



# GREAT LAKES HOCKEY LEAGUE WEEKLY

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## Great Lakes Hockey League Drops the Puck on Season No. 7

The Great Lakes Hockey League opens its seventh season of play this week with three league games in three days, before teams compete in traditional holiday tournaments over the Thanksgiving Weekend.

Shaker Heights and Walsh Jesuit will kick off the GLHL season Friday night at Bartley Arena. Walsh will then host Padua Franciscan on Saturday, and Shaker will play again on Sunday, visiting University School.

The 2018-19 campaign was another successful one for the league, which placed four teams in the top eight in the final Ohio coaches poll, and accounted for three of the four finalists in the Brooklyn and Kent districts.

University School represented the league at the state championship tournament in Columbus, making their 15th appearance in the Ohio Frozen Four. Dublin Jerome's 3-2 overtime win in the semifinals prevented US from making it back to the championship game for what would have been the sixth time in school history.

The Preppers also appeared in the Cleveland Cup championship game for the fifth time in six seasons, but it was the Holy Name Green Wave taking home the hardware in a 2-1 thriller (see page three). The Namers became the third team to claim the GLHL tournament title after Gilmour Academy (2018) and Saint Ignatius (2014-2017).

The league is back to a seven-team loop against this year as the Lake Catholic Cougars are on hiatus and will not be icing a team this season.

**NEW FACES BEHIND GLHL BENCHES**—Last year, **Andrew Gerow** succeeded **Andrew Lacroix** at University School, and **Matt Bartley** joined the GLHL coaching fraternity as Shaker Heights entered the league. There will be two more additions to the club this year with **Craig Patton** (Holy Name) and **Pete Calleri** (Walsh Jesuit) joining the GLHL head coaching ranks.

Calleri moved into the spot vacated when **Pat McKendry** stepped down after 15 seasons at Walsh Jesuit. The Holy Name job opened up when program founder **Tim Sullivan** returned to his alma mater St. Edward after leading Holy Name to the 2019 Cleveland Cup championship.

Patton joins the Green Wave from Cleveland State University's ACHA program.

### Upcoming Games

Friday, November 22

Walsh @ Shaker, 7pm \*

Saturday, November 23

Padua @ Walsh, 4:50pm \*

Gilmour @ SW Blades, 8pm

Sunday, November 24

Gilmour @ SW Blades, 12pm

Shaker @ US, 5pm \*

\* GLHL league game



## FINAL 2018-19 GLHL STANDINGS

GLHL teams are awarded a point for an OT loss

Team (overall record)	W	L	OTL	T	PTS	GF	GA	+/-
Gilmour Academy (31-2-3-2)	8	1	1	0	17	37	18	19
Holy Name (24-10-0-4)	8	2	0	0	16	54	18	36
St. Edward (23-8-2-1)	7	2	1	0	15	41	21	20
Shaker Heights (17-10-1-6)	5	4	1	0	11	22	33	-11
University School (19-13-3-2)	5	4	1	0	11	33	22	11
Lake Catholic (21-12-2-0)	4	5	1	0	9	33	38	-5
Walsh Jesuit (13-17-0-2)	3	7	0	0	6	22	37	-15
Padua Franciscan (3-26-0-0)	0	10	0	0	0	15	70	-55

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# GREAT LAKES HOCKEY LEAGUE—TEAM NOTES



## GILMOUR ACADEMY

Gilmour Academy was unable to defend its Cleveland Cup title, but won 31 games, and lost only twice in regulation all year. It was another very successful season for veteran head coach **John Malloy's** team, which is 57-10-8 over the past two campaigns. The Lancers and their neighbors from down the road, University School, added another chapter to their rivalry as Gilmour was eliminated by the Preppers, 2-1 in overtime, in both the Cleveland Cup Semifinal and the Kent District Final...Malloy (606 career OHSAA wins) was inducted into the Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame in September...GA opens their season in Kalamazoo, MI this weekend with a pair of games against Southwest Blades AAA.

## HOLY NAME

On Sunday, in Erie, PA, when **Craig Patton** takes his place behind the Holy Name bench for the Green Wave's Season Opener against Cathedral Prep, he will be the only the second man to stand in that position after **Tim Sullivan's** 16-year run with the program he started. Patton, who most recently coached the ACHA team at Cleveland State University, assumes the responsibility of Holy Name's title defense. The Green Wave defeated University School, 2-1, to win the 2019 Cleveland Cup—the first post-season title in program history. The Namers return four of their six 30-point scorers and, while #1 goalie **Ross Conforto** graduated, juniors **J. J. Light** and **Brendan Greller** both saw varsity action last year.

## PADUA FRANCISCAN

Third-year head coach **Perry Cohagan** has put together an ambitious non-league schedule for Padua that includes six different in-season tournaments. Cohagan says his roster, while still young, is bigger and stronger than in past seasons. He feels junior **D Seth Kaiser** is among the top defenseman in the GLHL and his classmates **Giovanni Iannelli** and **Drew Lampana** provide physicality and creativity, respectively. Freshmen **Shane Helman** and **Liam Conway** are new faces to watch.

## ST. EDWARD

**Tim Sullivan**, a St. Edward graduate, returns as just the fourth head coach in the history of the storied program. He will be charged with ending a 11-year state title drought—the longest in school history for the 11-time state champions. It is a unique opportunity for Sullivan, a three-time GLHL Coach of the Year who played for four seasons under 10-time state champion coach **Bob Whidden**. Ironically, Sullivan and Holy Name ended St. Edward's 2018-19 season in a 2-0 classic in the Brooklyn District Semifinal. With the change behind the bench, and talent returning at all positions, the Eagles will be a closely-watched team this season.

## SHAKER HEIGHTS

The first go-round in the GLHL went well for head coach **Matt Bartley** and the Red Raiders. Shaker held their own in league play (5-4-1) before bowing out to University School, 4-1, in a Cleveland Cup Quarterfinal game. Shaker ran into the Preppers again in the District semifinals and were eliminated, 4-3. The returning players will likely be more comfortable this time around, but confidence is still something Bartley will be trying to build this season. "Overall we have a young and/or inexperienced team," he said. "So confidence is something we will need to focus on during the entire season."

## UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

Last February, as the GLHL headed into the stretch drive, University School was struggling in its first season under **Andy Gerow** ('10). The Preppers were 11-14-2 following a pair of league losses at home to rivals Shaker Heights (1-0) and Gilmour Academy (3-1). But things turned around at that point, with US finishing on an 8-1-1 run that included a berth in the Cleveland Cup championship game for the fifth time in six seasons, and a trip to Columbus for the state tournament.

## WALSH JESUIT

**Pat McKendry** stepped down following the 2018-19 season after 15 seasons at the helm of the Walsh Jesuit Warriors. Former assistant **Pete Calleri** has moved into the head coaching job with the Warriors while **Bill Beard** and **George Wright** will serve as assistants. "With this being my first season at head coach, the learning curve will be a bit steep," admitted Calleri. "I expect our team to play with energy and compete with everyone we face off against." The Warriors will have a young group with only one senior on the roster—forward **Nate Colasanti**.



# 2019 CLEVELAND CUP RESULTS

Holy Name became the third different team to win the Great Lakes Hockey League's post-season tournament in the last three years, claiming the 2019 Cleveland Cup with a 2-1 win over University School on Saturday, February 9.

Green Wave senior goaltender **Ross Conforto** stopped 29 of 30 shots while **Patrick Ehlert** and **Brennan Dickey** supplied the goals. University School got on the board with an extra attacker goal with 1:22 left, but Conforto and the Namers held on for the win.

## QUARTERFINALS

Gilmour Academy 9, Padua Franciscan 1  
 University School 4, Shaker Heights 1  
 Holy Name 7, Walsh Jesuit 3  
 St. Edward advanced over Lake Catholic (forfeit)

## SEMIFINALS

University School 2, Gilmour Academy 1  
 Holy Name 6, St. Edward 3

## 2019 CLEVELAND CUP FINAL

Holy Name 2, University School 1



# GLHL TEAMS IN THE 2019 OHSAA PLAYOFFS



### Gilmour Academy (Kent District)

Sectional: Gilmour 10, Mayfield 0  
 District Quarterfinal: Gilmour 1, Hudson 0  
 District Semifinal: Gilmour 2, Mentor 1 (OT)  
**District Final: University School 2, Gilmour 1**

### Holy Name (Brooklyn District)

Sectional: Holy Name 11, Bay 1  
 District Quarterfinal: Holy Name 5, Rocky River 3  
 District Semifinal: Holy Name 2, St. Edward 0  
**District Final: Saint Ignatius 6, Holy Name 0**

### Padua Franciscan (Brooklyn District)

Sectional: Amherst Steele 2, Padua 0

### St. Edward (Brooklyn District)

Sectional: St. Edward 10, Avon Lake 0  
 District Quarterfinal: St. Edward 9, Avon 0  
 District Semifinal: Holy Name 2, St. Edward 0

### Shaker Heights (Kent District)

Sectional: Shaker 8, Aurora 1  
 District Quarterfinal: Shaker 4, Lake Catholic 2  
 District Semifinal: University School 4, Shaker 3

### University School (Kent District)

Sectional: US 10, Chagrin Falls 0  
 District Quarterfinal: US 1, Kenston 0  
 District Semifinal: US 4, Shaker Heights 3  
**District Final: US 2, Gilmour 1 (OT)**  
**State Semifinal: Dublin Jerome 3, US 2 (OT)**

### Walsh Jesuit (Kent District)

Sectional: Walsh Jesuit 11, NDCL 0  
 District Quarterfinal: Mentor 6, Walsh Jesuit 0







## FINAL 2018-19 GLHL SCORING LEADERS (all games)

#	PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PTS/GP	PIM
15	Tanyon Bajzer	St. Edward	33	43	26	69	2.09	8
2	Jacob Schmitt	Lake Catholic	32	35	30	65	2.03	71
16	Sebastiano Layne	Holy Name	32	32	29	61	1.91	27
22	Brennan Dickey	Holy Name	33	29	31	60	1.82	30
3	Amaedeo Cantini	Lake Catholic	33	27	27	54	1.64	36
14	Jack Henry Muha	University School	36	16	30	46	1.28	16
4	Milo Henry	Holy Name	33	23	22	45	1.36	14
12	Cole Horvath	Lake Catholic	21	19	24	43	2.05	17
24	Henry Saada	University School	36	14	29	43	1.19	28
22	Noah Schultz	St. Edward	33	20	22	42	1.27	30
16	Tyler Alt	University School	36	21	19	40	1.11	22
9	Charlie Valenti	Gilmour Academy	34	16	24	40	1.18	6
24	Dominic Casamatta	Gilmour Academy	34	22	17	39	1.15	16
23	Geremy Davison	Walsh Jesuit	30	18	20	38	1.27	16
6	George Brinn	University School	36	17	17	34	0.94	12
21	Britt Anderson	Shaker Heights	30	16	17	33	1.10	10
16	Sacha Trudel	Walsh Jesuit	30	14	18	32	1.07	30
12	Joey Martin	Holy Name	27	14	17	31	1.15	39
4	Sean Kolenich	St. Edward	30	13	18	31	1.03	6
17	Patrick Ehlert	Holy Name	32	13	17	30	0.94	28
19	Jack Mohar	Holy Name	33	4	26	30	0.91	4
8	Niko Negron	Holy Name	31	15	14	29	0.94	4
7	Keenan O'Toole	Shaker Heights	31	13	15	28	0.90	16
16	Tyler Bowles	St. Edward	33	11	16	27	0.82	25



## FINAL 2018-19 GLHL GOALTENDING LEADERS (all games)

#	PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	T	SV	GA	GAA	SV%	SO
31	Tobias Herlong	Gilmour Academy	13	2	0	242	14	0.85	0.945	7
33	Evan Wrightsman	St. Edward	4	0	1	79	6	1.10	0.929	3
30	Jac Lymn	Gilmour Academy	14	2	0	271	21	1.41	0.928	4
1	JJ Light	Holy Name	5	0	1	140	10	1.75	0.933	2
30	Ross Conforto	Holy Name	19	5	1	545	45	2.14	0.924	3
35	Critter Coughlin	University School	14	11	1	632	59	2.18	0.915	2
1	Nate Cappellazzo	St. Edward	15	5	0	395	44	2.24	0.900	3
30	Maxim Ehlers	Shaler Heights	8	5	4	347	41	2.26	0.894	2
31	Zach Firment	Walsh Jesuit	6	7	1	297	36	2.56	0.892	0
29	Patrick Kristo	Lake Catholic	21	11	1	671	74	2.63	0.901	3
32	Garrett Ritts	Shaker Heights	7	4	2	292	38	2.68	0.885	1
30	Brody Lerch	Walsh Jesuit	6	8	1	360	47	2.93	0.885	1
36	Michael Holtz	University School	3	3	1	133	31	4.08	0.811	0
1	RJ Schuette	Padua Franciscan	3	16	0	441	87	6.18	0.835	0

