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2021 GAME NOTES
GAME SIX:
RIVER ROUGE



THE MATCHUP



**River Rouge
PANTHERS**

at



**Saint Ignatius
WILDCATS**

September 25, 2021

BYERS FIELD

Kickoff: 4 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	W, 44-14
9/18	vs. Archbishop Hoban	W, 33-27
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: 3-2
OHSAA Division I, Region 1
Head Coach: Chuck Kyle '69
Record at School: 364-101-1
Overall Record: 364-101-1

River Rouge Panthers: 3-1
Division 3
Michigan Metro Athletic Conference
Head Coach: Cory Parker
Record at School: 109-32
Overall Record: 109-32

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Analyst/Show Host: Drew Pieschalski '23
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ABOUT THE WILDCATS ...

Wildcats Storylines ...

THE FIRST CONTEST: Saint Ignatius and River Rouge (MI) will be playing each other on the gridiron for the first time in program history. The Panthers are a powerhouse in Michigan as they play out of Division 3 in the Michigan Metro Athletic Conference. River Rouge has competed for a state championship in Michigan for the last two seasons, winning in 2019 and runner-ups in 2020. River Rouge was awarded a win this past week vs. Hamtramck due to a forfeit. The Wildcats are coming off an instant classic against Archbishop Hoban winning 33-27 on a kick-six. The second half of the regular season will kick-off against River Rouge on Saturday at Byers Field at 4 p.m.

ENDZONE MARTY: Marty Lenehan continues his streak of finding pay dirt this season after last week's 30-yard touchdown run against Archbishop Hoban. Lenehan has found the endzone in all five games this season, bringing his season total to nine. Lenehan last week toted the rock 15 times for 78 yards vs. the Knights. The Wildcats have made a living this season with their run game between Lenehan and Joey Georges, winning the time of possession. The run game has been essential in the Cats' three-game winning streak and will look to be just as necessary against the Panthers in week six.

MEN UP FRONT: The Wildcats' two returning starters on the offensive line are seniors Ashton Montgomery and Brian Keane, who 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. The run game for the Wildcats falls on the shoulders of the big uglies as the offensive line continues to impress in 2021. The Cats offense wears down an opponent with a heavy dose of the run game and the men up front pave the way for Lenehan and Georges to hurt a defense.

TRIFECTA DEFENSE: The Saint Ignatius defense came into week five with zero defensive touchdowns. They walked away from Byers Field last Saturday with three defensive scores for the win. Peter Chalhoub's scoop and score in the second quarter gave the Wildcats their first lead of the night. In the third quarter, Junior Max Palinski came with a critical pick-six to give the Wildcats a 17-10 lead. The third touchdown came from the clutch combo of Griffin Taliak and Franklin Pike. Taliak read the snap perfectly and blocked Charlie Durkin's potential game-winning kick that fell into the hands of Pike for a game-winning 72-yard touchdown.

PALINSKI'S PALS: Max Palinski has shown his importance on the football field for the defense at the outside linebacker spot. Palinski last week came away with a 20-yard pick-six in the third quarter. Hoban quarterback Jayvian Crable threw the ball while being pressured by Joey Kause and Will Robinson and Palinski was right there to make a play on the ball. Christopher Aerni added in five tackles last week from his middle linebacker position, while Gavin Berger and Blase Mastrianni combined for four tackles. The linebacking core will have some added beef as the Wildcats have called up two linebackers from the Junior Varsity roster. Sophomores Michael Krebs and Ryan Ardire look to gain experience at the varsity level at a young age.

GRIFFIN'S BLOCK PARTY: Last Saturday, Griffin Taliak was the hero against Archbishop Hoban, blocking the Knights game-winning field goal recovered from Franklin Pike for a game-winning touchdown for the Cats. Taliak has been a one-person wrecking crew on special teams for the Wildcats this season. The senior safety has totaled four blocks in the 2021 season. Two blocked punts, one blocked PAT and one blocked field goal. Taliak is a dual-sport athlete at Saint Ignatius as he is an attacker on the Lacrosse team. He uses that great speed on the football field to disrupt an opponent's offense and special teams. Taliak has a knack for finding the football and has been a critical part of the Wildcats' winning streak.

IN ELDRIDGE WE TRUST: Zeb Eldridge was masterful in the 33-27 win over Archbishop Hoban last Saturday night. The senior kicker came in the clutch in a prominent spot for the Cats. As the game was tied at 24, all with 8:42 remaining in the game, Eldridge booted a 48-yard kick through the uprights to give the Wildcats a 27-24 lead. Eldridge also helped the field position game last week with three booming punts in the winning effort. Eldridge's longest was a 50-yard punt to back up the Knights' offense. Eldridge's average was 42.6 on three punts.

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 RIVER ROUGE ...

Learning about the Panthers ...

JOHNSON FILE: Christian Johnson is the starting quarterback for the Panthers this season. Johnson is a transfer from Detroit Cass Tech and is in his junior season. In his first varsity start on August 28, Johnson threw for three touchdowns in River Rouge's 56-0 win vs. Eastpointe to open the season. In a match-up vs. Warren De La Salle, Johnson led his squad to a comeback that fell just short as they would fall 38-29, where he would throw two touchdown passes to Jalen Holly. Despite not playing last year because of the transfer protocol, Johnson was highly involved with the River Rouge offense to take over at quarterback in his junior season.

AIR ATTACK: The Panthers have versatile weapons at wide receiver this season. It all begins with Jalen Holly. Holly is the lone returner on the offense for a River Rouge team that made it to the Division 3 State Championship a season ago. Holly scored twice in the 56-0 win in the season opener vs. Eastpointe, as he has shown to be Johnson's favorite target in the open field. Holly also tallied two touchdown receptions in the 38-29 loss against Warren De La Salle. Brandon Wideman is another playmaker for the Panthers' offense; Johnson connected on a 65-yard touchdown to Wideman to kick off the season. Lastly, there is Nick Marsh. Marsh is a sophomore and already a four-star prospect. The 6'3" 185 lbs receiver saw time in the State Championship game as a freshman, having four catches for 85 yards and a touchdown. The Panthers' offense can hurt you in many ways.

SCHEDULING ISSUES: River Rouge is coming into week six after being idle in week five due to a Hamtramck forfeit. COVID-19 has caused changes to the schedule for River Rouge as they were initially supposed to play Renaissance on September 3. Due to a covid outbreak at Renaissance, the Panthers scheduled a Michigan powerhouse in Warren De La Salle. The Panthers were given three days to practice for Warren De La Salle and despite the loss, the Panthers put up a valiant effort against one of the state's formidable foes.

BLITZING D: The Panthers began the season with six starters returning on the defense that plays an aggressive brand of football. Davonte Miles is the feature on the Panthers defense as the 6'5" 285 lbs defensive lineman was originally committed to play at the University of Michigan but has reopened his recruitment. Miles and the defense will be looking to force turnovers on the Wildcats in week six as the offensive line for the Cats will have its hands full with a tremendous defensive opponent.

2021 River Rouge Schedule

Aug. 28	@ Eastpointe	W, 56-0
Sept. 3	@ Warren De La Salle	L, 29-38
Sept. 10	@ Lakeview	W, 50-0
Sept. 17	vs. Hamtramck	W, 1-0
Sept. 25	@ Saint Ignatius	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	@ Portage Northern	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 8	vs. Detroit University Prep	TBD
Oct. 22	vs. Southfield Arts & Technology	7:00 p.m.



DIVISION I AP POLL

(Week 2 State Poll)

1. Cincinnati St. Xavier (18)	5-0	207
2. Lakewood St. Edward (3)	5-0	197
3. Medina	5-0	170
4. Springfield	5-0	150
5. Marysville (1)	4-0	123
6. Upper Arlington	5-0	85
7. West Chester Lakota West	4-1	80
8. Massillon Jackson	5-0	77
9. Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller	4-1	63
10. Centerville (1)	4-1	21



BY THE NUMBERS/ WILDCATS TO WATCH

3

Defensive touchdowns
vs. Hoban

72

Yards for the game
winning touchdown
return by Franklin Pike.

6-9-1

When playing on
September 25th

136

Rushing yards gained in
week five

48

Yards was the longest
field goal made by Zeb
Eldridge this season

5

Games Marty Lenehan
has rushed for a
touchdown

TE SEAN WARD '22



Sean Ward has been an excellent tight end for Head Football Coach Chuck Kyle's '69 Wildcats. Ward is a versatile tight end that can be used as an extra blocker and as a receiver. Ward, this season has been phenomenal in the rushing game, helping the offensive line pave the way for Marty Lenehan and Joey Georges. Ward is a safety valve as well for senior quarterback Joey Pfaff. If Ward gets the slightest bit of separation, he can be dangerous in the open field. Ward will be a vital piece for the Wildcats in week five to push their winning streak to four games as they take on the River Rouge Panthers.

S GRIFFIN TALIAK '22



What else can be said about the hero of last week who came away with the game-winning field goal block vs. Archbishop Hoban? Griffin Taliak has played an essential role for the special team as he now has three blocked kicks in the 2021 season. Taliak has blocked a PAT, a punt and now a field goal to solidify himself as one of the most dangerous athletes in Northeast Ohio. Not only is Taliak a great special teams player, but he is also an excellent safety who can cover the passing game and help in the run game. Taliak is a key on the defensive side of the ball and will be the main focus by the opposition as the season moves along. The question now becomes not if he will block a special team's kick, but when as a game progresses?



SAINT IGNATIUS VARSITY ROSTER

#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Position	#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Position
2	Steven Favazzo	Jr.	5'11"	180	RB/S	54	Jack Sizemore	Jr.	5'6"	187	OL
3	Matthew Ruddy	Jr.	6'0"	160	S	57	Joe Ryland	Sr.	6'3"	285	OL
4	Joey Georges	Sr.	5'9"	171	RB/S	59	Edmund Soeder	Jr.	6'2"	210	LB
5	Zeb Eldridge	Sr.	6'2"	175	K/P	60	Dominic Ference	Jr.	6'2"	275	OL
6	John Mangan	Sr.	6'1"	170	DB	61	Patrick Lavelle	Jr.	6'0"	270	OL/DL
7	Edward Musbach	Sr.	6'2"	185	WR	63	Timothy Lanzo	Jr.	5'10"	245	OL/DL
7	Ryan Putka	Jr.	5'8"	155	K	64	Mitchell Hyland	Jr.	6'3"	264	OL
8	Brandon Webster	Jr.	6'0"	175	WR/DB	66	Angelo Camargo	Jr.	6'0"	265	OL
9	Griffin Taliak	Sr.	6'0"	175	S	67	Ryan Boomer	Sr.	5'10"	240	DL
10	Edwin Abiakl	Sr.	5'10"	168	S	74	Brian Keane	Sr.	6'5"	300	OL
11	Steven Bodamer	Sr.	6'1"	185	WR	75	William Witalis	Sr.	6'3"	260	OL
12	Pierce Spencer	Jr.	5'11"	195	QB	76	Ashton Montgomery	Sr.	6'3"	285	OL
13	Ryan Kennedy	Jr.	6'1"	182	WR	77	Michael Thompson	Jr.	6'3"	248	OL
14	Anthony Moissis	Jr.	6'2"	210	QB/TE	78	Colin Farrell	Jr.	6'5"	225	OL
15	Scott Broski	Sr.	6'1"	150	WR	79	James Raynor	So.	6'6"	290	OL
16	Charlie Dunstan	Jr.	5'9"	145	WR	80	Sean Ward	Sr.	6'5"	230	TE
17	Joey Pfaff	Sr.	6'5"	190	QB	81	Patrick Tompkins	Sr.	6'3"	190	WR
18	Joshua Papesh	So.	6'2"	174	QB	82	Max Muresan	Sr.	6'1"	160	WR
19	Colin Vollmer	Sr.	6'5"	195	WR	83	Cole Frabotta	Jr.	6'3"	170	WR
20	Michael Norman	Jr.	5'8"	165	RB	84	Damon Frabotta	Sr.	6'2"	185	WR
21	Brady Haddad	Jr.	5'11"	160	WR	85	Christopher Reali	Jr.	5'11"	170	WR
22	Max Hartley	Sr.	5'8"	150	DB	86	Hunter Moriarity	Jr.	6'4"	210	TE
22	Marty Lenehan	Sr.	5'11"	190	RB	87	Will Robinson	Jr.	6'5"	240	TE/DL
23	Connor Gisztli	Sr.	5'6"	138	DB	88	AJ Spellacy	So.	6'2"	180	WR/DB
24	Franklin Pike	Sr.	6'1"	175	DB	89	Jonathan Merimee	So.	6'4"	180	WR
25	Sean Martin	So.	6'1"	165	LB/RB	91	Joseph Kause	Sr.	6'0"	230	DL
26	Alexander Shuran	So.	5'10"	163	LS	95	Peter Chalhoub	Sr.	6'2"	250	DL
27	John Leszcz	Jr.	5'10"	185	S	97	Eugene Gibbons	Jr.	6'4"	240	DL
28	Connor Betters	Jr.	5'11"	165	DB	99	Thomas Wasinski	Sr.	5'10"	255	DL/RB
29	Brendan Hunt	Sr.	6'0"	175	S						
30	Joe Norris	Sr.	6'1"	180	DB		Jacob Cook	Sr.		Manager	
31	Nathan Polinko	Sr.	5'9"	170	DB		Matthew O'Neill	Jr.		Manager	
32	John Regan	Sr.	5'10"	140	DB		Jarell Young	Jr.		Manager	
33	Christian Cupp	Jr.	6'0"	175	S		Domenic Rini	Jr.		Manager	
34	Christopher Aerni	Sr.	5'11"	210	LB		Blake Herman	So.		Manager	
35	Max Palinski	Jr.	6'1"	205	LB		Charlie Sizemore	So.		Manager	
36	Constantinos Pappas	Jr.	6'0"	165	K		Andy Stamp	Fr.		Manager	
37	Finn Mcconville	Sr.	6'1"	180	DB		Matt Mawby	Fr.		Manager	
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						
52	Ryan Ardire	So.	6'1"	212	LB						
53	Michael Krebs	So.	5'10"	175	LB						

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



RIVER ROUGE PANTHERS ROSTER



RIVER ROUGE PANTHERS 2021

Corey Parker, Head Coach

#	Name	Position	Grade
1	Davon Jackson (Day-von Jackson)	DB	JR
2	Markell Gilford	DB	JR
3	Lamont Gordon	DB	JR
4	Daivon Hill (Day-von Hill)	LB	SO
5	Jalen Jarvis	WR	SR
6	Christian Johnson	QB	JR
7	Anthony Collier	DB	SR
8	Terrell Johnson	RB	SR
9	Johnathan Marshall	LB	SR
10	Jawon Jarrett (Jay-won Jarrett)	DB	SO
11	Nicholas Marsh	WR	SO
12	Jalen Holly, Captain	WR	SR
14	Jaylen Watson	WR	SO
16	Christen Ward-Lewis	LB	JR
17	Brandon Wideman	WR	SR
18	Cameron Paige	WR	JR
19	McKale McDowell	QB	FR
20	Ja'Qwan Rawls	RB	SR
21	Matthew Bennett	DB	SR
22	De'Monnie Hendrix	RB	SR
23	Cameron Broadnax	RB	SO
24	Brooklyn Butler	DB	JR
25	Jamarie Williams	DB	JR
26	Jaden Cross (Jay-den Cross)	DB	JR
27	Jerry Cross	DB	SR
28	Cory Smith	DB	JR
31	Johnny Greene	WR	SO
32	Leo Garcia	LB	SO
33	Joseph King	DB	SR
34	Jalen Starr	TE	SR
36	Lamar Moore	LB	SR
42	Freddie King III	DB	SO
44	Armon Garfield	LB	JR
47	Cameron Lilly	DL	JR
50	Richard White	DL	JR
51	John Ford	DL	SR
52	Markee Jones (Mar-kee Jones), Captain	DL	SR
55	Davonte Miles (Da-von-tay Miles), Captain	DL	SR
59	William Franklin	DL	SR
60	Dalando Anderson (Da-lan-doe Anderson)	OL	SR
62	Jason Matlock	LB	SR
64	Daylon Harris	OL	SO
65	Alvin Pledger	DL	SR
66	Curtis McDaniels	OL	SR
72	Jaylen Pitts	OL	FR
75	Tre'vione Boudreaux (Trey-v-on Boo-dro)	OL	JR
77	Derrick Johnson Jr.	OL	JR
79	Matthew Stovall	OL	JR
90	Jordin Farrow	DL	FR
92	J'Veonne Lee (Jay-v-on Lee)	DL	JR



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 Lenehan	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	57	Joe Ryland	Sr.	6'3"	285
	75	William Witalis	Sr.	6'3"	260
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	87	Will Robinson	Jr.	6'5"	240
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NT	99	Thomas Wasinski	Sr.	5'10"	255
	67	Ryan Boomer	Sr.	5'10"	240
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	97	Eugene Gibbons	Jr.	6'4"	240
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
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	45	Blase Mastrianni	Sr.	6'0"	210
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	26	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
#7 Edward MUS-BAHK	#51 Will Per-sh-on-EE
#9 Griffin TAHL-ee-ack	#60 Dom-en-ic FAIR-ence
#10 Edwin AH-bee-ah-kul	#61 Patrick LA-V-el
#11 Steven Bod-ah-MER	#74 Brian CANE
#17 Joey FAFF	#75 William Wi-TALL-is
#16 Charlie DONE-stan	#81 Patrick TOMP-kinz
#19 Colin VOL-mer	#82 Max MUR-ah-sin
#22 Marty LEN-uh-han	#84 Dam-on Fra-BOT-ah
#26 Alexander Sure-Ran	#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 (5-0)
2. (2) Medina (5-0)
3. (4) Stow (4-1)
4. (5) Aurora (5-0)
5. (6) Hudson (5-0)
6. (7) Chardon (5-0)
7. (8) Mentor (3-2)
- 8. (9) Saint Ignatius (3-2)**
9. (3) Archbishop Hoban (3-2)
10. (10) Kirtland (4-0)
11. (11) Cleveland Heights (5-0)
12. (12) Benedictine (4-0)
13. (14) Avon (3-2)
14. (15) Walsh Jesuit (3-2)
15. (19) Barberton (4-1)
16. (16) Highland (4-1)
17. (25) Berea-Midpark (3-2)
18. (13) Avon Lake (4-1)
19. (18) Brunswick (3-2)
20. (20) Olmsted Falls (4-1)
21. (17) Strongsville (3-2)
22. (21) St. Vincent-St. Mary (3-2)
23. (23) North Royalton (4-1)
24. (22) Villa Angela-St. Joseph (3-0)
25. (-) Willoughby South (5-0)

This Day in History

SEPTEMBER 25

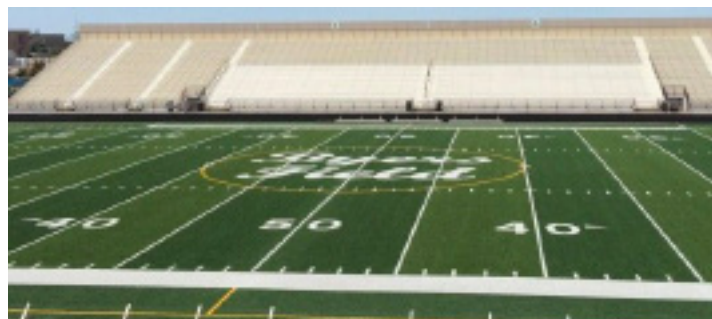
Games	16
First Game	1937
Most Recent Game.....	2020
Saint Ignatius Wins.....	6
Last Saint Ignatius Win.....	1999
Saint Ignatius Losses.....	9
Last Saint Ignatius Loss.....	2020
Ties.....	1
Last Tie.....	1971

Largest Margin of Victory

Saint Ignatius.....23, 1954 vs. Cleveland South
Opponents.....27, 2010 vs. Ramsey Don Bosco (NJ)

Games on Sep. 25 (6-9-1):

1937 vs. Cleveland Lincoln L 0-13
 1943 vs. Cleveland Rhodes L 12-19
 1948 vs. Cathedral Latin L 0-13
 1953 vs. Cleveland John Marshall W 27-7
 1954 vs. Cleveland South W 42-19
 1959 vs. Cathedral Latin W 24-12
 1964 vs. Cathedral Latin W 34-22
 1970 vs. Walsh Jesuit L 7-13
 1971 vs. Cathedral Latin T 6-6
 1976 vs. Cathedral Latin L 0-6
 1982 vs. Parma Padua L 5-7
 1998 vs. Toledo St. John W 14-10
 1999 vs. Bethlehem (PA) Central Catholic W 23-18
 2004 vs. Buffalo St. Francis L 13-28
 2010 vs. Ramsey (NJ) Don Bosco L 6-33
 2020 vs. Massillon Washington L 14-21



7600 Day Drive (corner of Ridge Road and Day Drive)

Parma, Ohio

Built: 1928 (Major Renovations in 1940, 1957, 1963, 1993, 2013)

Playing Surface: Field Turf

Seating Capacity: 11,850

Wildcats' Overall Record at Byers: 122-39-1

Record at Byers during Kyle Era: 108-30

Saint Ignatius' Home Stadium Since 2001

(First official 'home' game was played on October 7, 2000, vs Canton McKinley)

The Wildcats have played at least one game at Byers Field in 36 of the last 38 years (seasons without games - 1984 and 1991) 2021 marks the 94th season that football has been played on this location, now known as Byers Field at Robert M. Boulton Stadium. The press box, which has been upgraded in the past five seasons with a new working media area and new windows, seats 30 journalists and broadcasters. New field turf was installed for the 2012 season. The stadium has also had handicap seating added to both sets of grandstands, including 46 wheelchair and companion seats on the home side of the stadium. Parma City Schools invested nearly \$1.2 million into the facility during the summer of 2014, including a new parking lot on the south end of the stadium and the full replacement of the parking lot on the east side of the stadium under the press box. On August 26, 2009, Byers Field was re-dedicated and renamed in honor of Robert M. Boulton, the retired Superintendent of Athletics for the Parma City Schools and a Parma Senior High grad. The new name - Byers Field at Robert M. Boulton Stadium was revealed, during a 50-yard line ceremony, to Mr. Boulton for his many years of service to the community.



GAME PREVIEW

WILDCATS SEEKING FOURTH CONSECUTIVE VICTORY

For the first time in program history, Saint Ignatius will play River Rouge on the gridiron. The Cats are coming off an emotional roller coaster against the Archbishop Hoban Knights after a 33-27 victory in the final seconds thanks to a Griffin Taliak field goal block and Franklin Pike score. "That is what we had to do, go for the block," says Head Football Coach Chuck Kyle '69. "The ball landed right in the hands of Pike, who has great speed and the rest is history."

The Wildcats walk into week six with a 3-2 record on the season, taking on a Michigan powerhouse in River Rouge. The Panthers play out of the Michigan Metro Athletic Conference and have made appearances in the Division 3 State Championship in the previous two seasons, winning in 2019.

SAINT IGNATIUS OFFENSE VS. RIVER ROUGE DEFENSE

The rushing gain continues to be the bread and butter for the Saint Ignatius offense. Last week against Archbishop Hoban, Marty Lenehan scored his ninth touchdown, continuing his touchdown streak in 2021. Lenehan carried the ball 15 times for 78 yards and found paydirt in the third quarter. Senior quarterback Joey Pfaff added 32 yards on the ground on five carries. The Wildcats finished with 136 yards rushing against the Knights.

The passing game will be the most significant question mark for the Wildcat offense against River Rouge. Not only will Saint Ignatius have to deal with an aggressive Panther defense, but potentially rain showers on Saturday in Parma.

River Rouge brings in a defense that enjoys blitzing on the opposition. There are six returning starters on the defense for River Rouge. Highlighting the defense is Davonte Miles, who stands at 6'5" 285 lbs. Miles was committed to playing football at the University of Michigan but reopened his recruitment during the summer.

"Defensively, they are very skilled; we have to be balanced," emphasizes Kyle. "The running game will help the passing game; this is a good battle, as emotional last week was vs. Hoban, we have to come back with energy this week."

River Rouge has faced challenges in the 2021 season with scheduling issues due to the pandemic. Instead of playing Renaissance in week two, they faced off against Warren De La Salle, a powerhouse in Michigan high school football. With just days to prepare, River Rouge put up a tremendous fight as they would fall 38-29. The Panthers are battle-tested and coming off a week where they were idle due to a forfeit from Hamtramck.

The offense for Saint Ignatius will have an exciting challenge on their hands in week six vs. the Panthers. Lenehan will be the focal point of the offense for coach Kyle's Wildcats and will be a key in opening the passing lanes for Pfaff as the offense looks for a balance.

SAINT IGNATIUS DEFENSE VS. RIVER ROUGE OFFENSE

The Saint Ignatius defense is coming off a dominating performance against Archbishop Hoban. The Cats defensive 11 came away with three touchdowns in the 33-27 victory on Saturday. Peter Chalhoub scored the first defensive touchdown with a scoop and score on a botched Knights snap. Max Palinski scored on a pick-six and Franklin Pike won the game on a blocked field goal return.

"We are playing great team defense; our secondary certainly has speed," Kyle explains. "Our defensive line is strong and quick, we knew they were going to be good and they are proving it this season."

This week, the Saint Ignatius defense will be out with one of their captains and top defenders in Chalhoub, who will miss week six due to an injury. The defense will see a rotation of Eugene Gibbons and Will Robinson.

"We are a solid team all the way around," says Kyle. "We believe that we can contribute in all facets of the game."

River Rouge has a versatile offense with dangerous weapons at the receiver position. Jalen Holly is the favorite target to junior quarterback Christian Johnson. Holly opened the season with two receiving touchdowns against Eastpointe. The Panthers have a four-star prospect in Nick Marsh. Marsh is a sophomore receiver who saw time on varsity as a freshman.

"They can make a big play at any time," says Kyle. "No matter the down and distance, we have to be alert at keeping them under control."

The secondary for the Wildcats will have a great test against the Panthers' offense. Joe Norris, Franklin Pike and Griffin Taliak will be the focal points of the defensive secondary for Saint Ignatius. The Cats will look to limit the big play from the Panthers' offense in week six.

With this being the first match-up between these two programs, both have little knowledge on what to expect when stepping on the field.

"We do a film exchange and that is about it," says Kyle. "One of the important aspects that the kids need to understand is there will be adjustments made throughout the game."

The weather may play a factor in the Panthers' offense and challenge their ability to throw the football down the field. The Wildcat defense must be prepared to slow the Panthers down.

SPECIAL TEAMS

If you ask coach Kyle, special teams win you games, which was evident in last week's victory vs. Archbishop Hoban. "We have to always win the special teams game," emphasizes Kyle. "In high school football, it is so important, we trust in Zeb to hit a long field goal and we'll continue to take those chances."

The Wildcats will seek their fourth straight win on Saturday vs. River Rouge with kick-off at 4 p.m. from Byers Field.



HOBAN GAME

Week Five:

Saint Ignatius: 33 Hoban: 27
Saturday, September 18

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Saint Ignatius	0	10	14	9	33
Archbishop Hoban	7	3	14	3	27

1st Quarter

06:09 HOB - Sperling 43 yd PASS from Crable (Durkin kick)

2nd Quarter

11:56 SIHS - Eldridge 38 yd FG

11:51 SIHS - Chalhoub 9 yd FUMBLE RETURN (Eldridge kick)

00:00 HOB - Durkin 37 yd FG

3rd Quarter

09:26 SIHS - Palinski 20 yd INTERCEPTION RETURN (Eldridge kick)

07:39 SIHS - Lenehan 30 yd RUN (Eldridge kick)

03:36 HOB - Sperling 4 yd RUN (Durkin kick)

02:56 HOB - Kepler 33 yd INTERCEPTION RETURN (Durkin kick)

4th Quarter

08:42 SIHS - Eldridge 48 yd FG

05:41 HOB - Durkin 45 yd FG

00:00 SIHS - Pike 72 yd BLOCK KICK RETURN (No PAT)

	SIHS	HOB
FIRST DOWNS	12	17
Passing	5	7
Rushing	6	7
Penalty	1	3
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	30-136	37-155
PASSING YDS (NET)	75	142
Passes Att-Comp-Int	20-7-2	20-10-1
TOTAL PLAYS-YARDS	55-211	63-297
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-9	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-15	2-7
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-38	1-23
Interception Returns-Yards	1-20	2-33
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-42.6	4-39
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-47	8-79
Third-Down Conversions	4-11	5-11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	0-0
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-9	0-0

RUSHING: Saint Ignatius- Lenehan 15-78; Pfaff 5-32; Georges 6-13; Tompkins 3-7; Dunstan 1-6.

Hoban- Sperling 32-157; Crable 3-[-7]; Baskerville 1-3; Jones 1-2.

PASSING: Saint Ignatius- Pfaff 20-7-2-75

Hoban - Crable 20-10-1-142

RECEIVING: Saint Ignatius- Vollmer 2-30; Muresan 2-17; Tompkins 1-8; Lenehan 1-15; Ward 1-5.

Hoban - Parnell 3-27; Williams 2-53; Sperling 2-43; Jones

2-18

INTERCEPTIONS: Saint Ignatius- Palinski 1-20

Hoban - Baskerville 1-0; Kepler 1-33

Byers Field

Kickoff time: 6:58 PM • End of Game: 9:31 PM •

Total elapsed time: 2:33

Weather: Summer-like, clear skies.

Football Cats Win on a Kick Six

By Danny Gibel '22

Saint Ignatius entered the contest with a 2-2 record and came into the game looking for a signature win against the 3-1 Archbishop Hoban Knights.

The Knights would take over at their 25-yard line after the punt and they wasted no time putting points on the board. The Knights drove down the field, methodically picking up yards on short runs and passes. That would change when star-running back Lamar Sperling would catch a screen pass on third down and run it 43-yards for a touchdown. Sperling accounted for 66 of the 75 yards on that drive for the Knights. After receiving the ensuing kickoff, the Cats were looking to answer with some points of their own. The drive was propelled forward by huge chunk plays from seniors Marty Lenehan and Collin Vollmer but eventually stalled out after a fumbled snap forced a field goal try. Senior Zeb Eldridge would nail a 39-yarder to open the second quarter; however, the Cats would still trail the Knights 7-3.

Hoban's first drive of the second quarter lasted two plays. The first was a false start penalty. The second was a fumbled snap off the helmet of Hoban quarterback Jayvion Crable, which was picked up and returned for a touchdown by senior defensive end Peter Chalhoub. This made it 10-7 Wildcats and was the first defensive score of the season.

The rest of the second quarter did not play out how either team would have liked. Penalties on offense plagued Hoban and the Wildcats were unable to convert on scoring opportunities. Then, at the end of the first half, Hoban put together a drive to get them into field goal range as Charlie Durkin drilled a 39-yarder to tie the game up 10-10.

The Knights received the second-half kickoff and opened up on offense playing entirely out of sync. Hoban committed several penalties that led to a 3rd & 19 situation. On the ensuing play, the Cats were able to pressure Crable and force him to throw an interception right into the hands of junior linebacker Max Palinski. Palinski returned the interception 20-yards for the defense's second touchdown of the game to give the Wildcats a 17-10 lead.

After taking over with good field position on a punt, the Cats picked up a first down before Lenehan would break loose for a 30-yard touchdown run. Lenehan's ninth touchdown of the campaign put Saint Ignatius up 24-10. The Knights responded with an 80-yard touchdown drive.

The Cats had a chance to end the drive early, but some missed tackles allowed Crable to find Rickey Williams downfield for a 48-yard pickup. The huge completion set up a Sperling four-yard touchdown run later in the drive. Then just two plays into the next drive for the Cats, Pfaff was picked off over the middle by Caleb Kepler. Kepler had no one in front of him and returned it for a touchdown, which tied the game up once again.

To begin the fourth quarter, Pfaff would spark the offense with a 24-yard run. Following the run, both Pfaff and Joey Georges were able to use their legs to set up an Eldridge 48-yard field goal. The field goal put the Cats back on top 27-24 with 8:42 to play.

Sperling fueled the next drive for the Knights. The senior back helped push Hoban to the Wildcat 35-yard line. Durkin, who was two of three on field goals, made a 45-yard field goal to tie the game at 27 apiece with 5:41 left in the game.

Head Football Coach Chuck Kyle '69 would use his final timeout of the half with two seconds left to attempt to ice Durkin. Coming out of the huddle, the Wildcats had one hope to win the game, block the kick. As the hold was down on the field goal, senior safety Griffin Taliak came flying around the edge and leaped in front of the kick to block it; his third special teams block of the season.

Taliak deflected the kick right into the hands of senior Franklin Pike, who caught the ball in stride and was off to the races. Pike took off down the sideline and, in his own words, "I knew when I got the ball nobody was going to catch me," and he was right. Pike arrived in the endzone with ten other Wildcats trailing him the whole way. The "Kick-Six" put the Wildcats ahead for good with a 33-27 final score.



2021 TEAM STATS

	SI	H
FIRST DOWNS	12	17
Rushing	5	7
Passing	6	7
Penalty	1	3
NET YARDS RUSHING	136	155
Rushing Attempts	30	37
Average Per Rush	4.5	4.2
Rushing Touchdowns	2	1
Yards Gained Rushing	150	172
Yards Lost Rushing	14	17
NET YARDS PASSING	75	142
Completions-Attempts-Int	7-20-2	10-20-1
Average Per Completion	3.7	7.1
Passing Touchdowns	0	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	211	297
Total offense plays	50	57
Average Gain Per Play	4.2	5.2
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	5-47	8-79
PUNTS-YARDS	3-128	4-156
Average Yards Per Punt	42.6	39.0
Net Yards Per Punt	40.3	35.2
Inside 20	0	1
50+ Yards	1	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-15-0	2-7-0
Average Per Return	15.0	3.5
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	2-38-0	1-23
Average Per Return	19.0	23.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-20-1	2-33-1
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	1-9-1	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 11	5 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Sacks	1	0
PAT Kicks	3-3	3-3
Field Goals	2-3	2-3



2021 RESULTS / OFFENSE

SAINT IGNATIUS

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
LENEHAN	15	81	3	78	1	30	5.2
GEORGES	6	17	4	13	0	5	2.2
PFAFF	5	37	5	32	0	24	9.2
TOMPKINS	3	9	2	7	0	7	2.3
DUNSTAN	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
TOTALS	30	150	14	136	1	30	4.5

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
PFAFF	7-20-2	75	0	19	0
TOTALS	7-20-2	75	0	19	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
VOLLMER	2	30	0	19
MURESAN	2	17	0	10
LENEHAN	1	15	0	15
TOMPKINS	1	8	0	8
WARD	1	5	0	5
TOTALS	7	75	0	19

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
ELDRIDGE	3	128	42.6	50	0	0

Returns	No	Punt Yds	Lg	Kickoff No	Yds	Lg	Intercept No	Yds	Lg
DUNSTAN	1	15	15	1	28	28	0	0	0
ABIAKL	0	0	0	1	10	10	0	0	0
PALINSKI	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	20
Totals	1	15	15	2	38	28	1	20	20

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
ELDRIDGE	6	353	58.8	5	0

HOBAN

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
SPERLING	32	165	8	157	1	19	5.2
CRABLE	3	2	9	-7	0	2	-2.3
BASKERVILLE	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
JONES	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0
TOTALS	37	172	17	155	1	19	4.2

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
CRABLE	10-20-1	142	1	48	1
TOTALS	10-20-1	142	1	48	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
PARNELL	4	33	0	12
WILLIAMS	2	53	0	48
SPERLING	2	38	1	43
JONES	2	18	0	11
TOTALS	10	142	1	48

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Durkin	4	156	39.0	43	1	0

Returns	No	Punt Yds	Lg	Kickoff No	Yds	Lg	Intercept No	Yds	Lg
SPERLING	0	0	0	1	23	23	0	0	0
WILLIAMS	2	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
BASKERVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
KEPLER	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	33	33
Totals	2	7	7	1	23	23	2	33	33

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
TUROS	5	293	58.6	3	0



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