

AREA BASEBALL STATISTICS

Batting			
Player/Team	Hits	At-Bats	Avg
Cole Commisso, Tinora	47	93	.505
DJ Newman, Archbold	33	67	.493
Nathaniel Adkins, Fairview	43	90	.478
Luke Krouse, Antwerp	34	72	.472
Jacob Howard, Defiance	42	89	.472
Cooper Wenzlick, W. Trace	40	86	.465
Nash Meyer, P. Henry	33	72	.458
Layne Vance, Evergreen	28	63	.444
Quinn Brown, Bryan	26	59	.441
Blake Hauenstein, Ayersville	29	66	.439
Casen Wolfrum, Tinora	35	82	.427
Devon Morris, Archbold	21	50	.420
Kyler Sapp, Edon	29	70	.414
Jase Kepler, Bryan	28	70	.400
Aiden Behrman, P. Henry	32	80	.400
Logan Hudson, P. Henry	26	65	.400
Kyle Forrer, Wayne Trace	33	83	.398
David Jimenez, Defiance	38	96	.396
Krayton Kern, Archbold	28	71	.394
Hunter Sproles, Antwerp	28	73	.384
Robbie Thacker, Holgate	26	69	.377
Jackson Bergman, Hicksville	24	64	.375

(Minimum 50 at bats)

Runs scored			
39 - Cole Commisso, Tinora.			
35 - David Jimenez, Defiance; Nolan Schafer, Tinora.			
34 - Nathaniel Adkins, Fairview.			
33 - Krayton Kern, Archbold.			
32 - Jacob Howard, Defiance; Luke Krouse, Antwerp.			
30 - Kadyn Radzik, Tinora; Ethan Steinke, Edon.			
29 - DJ Newman, Archbold; Parker Moore, Antwerp.			
28 - Cooper Wenzlick, Wayne Trace.			
27 - Mikey Wolff, Bryan; Taysen Deckrosh, Bryan; Aiden Behrman, P. Henry; Sam Woods, Paulding.			

Doubles

11 - Cole Commisso, Tinora.
10 - David Jimenez, Defiance; Cooper Wenzlick, Wayne Trace; Chase Clark, Antwerp.
9 - Nash Meyer, Patrick Henry; Hunter Sproles, Antwerp.
8 - DJ Newman, Archbold; Carter Dominique, Bryan; Ashton Sayers, Evergreen; Zander Zeiter, Liberty Center; Jacob Howard, Defiance; Dylan Boecker, Holgate; Robbie Thacker, Holgate; Luke Krouse, Antwerp.

Triples

5 - Jayden Jerger, Defiance; David Jimenez, Defiance; Jackson Bergman, Hicksville.
4 - Nathaniel Adkins, Fairview.
3 - DJ Newman, Archbold; Jack Hurst, Archbold; Quinn Brown, Bryan; Taysen Deckrosh, Bryan; Brock Hudik, Evergreen; Landon Amstutz, Liberty Center; Jacob Howard, Defiance; Ethan Steinke, Edon; Robbie Thacker, Holgate; Kyle Forrer, Wayne Trace.

Home runs

7 - Luke Krouse, Antwerp.
5 - Cole Commisso, Tinora; Chase Clark, Antwerp.
4 - DJ Newman, Archbold; Landon Vance, Evergreen; Blake Hauenstein, Ayersville.
3 - Devon Morris, Archbold; Zane Behnfeldt, Archbold; Gannon Ripke, Edon; Nolan Schafer, Tinora.

RBIs			
50 - Cole Commisso, Tinora.			
37 - DJ Newman, Archbold.			
35 - Cooper Wenzlick, Wayne Trace.			
33 - Casen Wolfrum, Tinora.			
31 - Taysen Deckrosh, Bryan.			
30 - Luke Krouse, Antwerp; Ethan Lichty, Antwerp; Chase Clark, Antwerp.			
28 - Carter Dominique, Bryan.			
26 - Bradyn Shaw, Defiance.			
24 - Nash Meyer, Patrick Henry; Daniel Schmeltz, Patrick Henry; David Jimenez, Defiance; Jayden Bergman, Tinora.			
23 - Nathaniel Adkins, Fairview; Kyle Forrer, Wayne Trace; Hunter Sproles, Antwerp.			

Stolen bases

40 - Jacob Howard, Defiance.
31 - Jude Armstrong, Wauseon.
29 - David Jimenez, Defiance.
21 - Nathaniel Adkins, Fairview.
17 - Tyson Rodriguez, Wauseon.
16 - Brock Hudik, Evergreen; Wade Parrish, Edon; Nolan Schafer, Tinora; Cole Commisso, Tinora; Keaton Singer, Fairview; Tucker Antoine, Wayne Trace.

Pitching

8-0 - Breven Anderson, Wayne Trace.
7-0 - Bradyn Shaw, Defiance.
6-0 - Casen Wolfrum, Tinora.
5-0 - Parker Moore, Antwerp.
8-1 - Jayden Jerger, Defiance.
7-1 - Allen Minck, Wayne Trace.
5-1 - David Jimenez, Defiance; Cole Commisso, Tinora; Luke DeLano, Ayersville; Luke Krouse, Antwerp.
7-2 - DJ Newman, Archbold.
6-3 - Blake Wolf, Napoleon.

Strikeouts

104 - DJ Newman, Archbold.
83 - Nathaniel Adkins, Fairview.
73 - Cole Vasquez, Edon.
68 - Jayden Jerger, Defiance.
66 - Aiden Behrman, Patrick Henry.
65 - Luke Krouse, Antwerp.
63 - Landon Vance, Evergreen.
62 - Micah Bok, Holgate.
61 - Bradyn Shaw, Defiance.
58 - Sam Woods, Paulding.
54 - RJ Shunck, Evergreen.
53 - Tanner Rubinstein, Napoleon.
50 - Casen Wolfrum, Tinora.
49 - Dylan Dominique, Bryan.
47 - Abe DeLano, Ayersville.
46 - Nick Smithmyer, Evergreen.

ERA (Innings pitched)

0.70 - DJ Newman, Archbold (50.1).
0.74 - Jayden Jerger, Defiance (56.2).
0.89 - Casen Wolfrum, Tinora (39.1).
1.16 - Breven Anderson, Wayne Trace (48.1).
1.24 - Aidan Kiessling, Defiance (22.2); Luke Krouse, Antwerp (45); Hunter Vaculik, Evergreen (N/A).
1.25 - Ben Amoroso, Ayersville (33.2).
1.31 - Bradyn Shaw, Defiance (48).
1.41 - Cole Vasquez, Edon (49.2).
1.43 - Eli Shinninger, Fairview (29.1).
1.50 - Brock Hudik, Evergreen (N/A).
1.62 - Ethan Lichty, Antwerp (21.2).

(Minimum 20 innings pitched)

Note: The following schools turned in final season statistics: Antwerp, Archbold, Ayersville, Bryan, Defiance, Delta, Edon, Evergreen, Fairview, Hicksville, Hilltop, Liberty Center, Napoleon, Patrick Henry, Paulding, Pettisville, Stryker, Swanton, Tinora, Wauseon and Wayne Trace.

AWARDS

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starting catcher Caleb Hogrefe and integral second baseman and pitcher Brandon Taylor had to be replaced. The Bluestreaks scuffled early with five losses in their first eight games, albeit against tough competition (Eastside (Ind.), Napoleon, Evergreen, Wauseon, Perrysburg) but righted the ship starting in mid-April with a run of 10 straight victories, including a 5-2 win at No. 1 Defiance.

That run hit 12 wins in 14 games by the end of the regular season and with wins over Northwood and Evergreen to reach districts, Archbold seemed primed for another long tourney run.

Then the quirks of baseball happened as Newman allowed just two hits with 12 strikeouts and no walks in a D-III district semifinal against Tinora but the Bluestreaks fell 1-0 to snap their five-year district title reign.

"It didn't end or start how we wanted but we had some key wins in there and a lot of great times," said Newman of his senior campaign, which saw both of his losses come by 1-0 margins. "It was a season I'll never forget and those guys are a big reason why."

"Bowling Green is very fortunate to be adding him to their program, they're very smart in considering him as a two-way player," lauded Selgo. "He's a talented enough athlete that he can handle both, even at the Division I college level."

Newman is the third Bluestreak to win C-N Player of the Year honors, joining Ramos and 1977 winner Mark Miller. Newman's run of success, which included all-Ohio recognition in football, basketball and baseball as a senior, is also made notable by the Bluestreak senior becoming the first repeat baseball winner since Defiance's Shay Smiddy in 2015-16 and becoming the first C-N Player of the Year in multiple sports in the same school year since

Fairview star Ryan Radcliff in football and baseball in 2007-08.

"One of the best attributes about DJ is his demeanor, he never gets too high or too low," added Selgo. "What a pleasure he was to coach. Sometimes athletes with his kind of ability are hard to coach or think they're too good for the rest of the team, but that was definitely not the case with DJ. He's a quality young man that's very humble and his teammates love being associated with him."

The coaching accolade for Tom Held joins an OHSBCA Division II Coach of the Year state honor in 2022 for the longtime Defiance skipper. Held helped guide the Bulldogs back to the outright Western Buckeye League title for the first time since the 2016 state championship season while the Blue and White also reached the regional tournament for the first time since that title campaign.

The Bulldogs won their first 16 games and dropped just two regular season games to Tallmadge and Archbold, outscoring opponents by a 212-46 margin.

After dispatching Rossford for a sectional title, league foe Ottawa-Glandorf and rival Napoleon in districts and setting up for a tough D-II regional at Carter Park in Bowling Green, Held's Bulldogs very nearly made it to a regional final appearance but were held off the scoreboard. Tiffin Columbian lefty Carson Mellott, a Findlay commit, held the Bulldogs scoreless in a 1-0 nailbiter that ended the Bulldogs season at 28-3, marking the fourth-most wins in a single season in school history.

Held won a relatively narrow vote for Coach of the Year, garnering six first-place votes and 96 points from his colleagues. Wayne Trace coach Ryne Jerome was second in the voting with six first-place nods and 84 points after the Raiders won a share of the program's first Green Meadows Conference baseball title

since 1987 and reached the D-IV district finals before falling to rival Antwerp. Tinora coach Brent Renollet was third with 49 points and two top nods while Bryan skipper Corey Walker had 44 points and four first-place votes.

"Any time you're voted by your peers, it's meaningful," said Held, who won the C-N honor for the first time since 2016. "But more importantly, any time a coach gets an award, it's a team award with a lot of great people involved. Credit goes to our seniors, man, they really turned it around for us the last four years. Whether it's those guys, the underclassmen, our great assistant coaches and this community, it was really a team effort."

With a sky-high standard set and expectations always high, the 2022 Bulldogs reached that bar and cleared it in some senses with the program's first outright title since 2016 after the Bulldogs won outright 9-0 league title campaigns every year from 2007-2013.

A stingy defense that committed just 23 errors in 31 games and allowed under two runs per contest lifted the 'Dogs to a perfect 10-0 record in road games, a 15-2 mark on home turf and a balanced roster with five players hitting .300 or better and five pitchers with at least three wins in seven appearances on the year.

All-Ohio nods were dished out to seniors Jayden Jerger and Jacob Howard, along with Held and junior David Jimenez.

"Without a doubt, this group of seniors did lead the way," lauded Held. "We've had some good teams in the past but this team brought a passion to the game and a joy to the game. When these seniors came in as freshmen, they had some expectations and had some work ahead of them but a lot of their goals were accomplished this year and it was just a group that loves the game of baseball."

Baseball Standings

Western Buckeye League		
League	Overall	
Defiance	9-0	28-3
Wapakoneta	6-3	18-5
Ottawa-Glandorf	6-3	15-7
Van Wert	6-3	14-9
Lima Shawnee	6-3	14-10
Celina	5-4	18-11
Lima Bath	4-5	10-13
Elida	2-7	12-13
St. Marys	1-8	7-16
Kenton	0-9	5-17

Green Meadows Conference		
League	Overall	
Wayne Trace	6-1	22-4
Tinora	6-1	21-6
Antwerp	6-1	18-6
Paulding	4-3	13-13
Fairview	3-4	14-12
Ayersville	1-6	12-12
Hicksville	1-6	8-11
Edgerton	1-6	9-13

Northwest Ohio Athletic League		
League	Overall	
Bryan	6-1	15-9
Archbold	5-2	16-7
Evergreen	4-3	16-8
Liberty Center	4-3	13-7
Wauseon	4-3	8-16
Patrick Henry	4-3	12-10
Swanton	1-6	7-12
Delta	0-7	0-22

Putnam County League		
League	Overall	
Columbus Grove	7-0	17-6
Miller City	6-1	16-10
Leipsic	4-3	17-8
Kalida	4-3	17-11
Fort Jennings	3-4	7-11
Ottoville	2-5	6-9
Pandora-Gilboa	2-5	6-17
Continental	0-7	0-14

Buckeye Border Conference		
League	Overall	
North Central	7-0	14-7
Montpelier	5-2	11-9
Holgate	5-2	10-7
Edon	4-2	11-12
Pettisville	3-4	3-14
Hilltop	2-5	8-15
Stryker	1-6	3-17
Fayette	0-7	3-13

Northern Lakes League		
League	Overall	
Perrysburg	11-3	23-6
Northview	10-4	21-8
Napoleon	8-6	17-13
Bowling Green	8-6	16-8
Anthony Wayne	8-6	14-12
Maumee	5-9	10-17
Springfield	3-11	11-16
Southview	2-12	10-19

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with no cut and guaranteed money are "taking the easy way out."

Golf, anyone? "We're praying that changes tomorrow," USGA chief Mike Whan said Wednesday. "Even I can say that you don't have to ask how we feel about it. Ask 156 players that are grinding it out to get to tomorrow. They're trying to focus on the same thing we're trying to focus on."

"I think — hopefully — as soon as we tee this up tomorrow, we'll have something else to talk about, at least for the next four days."

It starts with a local flavor. Michael Thorbjornsen of Stanford, who grew up in the Boston area and won a U.S. Junior Amateur, hits the opening tee shot from No. 1. Fran Quinn, who is 57 and lives about 40 minutes away from Brookline, will start on No. 10.

Mickelson has received only cheers and support — not quite as raucous as in other years — during his practice rounds. He can expect a few renditions of "Happy Birthday" during his opening round because he turns 52 on Thursday.

What they face is an old-styled course, dense rough around most of the tiny greens, fescue framing fairways that are not the narrowest for a U.S. Open and still an important part of keeping big numbers off the card.

The par-3 11th hole is 131 yards by the card and likely will play under 100 yards at some point. The fifth hole is short enough that players can drive the green.

The U.S. Open typically is about precision over power, with patience key for anyone. Recent history, however, leans toward big hitters — Jon Rahm last year, Bryson DeChambeau at Winged Foot, Gary Woodland at Pebble Beach, Brooks Koepka back-to-back and Johnson at

Oakmont.

"You should probably have an advantage if you're a little bit longer," said John Bodenhamer, the USGA's chief championships officer who sets up the course. "How it plays here, I don't know. We're going to find out. It's been 34 years since we've been here."

That was in 1988, when Curtis Strange beat Nick Faldo in a playoff. Both were known for precision iron play and avoiding big mistakes.

"This will be a good old-fashioned U.S. Open with rough, and we'll see how they navigate that and what they use off the tee," Bodehamer said. "I am telling you, with these small greens and the firmness, they're going to need to be in the fairway."

As for the prize money, the U.S. Open has fallen in line with other majors, if not a step up. The PGA Tour set the tone by jacking up the purse of The Players Championship to \$20 million with hopes the majors might tag along.

The Masters and PGA Championship bumped their purses to \$15 million (both at least a \$3 million increase), while the U.S. Open has gone up \$5 million to \$17.5 million.

That doesn't compare with the \$25 million in prize money the LIV Golf series is offering for its 54-hole events that last week only had four of the top 50 players in the world.

This is about history, a trophy that dates to 1895, making it the second-oldest championship in golf. That should be enough to get anyone's attention over four days.

"We're here at major championship, and we're here to win the U.S. Open, and we're here to play and beat everyone else in this field, in this great field," two-time major champion Collin Morikawa said. "That's what it's about."

SUMMER BALL

ACME		Leading Hitters: (Napoleon) — A. Bible double, 2 RBIs, 2 runs; L. Hardy double, RBI; P. Woods single, 2 runs; B. Bostelman 2 singles, 3 RBIs, 2 runs; L. Gerken 2 singles, 3 RBIs; O. Espinoza 2 runs; B. Ford 2 runs.	
Monday (Game 2 susp. by weather)			
Defiance 040 161 0 — 12 14 2			
Bryan 001 030 0 — 4 6 2			
Records: Defiance 2-1, Bryan 1-1.			
Winning pitcher: Fernando Torres (4 innings, 1 run, 0 earned, 3 hits, 5 strikeouts, 5 walks). Others: Garyson Smiddy, David Jimenez.			
Losing pitcher: Noah Huard (5.2 innings, 8 runs, 5 earned, 10 hits, 4 strikeouts, 2 walks). Other: Landon Bassett.			
Leading hitters: (Defiance) — Garret Rodenberger 2 singles, double, 3 RBIs; David Jimenez 3 singles, 2 RBIs; Gavino Gomez single, double; Fernando Torres 2 singles; Bradyn Shaw double; Christian Commisso 2 runs; Jackson Walter 3 runs; Cody Shaw 2 runs. (Bryan) — Taysen Deckrosh single, double; Dylan Dominique 2 RBIs.			
Edgerton 102 000 004 — 7 9 1			
Ayersville 000 120 000 — 3 5 6			
Winning pitcher: Corey Everetts (5 innings, 2 runs, 1 hit, 4 strikeouts, 4 walks). Other: Nate Swank.			
Leading hitters: (Edgerton) — Nate Swank single, double, 2 runs; Caden Leppelmeier 2 singles; Warren Nichols double; Cory Herman 2 runs. (Ayersville) — 5 singles.			
Edgerton 000 00 — 0 6 1			
Ayersville 210 0x — 3 5 0			
Records: Ayersville 2-2, Edgerton 3-2.			
Winning pitcher: Kolton Dockery (5 innings, 0 runs, 6 hits, 7 strikeouts, 0 walks).			
Losing pitcher: Dylan Bass (4 innings, 3 runs, 5 hits, 5 strikeouts, 0 walks).			
Leading hitters: (Edgerton) — Warren Nichols single, double. (Ayersville) — Gavin Palladino home run.			
Tuesday			
Wayne Trace 000 101 1 — 3 5 0			
Lincolnview 401 020 x — 7 8 2			
Winning Pitcher: Jack Dunlap (4 innings, 4 hits, 1 run, 3 strikeouts, 1 walk). Others: Reide Jackson.			
Losing Pitcher: Tyler Davis (5 innings, 8 hits, 7 runs, 3 strikeouts, 3 walks). Others: Tyler Head.			
Leading Hitters: (Wayne Trace) — Tucker Antoine 2 singles, run, RBI. (Lincolnview) — Reide Jackson single, 2 runs; Nick Evans single, 2 RBIs.			
Liberty Center 000 00 — 0 0 2			
Napoleon 156 0x — 12 7 0			
Winning Pitcher: L. Gerken (5 innings, 3 walks, 8 strikeouts).			
Losing Pitcher: Z. Weaver (1 inning, 0 hits, 4 earned, 5 walks, 1 strikeout). Others: Z. Zeiter, B. Like.			
Monday			
State Bank 000 000 — 0 2 2			
Mark Moats 201 01x — 4 6 2			
Records: Mark Moats 9-4, State Bank 8-3.			
Winning pitcher: Ayden Davis (6 innings, 0 runs, 2 hits, 10 strikeouts, 2 walks).			
Losing pitcher: Will Benedict (3 innings, 3 runs, 2 earned, 4 hits, 7 strikeouts, 2 walks). Other: Jarrett Tolbert.			
Leading hitters: (State Bank) — Parker Salyers single; Will Benedict single. (Mark Moats) — Gavin Davis 2 doubles, 2 RBIs; Reid Rowilson single, double, 3 runs; Evan Fogler single, double.			