

## InLand All District Team Announced

Tigers have nine players receive honors

### **DIVISION I**

#### **First Team**

OFFENSE: Ends--Dayne Hammond, Boardman, 6-6, 200, sr.; Dashawn Hall, GlenOak, 6-0, 210, sr.; Malcolm Robinson, Canton McKinley, 6-2, 182, sr. Linemen--Skyler Parks, Canton McKinley, 6-1, 274, sr.; Darien Terrell, Massillon Jackson, 6-4, 340, sr.; Nick Tavanello, Wadsworth, 6-0, 248, sr.; Seamus McDonald, Medina, 6-2, 285, sr.; Billy Price, Austintown Fitch, 6-4, 287, jr.; Quaison Osbourne, Hudson, 6-4, 318, sr. Quarterbacks--Tyler Foster, Canton McKinley, 6-3, 184, sr.; **Jalen Washington, Twinsburg, 6-0, 160, jr.** Backs--Jack Snowball, Wadsworth, 6-0, 211, sr.; Bri'onte Dunn, GlenOak, 6-1, 221, sr.; **John Barton, Twinsburg, 5-9, 180, jr.**; Devin Campbell, Boardman, 6-0, 190, sr.; Jimmy Dehnke, Massillon Jackson, 5-11, 180, sr.

DEFENSE: Linemen--Derrick Everett, GlenOak, 6-2, 281, sr.; Se'Von Pittman, Canton McKinley, 6-5, 262, sr.; Stefan Laurry, Massillon Washington, 6-0, 230, sr.; Roger Craig, Warren Harding, 5-10, 250, jr.; Adam Coberly, Hudson, 6-4, 190, jr. Linebackers--Will Mahone, Austintown Fitch, 6-0, 206, sr.; Ben Gedeon, Hudson, 6-2, 220, jr.; Christian Williams, GlenOak, 5-11, 207, sr.; Dan Popio, Boardman, 5-9, 200, sr.; **Myles Campbell, Twinsburg, 5-10, 190, sr.** Backs--Jermaine Edmondson, Canton McKinley, 6-2, 166, sr.; Alex Winters, Massillon Washington, 5-11, 185, sr.; Lucas Haupt, Austintown Fitch, 5-11, 170, sr.; **Michael Baker, Twinsburg, 5-9, 190, sr.**

**Offensive player of the year: Jack Snowball, Wadsworth.**

**Defensive player of the year: Se'Von Pittman, Canton McKinley.**

**Coach of the year: Ron Wright, Hudson.**

#### **Second team**

OFFENSE: Ends--Andrew Pratt, Green, 6-5, 200, sr.; Lunden Butler, GlenOak, 6-0, 195, sr.; Chris Davis, Austintown Fitch, 5-8, 174, sr. **Linemen--Tom Delegram, Twinsburg, 5-11, 210, sr.**; Dan Dunn, Stow, 6-3, 300, sr.; Brenson Ennis, GlenOak, 6-4, 320, sr.; Chris Moore, Canton McKinley, 5-8, 272, sr.; Zach Machuga, Boardman, 5-9, 225, sr. Quarterbacks--Cooper Merrill, Massillon Jackson, 6-0, 180, sr. Backs--LeShun Daniels, Warren Harding, 6-0, 208, jr.; Nick Roberts, Brunswick, 5-10, 185, jr.; Nick Mutaali, Stow, 5-11, 195, sr.; Sa'Veon Holloway, Canton McKinley, 5-11, 201, sr.; Jon Miller, Massillon Perry, 5-10, 200, sr. Kicker--Andrew David, Massillon Washington, 5-8, 152, fr.

DEFENSE: Linemen--Aaron Viscounte, North Canton Hoover, 6-3, 255, sr.; Zach Zidian, Boardman, 6-2, 280, sr.; Devan Ganser, GlenOak, 5-9, 270, sr.; Mike Todich, Massillon Jackson, 6-1, 200, sr. Linebackers--Bret Baughman, Wadsworth, 5-10, 214, sr.; Alex Harris, Medina, 5-10, 209, sr.; Will Harrington, Austintown Fitch, 5-8, 163, sr.; Chad Fite, Canton McKinley, 5-11, 207, sr.; Robbie Plants, Massillon Washington, 6-2, 215, sr. Backs-- **Tre Jones, Twinsburg, 5-10, 160, sr.**; Scott Suren, Brunswick, 6-4, 190, sr.; Jai-lyn Moore, Warren Harding, 6-2, 190, sr. Punter--Chester Foth, Wadsworth, 6-0, 157, sr.

## Honorable Mention

Brody Tonn, Massillon Washington; Dillon Cowan, Massillon Washington; Jacob Moore, Massillon Perry; Sean Keane, Massillon Perry; Nolan Jones, Massillon Jackson; Ryan Prorise, Massillon Jackson; Xzavier McAllister, Canton McKinley; Christian Thompson, Canton McKinley; Ruben Burrows, Canton McKinley; Tyler Lancaster, GlenOak; Steve Mathie, GlenOak, Tyler Allison, GlenOak; Austin Appleby, North Canton Hoover; Dom Iero, North Canton Hoover; Austin Feinberg, North Canton Hoover; Jalyn Powell, Warren Harding; Aundra'ez Cambridge, Warren Harding; Osha Jackson, Warren Harding; Justin Babos, Boardman; Ryan Pollifrone, Boardman; John Kuczek, Boardman; John Babos, Boardman; Chris Riwniak, Boardman; Will Hiteshue, Medina; Benny Cunningham, Medina; Brandon Palidar, Wadsworth; C.J. Edwards, Wadsworth; Nick Seme, Wadsworth; Tyler Perry, Wadsworth; Daryk Maki, Wadsworth; Brad Darlington, Brunswick; Keith Yohman, Brunswick; **Quentin Chambers, Twinsburg; London Carter, Twinsburg; Jordan Bray, Twinsburg;** Nick Oblisk, Stow; Mike Waggoner, Stow; Mark Zimmerman, Green; Kyle Finch, Green; Drew Gardner, Cuyahoga Falls; Chris Harris, Cuyahoga Falls.

## Football Banquet Scheduled

The 2011 Football Banquet is scheduled for Monday, November 28th at 6:00pm in the THS Commons.

## Congratulations to Tiger QB, Jalen Washington, PD Football Player of the Week!

### Jalen Washington, Twinsburg

**Sport:** Football

**Class:** Junior

**Age:** 16

**Ht:** 6-0

**Wt:** 165

**What Jalen did last week:** Quarterback went 28-for-37 passing for 359 yards, with scoring passes of 14, 30 and 30 yards, as the Tigers upset top-ranked Mentor, 38-35.

**About Jalen:** Also enjoys playing basketball and baseball and lifting weights. Always takes a nap before games. Favorites include Ohio State Buckeyes, "Glory Road" movie, "Two and a Half Men" TV show, "Madden" video games, Maggiano's restaurant and math class. Best school memory was defeating Mentor, which also was the state's top-ranked team, last week.

## Twinsburg pulls upset of Mentor

by Steve Batko, Correspondent ~ Twinsburg Bulletin

It was one of the most electric wins in Twinsburg football history.

The Tigers scored a 38-35 win over Mentor at Tiger Stadium Oct. 28. The Cardinals came into the game ranked No. 1 in the Division I state coaches poll.

The only problem is it will not have a follow-up act.

Junior place kicker Frank Candau booted the game winning 22-yard field goal with 2:46 left, giving a share of the Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division Championship with Mentor and Solon as all three teams finished at 4-1.

Despite the huge win, Twinsburg (7-3) failed to make the Division I state playoffs.

"As I told the guys [in the post game huddle], regardless of what happens in the playoff standings, I'm so proud of this team -- especially of the seniors," said first year head coach Joe Schiavone. "We are conference champs, four years in a row, and nobody takes that away."

"To win one of the top leagues[NOC Valley] and not make the playoffs is a shame."

Twinsburg finished 10th in Region 2 of Division I. The top eight teams made the playoffs.

Superb defense and the brilliant showing by junior quarterback Jalen Washington made the win possible against Mentor.

During the second and third quarters, Twinsburg's defense held Mentor's no-huddle spread offense to just 60 yards and two first downs, including a paltry 3 yards passing.

This is against a Cards offense that averaged 43.4 points, 319 yards passing and 462.2 total yards a game against a top notch schedule.

Twinsburg's defense survived a three touchdown flurry by Mentor in a 6-minute span of a wild fourth quarter.

However, junior running back John Barton, Washington and Candau made sure that the effort by the defense -- and a 21-point lead -- did not go to waste.

Washington went 29-of-37 passing for 359 yards and three TD's and an interception on the game's second play.

"Our defense did a tremendous job while Jalen and John had great games for us," said the coach. "Mentor was number one for good reason as you saw how fast they attacked with those big receivers."

When Mentor's Warren Ashton scored from one yard out with 5:55 left, the momentum was in Mentor's favor after the 21-point spurt to make it 35-35.

Starting from its own 40, Twinsburg struck on the first play as Washington hit senior wide receiver B.K. Grewal for a 21-yard strike. On Barton's second carry on the drive, he broke loose for 23 yards to the Cards' 12-yard line.

After Barton was stopped for no gain, Washington hit a wide open Tre Jones for what looked to be his third TD catch of the game on slant pass. However, the eager Jones dropped the ball.

Washington then hit senior wide out Jordan Bray for seven yards as it brought up a fourth-down and-3 from the five-yard line.

Schiavone, who elected to go for 4th-and-inches from the Mentor 5 late in the third period and failed, opted for the field goal. That's when Candau promptly drilled the eventual game winner. "Frank did a great job with that kick," said the coach.

At its own 23 with 2:41 left, Mentor star junior QB Mitch Trubisky (401 total yards and four TD's) had plenty of time left to tie or win the game.

With the Tiger crowd roaring, Twinsburg pressured Trubisky with only a 3-man front in the prevent defense. Senior end Dylan Minick pressured and Mentor was whistled for holding.

After two modest gains, Mentor's Cameron Kavan was drilled by Jones after an eight-yard gain.

Facing a 4th-and-5 with 1:09 left from its own 28, Mentor tried to score on multiple passes and pitches, but the desperation play failed.

Barton then ran three straight times behind a stacked I set to burn out the clock. He finished with 26 carries for 150 yards and two touchdowns.

"We thought we matched up well with Mentor," said Schiavone. "Our players came through and we showed great leadership."

Mentor capitalized off the early pick to lead 7-0 when 6-foot-4 sophomore receiver Brandon Fritts went up high for a 3-yard TD pass from Trubisky.

It was tied 7-7 with 3:36 left in the first when Barton took an option pitch and went 44 yards for the TD.

Washington waited until the very last moment to pitch the option as he stood in and was smacked by Michigan recruit Tom Strobel.

The Cardinals responded with a 71-yard scoring drive as Trubisky passed five yards to sophomore Connor Krizancic. It put Mentor up 14-7 with 2:11 left.

Twinsburg answered with two straight textbook drives.

First was a 9-play, 80-yard drive that ended with a Barton 5-yard TD run to make it 14-14 with 10:19 left in the first half.

There was a 12-play, 57-yard scoring drive that culminated on a 14-yard TD pass to senior Zack Buckeye to give the hosts a 21-14 lead with 3:11 left. Washington was 7-8 passing for 67 yards on the drive.

The Tiger offense then scored on its first two possessions in the second half -- a pair of 30-yard TD passes from Washington to Jones.

The second score, a fade pass to Jones, gave Twinsburg a huge 35-14 lead with 4:17 left in the third stanza.

On the kickoff, Candau booted a squib kick that deflected off a Mentor player and junior Rob Williams recovered the fumble. The drive stalled at the Mentor 5 when on fourth down and inches as Barton was downed for a loss by Mentor tackle Tyler Koshiol.

Big plays in the aerial game got to the Tigers in the fourth quarter as a 49-yard pass to sophomore Corey Plavcan set up a 39-yard TD run on a draw by Trubisky.

After a Tiger punt, Fritts caught a 58-yard bomb from Trubisky as junior Cooper Rea had a TD saving tackle. However, two plays later, Trubisky tossed a 3-yard TD pass to Kavan. It was 35-27 with 9:07 left.

Washington had a 41-yard punt to gain some field position, but it didn't matter as Mentor's offense was buzzing. Led by a 49-yard pass to Plavcan, Ashton scored on a 1-yard plunge to tie the game 35-35 with 5:55 left.

That set up the eventual game winning field goal by Candau, who just a few days earlier, had suffered a tough district loss for the soccer team.

Schiavone praised his offensive line as senior Quentin Chambers did an outstanding job against Strobel.

Trubisky hit 17-32 for 275 yards and three TD's. He added 14 rushes for 126 yards and a score.

Seven different receivers had catches from Washington, who helped Twinsburg to 512 yards. In the third quarter alone, Washington was 9-10 in the air for 145 yards and two scores.

Grewal had six for 97 yards while Bray had seven catches for 56 yards. Jones had three for 91 yards and two TD's while Buckeye had five receptions for 48 yards and a score. Barton had four catches and was helped by senior tight end Mitch Harrison (2-39) and senior London Carter (2-26).

Barton finished the season with 32 total touchdowns as he surpassed 2,000 all-purpose yards.

### **Twinsburg upsets Mentor in 38-35 thriller**

Tigers knock off No. 1 Cardinals to keep playoff hopes alive

By Nick Shook ~ Twinsburg Patch

It was win or go home for the Twinsburg Tigers.

The Tigers faced their toughest challenge of the season when they hosted the top-ranked and undefeated (9-0) Mentor Cardinals at Tiger Stadium. In order to reach the state playoffs and win the Northeast Ohio Conference's Valley Division, the Tigers had to do the unthinkable and knock off the Cardinals, who had seemed nearly unbeatable during much of the 2011 season.

That all changed Friday night.

In a game that will likely be remembered for years at Twinsburg High School, the Tigers defeated Mentor, 38-35. The game was a thrilling shootout, as junior quarterback Jalen Washington completed 27 of 38 passes for 300 yards and three touchdowns for the Tigers.

"I'm so proud of our guys and how hard they fought," Twinsburg coach Joe Schiavone said. "You know, it's about time we wound up on the right side of a scoreboard of a game like this."

Following Mentor's furious comeback attempt to tie the game at 35, Twinsburg kicker Frank Candau converted a 22-yard field goal attempt with 2:41 remaining in the fourth quarter to give the Tigers a three-point lead. It was up to the Tigers' defense to secure the victory, and they did just that by forcing Mentor to turn the ball over on downs.

Twinsburg took control of the game midway through the third quarter when Washington and wide receiver Tre Jones connected on a pair of 30-yard touchdown passes to extend the Tigers' lead to 21 points. Mentor appeared to be out of the game until early in the fourth quarter, when quarterback Mitch Trubisky sparked the Cardinals offense with a 39-yard touchdown run. Mentor quickly forced a three-and-out by Twinsburg, and wasted no time on the ensuing possession, when Trubisky engineered a three-play drive that culminated in a touchdown pass to wide receiver Cameron Kavan from three yards out.

"We knew that they could throw it like that at any second, so we reminded them, stick to the gameplan, stay in coverage," Schiavone said.

Trubisky led a quick, 64-yard drive that resulted in a one-yard Warren Ashton touchdown run, and just like that, Mentor had clawed its way back to tie the game, 35-35.

Washington and the rest of the Tigers' offense took the field with 5:55 left in the fourth and drove down inside the Cardinals' 10-yard line before being faced with a crucial decision: go for the first down, or kick the field goal.

Schiavone called a timeout and elected to kick the field goal, which proved to be the correct move, as Candau's conversion was the difference in the game.

"Our kids are not afraid to play anybody," Schiavone said. "...Our kids will line up and play football every snap, and they'll fight to the very end."

Mentor still had one more chance to win the game. With two seconds remaining and the ball on their own 21, the Cardinals attempted to make history by performing multiple laterals in order to score a miraculous touchdown. However, the final lateral of the game sailed over a receiver's head and into the Twinsburg sideline, and it was time for the Tigers to celebrate.

"My hat's off to Mentor, they're a dangerous team, they're going to make a great run in Region I," Schiavone said. "Hopefully, the chips fall where they may for us. We just gotta hurry up and wait, and hopefully we get in."

Running back John Barton continued to find success on the ground and finished the game with 137 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries.

"On our side, it was the same thing," Schiavone said. "We kept it simple, and let them play."

Twinsburg finished the regular season with a 7-3 record and their fourth-straight NOC Valley Division championship. Their state playoff fate, however, is still up in the air. The Tigers will have to watch the area scoreboard over the weekend to see if they get the necessary help to qualify for the Division I, Region II playoffs. Currently

"As I told them in the huddle, I said regardless of what happens, the seniors, I'm so proud of," Schiavone said. "We're conference champs, four years in a row, and nobody takes that away."

### **NOC: Twinsburg football team stuns top-ranked Mentor**

SPORTSINK.COM STAFF REPORT

TWINSBURG, Ohio - By virtue of their stunning 38-35 upset of the No. 1 ranked Mentor on Friday, the Twinsburg Tigers (7-3, 4-1 NOC Valley) proved they belong in the OHSAA state playoffs.

The question is: Will they make it?

The Tigers, under first-year coach Joe Schiavone, began the night No. 14 in the Division I, Region 2 computer poll.

Would a win over the previously undefeated Cardinals lift Twinsburg into the top eight?

After Mentor (9-1, 4-1) had rallied from a 35-14 deficit to pull even at 35-35, Twinsburg kicker Frank Candau punched through a 22-yard field goal with 2:46 left to play.

Then Schiavone leaned on his defense to stop a red-hot Mentor offense, which had scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter. The Tigers delivered a 4-and-out and although the Cardinals did get the ball back they were unsuccessful in the closing seconds trying to convert a Cal-Stanford miracle play.

Behind junior quarterback Jalen Washington's 360-yard passing effort and three touchdown strikes, the Tigers had built a 35-14 lead heading to the fourth quarter.

Washington had a 14-yard scoring toss to Zack Buckeye and two 30-yard scoring passes to Tre Jones.

Junior running back John Barton had gotten Twinsburg off to a good start with scoring runs of 44 and 5 yards and the Tigers led 21-14 at half.

Mentor quarterback Mitch Trubisky also had a huge game, passing for 270 yards and three touchdowns and rushing for 120 yards and a score.

Twinsburg gained a share of the Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division title, along with Solon and Mentor.

The Tigers have advanced to the second round of the state playoffs in each of the last three years.

## **High school football: Mentor sent to first defeat**

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TWINSBURG - With the biggest upset in the state just completed, the Twinsburg band was playing the Rolling Stones hit, "You Can't Always Get What You Want".

Mentor desperately wanted to cap off a 10-0 regular season with the Division I playoffs starting next weekend. Instead, a shocking 38-35 defeat to Twinsburg on Friday allowed some doubt to creep into the equation.

The state's top-ranked D-I team suffered its first blemish after nine victories to start the season.

They'll now have to share the Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division title with the host Tigers and Solon with 4-1 records.

Junior kicker Frank Candau's 22-yard field goal with 2 minutes, 46 seconds remaining proved to be the game-winner.

In Mentor coach Steve Trivisonno's estimation, it wasn't about the Tigers (7-3).

"We didn't deserve to win," he said. "We were bad tonight. Give them credit. They played well. You can't make the mistakes we made.

"This one comes down to us not doing anything for two quarters. The second and third (quarters), we were terrible. We just didn't come to play. We didn't play hard enough, and we haven't done it in three weeks."

Trivisonno said the Cardinals (9-1) have been coasting for at least the last two weeks.

"We haven't played well in two weeks," he said. "We thought we could coast into this thing. We got what we deserved. We needed that."

He said the Cardinals can use that as motivation once the postseason starts.

"They have to decide they have to get after it like they did earlier in the year and come to play," Trivisonno said. "You can't coast in Division I football.

"It's up to them at this point. They played in a couple games that weren't that difficult, and they thought they'd all be that way."

That was anything but the case.

The Tigers stormed to a 35-14 lead after a 30-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jalen Washington to wide receiver Tre Jones with 4:17 left in the third quarter.



That's when Twinsburg attempted a squib kick that bounced off a Mentor player.

"It wasn't planned," Tigers coach Joe Schiavone said. "It just happened to go off his leg. It's about time lady luck was on our side. It was a huge momentum turn for us. We were lucky enough to get it."

The Tigers didn't take advantage of the turnover. Running back John Barton was stopped on fourth down at the 5-yard line.

Mentor showed why it is one of the most potent offensive teams in the state when it scored three touchdowns in a span of 5:28 to knot the score at 35.

Quarterback Mitch Trubisky scored on a 39-yard run. He threw a 3-yard TD pass to Cameron Kavan, and Warren Ashton ran untouched for a 1-yard TD run.

All of a sudden, the two teams were deadlocked.

Once again, the Cardinals could not put the clamps on Twinsburg's offense, however, which moved 55 yards for the game-winning field goal.

Heading into the game, Schiavone instructed his team it could play with the Cardinals.

"We match up OK with them," he said. "They've played the same people that we've played. We can cover them. We can get off blocks. We can make tackles when we need to. With No. 4 (Washington) and No. 5 (Barton), and with the way our O-line protects for both of them, we'll be OK."

Washington threw an interception on his first pass. After that, however, one could make a case he outplayed All-Ohio candidate Trubisky in the game. Washington completed 29 of 38 passes for 358 yards and three TDs.

Barton rushed for a game-high 144 yards and two TDs on 25 carries.

"They are very athletic, and that's a mismatch we don't handle very well," Trivisonno said. "I will tell you this much. They caught the ball. We probably dropped the ball 10 times tonight. We did not play well."

"We knew this was going to be a tough matchup with their skill and the quarterback's ability to throw it. He's a special player. He was tough."

Trubisky completed 17 of 32 passes for 273 yards and three TDs. He was the Cardinals' leading rusher with 117 yards on 14 carries.

Mentor will host a playoff game on Nov. 5 against an undetermined opponent.

### **Twinsburg pulls off stunning upset of Mentor: High School Roundup**

Plain Dealer and Sun News staff reports, October 29, 2011 12:43 a.m.

Joe Schiavone has been Twinsburg's head football coach for one season, but already the Nordonia/Mount Union graduate has scored a win for the ages.

After all, Friday night's 38-35 victory came against Mentor.

That's previously unbeaten Mentor (9-1, 4-1), The Plain Dealer's and Division I state poll's top-ranked team, which also stands atop the Region 1 computer standings.

The same Cardinals team that is rated 22nd by MaxPreps, 25th by Rivals and 34th by ESPN.

After Mentor scored 21 points in the fourth quarter to tie the Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division game at 35-35, the Tigers sealed the victory on Frank Candau's 22-yard field goal with 2:46 left to play.

"The kids did a phenomenal job tonight," said Schiavone, whose team is ranked 19th in the area. "Mentor is going to make a great run in the playoffs.

"I'm so happy for our kids. They're excited, they're pumped. Our kids have great character and great fight. They're not afraid to play anybody and showed that tonight."

The winning score was set up by a seven-play, 60-yard drive, which was sparked by John Barton's 23-yard run.

Tigers quarterback Jalen Washington passed for 359 yards and three touchdowns, and Barton finished with 143 yards and two touchdowns. Mentor quarterback Mitch Trubisky threw for 271 yards and three touchdowns and also rushed for 120 yards and a score.

The win gives Mentor, Twinsburg (7-3, 4-1) and Solon a share of the title and could catapult the Tigers, 14th in Division I, Region 2, into the postseason playoffs

"Right now, we're playing the hurry-up-and-wait game," Schiavone said. "I'm proud of our seniors. They went out as conference champs in their final home game."

### **Tigers' Season Comes Down To Crucial Mentor Game**

By Barry Goodrich ~ Twinsburg Patch

Twinsburg plays host to the state's top-ranked team, Mentor Cardinals, Friday night

The Tigers, ranked 14th in the Division I, Region 2 computer poll, need to pull off a big upset to have any chance at the post-season playoffs. Mentor is unbeaten and ranked 34th by ESPN in its national rankings.

"Everything is on the line," said Twinsburg head coach Joe Schiavone, whose team takes a 6-3 overall mark into the regular season finale. "A lot of computer points and a share of the Valley Division title."

A big game is even bigger when you consider how the Cardinals have been lighting up the scoreboard against all foes this season. Many thought Mentor would have its hands full with Solon, a team the Cardinals beat by 24 points.

"We always prepare to win regardless of who we are playing," said Schiavone. "We're going to go about our routine as we always do."

The Tigers rebounded from their heartbreaking overtime loss to Solon with a commanding 37-7 win at Medina last week. The offense was once again led by quarterback Jalen Washington and running back John Barton while the defense played a solid overall game.

Barton increased his season touchdown total to 30 and he has now run for 1,164 yards in addition to gaining another 480 yards in pass receptions. Washington has thrown for 1,491 yards and 10 touchdowns and has one of the best quarterback ratings in Northeast Ohio.

"Our kids responded very well last week," said Schiavone. "I was proud of their effort. I think the kids rebound faster than the coaches do."

Twinsburg's defense will have its hands full Friday night. Mentor quarterback Mitch Trubisky threw for 259 yards and three touchdowns in a 38-7 rout of Strongsville last week and the Cardinals' five-receiver set has been virtually unstoppable all season long.

"We have very similar offenses but the tempo Mentor plays at is something we will have to adjust to," said Schiavone. "Everything runs through their quarterback, he's a highly talented athlete. We have to put our players in positions to make plays on defense."

It will be just the fourth home game of the season for the Tigers, who will get to play six home contests next year. "It's always good to play at home," said Schiavone.

Schiavone and his team knew they were up against a tough schedule before the start of the season. It gets even tougher Friday night.

### **Tigers rebound with rout of Bees**

by Steve Batko ~ Twinsburg Bulletin

In a must win scenario, Twinsburg's football team won 37-7 at Medina in a Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division road trip to move the Tigers to 6-3 and set up a Week 10 showdown against league leader and state power Mentor.

It was the programs' first ever meeting as the Tiger defense held the Bees (3-6, 1-3 in the Valley) to just 110 total yards and eight first downs.

"We needed to win as our state playoffs began at Medina and will finish against Mentor," said Tiger coach Joe Schiavone, whose 6-3 club needs to win out to gain a share of the NOC Valley Championship and have a chance at the Division I state playoffs.

"I thought our defense played really well and the guys put a lot of pressure on Medina."

Mentor is 4-0 in the NOC Valley, ahead of Twinsburg and Solon at 3-1. Mentor (10-0) is also ranked No. 1 in the division I state poll, 22nd nationally in MaxPreps, 25th in the country for Rivals, and 38th nationally in ESPN's poll.

The Tigers (6-3) will be playing for a win in the home battle on Oct. 28, which could do two things.

First off, an upset win will give Twinsburg a share of the Valley Championship along with Mentor and possibly Solon, Ohio's 11th-ranked club that Twinsburg lost to in overtime.

Finally, a win for the Tigers will mean huge computer state playoff points because Mentor has the most in Ohio. With some help, Twinsburg will also have a chance to gain a state playoff berth.

"There's a reason why Mentor is ranked No. 1," said Schiavone. "They have a talented quarterback, plus they have speed and size."

"Our kids are not afraid to play against anyone. We will work up a game plan and we need to execute.

Twinsburg will have to limit Mentor's spread offense, which is similar to the Tigers', but will pass much more and does not possess the running attack that Twinsburg has with junior John Barton.

Barton had 18 rushes for 186 yards and three touchdowns at Medina as he has reached nearly 1,900 total yards and 30 touchdowns through nine games.

On the year, Barton has rushed for 1,164 yards on 177 carries (6.6 average) and 25 touchdowns. He has caught 29 passes for 480 yards and four scores plus has over 200 yards in returns and a TD.

"We had a three-and-out in our first series, but then the offense came alive," said Schiavone, the defensive coordinator.

"Handing the ball to Johnny Barton is never a bad thing. He's a special back and the line continues to do a great job blocking. They have really developed."

Schiavone also liked how the line protected junior quarterback Jalen Washington, who completed 12-21 passes for 120 yards, a TD and no interceptions. He added 22 yards rushing on seven carries and hit six different receivers.

Barton broke several tackles on a thrilling 65-yard TD run to make it 7-0 and then in the second quarter, used a 1-yard plunge to cap a 17-play scoring drive. Finally, he added another 37-yard TD burst in which he broke a few more tackles.

After another Tiger defensive stand, the hosts scored again as Frank Candau's extra point was blocked.

It was 27-0 as senior fullback Michael Baker scored on the 7-yard run that was set up by a 31-yard pass to Barton.

Candau later added a 30-yard field goal and Washington found senior wide receiver Tre Jones for a 4-yard scoring pass to cap the scoring late in the third period.

Senior wide out London Carter had three catches for 39 yards, senior Jordan Bray had three receptions for 27 yards, and senior Zack Buckeye had three catches for 15 yards. Sophomore QB Michael Peelman ran four times for 13 yards.

"I thought that Peelman ran very hard for us late in the game," said Schiavone.

Defense was the key as the Tigers shut down heralded Medina quarterback Mason Schreck. Schreck, who is 6-foot-5 and 212 pounds, is headed to Buffalo. He was held to 5-16 passing for 15 yards, plus had 36 rushing yards on 12 carries and a TD.

Medina's Laterian Brown is also dangerous and was held to 51 yards on 13 attempts. Top receiver Walter Bailey had four catches for just nine yards.

"Our defense played tremendous and really put pressure on Schreck, who is a highly touted quarterback," said Schiavone.

"We blitzed a few extra times, but the front six did a great job. Schreck broke a few runs, but we hit him pretty hard."

Senior linebacker Myles Campbell and senior end Devereaux McCall were cited as the top defenders although Baker was active as usual.

"Myles had another great game and McCall did a really nice job putting pressure on the quarterback."