

## **Banquet Date Changed**

The football banquet date has been changed to **Thursday, November 29th** at 6:00pm

## **Thank You!!**

The Twinsburg Football program wants to thank all of those who supported us this year. From the Tiger Den, students, parents, teachers, administration, the athletic boosters, and everyone who wore Tiger colors with Pride, we thank you!!

## **Mentor shows off firepower, routs Tigers in season finale**

by Steve Batko | Correspondent ~ Twinsburg Bulletin

Just like the driving rain and heavy winds up at the Jerome T. Osborne Stadium, fans could feel Twinsburg's football season coming to a slow end in a 41-0 season finale loss in Mentor Oct. 26.

For the Tigers, they just ran out of gas after a competitive start. With the win, Mentor claimed the Northeast Ohio Conference Valley Division championship.

When high-powered Mentor scores 30 or more points, the Cardinals have an incredible 73-4 record since 2002.

One of those four losses came in 2011 when Twinsburg upset the Cardinals 38-35 in the finale.

That didn't happen this year as Mentor (9-1, 5-0) won in the NOC Valley title clash and earned a home game in the first round of the state division I playoffs.

Twinsburg fell to 6-4 overall and was second place in the NOC Valley at 4-1.

"Our kids battled and our defense hung with Mentor," said head coach Joe Schiavone. "Our players and our coaches did an outstanding job all year handling different situations and adversity."

"This group of seniors was a special group and they will be missed," added Schiavone, after the emotional loss.

Mentor's features a potent no-huddle, spread offense led by North Carolina recruit Mitch Trubisky and a slew of gifted receivers, who can also run the ball.

What made Mentor impressive were their running game, a strong defensive front, and a superb defensive secondary that limited Tiger senior quarterback Jalen Washington.

Mentor receiver/back Nick Delisa rushed for 179 yards on only 11 carries and had touchdown runs of 62 yards, 1 yard, 30 yards and 5 yards, plus he had a 57-yard jaunt to the Tiger 2-yard line.

"Our defense was able to hang with Mentor early, but we made a few too many mistakes against them," said Schiavone.

Trubisky hit 13 of 23 passes for 171 yards with one touchdown and one interception. He added 39 yards rushing while all-star wide out Conner Krizancic caught 11 passes for 96 yards and had 33 yards rushing.

"When you face a quality opponent such as Mentor, your mistakes can be magnified and things happen quickly," said Schiavone.

Twinsburg reached the 50 on three pass completions by Washington to start the game, but the drive stalled after a three straight sacks, including a high snap in the shot gun. Suddenly, it was fourth down and 46 yards to go.

Mentor cashed in after that stalled Tiger drive as Trubisky ran three yards up the middle for a touchdown at the 6:10 mark. It was 6-0 as the point after kick was no good.

Senior tailback Tyrone McGuinea and Washington helped produce a couple first downs on the next drive, but Twinsburg stalled again after a dropped pass.

The Tigers defense held on the Cards ensuing series as Twinsburg neared the 50, but a tipped pass off a Tiger receiver was intercepted by Reese Armstrong.

However, Twinsburg's defense held again on another incomplete 4th-down pass by Trubisky. Once again, another bad snap and a rush sack halted the Tigers.

In fact, Twinsburg had 95 yards lost in the game that were resulted either by quarterback sacks, high snaps, and fumbled snaps in the slippery conditions.

With 5:56 left in the first half, Delisa busted loose on his 62-yard TD run.

Twinsburg then moved the ball to the Mentor 35 on the following drive, but Jaylen Dowdy intercepted a Washington pass.

Mentor responded with a nine-play, 88-yard scoring drive as Delisa scored from a yard out with 53 seconds left to make it 20-0 at the half.

Washington passed 25 times and completed 17 in his final game for 177 yards. He had 15 rushes in the game and McGuinea was the Tiger's top rusher with 28 yards.

Senior Cooper Rea had a stellar game on both ends for Twinsburg as he caught eight passes for 95 yards and had a pass attempt. On defense, Rea had five tackles.

Junior wide receivers Tay Johnson and Mike Peelman also helped the offense along with senior Anthony Ellis.

Johnson had four catches for 50 yards, Peelman had three receptions for 25 yards, and Ellis had two catches for seven yards.

Junior defensive linemen Cameron Dial led the defense with 10 tackles, including four solos. Senior linebacker Scott Tegowski was also strong with seven tackles and one for a loss.

Senior tackle Chris Rode also had seven tackles while senior strong safety Ben Bisesi had six stops and one for a loss. Junior corner Kon Grewal had an interception.

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### **[Final Top 25 football poll by The Plain Dealer for 2012 high school season](#)**

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FINAL PD FOOTBALL TOP 25 (Previous week's ranking in parentheses)

1. St. Edward, 10-0 (2): Hosts Mayfield on Saturday.

Eagles edged archrival St. Ignatius, 20-13, to win Plain Dealer poll championship.

2. St. Ignatius, 9-1 (1): Hosts Austintown Fitch on Saturday.

Wildcats need to forget loss to St. Edward and get ready for the postseason.

3. Mentor, 9-1 (3): Hosts Warren Harding on Saturday.

Cardinals have outscored their foes, 158-28, over their past three games.

4. St. Vincent-St. Mary, 8-2 (4): At Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin on Saturday.

Fighting Irish got much-needed win over Youngstown Ursuline.

5. Willoughby South, 10-0 (5): Hosts North Royalton on Saturday.

Rebels breezed through season, but postseason is called "second season" for a reason.

6. Chagrin Falls, 9-1 (6): Hosts Woodridge on Saturday.

Tigers racked up 530 yards in total offense in a 56-16 win at Perry.

7. Aurora 9-1 (8): Hosts New Philadelphia on Friday.

Greenmen stayed grounded while soundly beating Kenston, 48-20.

8. Avon, 9-1 (9): Hosts Perrysburg on Friday.

Eagles ran off nine straight wins after opening-season loss at Avon Lake.

9. Midview, 9-1 (10): At Toledo Central Catholic on Friday.

Middies need to sharpen play if they are to go deep into the postseason.

10. Hudson, 8-2 (13): At Canton GlenOak on Saturday.

Victory over North Royalton should give Explorers a running start into the postseason.

11. North Royalton, 9-1 (7): At Willoughby South on Saturday.

Bears fall just short of an unbeaten regular season in Week 10 loss to Hudson.

12. Euclid, 7-3 (11): Season is completed.

Panthers end year on a 55-0 blowout win over Warrensville Heights.

13. Cleveland Heights, 8-2 (17): Season is completed.

Tigers' victory over Shaw turned out to be too little, too late.

14. Westlake, 9-1 (18): Hosts Mansfield Madison on Friday.

Demons must shorten conference title celebration and focus on the big picture.

**15. Twinsburg, 6-4 (14): Season is completed.**

**Tigers had successful season considering they didn't have their ace tailback.**

16. Brunswick, 7-3 (15): Season is completed.

Blue Devils never gained the consistency needed to extend their season.

17. Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, 8-2 (19): Hosts St. Vincent-St. Mary on Saturday.

Lions were unstoppable from Week 3, culminated by Week 10 win over Lake Catholic.

18. Elyria, 7-3 (12): Season is completed.

Football is a game of inches and, as Pioneers learned, so is making the postseason.

19. Avon Lake, 8-2 (21): At Toledo Whitmer on Saturday.

Shoremens' win over Amherst gave coach Dave Dlugosz his 200th career triumph.

20. Kirtland, 10-0 (20): Hosts Beverly Fort Frye on Saturday.

Hornets rebounded from their Week 9 scare to pound Independence, 63-28.

21. Nordonia, 7-3, (16): At Massillon on Saturday.

Knights slid into the postseason despite last Friday's loss to Wadsworth.

22. Glenville, 8-2 (22): Plays John Adams in Senate Athletic League title game Friday at Collinwood.

Tarblooders beat John Adams on Friday but league shutout streak was snapped at six games.

23. Kent Roosevelt, 9-1 (24): Hosts Ellet on Friday.

Rough Riders needed double overtime against Ravenna to clinch conference championship.

24. Mogadore, 10-0 (25): Hosts Steubenville Catholic Central on Friday.

Wildcats are thrilled with league title but they want much more.

25. Cuyahoga Heights, 9-1 (--): Hosts Bellaire on Saturday.

Redskins' only blemish was loss to defending Division V state champion Kirtland.

Dropped out: North Olmsted.