63	Timothy Lanzo	Jr.	5'10"	245	OL/DL
6	John Mangan	Sr.	6'1"	170	DB	64	Mitchell Hyland	Jr.	6'3"	264	OL
6	Alexander Shuran	So.	5'10"	163	LS	66	Angelo Camargo	Jr.	6'0"	265	OL
7	Edward Musbach	Sr.	6'2"	185	WR	67	Ryan Boomer	Sr.	5'10"	240	DL
7	Ryan Putka	Jr.	5'8"	155	K	74	Brian Keane	Sr.	6'5"	300	OL
8	Brandon Webster	Jr.	6'0"	175	WR/DB	75	William Witalis	Sr.	6'3"	260	OL
9	Griffin Taliak	Sr.	6'0"	175	S	76	Ashton Montgomery	Sr.	6'3"	285	OL
10	Edwin Abiakl	Sr.	5'10"	168	S	77	Michael Thompson	Jr.	6'3"	248	OL
11	Steven Bodamer	Sr.	6'1"	185	WR	78	Colin Farrell	Jr.	6'5"	225	OL
12	Pierce Spencer	Jr.	5'11"	195	QB	79	James Raynor	So.	6'6"	290	OL
13	Ryan Kennedy	Jr.	6'1"	182	WR	80	Sean Ward	Sr.	6'5"	230	TE
14	Anthony Moissis	Jr.	6'2"	210	QB/TE	81	Patrick Tompkins	Sr.	6'3"	190	WR
15	Scott Broski	Sr.	6'1"	150	WR	82	Max Muresan	Sr.	6'1"	160	WR
16	Charlie Dunstan	Jr.	5'9"	145	WR	83	Cole Frabotta	Jr.	6'3"	170	WR
17	Joey Pfaff	Sr.	6'5"	190	QB	84	Damon Frabotta	Sr.	6'2"	185	WR
18	Joshua Papesh	So.	6'2"	174	QB	85	Christopher Reali	Jr.	5'11"	170	WR
19	Colin Vollmer	Sr.	6'5"	195	WR	86	Hunter Moriarity	Jr.	6'4"	210	TE
20	Michael Norman	Jr.	5'8"	165	RB	87	Will Robinson	Jr.	6'5"	240	TE/DL
21	Brady Haddad	Jr.	5'11"	160	WR	88	AJ Spellacy	So.	6'2"	180	WR/DB
22	Max Hartley	Sr.	5'8"	150	DB	89	Jonathan Merimee	So.	6'4"	180	WR
22	Marty Lenehan	Sr.	5'11"	190	RB	91	Joseph Kause	Sr.	6'0"	230	DL
23	Connor Gisztl	Sr.	5'6"	138	DB	95	Peter Chalhoub	Sr.	6'2"	250	DL
24	Franklin Pike	Sr.	6'1"	175	DB	97	Eugene Gibbons	Jr.	6'4"	240	DL
25	Sean Martin	So.	6'1"	165	LB/RB	99	Thomas Wasinski	Sr.	5'10"	255	DL/RB
27	John Leszcz	Jr.	5'10"	185	S						
28	Connor Betters	Jr.	5'11"	165	DB		Jacob Cook	Sr.		Manager	
29	Brendan Hunt	Sr.	6'0"	175	S		Matthew O'Neill	Jr.		Manager	
30	Joe Norris	Sr.	6'1"	180	DB		Jarell Young	Jr.		Manager	
31	Nathan Polinko	Sr.	5'9"	170	DB		Domenic Rini	Jr.		Manager	
32	John Regan	Sr.	5'10"	140	DB		Blake Herman	So.		Manager	
33	Christian Cupp	Jr.	6'0"	175	S		Charlie Sizemore	So.		Manager	
34	Christopher Aerni	Sr.	5'11"	210	LB		Andy Stamp	Fr.		Manager	
35	Max Palinski	Jr.	6'1"	205	LB		Matt Mawby	Fr.		Manager	
37	Finn Mcconville	Sr.	6'1"	180	DB						
38	Owen Musbach	Jr.	6'0"	170	WR						
39	Gavin Berger	Sr.	6'1"	205	LB/LS						
40	William Curtis	Jr.	6'0"	170	DB						
41	Charlie Breen	Sr.	5'11"	155	DB						
42	Patrick Martin	Jr.	5'11"	220	LB						
43	Shane Morrison	Jr.	6'0"	162	DB						
44	Ian Zaletel	Jr.	5'11"	160	RB						
45	Blase Mastrianni	Sr.	6'0"	210	LB						
46	Braeden Lair	Sr.	6'1"	200	DB						
47	Kevin Krebs	Jr.	5'10"	175	S						
48	Ryan O'Donnell	Jr.	5'11"	180	LB						
49	Charles O'Brien	Jr.	5'10"	170	DB						
50	John Schmitt	Jr.	5'8"	178	LB						
51	William Persiani	Sr.	5'10"	250	OL						
54	Jack Sizemore	Jr.	5'6"	187	OL						
57	Joe Ryland	Sr.	6'3"	285	OL						

	Jacob Cook	Sr.	Manager
	Matthew O'Neill	Jr.	Manager
	Jarell Young	Jr.	Manager
	Domenic Rini	Jr.	Manager
	Blake Herman	So.	Manager
	Charlie Sizemore	So.	Manager
	Andy Stamp	Fr.	Manager
	Matt Mawby	Fr.	Manager

Coaches:	
Chuck Kyle '69	Head Coach
Ryan Franzinger '02	Defensive Coordinator/LB
Rodney Gallaway	Wide Receivers Coach
Luke Baker '17	Running Backs Coach
Paul Yappel	Offensive Line Coach
Tom Narducci	Offensive Line Coach
Dave Cicetti	Defensive Line Coach
Mark Sullivan	Defensive Line Coach
Kevin Johnson '10	Defensive Backs Coach
John Pieschalski '89	Defensive Backs Coach
Anthony Rubino	Strength and Conditioning Coach
AJ Short '09	Strength and Conditioning Coach
Mo Sizemore	Head Athletic Trainer
Evan Schlanser	Assistant Athletic Trainer
Tim Malik '99	Equipment Manager



EUCLID PANTHERS ROSTER



2021 EUCLID PANTHER FOOTBALL



No.	Name	Yr.	Ht	Wt	Pos.	No.	Name	Yr.	Ht	Wt	Pos.
1	Claishon Ivory	12	5'9	175	WR/DB	56	Jaden Linton	12	6'1	230	OL/DL
2	Syncere Pope	12	5'9	175	WR/DB	57	Quynton Clark	11	6'	265	OL/DL
3	Leroy Billips	11	5'9	185	RB/DB	58	Courtney Foster	11	6'3	230	TE/DL
4	Anton Rivers	12	5'10	185	WR/DB	59	Jermele Hammond	12	6'	255	OL/DL
5	Ryan Merrill	11	6'	220	RB/ILB	61	Wayne Hall	12	5'9	240	OL/DL
6	Amaru Rand	11	5'11	210	RB/OLB	62	Evin Harris	11	6'	260	OL/DL
7	Brian White	12	5'11	200	WR/ILB	63	Robert Rallings	11	5'10	255	OL/DL
8	Arvelle Reese	10	6'4	220	RB/LB	64	Corey Mackey	10	5'7	150	WR/DB
9	Brandon Miniffee	10	6'3	180	WR/DB	65	Brandon Parker	10	6'	220	OL/DL
10	Rich Buchannon	11	5'8	165	WR/DB	66	David Johnson	10	5'10	240	OL/DL
11	Jordan Edwards	11	6'2	200	WR/DB	68	Curtis Johnson	11	6'	210	OL/DL
12	Will Mason	12	5'10	185	RB/S	69	Dionte Wilford	12	6'2	260	OL/DL
13	Jakobi Laster	11	6'2	185	WR/DB	71	Myshaun Turner	11	6'5	255	OL/DL
14	Tyjeir Reilly	12	6'	185	WR/DB	72	Jayden Thomas	10	6'3	275	OL/DL
15	Daemari Robinson	11	6'	185	QB	75	Jaylen Wilkins	11	6'	275	OL/DL
16	Deonte Rucker	11	6'3	190	QB	77	Kenneth Brandon	11	6'3	330	OL/DL
17	Marckez Eades	11	5'11	180	WR/DB	78	Jaylen Turner	12	6'1	300	OL/DL
18	Perez Lemon Jr.	11	5'10	180	WR/DB	79	Davon Morrison	11	6'2	275	OL/DL
19	Robert Cochran	11	5'10	180	WR/DB	82	David Hereford	12	5'10	165	WR/DB
20	Ja'Karri young	11	5'10	175	WR/DB	84	Ta'Shawn Paul	10	5'11	175	WR/DB
21	Xavier Callahan	11	5'11	165	WR/DB	85	Aidan Turos	12	5'8	140	K
22	Isiah Mock	11	5'10	180	WR/DB	86	Terrion Singleton	10	6'3	180	WR/DB
23	Amarion Grant	9	5'7	165	RB/DB	88	Jacori Adams	12	6'2	200	WR/DB
25	Anquonn Carter	11	5'9	180	RB/LB	90	Shawn Porter	10	5'9	210	OL/ILB
26	Zeeon Thomas	10	6'0	185	RB						
27	Jose Orozco	12	5'6	165	WR/DB						
28	Kavion Williams	12	5'8	170	RB/DB						
29	Timothy Mann	11	5'10	165	WR/DB						
30	Duron Ramsey	12	6'2	220	TE/DL						
31	Caden Cofield	11	5'8	165	WR/DB						
32	Mikele Lutin	10	5'11	180	RB/LB						
33	Gardiah Johnson	11	5'10	180	RB/LB						
34	Anthony Bates	10	6'	180	WR/DB						
36	William White	11	5'9	175	WR/DB						
37	Shamond Hutchins	10	5'8	165	WR/DB						
38	Javon Gilmore	9	5'11	175	WR/DB						
39	Damonte Perry	11	5'9	210	OL/DL						
40	Brandon Powell	10	6'3	185	WR/DB						
41	Jamal Jefferson Jr.	10	5'9	170	WR/DB						
43	Nate McClure	11	6'	180	RB/LB						
44	Darrell Morgan	10	5'10	175	RB/DB						
45	Caleb Sherman	10	5'10	175	WR/DB						
46	Javon Brown	12	5'8	180	RB/OLB						
47	Durell Cornelius	10	5'8	175	RB/DB						
49	Ahmad Gordon	9	5'10	180	WR/DB						
50	Jatavious Lamar	12	6'1	230	OL/ILB						
51	Deshawn Wiggins	11	5'11	240	OL/DL						
52	Darius Owens	9	6'1	275	OL/DL						
53	Anthony Chisloman	10	5'10	175	RB/LB						
54	Sam Plummer	11	6'4	320	OL/DL						
55	Chase Smith	11	6'1	255	OL/DL						

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Coaching Staff
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Mark Campo: DC / Safeties
Howard Drake: WRs
Tony Eades: RBs
Dylan David: OL
Wally Sonny: DL
Ruben Lucio: LBs
Matt Hakins: DL/LBs
Rickey Smith RBs/DBs
Adam White: WRs/DBs



SAINT IGNATIUS DEPTH CHART

** Depth chart subject to change on gameday*

OFFENSE

QB	17	Joey Pfaff	Sr.	6'5"	190
	12	Pierce Spencer	Jr.	5'11"	195
RB	22	Marty Lenahan	Sr.	5'11"	190
	4	Joey Georges	Sr.	5'9"	171
	25	Sean Martin	So.	6'1"	165
TE	80	Sean Ward	Sr.	6'5"	230
	87	Will Robinson	Jr.	6'5"	240
WR	11	Steven Bodamer	Sr.	6'1"	185
	82	Max Muresan	Sr.	6'1"	160
	88	AJ Spellacy	So.	6'2"	180
WR	81	Patrick Tompkins	Sr.	6'3"	190
	7	Edward Musbach	Sr.	6'2"	185
WR	19	Colin Vollmer	Sr.	6'5"	195
	84	Damon Frabotta	Sr.	6'2"	185
	13	Ryan Kennedy	Jr.	6'1"	182
LT	76	Ashton Montgomery	Sr.	6'3"	285
	64	Mitchell Hyland	Jr.	6'3"	264
LG	75	William Witalis	Sr.	6'3"	260
	51	William Persiani	Sr.	5'10"	250
C	61	Patrick Lavelle	Jr.	6'0"	270
	74	Brian Keane	Sr.	6'5"	300
RG	60	Dominic Ference	Jr.	6'2"	275
	51	William Persiani	Sr.	5'10"	250
RT	74	Brian Keane	Sr.	6'5"	300
	75	William Witalis	Sr.	6'3"	260

DEFENSE

DE	95	Peter Chalhoub	Sr.	6'2"	250
	97	Eugene Gibbons	Jr.	6'4"	240
NT	99	Thomas Wasinski	Sr.	5'10"	255
	67	Ryan Boomer	Sr.	5'10"	240
DE	87	Will Robinson	Jr.	6'5"	240
	91	Joseph Kause	Sr.	6'0"	230
OLB	39	Gavin Berger	Sr.	6'1"	205
	45	Blase Mastrianni	Sr.	6'0"	210
MLB	34	Chris Aerni	Sr.	5'11"	210
	42	Patrick Martin	Jr.	5'11"	220
OLB	45	Blase Mastrianni	Sr.	6'0"	210
	35	Max Palinski	Jr.	6'1"	205
CB	24	Frankin Pike	Sr.	6'1"	175
	30	Joe Norris	Sr.	6'1"	180
SS	46	Braeden Lair	Sr.	6'1"	200
	10	Edwin Abiakl	Sr.	5'10"	168
SS	9	Griffin Taliak	Sr.	6'0"	175
	30	Joe Norris	Sr.	6'1"	180
FS	30	Joe Norris	Sr.	6'1"	180
	88	AJ Spellacy	So.	6'2"	180
CB	6	Jack Mangan	Sr.	6'1"	170
	24	Frankin Pike	Sr.	6'1"	175

SPECIAL TEAMS

KO	5	Zeb Eldridge	Sr.	6'2"	175
FG	5	Zeb Eldridge	Sr.	6'2"	175
PAT	5	Zeb Eldridge	Sr.	6'2"	175
P	5	Zeb Eldridge	Sr.	6'2"	175
H	17	Joey Pfaff	Sr.	6'5"	190
LS	6	Alexander Shuran	So.	5'10"	163
	39	Gavin Berger	Sr.	6'1"	205
PR	16	Charlie Dunstan	Jr.	5'9"	145
	10	Edwin Abiakl	Sr.	5'10"	168
KR	16	Charlie Dunstan	Jr.	5'9"	145
	10	Edwin Abiakl	Sr.	5'10"	168

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#4 Joey GEORGES	#39 Gavin BURGER
#5 Zeb ELLE-dridge	#45 BLAZE Mas-TREE-on-ee
#6 Jack Man-GAN	#46 BRAY-den LAIR
#6 Alexander Sure-Ran	#51 Will Per-sh-on-EE
#7 Edward MUS-BAHK	#60 Dom-en-ic FAIR-ence
#9 Griffin TAHL-ee-ack	#61 Patrick LA-V-el
#10 Edwin AH-bee-ah-kul	#74 Brian CANE
#11 Steven Bod-ah-MER	#75 William Wi-TALL-is
#17 Joey FAFF	#81 Patrick TOMP-kinz
#16 Charlie DONE-stan	#82 Max MUR-ah-sin
#19 Colin VOL-mer	#84 Dam-on Fra-BOT-ah
#22 Marty LEN-uh-han	#88 AJ SPELL-a-Ce
#34 Chris EARN-ee	#91 Joseph COW-se
#35 Max PAH-lin-skee	#95 Peter Cha-LUBE
	#99 Thomas Was-ins-SKEE



TOP 25 / HISTORY / BYERS FIELD

Cleveland.com Top 25

1. (1) St. Edward (3-0)
2. (2) Medina (3-0)
3. (4) Stow (3-0)
4. (5) Archbishop Hoban (1-1)
5. (3) Mentor (2-1)
6. (6) Aurora (3-0)
7. (10) Avon (2-1)
8. (7) Hudson (3-0)
9. (8) Chardon (3-0)
10. (9) Saint Ignatius (1-2)
11. (11) Kirtland (2-0)
12. (12) Cleveland Heights (3-0)
13. (13) Benedictine (3-0)
14. (14) Walsh Jesuit (1-2)
15. (17) Highland (3-0)
16. (18) Avon Lake (3-0)
17. (23) Strongsville (2-1)
18. (21) Brunswick (1-2)
19. (22) Olmsted Falls (2-1)
20. (-) Barberton (2-1)
21. (15) St. Vincent-St. Mary (1-2)
22. (16) Solon (1-2)
23. (24) Villa Angela-St. Joseph (3-0)
24. (-) Elyria (3-0)
25. (-) Green (3-0)

This Day in History SEPTEMBER 10

Games	6
First Game	1971
Most Recent Game.....	2016
Saint Ignatius Wins.....	4
Last Saint Ignatius Win.....	2016
Saint Ignatius Losses.....	2
Last Saint Ignatius Loss.....	2005
Ties.....	0
Last Tie.....	N/A

Largest Margin of Victory

Saint Ignatius.....49, 2016 vs. Valley Forge
Opponents.....14, 1971 vs. Parma
14, 2005 vs. St. Joseph Prep (PA)

Games on Sep. 10 (4-2-0):

- 1971 vs. Parma L 22-36
- 1977 vs. Parma W 22-7
- 1982 vs. Cleveland Lincoln-West W 33-0
- 2005 vs. St. Joseph Prep (PA) L 14-28
- 2010 vs. Lancaster W 28-21
- 2016 vs. Valley Forge W 49-0

EUCLID COMMUNITY STADIUM at Euclid



711 E 222nd St. Euclid, OH

Built: 2017

Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

Seating Capacity: 6,500

Record at Euclid Stadium: 2-0

In the last few years, the Euclid School District has updated and renovated a number of its facilities. A large part of the project was building a new football facility. In early 2017, Euclid began construction on a new stadium. Construction continued quickly into the fall, and Euclid hosted its first game at the new stadium on November 3, 2017. Euclid defeated Massillon Jackson, 49-29, in the Regional Quarterfinal to open the new stadium.

Work on the stadium has continued into 2018, with work done on bathrooms, concession areas, and a new scoreboard. The stadium officially opened on Friday, August 24, 2018, as Euclid played host to the Glenville Tarblooders. The stadium's horseshoe shape is a defining characteristic of the stadium. Another memorable trait of the stadium is the close proximity of the stands to the field, as the stadium does not have a surrounding track. The Motz Group installed a two-tone green turf with a block E at midfield. The field features blue end zones, with EUCLID at the North end zone and PANTHERS in the South end zone. On the home side, the facility has a state-of-the-art press box with two rows for media and staff.

Other highlights include a video board and a large scoreboard. At the old Sparky DiBiasio Stadium, the Wildcats had a 4-2 record. The Wildcats have played a total of 15 games in the city of Euclid, winning eight, losing six, and tying once (8-6-1).

Photo from Euclid City Schools



GAME PREVIEW

FOOTBALL CATS LOOK TO BUILD MOMENTUM IN EUCLID

On Saturday, the Wildcats returned to Byers Field for the home opener in Parma to face off against the Mount St. Joseph Gaels in the first-ever meeting of the two programs. Saint Ignatius went into the game without their starting quarterback in Joey Pfaff, who was sidelined with an injury. Junior Pierce Spencer stepped in to start for the Wildcats in a week three battle vs. the Gaels.

"Pierce Spencer stepped up and understood his assignment to manage the game," explains Head Football Coach Chuck Kyle '69. "As the game progressed, we realized the success in the run game."

Saint Ignatius' run game was the staple of the offense; however, the star of the show was the defense, only allowing six points to their worthy adversary.

SAINT IGNATIUS OFFENSE VS. EUCLID DEFENSE

After three weeks into the football season, it is no secret that the Wildcats' offense relies on their run game to put them in positions to win ball games. Last week the Wildcats continued to pound the football against Mount St. Joseph. Marty Lenehan continues to impress as in week three; he carried the ball for 170 yards on 28 carries. Lenehan also struck pay dirt twice, bringing his season total for touchdowns to six. Joey Georges worked his way into the mix and carried the ball five times for 55 yards, scoring his first varsity touchdown.

"Marty is Marty; he is going to be successful," says Kyle. "We want to keep him fresh, so it was nice to see the improvement from Georges to give us a spark when we needed to give Marty a rest."

Joey Pfaff is close to returning to the field; the Wildcat coaching staff held Pfaff out to get back to 100%. The senior signal-caller will be a crucial part in achieving coach Kyle's goal heading into week four.

"I want to move the passing percentage up," Kyle emphasizes. "I'm not happy where we are at right now; we're working on completing 60 to 70 percent of our passes each game."

This could be the game for the offense aerial attack to succeed. Euclid tends to play a man-to-man style of defense and will often blitz on offenses. Ryan Merrill is a player to watch for the Panthers as he will line up as an inside linebacker. Merrill, a season ago, was a News-Herald second-team all-star on defense and is the lone returner on the defensive side of the ball for the Panthers. Euclid will rely heavily on the success of their defensive backs to shut down the Wildcats pass game.

"Defensively, they have given up some points in their first three games," Kyle explains. "This could be a situation where our offense can obtain a good balance of running and passing."

The Wildcats hope to have success through the air in week four and improve their percentages vs. Euclid.

SAINT IGNATIUS DEFENSE VS. EUCLID OFFENSE

The Saint Ignatius defense has taken a giant leap forward in their efforts after last week's 20-6 victory vs. Mount St. Joseph. Last week the front seven for the Wildcats continued to play their aggressive brand of football with multiple pressure plays by Peter Chalhoub, Thomas Wasinski, Joey Kause, Blase Mastrianni, Christopher Aerni and Gavin Berger. The Gaels had a young quarterback in Winston Watkins taking the snaps and the Wildcats never let him settle into the pocket, allowing just six points in the winning effort.

"The defense did such a good job; we wanted to make sure to give them their rest while on offense," explains Kyle. "With the run game, we had it kept the defense rested and ready to do their job."

The secondary for the Wildcats saw sophomore AJ Spellacy receive his first varsity start wearing the blue and gold. "With him being 6'2" he can match up against the taller wideouts," says Kyle. "He times the ball well and his play recognition are good, so he has earned his reps on defense."

Similar to the defense for the Panthers, the offense returns one varsity starter. Claishon Ivory is the number one target for the Euclid offense and has an offer from the University of Kentucky. Throwing him the football is junior Deonte' Rucker. Rucker has shown to be a veteran in the pocket for Euclid, able to find his receivers, even in coverage.

"Experience is becoming less of a factor for them with them heading into their fourth game," Kyle says. "They are starting to become veterans and they can make the big play on offense; their running back especially has great speed out of the backfield."

That running back is junior Leroy Billups. Billups is a shifty back for the Euclid offense that can open the passing game for Rucker.

"We have to have great communication this week on defense," Kyle emphasizes. "Every play has the potential of being the big play."

For the defense, they will hope to build off the momentum that was found in week three.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Aidan Turos will do the kicking for the Panthers. "When they kick-off, they will sometimes elect for the short pooch kick, or just kick it into the endzone," says Kyle. "We always have to be ready for either one and our kick return team has to be disciplined."

The punt return group for the Wildcats has continued to make strides in the beginning part of the season and has opened possibilities for the offense.

"I like our punt return group; they have made only one mistake this season," Kyle explains. "We have done a great job winning the field position game."

The Wildcats will look to climb to .500 with a win Friday night in Euclid with kick-off at 7 p.m.



MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GAME

A Defensive Gem Leads Cats to First Win of the Season

By Danny Gibel '22

The Saint Ignatus Wildcats earned their first victory on Saturday, defeating the Mount St. Joseph Gaels (MD) by a final score of 20-6. Impressive defensive play on both sides was the game's story line, but ultimately the Wildcats came away with the win. Even before the opening kick-off from Byers Field, the Wildcats already had some adversity to overcome; starting quarterback, Joey Pfaff was ruled out for the game due to injury. However, thanks to some impressive rushing performances from Marty Lenehan and Joey Georges, the Wildcat offense tallied 20 and complemented a powerful defensive front.

The Wildcats came to life with 2:09 to go in the first, when Lenehan dashed out of the backfield for a 46-yard gain. The run set up a rushing touchdown, Lenehan's fifth of the season, seconds into the second quarter. Senior defensive lineman Thomas Wasinski led the way as a full back and opened-up a hole for Lenehan.

The second quarter of play was a lot of the same for both sides. The quarter was highlighted by two huge plays by the Wildcats defensive line. With 10:04 left in the first half, the Gaels attempted a fourth-down conversion but were thwarted by senior Joey Kause when he tackled Winston Watkins after trying to run for the first down.

Later in the second, with 6:25 left, captain defensive lineman Peter Chalhoub came up with a massive sack on a second & nine with the Gaels driving into Wildcat territory. Both teams had a couple more drives in the first half, but both defenses continued to hold firm and Pierce Spencer would eventually take a knee to end the half.

Midway through the third quarter was all Lenehan. The senior running back ran for 31 yards, including a 12-yard touchdown run to cap off the drive. The extra-point was no good and it was 13-0 in favor of the Wildcats with 4:56 remaining in the quarter.

After the kick-off by Zeb Eldridge, the Gaels took over on offense on their 20-yard line. The Gaels then put together an 80-yard touchdown drive as Watkins would begin to hit his stride and find his favorite target, Ronald Goodridge, downfield for several completions. The drive ended when Zion Williams snuck outside and got into the endzone for a touchdown. Senior Griffin Taliak blocked the following extra point to keep it a seven-point game.

As the Wildcats marched past midfield, a run up the middle caused Lenehan's helmet to come off, which by rule means he had to exit the game for one play. Senior Joey Georges would sub in and line up off the left hip of Spencer. After taking the handoff, Georges dashed downfield for a 41-yard run to the Gael three-yard line. Then on the very next play, Georges would power into the endzone for a touchdown, his first touchdown as a Varsity Wildcat. Eldridge would then split the uprights on the extra point to make it 20-6.

On the next drive, the Wildcat defense would again make a stand, forcing a turnover-on-downs at the Gael 20-yard line. Then, the Cats took over with excellent field position and drove down inside the ten-yard line before a fumble after a miscommunication on a handoff cost the Wildcats the possession.

The Gaels would get the ball back at the ten-yard line with 1:42 left in the game. The Gaels were unable to move the ball upfield as the defensive line refused to give up positive yards, with Chalhoub and Wasinski both picked up a sack on the Gaels final possession before the clock hit zero at the end of the fourth quarter.

This match up was by no means an offensive explosion, but the Wildcats made several huge plays on both sides of the line and came away with their first win of the season. Next up for the Wildcats is a trip to the East Side to visit the Euclid Panthers. The kick-off is set for 7 p.m. on Friday, September 10.





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