

Medina football team travels to Twinsburg this weekend

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Medina will face Twinsburg after losing to Mentor.

Mentor scored five unanswered touchdowns to start the game against Medina, and the rest was history.

The Battling Bees (2-6) struggled against the high-powered Cardinal offense during their 63-21 Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division football loss. The Cardinals improve to 7-1 overall.

Mentor led, 35-0, before host Medina scored on a Jerry Klue 7-yard touchdown run midway through the second quarter.

Klue tallied 19 carries for 55 yards.

Medina travels to Twinsburg Oct. 19. The Tigers (5-3) are coming off a 29-22 win at Solon and are riding a three-game win streak.

Twinsburg rallies past Solon

by MATT DEUTSCH | CORRESPONDENT ~ Twinsburg Bulletin

That School Up North has finally been beaten.

After years of frustration, Twinsburg football broke Oct. 12, defeating Solon 29-22 at Stewart Field. The win snapped a 13-game losing streak to Solon.

"Our approach at Solon was the same it has always been [this fall], but you could tell that the players and the coaches had a little more intensity this week with regards to playing Solon," said Tigers coach Joe Schiavone..

Twinsburg won its fifth game out of the last six as the Tigers make a bid for a Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division championship as well as the state playoffs.

The Tigers, 5-3 overall, moved to 3-0 to lead the NOC Valley along with Mentor.

In the final two league and regular season games, Twinsburg hosts Medina (2-6, 1-2) Oct. 19 and travels to Mentor (7-1) on Oct. 26.

Schiavone is taking one at a time, but has to be thrilled with huge strides made in the trenches on both ends of the ball as well as in the running game, led by senior back Tyrone McGuinea.

McGuinea posted a career high 34 rushes for 143 yards and the game-clinching two-yard touchdown run up the middle with 1:25 left.

"The offensive and defensive lines are gelling really well now," said Schiavone. "They've improved over the season due to getting more experience."

Twinsburg showed some I-formation sets as the offense had 20 first downs and 331 total yards.

With Schiavone as the coordinator, Twinsburg's defense is now a 3-3 stack with a lot of pressure coming from all over. Solon was held to just three first downs in the second half.

"I think with a 3-3 stack we're able to get pressure through different schemes and blitzes," said the coach.

"It all starts up front and our front three of Cameron Dial, Rob Williams, and Chris Rode have done a tremendous job. Our linebackers are doing well reading their keys and making plays with Jacob Turay, Scott Tegowski, and Mike Mickovic."

At times, Dial was a force.

The 6-foot-2, 226-pound Dial was in on five tackles, but was harassing the quarterback with two tackles behind the line, one sack, two pressures and two quarterback hits.

"Cameron is getting better every game and every snap," said Schiavone. "He's naturally strong and is very hard to block at times."

A Tiger fumble on the opening drive was recovered by Solon, but on the very next play, Mickovic intercepted a Comet pass.

Thanks to a big punt return by Michigan State recruit Darian Hicks, Solon had the ball at the Tiger 39 and scored when quarterback George Berry had a one-yard keeper. It was 6-0 at the 5:06 mark of the first quarter as a high snap spoiled the PAT.

Another Tiger fumble gave Solon the ball on the next drive at the Tiger 22. A defensive stand led to a 37-yard field and a 9-0 lead by Solon.

However, sophomore Darius Jones had a crucial 43-yard kick off return.

Twinsburg responded with a 10-play scoring drive that culminated with a 2-yard touchdown pass to senior Cooper Rea.

Senior quarterback Jalen Washington had a play-action bootleg right and the pass went off the fingertips of Solon's Antwain Hamilton as Rea snagged the ball. Senior Frank Candau made the PAT and it was 9-7 with 10:04 left in the half.

Washington was 14-26 passing for 119 yards and two touchdowns plus he added 12 rushes for 72 yards and a score.

Rode then recovered a Solon fumble as Tegowski forced the loose ball, but the Tigers failed on downs at the Solon 29.

Solon's offense started moving again and scored when Hicks scored on a 32-yard touchdown pass from Drew Barksdale on a flea flicker. Solon led 16-7 with 1:33 left in the first half.

Twinsburg's next tally came with 3:09 left in the third stanza after a 9-play, 69-yard drive led to a spinning 5-yard touchdown run by Washington. Candau's boot cut the lead to 16-14.

The Comets responded on the next drive as QB Ryan Gallagher tossed a 34-yard touchdown strike on play action to Hicks. The PAT bounced left off the upright as Solon led 22-14 late in the third.

Schiavone's troops answered again with a 12-play, 79-yard drive that took almost five minutes.

Washington rolled right and found senior Anthony Ellis on a 23-yard crossing pattern with 7:58 left in the game.

Washington ran in the huge 2-point conversion run to make it 22-22 plus had a big 11-yard run on fourth down and-8 from the Solon 39 with 9:30 left.

Solon drove to the Tiger 42 on the next series, but Rea intercepted a tipped pass to thwart the Comets (4-4, 1-2).

Twinsburg had the ball on its own 38 with 5:51 left and a chance to win the game. Behind three completed passes by Washington and several big runs by McGuinea, Twinsburg scored and took the lead.

Candau squib-kicked to Solon and the defense held on.

As the defense dealt with superb athletes like Hicks, Barksdale, Berry, Hamilton, and Ohio's 100-meter sprint champion in Khoury Crenshaw, the Tigers also limited a hot quarterback in Gallagher.

Rea had five catches for 62 yards, junior Mike Peelman had four receptions for 20 yards, and Ellis had two for 29.

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Plain Dealer Top 25 football poll entering Week 9 of 2012 high school season

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1. St. Ignatius, 8-0 (1): At Cincinnati St. Xavier on Saturday.
Wildcats sent St. Francis back to New York smarting after a 56-0 spanking.
2. St. Edward, 8-0 (2): At Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller on Saturday.
Eagles' late-game stop on their own 5-yard line preserved a 27-16 win over St. Xavier.
3. Mentor, 7-1 (3): Hosts Strongsville on Friday.
Cardinals scored every time they had the ball in the first half in a win at Medina.
4. St. Vincent-St. Mary, 7-1 (4): At Massillon on Friday.
Parris Campbell rushed for 123 yards, three TDs in a rout over Barberton.
5. Willoughby South, 8-0 (5): Hosts Riverside on Friday.
Rebels need to stay focused because Riverside presents the perfect trap game.
6. Chagrin Falls, 7-1 (7): Hosts Orange on Friday.
Tigers scored 21 fourth-quarter points to put West Geauga away, 30-16.
7. North Royalton, 8-0 (6): At Stow on Friday.
Bears stayed unbeaten but it wasn't easy in a thriller over Cuyahoga Falls.
8. Hudson, 7-1 (8): Hosts No. 15 Elyria on Friday.
Explorers' defense held Mayfield to 82 first-half yards, then the offense did the rest.

9. Aurora, 7-1 (9): Hosts Harvey on Friday.
Romel Pollard, Brett Rodgers and Nate Sotka paced Greenmen's defense in romp over Perry.
10. Nordonia, 7-1 (10): At Highland on Friday.
Knights' second-half dominance helped bury Revere, stay unbeaten in Suburban League.
11. Avon, 7-1 (12): At Rocky River on Friday.
It was smooth sailing for Eagles in a 49-20 victory at Vermilion.
12. Midview, 7-1 (13): Hosts Elyria Catholic on Friday.
Eric Lauer's one-hand grab sparked Middies in West Shore Conference win over Lakewood.
13. Euclid, 5-3 (14): At Maple Heights on Friday.
Panthers bounced back from loss to Warren Harding in a 62-40 rout of Lorain.
14. Elyria, 6-2 (16): At No. 8 Hudson on Friday.
Pioneers turned in a complete-game effort in their 49-13 dusting of Stow.
15. Twinsburg, 5-3 (--): Hosts Medina on Friday.
Tigers off to 3-0 start in Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division, including wins over Solon, Brunswick.
16. Brunswick, 5-3 (11): Hosts Solon on Friday.
Blue Devils snapped two-game losing streak with win over archrival Strongsville.
17. Cleveland Heights, 6-2 (15): Hosts Lorain on Friday.
Tigers' postseason chances in question after Lake Erie League loss at Warren Harding.
18. Westlake, 7-1 (18): Hosts Berea on Friday.
Logan Paul's 265-yard, career rushing effort pushed Demons past Midpark in huge league victory.
19. Avon Lake, 6-2 (19): Hosts Olmsted Falls on Friday.
Shoremen's David Winkel-to-Jimmy Hessel combo too much for Brecksville in a 31-21 win.
20. Kirtland, 8-0 (17): At Beachwood on Saturday.
Hornets stung Berkshire with 537 total yards in a 51-12 win.
21. Glenville, 6-2 (20): Plays Lincoln-West on Friday at Collinwood.
Tarblooders' 42-0 win over John F. Kennedy means they haven't been scored on in Senate Athletic League.
22. Kenston, 6-2 (22): At West Geauga on Friday.
Bombers' weeklong film sessions will teach them one thing -- don't overlook Wolverines.
23. Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, 6-2 (24): At Padua on Friday.
Lions went to the airwaves, passing for 284 yards in a win over Archbishop Hoban.
24. Kent Roosevelt, 7-1 (25): At Norton on Friday.
Rough Riders' high-octane offense was at it again in blowout victory over Springfield.

25. Mogadore, 8-0 (--): At Southeast on Friday.
Wildcats hold 327-123 scoring advantage, including two shutouts, in another banner year.

Dropped out: Chardon, Shaker Heights.

Twinsburg Stuns Solon Late, Wins 29-22 (VIDEO)

Twinsburg scored 15 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to defeat Solon 29-22

Last year, the Solon Comets broke the hearts of the Twinsburg Tigers.

On Friday night, the Tigers returned the favor.

Twinsburg scored 15 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to come from behind and stun the Comets in Solon, 29-22.

The Tigers are now 5-3 and Solon falls to 4-4.

Tigers senior running back Tyrone McGuinea scored from two yards out with 1:25 left in the game. The Comets got the ball back at the 8 yard line and 1:21 left, but was unable to convert a fourth down.

Solon jumped to a lead early when George Berry scored on a 1-yard run from the quarterback position. The extra point was no good after a high snap, and Solon added a 37-yard field goal from kicker Keon Hemerlein.

Twinsburg scored in the second quarter after receiver Cooper Rea made a great catch on a deflected pass, cutting Solon's lead to 9-7.

And then Solon scored on a touchdown pass when quarterback Ryan Gallagher pitched it to Drew Barksdale who threw it to Darian Hicks for a 32 yard touchdown. The score at halftime was 16-7.

In the third quarter, Twinsburg quarterback Jalen Washington scored on a 6-yard-touchdown run and Solon responded with a 34-yard touchdown pass from Gallagher to Hicks.

Then in the fourth, Twinsburg took over when Anthony Ellis scored on a 23-yard touchdown pass from Washington.

Then a Solon interception set up the go-ahead drive by Twinsburg, capped off by a Tyrone McGuinea touchdown run.

BOX SCORE

| 1st Qtr | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr | FINAL | |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-------|----|
| Twinsburg | 0 | 7 | 7 | 15 | 29 |
| Solon | 9 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 22 |

Twinsburg uses two late scores to defeat Solon, 29-22

Tim Rogers, Plain Dealer Reporter, October 12, 2012 10:46 p.m.

SOLON, Ohio - It was a game both teams needed to win.

Twinsburg needed a win to keep its playoff hopes alive and to give itself a possible shot at powerful Mentor in the final game of the Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division season.

Solon needed a win to salvage a season decimated by injuries.

Twinsburg's hopes survived. Solon might be hurting more than ever.

Twinsburg scored twice in the final eight minutes and its defense pitched a shutout in the fourth quarter and came up with a huge turnover with 5:51 to go to earn a 29-22 come-from-behind victory over the host Comets in Stewart Field on Friday.

"You never quit," Twinsburg coach Joe Schiavone yelled to his team in their postgame huddle.

That's for sure. They scored the game-winning points with 1:25 to go to cap what seemed like a game-long comeback.

The Tigers, who have played most of the season without star running back John Barton, raised their overall record to 5-3 and 3-0 in the Valley Division. They are tied with Mentor and play a struggling Medina team next week prior to the final-game meeting with the Cardinals.

"Now our focus is on Medina," said Schiavone, when asked about the possible showdown with Mentor in two weeks. "Right now our focus is on Medina."

Solon has been relegated to playing with a staggering amount of inexperienced players and has been forced to play players out of position. Still, coach Jim McQuaide refused to use that as an excuse.

"You have to compete," McQuaide said prior to the game. "We've just been participating."

The Comets (4-4, 1-2) competed Friday but it wasn't enough.

Twinsburg, which had 346 yards of offense, trailed, 22-14, entering the fourth quarter. It tied the game, 22-22, with 7:58 remaining when quarterback Jalen Washington threw a 23-yard touchdown pass to senior Anthony Ellis on a crossing pattern. Washington rolled around right

end for the successful 2-point conversion on a bootleg play, just getting into the end zone before being squashed by two Solon defenders.

Solon attempted to rally and moved to the Twinsburg 42 before Cooper Rea's interception changed the game's complexion. With Washington and senior running back Tyrone McGuinea taking control, the Tigers scored in 10 plays, with McGuinea going the final 2 yards.

McGuinea gained 21 yards on six carries in the drive and finished a night of hard work with 157 yards on 35 carries. Washington completed three straight passes for 29 yards on the drive, with Rea hauling in two.

"Solon is a good team, we knew that coming in," said Washington, who completed 14 of 26 passes for 128 yards and two touchdowns and ran 61 yards on 14 carries. "We had a rough first half and our defense kept us in the game. We knew if we could score some points the defense would have our backs."

Both teams committed two turnovers in the first half.

Solon took an early lead when Michigan State recruit Darian Hicks returned a punt 40 yards to set up a seven-play, 51-yard drive, highlighted by a 19-yard gain by Khoury Crenshaw, who finished with 68 yards on 15 carries while Hicks finished with six receptions for 109 yards, which included touchdowns of 32 yards from former quarterback Drew Barksdale on a halfback option and a 34 yarder from Ryan Gallagher that gave the Comets a 22-14 lead with 58 seconds to go in the third quarter.

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PD Capsule Preview

Twinsburg at Solon

What, when, where: Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division game, 7 p.m., Solon High, 33600 Inwood Road, Solon. Call 440-349-6244.

Records: Twinsburg 4-3, 2-0; Solon 4-3, 1-1.

What to watch: A loss ends any outside hope of the postseason for both clubs. Twinsburg knocked off then-No. 7 Brunswick, 26-14, a week ago. QB Jalen Washington has passed for 1,600 yards and eight TDs, adding 188 yards rushing and four scores. RB Tyron McGuinea has run for 369 yards and seven TDs. Solon took it on the chin a week ago from pass-happy Mentor, 56-28. Sophomore QB Ryan Gallagher threw three second-half touchdowns and could spell senior Drew Barksdale at the position once again. Both Gallagher and Barksdale have thrown four TDs. All-purpose back Khoury Crenshaw has 686 yards and 10 scores. Solon has won 42 of 51 previous meetings. The defense that shows up will be the difference.

PD pick: Twinsburg.

Tigers score big win at Brunswick

by Steve Batko | Correspondent ~ Twinsburg Bulletin

In one of its best performances of 2012, Twinsburg football posted a 26-14 league win over Brunswick on the road Oct. 5.

The win at Judy Kirsch Field vaulted Twinsburg to 4-3 overall and to 2-0 in the Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division.

Brunswick fell to 0-2 in the league and 4-3 overall.

Up next for the Tigers: That School up North.

Twinsburg will have another NOC Valley road trip on Oct. 12, as they take on Solon at Stewart Field at 7 p.m.

Solon is 4-3 overall and 1-1 in the league after losing to Mentor Oct. 5..

"I'm extremely proud of how the guys prepared and practiced all week," said Twinsburg head coach Joe Schiavone. "It was a big win and this was probably our best week of preparation in terms of focus and energy. We need to keep this going as we continue conference play."

Twinsburg used a running game that produced 184 yards rushing and a defense that forced five turnovers and limited Brunswick's ground game.

Senior running back Tyrone McGuinea rushed 18 times for 109 yards and two touchdowns in the win as the Tiger's line play continues to improve.

"Tyrone has really taken on the role of being one of our "go-to" guys in the running game," said the mentor. "He is working harder in practice and it is showing in our games."

"He (McGuinea) ran with great vision and is starting to understand more and more each week."

Filling in for injured senior star John Barton, McGuinea led the charge with a 19-yard touchdown burst and senior Frank Candau's point after kick made it 7-0 at the 9:00 mark of the first quarter.

Also a threat as receiver, McGuinea had a 2-yard touchdown run at the 11:57 mark of the second period, but the hosts blocked the kick for a 13-0 score.

Schiavone's defense forced four Brunswick turnovers - two coming on Dan Yohman interceptions and two on Keith Yohman fumbles - and added a big defensive score on an 18-yard fumble return by junior Cameron Dial.

"Our defense really took it upon them selves to stop the run," said the coach. "That is our goal every week and they played with great intensity and enthusiasm."

The Yohman twin brothers are talented for Brunswick, who had limited services for speedy back Nick Roberts.

Roberts, who has 4.41 speed, was held to five carries for 16 yards due to an ankle injury. West Virginia, Indiana, Toledo, Pittsburgh, and Kent State are some of the schools courting Roberts.

"We knew coming in that to stop Brunswick, you have to take care of the running game, and stop Roberts and the Yohman twins," said Schiavone. "They were our first priority on defense."

Tiger senior quarterback Jalen Washington had 199 total yards against the Blue Devils.

Washington hit 19-of-26 passes for 138 yards while rushing for 61 yards on 10 carries and a touchdown.

Dial's TD made it 20-0 with 4:25 left in the first half as Twinsburg had outscored its last two foes 51-0 in the first half.

Make that 51-7 because Dan Yohman hooked up with Zach Parker for an 80-yard touchdown pass on the final play of the first half to cut Twinsburg's lead to 20-7.

Then, the duo hit again on a 24-yard scoring strike to cut it to 20-14 in the third quarter with 7:24 left.

Parker, a 6-foot-3 junior wide out, burned the Tigers for career highs of seven catches and 128 yards.

However, Washington and the Tigers erased any comeback hopes by answering with a 13-play, 70-yard scoring drive.

Washington used a nice ball-fake and then had a 15-yard touchdown run seal the game with 1:27 left in the third as the defense blanked the Blue Devils in the fourth.

Dan Yohman led Brunswick with 71 yards on 18 attempts while Keith Yohman had 58 total yards from scrimmage and intercepted a pass.

Junior Kon Grewal had two interceptions for the Tigers' defense and also led with five solo tackles.

Senior lineman Chris Rode was a force with nine tackles and three quarterback pressures. Senior end Rob Williams had seven tackles, a sack, along with one pressure and a QB hit.

Linebacker Scott Tegowski, a senior captain, had seven stops, two pressures, one hit, and a pass break up.

Underclassmen also shined such as juniors Darion Eiland (nine stops), Jacob Turay (seven stops, plus one for a loss), Dial (six tackles and the TD), and sophomore Noah Edwards (forced fumble).

Junior wide out Mike Peelman led with six catches for 27 yards. Senior Cooper Rea had five catches for 48 yards while junior Martell Anthony had five for 34 yards.

Another junior receiver, Tay Johnson, added three catches for 29 yards. Sophomore Darius Jones had a rush for 11 yards and returned a kick for 17. Senior Anthony Ellis added a rush for three yards.

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Game Notes

Check out the game notes for the upcoming Twinsburg vs. Solon game courtesy of Solon's

Football web page. Click [here](#) to read.

Devils' playoff hopes are hurt

Brian Dulik - The Gazette (Medina County Local Newspaper)

BRUNSWICK - It doesn't matter where or when the game is played. Twinsburg's football team owns the Brunswick Blue Devils.

Senior running back Tyrone McGuinea rushed for 108 yards and two touchdowns Friday night, propelling the Tigers to a 26-14 win in Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division play.

Twinsburg (4-3, 2-0), which scored the first 20 points, has now won all five meetings between the schools. Its latest victory also dealt a major blow to the postseason hopes of the Blue Devils (4-3, 0-2).

"For some reason, Twinsburg always plays great against us - and tonight was no different," Brunswick coach Luke Beal said. "They were faster than us, they won the war up front on both sides of the ball, they blocked better and they tackled better. When you do all of those things right, you deserve to win."

Tigers quarterback Jalen Washington ran roughshod over the Blue Devils on the wet turf, completing 18-of-25 passes for 134 yards while rushing for 51 yards and a touchdown.

Twinsburg also forced four turnovers - two coming on Dan Yohman interceptions and two on Keith Yohman fumbles - and added a defensive score on an 18-yard fumble return by Cameron Dial.

"Defensively, we knew we had to stop the Yohman twins and (running back Nick) Roberts," Tigers coach Joe Schiavone said. "We also knew we had to be at the top of our game in terms of execution because Coach Beal does a very good job with their team.

"And on offense, when you have Jalen Washington as your quarterback, you can do a lot of great things."

After digging a three-touchdown hole midway through the second quarter, Brunswick made things interesting thanks to the combination of wide receiver Zach Parker and Dan Yohman.

The duo hooked up for an 80-yard touchdown pass on the final play of the first half to cut Twinsburg's lead to 20-7, then found the end zone on a 24-yard scoring strike early in the third quarter to make it 20-14.

Parker, a 6-foot-3 junior, finished with career highs of seven catches for 128 yards.

"We know Zach has a tremendous amount of potential as a wide receiver, so we've been waiting for him to have a breakout game like that," Beal said. "We haven't thrown the ball much downfield lately, but we've told all of our receivers to be ready for their opportunity. Zach really made the most of his tonight."

The Blue Devils' comeback hopes proved short-lived, as the Tigers answered with a 13-play, 70-yard drive that culminated in a 15-yard TD run by Washington.

Adding injury to insult, Brunswick lost standout defensive end Garrick Koermer to a potentially

severe shoulder problem.

The Blue Devils were already playing without starting defensive back Alex Pekar, while Roberts was limited to five carries and 16 yards because of a lingering ankle injury.

Dan Yohman wound up as Brunswick's leading rusher with 71 yards on 18 totes, while Keith Yohman had 58 yards from scrimmage and intercepted a pass.

"We played flat in the first half and looked sluggish when we had the football most of the night," Beal said. "Even though we were running the same plays we've used all year over and over, we were completely out of sync.

"Twinsburg is a very good team, but there just weren't many highlights for us tonight."

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First

T - Tyrone McGuinea 19 run (Frank Candau kick), 9:00.

Second

T - McGuinea 2 run (kick blocked), 11:57.

T - Cameron Dial 18 fumble return (Candau kick), 4:25.

B - Zach Parker 80 pass from Dan Yohman (Triston Wasil kick), :00.

Third

B - Parker 24 pass from Yohman (Wasil kick), 7:24.

T - Jalen Washington 15 run (run failed), 1:27.