

NORTH RANGERS

Friday, August 29, 2025; Jack Britt Stadium
North Rangers (1-0) at Harvey Red Raiders (1-0)

GAME 2

Rangers Game Preview

Two teams with impressive season-opening wins behind dominant ground attacks will meet in Painesville on Aug. 29 with a 2-0 start to the fall on the line as North travels to Harvey.

The Rangers rode the talented legs of Brayden Sandstrom and Kayden Young to a 55-12 win at Lakeside in Week 1. The Rangers racked up 305 yards of offense and forced four turnovers defensively.

The North defense will face perhaps its biggest challenge of the season as USC recruit Shahn Alston is coming off an 8-TD effort in a win over Berkshire. Alston finished with 290 total yards from scrimmage.

The Rangers will head home after the game and prepare for its first game at Nick Carter Stadium vs. Madison on Sept. 5.

Rangers Weekly Review

North's new-look single-wing offense passed its first test of the season with flying colors as the Rangers opened the season with a 55-12 win over host Lakeside

North forced four turnovers and finished with 305 yards of offense.

The Rangers struck immediately when senior Brayden Sandstrom returned the opening kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown. Sandstrom added an interception on Lakeside's first possession, which set up a 1-yard touchdown run for North and a 14-0 lead.

Following an A.J. Edwards interception and touchback, Sandstrom broke free on an 80-yard direct snap run to make it 21-6. Sandstrom carried four times for 109 yards and two touchdowns, added the kickoff return score and picked off a pass on defense.

North stretched the lead in the second quarter when Josh Fenick scored from a yard out. But it was the defense kept the pressure on in the third quarter when John Murphy forced a strip sack recovered by Jackson Sakal. Brand Bambrick punched it in from four yards out to make it 48-6.

Palmer carried four times for 58 yards in his varsity debut.

Harvey RED RAIDERS

Overall Record	**1-0**
Chagrin Valley Conf. - Chagrin Record	**0-0**

North RANGERS

Overall Record	**1-0**
Western Reserve Conference Record	**0-0**

Date	Opponent	Site		Results and Notes
Aug 22	Lakeside **DRAGONS**	Lakeside Stadium Ashtabula	55-12 **WIN**	Most points in a game since Sept 9, 2011 - a 62-14 win vs the Midpark Meteors
Aug 29	Painesville Harvey **RED RAIDERS**	Jack Britt Stadium Painesville	7:00 PM	
Sept 5	Madison **BLUE STREAKS**	Nick Carter Stadium Eastlake	7:00 PM	
Sept 12	Lutheran East **FALCONS**	Lutheran East Stadium Cleveland Heights	7:00 PM	
Sept 19	Garfield Heights **BULLDOGS**	Nick Carter Stadium Eastlake	7:00 PM	
Sept 26	Kenston **BOMBERS**	Nick Carter Stadium Eastlake	7:00 PM	
Oct 3	Chardon **HILLTOPPERS**	Memorial Stadium Chardon	7:00 PM	
Oct 9	South **REBELS**	Harry Winters Stadium Willoughby	7:00 PM	101.5fm 1330am WINTEGRITY Radio
Oct 17	Riverside **BEAVERS**	Nick Carter Stadium Eastlake	7:00 PM	
Oct 24	Mayfield **WILDCATS**	Nick Carter Stadium Eastlake	7:00 PM	

Series History with Harvey

Today is the **FIRST MEETING** meeting between the Rangers and Red Raiders (since 1972).

2025 Rangers Captains

The 2025 North Rangers captains (as selected by the team): #77 Eddy Kovach Uzl, #7 Cam Spicuzza, #9 Timmy Jesenovec, #3 EJ Cauton, #0 Bray Sandstrom , #5 Alex Harris, #53 Michael Belanich

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OHSAA Adjusts Playoffs

There will be four less qualifiers in each region in the 2025 Ohio high school football playoffs.

The Ohio High School Athletic Association announced Thursday that the number of football teams qualifying for the 2025 postseason will be reduced from 16 to 12 per region.

The top four seeds in each region will receive first-round byes beginning this season. The first three rounds will be hosted by higher seeds instead of the first two rounds, which would allow a top-four seed to still get two home playoff games.

With the top four seeds receiving byes, lower seeds will visit higher seeds in the first round. The No. 5 seed in each region will host the No. 12 seed, No. 6 will host No. 11, No. 7 will host No. 10 and No. 8 will host No. 9.

Chalk Talk with Coach Dodd



"From a final score standpoint and what we scored I was very pleased, especially running a new offense. There were some things that were sloppy, like putting the ball on the ground and losing turnovers, which we preached in the summer. But overall, of course you are happy and it sets a good tone for rest of season to get a win."

"Brayden Sandstrom was a complete impact player on that game, in all three phases. He was all over the place."

"You can't replicate or duplicate a kid like (Harvey RB) Shahn Alston, so you have to have discipline, get helmets after him and not let him get rolling downhill. He is very talented and we know what a challenge it is."

Shawn Dodd, a North graduate and former player, returned to lead his alma mater in 2015, taking over the Rangers football program.

Dodd enters his 11th season (2025 season) as the head coach of the Rangers.

As a player for North, Dodd was a three-year varsity starter at safety and wide receiver. He earned All-Greater Cleveland Conference and All-Lake County, while being selected as a News-Herald All-Star and an East-West All-Star Game starter.

Prior to North, Dodd was the head coach at Gilmour Academy and served in several capacities as an assistant coach at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin and Euclid between 1996 and 2010.

Dodd Coaching Career / Timeline

1996-2006	**Euclid, Assistant Coach**
	(Co-Offensive Coordinator, Wide Receivers Coach, Head JV Coach, Head Freshman Coach)
2007-2010	**NDCL, Assistant Coach**
	(Special Teams Coordinator, Wide Receivers Coach, Defensive Backs Coach)
2011-2014	**Gilmour Academy, Head Coach**
	Record at Gilmour Academy: 21-22-0 (4 seasons)
2015-2025	**North, Head Coach**
	Record at North High School: 33-67-0 (11 seasons)

2025 Western Reserve Conference Expanded Standings

School	WRC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	H	A	PF	PA	Week 1 Opponent
NORTH RANGERS	**0-0**	**0.000**	**1-0**	**1.000**	**0-0**	**1-0**	**55**	**12**	**at Harvey**
South Rebels	0-0	0.000	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	34	0	at Madison
Kenston Bombers	0-0	0.000	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	30	13	at Perry
Mayfield Wildcats	0-0	0.000	1-0	1.000	0-0	1-0	20	3	vs Elyria Catholic
Riverside Beavers	0-0	0.000	1-0	1.000	0-0	1-0	28	21	vs Green
Chardon Hilltoppers	0-0	0.000	0-1	0.000	0-0	0-1	13	35	at Cleveland Hts

Final Year of the WRC

North will end an 11-year run in WRC this year

The Western Reserve Conference,which began play for the 2015-2016 school year, will end at the conclusion of this school year, as all six current members have agreed to play in new conferences next season. North, South and Chardon all will move to the Chagrin Valley Conference. Two other members — Kenston and Mayfield — will switch to the Suburban League. And Riverside received and accepted an invitation to join the Greater Cleveland Confernce.

Prior to the WRC, North was a member of the Greater Cleveland Conference (1957 to 1997) and the Premier Athletic Conference (1998-2015).

First Season in the CVC

North will join to start the 2026 season

Beginning in August of 2026, the North Rangers will join the second-largest high school athletic conference in the state of Ohio. North will be one of 29 school competing in the Chagrin Valley Conference starting in the fall of 2026.

While complete divisional alignment for all the sports have yet to be drawn up, the league members — both new and old — ratified football divisions that will start in the fall of 2026.

The Rangers will complete as members of the Lake Division with Madison, South, West Geauga, Chardon, Lutheran West and Hawken.

Div. II, Region 5 Standings

The Top 12 Teams Advance to the Post-Season

1	Mayfield Wildcats	6.5000
2	Hudson Explorers	6.0000
3	Nordonia Knights	6.0000
4	Riverside Beavers	6.0000
5	South Rebels	6.0000
6	Twinsburg Tigers	6.0000
7	Garfield Heights Bulldogs	5.5000
8	NORTH RANGERS	5.5000
9	Walsh Jesuit Warriors	5.5000
10	University School Preppers	5.0000
11	Akron Archbishop Hoban Knights	4.5000
12	Akron Garfield Rams	4.5000
13	Uniontown Lake Blue Streaks	4.5000
14	Akron North Vikings	4.0000
15	Austintown Fitch Falcons	0.0000
16	Youngstown Boardman Spartans	0.0000
17	Cuyahoga Falls Black Tigers	0.0000
18	Euclid Panthers	0.0000
19	Akron Firestone Falcons	0.0000
20	Green Bulldogs	0.0000
21	Cleveland John Adams Rebels	0.0000
22	Cleveland John Hay Hornets	0.0000
23	Cleveland John F Kennedy Eagles	0.0000
24	Shaker Heights Red Raiders	0.0000
25	Akron St. Vincent-St Mary Fighting Irish	0.0000
26	Stow Bulldogs	0.0000
27	Warren G Harding Raiders	0.0000

News-Herald Top of Crop

POLL RELEASED ON AUGUST 25

1	Mentor Cardinals	1-0
2	Kirtland Hornets	1-0
3	Villa Angela - St. Joseph Vikings	1-0
4	Perry Pirates	1-0
5	Kenston Bombers	1-0
6	Notre Dame - Cathedral Latin Lions	1-0
7	South Rebels	1-0
8	Riverside Beavers	1-0
9	Chardon Hilltoppers	0-1
10	Benedictine Bengals	1-0

Cleveland.com Poll

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1	Glenville Tarblooders	1-0
2	Akron Archbishop Hoban Knights	1-0
3	St Edward Eagles	1-0
4	Avon Eagles	1-0
5	Walsh Jesuit Warriors	1-0
6	Mentor Cardinals	1-0
7	Massillon Washington Tigers	0-1
8	Wadsworth Grizzlies	1-0
9	Canton McKinley Bulldogs	1-0
10	Strongsville Mustangs	1-0



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RANGERS - 2025 North Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr
0	Brayden Sandstrom	RB-DB	5'10	175	Sr
1	Grandt Williams	WR-DB	5'10	165	Sr
2	AJ Edwards	RB-DB	5'9	155	Sr
3	EJ Cauton	RB-LB	5'9	165	Sr
5	Alexavier Harris	RB-LB	5'10	185	Sr
7	Cam Spicuzza	WR-DL	6'2	195	Sr
8	Kristopher Fuller	WR-LB	5'8	165	Sr
9	Tim Jesenovec	BB-LB	6	190	Sr
10	Brycen Palmer	RB-DB	5'8	150	Fr
11	Collin Blackburn	RB-DB	5'9	155	Jr
12	Julius Veres	BB-LB	5'10	190	Jr
13	Erremiah Joiner	TE-LB	6	160	So
14	Yahir Rangel	K	5'9	160	Sr
15	Jeremy Matejka	WR-DB	6	160	Sr
16	Sae'ion Law	RB-DB	5'7	135	So
19	Marlon Johnson	RB-LB	5'8	165	Jr
22	Bill Gibson	TE-DB	6'2	210	So
25	Josh Fenick	QB-LB	5'10	210	So
28	Kaydn Young	RB-LB	5'10	190	Jr
29	Michael Darroch	BB-LB	5'10	165	So
30	Keshaun Garner	BB-LB	5'7	150	So
31	Jayden Ward	WR-DB	6	160	So
32	Evan Von Lehmden	RB-DB	5'8	155	So
33	Brand Bambrick	QB-LB	6'3	200	Jr
34	Mike Lowrie	TE-LB	6'1	200	Sr
35	JJ Smith	RB-DB	5'9	160	So
36	Jacob Soto	K	5'9	170	Jr
37	Liam Riedel	QB-DB	6'1	170	So
38	Braylen Thrower	WR-DB	5'11	165	So
41	Brayden Toppings	WR-DB	5'8	140	So
44	Gabe Gould	BB-DL	5'11	220	Sr
45	Liam Piotrowski	WR-DB	5'8	150	Sr
50	Logan Scott	OL-DL	5'10	190	Jr
51	Brady Gezann	OL-DL	5'9	235	Sr
52	John Murphy	OL-DL	6'2	230	So
53	Michael Belanich	OL-DL	6'3	270	Sr
54	Nikko Penn	OL-DL	6'3	265	So
55	Corban Sechler	OL-DL	6	210	So
56	Vincent Latini	OL-DL	5'10	205	So
58	Lucian Schnars	OL-DL	5'10	195	So
61	Connor Vitas	OL-DL	5'10	195	So
62	Chase Slapnik	OL-DL	6	305	Sr
66	Rick Szabo	OL-DL	5'8	220	So
69	Griffin Kumel	OL-DL	6'1	250	So
70	Dylan Albert	OL-DL	6'3	290	So
74	Jeremy Jesvi	OL-DL	6'4	330	Jr
75	Denzel Isom	OL-DL	5'10	330	Sr
76	Jackson Sakal	OL-DL	6	275	Jr
77	Edward Kovach-Uzl	OL-DL	5'10	230	Sr
78	Evan Meyer	OL-DL	6'3	245	Jr
81	Mark Jakovljevic	TE-DL	6'5	220	Jr
82	Miles Sullivan	TE-DL	6'1	190	So

Rangers 2-Deep



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RED RAIDERS - 2025 Harvey Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr
0	Shahn Alston	RB-LB			SR
1	Markese Wise	QB-DB			SR
2	Armani Hall	WR-DB			SR
3	Chris Burt	RB-DB			SR
4	Jeremiah Rowdy	TE-LB			JR
5	Core'De Jones	WR-DB			JR
6	Antonio Hall	WR-DB			JR
7	Aidan Englehart	WR-DB			SR
8	Nore'ay Jones	TE-DE			SR
9	Xavier Rode	WR-QB-DB			SO
10	Ryan Moody	TE-LB			JR
11	Ethan Cruz	OL-LB			SR
12	Zion Walker	WR-DB			FR
13	Darion Hamilton	LB			SR
14	Rylin Davis	RB-DB			FR
15	Tay'Zhon Jones	QB-DB			FR
16	Savion Campbell	WR-DB			SO
17	Dawson Averson	WR-DB			SR
18	Xyion Rode	WR-DB			FR
19	Dre Jackson	WR-DB			SR
20	Jeremiah Jefferson	WR-DB			SR
21	Ethen Eudell	WR-DB			SR

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr
22	Kevin Rangel	WR-DB			SR
23	Dom Iannadrea-Brueggeman	WR-DB			SO
25	Tiago Gonzalez	WR-DB			FR
26	Giselle Moreno	K			JR
27	Fabricio Martinez	K			SR
28	Marshawn Sturdivant	RB-LB			SO
29	Jeremiah Jefferson	WR-DB			FR
30	Brijon Poole	DL			SR
38	Jayden Farren	WR-DB			SO
50	Sha'Nathan Calles	DL			JR
51	Amante Arnold	OL-DL			SO
52	Nate Bauerle	OL-DL			JR
53	Ethan Cruz	OL			SR
54	Josh Gomez	OL-DL			SO
55	Elijah Hall	OL-DL			SR
56	Anthony Groskopf	OL-DL			FR
58	DJ Wyatt	OL-DL			SR
61	Jake Boehm	OL-DL			FR
65	Jonny Moran	OL-DL			JR
70	Trashawn Newton	OL-DL			JR
71	Tyson Sublett	OL-DL			JR
72	Layne Bildstein	OL-DL			JR

Rangers Previous Seasons

2024 SEASON

3-7 overall, 0-5 WRC, 23rd in Region 5

8-23	H	Lakeside		L	14-21
8-30	H	Norwalk		W	17-12
9-6	A	Madison		L	0-18
9-13	A	Brush		W	31-17
9-20	H	Garfield Heights		W	14-12
9-27	A	Mayfield	*	L	0-6
10-4	A	Riverside	*	L	0-34
10-11	H	South	*	L	7-27
10-18	H	Chardon	*	L	7-42
10-25	A	Kenston	*	L	7-42

2023 SEASON

3-7 overall, 1-4 WRC, 20th in Region 5

8-18	A	Lakeside		L	14-22
8-25	A	Norwalk		W	35-0
9-1	H	Madison		L	13-27
9-8	H	Brush		W	26-14
9-15	A	Garfield Heights		L	13-14
9-22	H	Mayfield	*	L	10-36
9-29	H	Riverside	*	L	14-43
10-6	A	South	*	W	10-3
10-13	A	Chardon	*	L	0-56
10-20	H	Kenston	*	L	21-49

2022 SEASON

1-9 overall, 1-6 WRC, 26th in Region 5

8-19	A	Garfield Heights		L	15-16
8-26	H	Richfield Revere		L	21-28
9-2	H	Lakeside		L	0-26
9-9	A	Kenston	*	L	28-31
9-16	H	South	*	L	14-35
9-23	A	Madison	*	L-OT	14-20
9-30	A	Riverside	*	L	7-49
10-7	H	Mayfield	*	L	21-40
10-14	A	Brush	*	W	35-13
10-21	H	Chardon	*	L	0-35

2021 SEASON

4-7 overall, 2-5 WRC, 0-1 OHSAA (14th in Region 5)

8-20	H	Garfield Heights		W	22-15
8-27	A	Richfield Revere		W	33-12
9-3	A	Lake Catholic		L	7-28
9-10	H	Kenston	*	L	13-40
9-17	A	South	*	L	7-38
9-24	H	Madison	*	W	28-7
10-1	H	Riverside	*	L	14-42
10-8	A	Mayfield	*	L	7-16
10-15	H	Brush	*	W	24-19
10-22	A	Chardon	*	L	0-38
10-29	A	Akron A'B Hoban		L	0-49

2020 SEASON

3-4 overall, 2-3 WRC, 0-1 OHSAA

8-28	A	Chardon	*	L	7-42
9-4	H	University School		W	41-14
9-11	H	Madison	*	W	34-0
9-17	A	Kenston	*	W	26-14
9-25	H	South	*	L-OT	22-28
10-2	A	Riverside	*	L	0-34
10-9	H	Garfield Heights		L	7-13