

NORTH RANGERS

Friday, September 26, 2025; Nick Carter Stadium
Kenston Bombers (3-2) at North Rangers (3-2)

GAME 6

Rangers Game Preview

North will look to rebound from a Week 5 loss as the Rangers host a talented Kenston team led by Coach Jeff Grubich on Sept. 26.

The Bombers have a strong defense returning eight starters, led by senior Colin Weiland, and a powerful offense with talented playmakers like freshman running back Ethan Burge and quarterback Jack Bryner, aiming for a third consecutive WRC title with control of the offensive and defensive lines as a key factor for success.

Kenston is 3-2 with tight losses to Perry and NDCL.

North fell to 3-2 on the year with a loss to Garfield Heights, but still continue to run the ball effectively with their single-wing offensive attack.

Brayden Sandstrom and Alex Harris are two talented backs and the offensive line is big and physical.

Josh Fennick is a force anytime he is on the field.

Rangers Weekly Review

A big third quarter by Garfield Heights provided separation as the Bulldogs defeated host North, 48-17, on Sept. 19.

Garfield Heights led at halftime, 16-11, but outscored the Rangers, 20-0, in the third.

North got 100-plus yards rushing from Brayden Sandstrom and Alex Harris. Yahir Rangel kicked a 37-yard field goal to start the scoring for the Rangers.

Josh Fennick added a TD run for North, who fell to 3-2.

Kenston BOMBERS

Overall Record	**3-2**
Western Reserve Conference Record	**0-0**

North RANGERS

Overall Record	**3-2**
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	47-15 **WIN**	North has won the first two games of the season for just the 3rd time since 2010.
Sept 5	Madison **BLUE STREAKS**	Nick Carter Stadium Eastlake	33-0 **LOSS**	Alex Harris runs for 112 yards; AJ Edwards leads the team in tackles, 5 tackles
Sept 12	Lutheran East **FALCONS**	Nick Carter Stadium Eastlake	31-0 **WIN**	First shutout victory in over 2 years. Aug 25, 2023, Rangers beat Norwalk, 35-0
Sept 19	Garfield Heights **BULLDOGS**	Nick Carter Stadium Eastlake	48-17 **LOSS**	Bulldogs big plays run down the Rangers: Sandstrom with a 44 yard TD for Rangers
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 Kenston

Today is the **11th** meeting between the Rangers and the Bombers.

The Rangers trail in the series, 7-3
In the regular season, the Rangers trail 7-3.
In the OHSAA playoffs, the teams have never played.

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

Chalk Talk with Coach Dodd

on Garfield Heights game:



We had too many mistakes. We were right there at halftime, and we ran it well had two guys over 100 yards, but just not good enough to slow them down."

on the upcoming Kenston game:

"Kenston is well coached and they move their athletes around, we need to be disciplined and execute."

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: 35-69-0 (11 seasons)

2025 Western Reserve Conference Expanded Standings

School	WRC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	H	A	PF	PA	Week 6 Oppt (WRC)
NORTH RANGERS	**0-0**	**0.000**	**3-2**	**0.600**	**2-1**	**2-0**	**150**	**108**	**vs Kenston**
Riverside Beavers	0-0	0.000	3-2	0.600	2-1	1-1	117	105	at Chardon
Chardon Hilltoppers	0-0	0.000	3-2	0.600	1-0	2-2	96	108	vs Riverside
South Rebels	0-0	0.000	3-2	0.600	3-0	0-2	153	111	vs Mayfield
Kenston Bombers	0-0	0.000	3-2	0.600	2-1	1-1	140	131	at NORTH
Mayfield Wildcats	0-0	0.000	3-2	0.600	2-1	1-1	150	116	at South

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	Uniontown Lake Blue Streaks	13.5000
2	Nordonia Knights	11.7500
3	Walsh Jesuit Warriors	10.1784
4	Akron Archbishop Hoban Knights	9.1495
5	Hudson Explorers	9.1000
6	Twinsburg Tigers	9.1000
7	Austintown Fitch Falcons	8.3000
8	Garfield Heights Bulldogs	7.1020
9	Riverside Beavers	6.2278
10	NORTH RANGERS	5.9000
11	South Rebels	5.8500
12	Euclid Panthers	5.6500
13	Akron Garfield Rams	4.7472
14	Mayfield Wildcats	4.6500
15	Youngstown Boardman Spartans	4.4727
16	Cleveland John Adams Rebels	3.8606
17	Stow Bulldogs	3.5500
18	Warren G Harding Raiders	2.7500
19	Cleveland John Hay Hornets	2.4500
20	University School Preppers	2.4500
21	Shaker Heights Red Raiders	2.3000
22	Green Bulldogs	2.2616
23	Cuyahoga Falls Black Tigers	1.6000
24	Cleveland John F Kennedy Eagles	1.1000
25	Akron North Vikings	0.8000
26	Akron Firestone Falcons	0.0000
27	Akron St. Vincent-St Mary Fighting Irish	0.0000

News-Herald Top of Crop

POLL RELEASED ON SEPTEMBER 22

1	Mentor Cardinals	5-0
2	Kirtland Hornets	5-0
3	Villa Angela - St. Joseph Vikings	3-1
4	Lake Catholic Cougars	4-1
5	Benedictine Bengals	4-1
6	Notre Dame - Cathedral Latin Lions	4-1
7	Riverside Beavers	3-2
8	Perry Pirates	3-2
9	Kenston Bombers	3-2
10	Madison Blue Streaks	3-2

Cleveland.com Poll

POLL RELEASED ON SEPTEMBER 22

1	Walsh Jesuit Warriors	5-0
2	Avon Eagles	5-0
3	St Edward Eagles	4-1
4	Mentor Cardinals	5-0
5	Akron Archbishop Hoban Knights	4-1
6	Glenville Tarblooders	3-2
7	Massillon Washington Tigers	3-2
8	Wadsworth Grizzlies	5-0
9	Medina Highland Hornets	5-0
10	Kirtland Hornets	5-0



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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
4	Brand Bambrick	QB-LB	6'3	200	Jr
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
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

2025 Rangers Statistics

Garfield Height Bulldogs	8	8	20	12	48
North Rangers	3	8	8	6	17

1st Qtr (EN) Yahir Rangel 37 yard field goal.
1st Qtr (GH) Robert King 33 yard run. Robert King run.
2nd Qtr (EN) Josh Fenick 2 yard run. Alex Harris run.
2nd Qtr (GH) Robert King 36 yard run. Robert King run.
3rd Qtr (GH) Anthony Black 3 yard run. Run failed
3rd Qtr (GH) Nehgel Pickett 32 yard run. Run failed.
3rd Qtr (GH) Jaylen Gordon 25 yard fumble recovery. Terence Byrd run
4th Qtr (EN) Brayden Sandstrom 44 yard run. Run failed.
4th Qtr (GH) King Young 48 yard pass from Anthony Black. Kick blocked.
4th Qtr (GH) Demontre Martin 87 yard run. Kick blocked.

RUSHING STATISTICS 255 Yards

Alex Harris: 30 carries -- 116 yards
Brayden Sandstrom: 19 carries -- 114 yards - TD
Josh Fenick: 1 carries -- 2 yards -- TD
Kaydon Young: 2 carries -- 14 yards
Brycen Palmer: 2 carries -- 9 yards

PASSING 0 Yards

0 complete - 0 attempts - 0 yards

PENALTIES

5 penalties for 45 yards

TOTAL FIRST DOWNS

12 first downs for the Rangers

DEFENSE

Tim Jesenovec 6 tackles
EJ Cauton 6 tackles
Josh Fenick 4 tackles
Brayden Sandstrom 4 tackles

1 Fumble Recovery - AJ Edwards
1 Pass Break Up - EJ Cauton

SPECIAL TEAMS

Field Goals
1 FGM on 1 FGA (37 yards)

2-point Conversion Attempts and Conversion
1 for 2 on 2-pt conversion attempts (Alex Harris run)

Blocked Kicks
2 Blocked extra point kick: (Corban Sechler and Chase Slapnik)



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2	Max George	WR-DB	5-9	155	SR
3	Will Hamm	RB-DB	5-9	180	JR
4	Brendan Scheuer	DB	5-11	155	SR
5	Tyler Bell	TE-DL	6-2	194	SR
6	Adam Barr	QB	6-1	180	JR
7	Dylan Ringness	DB	5-11	160	SR
8	Cade White	DB	6-1	155	SR
9	Jack Bryner	QB	5-9	165	SR
11	Carson Case	TE	6-2	213	SR
12	Colin Weiland	ILB	5-10	203	SR
13	Andy Fender	WR-DB	5-10	165	SR
14	Grady Kucharson	WR-K	5-11	150	SR
15	Ethan Lawrence	QB	5-10	150	FR
16	Aedan McIvor	DB	5-7	145	JR
17	Lincoln Bobnar	WR-OLB	6-0	180	SR
18	Gianni Tomaselli	WR	5-7	145	FR
19	Eric Lemons	DB	6-3	185	JR
20	Ethan Burge	RB-DB	6-0	165	SO
21	A.J. Giancola	OLB	5-11	160	SR
22	Anthony Tomaselli	DB	5-7	145	JR
24	Ricky Ledbetter	RB-OLB	5-6	150	FR
25	Jackson Ehrenbeit	RB-DB	5-7	155	SO
26	Jayden Fox	OLB	5-8	170	SO
27	Teo Triscaro	LB	5-7	145	FR
28	Liam Cufr	DB	5-10	145	SO
29	Ledger Goglin	DB	5-9	150	SO
30	Michael Cieslak	DB	5-8	145	FR
31	Bobby Hairston	OLB	5-8	165	SO
32	Luke Fender	OLB	5-6	155	SO
33	Dominic Silla	OLB	5-10	165	JR
35	Jake Rostocil	ILB	5-8	185	JR
39	Adam Nelson	LB	5-8	150	SO
49	Colson Mongell	LB	5-8	150	FR
42	Spencer Shirdon	LB	5-8	170	SO
43	Ben Rostocil	ILB	5-9	165	SO
44	Toran Savransky	RB-Y-DL	5-9	205	SR
47	Tucker Meeks	RB-OLB	5-11	175	JR
50	Danny Clarke	DL	5-9	222	FR
51	Jackson Granc	OL-DL	5-8	190	FR
59	Ethan Bennett	OL-DL	5-8	190	SR
55	Tommy Seifried	DL	6-3	209	SR
56	Ross Goglin	DL	5-11	192	JR
57	Liam Conochan	OL-DL	5-8	160	FR
66	Hank Shorter	OL	6-1	230	FR
67	Aidan Bennett	OL	6-1	215	SO
68	Gavin Goodpaster	OL-DL	5-10	160	FR
70	Brody Sell	OL-DL	6-3	230	JR
74	Chris Okeafor	OL-DL	6-2	230	FR
76	Mike Puma	OL-DL	5-10	230	SO
77	Jaxsen Timmons	OL-DL	6-1	230	FR
78	Charlie Lewis	OL-DL	6-2	292	JR
79	Adrian Guirquis	OL	6-3	225	SR
81	Kahlil Hinton	WR	6-4	185	SO
84	Oliver Lewis	WR	6-1	165	SO
86	Jake Selby	WR	5-10	155	SO
87	Colin Eubank	WR	5-8	145	FR
88	Jackson Reed	WR	5-10	145	FR
89	Stanton Rosenthal	WR-DB	6-1	165	SO
97	Carter Burge	OL-DL	6-2	265	FR
69/10	Ethan Black	OL-DL-Y	6-3	225	SR

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