

## BASEBALL

### MLB Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	73	53	.579	—
Boston	68	58	.540	5
New York	67	57	.540	5
Tampa Bay	61	64	.488	11½
Baltimore	58	67	.464	14½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	74	53	.583	—
Cleveland	64	60	.516	8½
Kansas City	64	61	.512	9
Minnesota	58	66	.468	14½
Chicago	45	80	.360	28
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	69	56	.552	—
Seattle	68	58	.540	1½
Texas	62	64	.492	7½
Los Angeles	60	65	.480	9
Athletics	56	70	.444	13½
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	72	53	.576	—
New York	66	58	.532	5½
Miami	59	66	.472	13
Atlanta	56	69	.448	16
Washington	50	74	.403	21½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	79	46	.632	—
Chicago	71	54	.568	8
Cincinnati	66	60	.524	13½
St. Louis	62	64	.492	17½
Pittsburgh	53	73	.421	26½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	71	54	.568	—

San Diego	69	56	.552	2
San Francisco	61	64	.488	10
Arizona	60	66	.476	11½
Colorado	36	89	.288	35

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Today's Games				
Toronto (Bassitt 11-6) at Pittsburgh (Ashcraft 3-2), 12:35 p.m.				
Seattle (Castillo 8-6) at Philadelphia (Luzardo 11-6), 1:05 p.m.				
Houston (Valdez 11-6) at Detroit (Morton 8-10), 1:10 p.m.				
Cleveland (TBD) at Arizona (Pfaadt 12-8), 3:40 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Pérez 1-2) at Atlanta (Waldrep 3-0), 7:15 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Schlittler 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Rasmussen 10-5), 7:35 p.m.				
Athletics (Ginn 2-5) at Minnesota (Ober 4-7), 7:40 p.m.				
Thursday's Games				
Athletics at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m.				
Texas at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.				
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:15 p.m.				
Houston at Baltimore, 7:15 p.m.				
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 7:35 p.m.				
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Cleveland (TBD) at Arizona (Pfaadt 12-8), 3:40 p.m.				
St. Louis (Pallante 6-10) at Miami (Alcantara 6-11), 6:40 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Senga 7-4) at Washington (Lord 3-6), 6:45 p.m.				

## SPORTS ON THE AIR

TODAY	
<b>HORSE RACING</b>	
9:30 a.m. — The Juddmonte International: From York Racecourse, York, England ..... FS2	
1 p.m. — NYRA: Saratoga Live ..... FS2	
5 p.m. — NYRA: Saratoga Live ..... FS1	
9 p.m. — NYRA: Saratoga Live ..... FS2	
<b>LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL</b>	
1 p.m. — Little League World Series: Barquisimeto (Venezuela) vs. Taipei (Chinese Taipei), International Semifinal, Williamsport, Pa. ....ESPN	
3 p.m. — Little League World Series: Las Vegas vs. Fairfield, (Conn.), U.S. Semifinal, Williamsport, Pa.....ESPN	
5 p.m. — Little League World Series: TBD, International Bracket, Williamsport, Pa.....ESPN	
7 p.m. — Little League World Series: TBD, U.S. Bracket, Williamsport, Pa. ....ESPN	
<b>MLB</b>	
1 p.m. — Regional Coverage: Houston at Detroit (1:10 p.m.) OR Seattle at Philadelphia (1:05 p.m.).....MLBN	
4 p.m. — Cleveland at Arizona (3:40 p.m.) .....MLBN	
9:30 p.m. — Regional Coverage: San Francisco at San Diego (9:40 p.m.).....MLBN	
9:30 p.m. — Cincinnati at L.A. Angels .....FAN DUEL OHIO	

Chicago White Sox (Pérez 1-2) at Atlanta (Waldrep 3-0), 7:15 p.m.	L.A. Dodgers (Ohtani 0-0) at Colorado (Gordon 3-5), 8:40 p.m.
Milwaukee (Misorowski 4-1) at Chicago Cubs (Rea 9-5), 8:05 p.m.	Cincinnati (Martinez 10-9) at L.A. Angels (Kikuchi 6-8), 9:38 p.m.

MEN'S RUGBY	
5:45 a.m. (Thursday) — NRL: St. George Illawarra at South Sydney ..... FS2	
MEN'S SOCCER	
2:55 p.m. — English League One: Reading at Bolton ..... CBSSN	
8 p.m. — Leagues Cup: Tigres UANL at Inter Miami, Quarterfinal ..... FS1	
11 p.m. — Leagues Cup: Club Puebla at Seattle, Quarterfinal ..... FS1	
WOMEN'S SOCCER	
7 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions Cup Group Stage: CF Monterrey at NJ/NY, Group B ..... CBSSN	
SOFTBALL	
10 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited All-Star Cup: Team Falby vs. Team Willis, Rosemont, Ill. ....ESPN2	
TENNIS	
11 a.m. — ATP/WTA: The U.S. Open — Qualifying, Second Round, Flushing, N.Y. ....ESPN2	
11 a.m. — Cleveland-WTA, Monterrey-WTA, Winston-Salem-ATP Early Rounds..... TENNIS	
1 p.m. — ATP/WTA: The U.S. Open — Qualifying, Second Round, Flushing, N.Y. .... ESPNEWS	
7 p.m. — ATP/WTA: The U.S. Open, Mixed Doubles Championship, Flushing, N.Y. ....ESPN2	
San Francisco (Roupp 7-6) at San Diego (TBD), 9:40 p.m.	
Thursday's Games	
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.	
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.	
N.Y. Mets at Washington, 4:05 p.m.	
San Francisco at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.	
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 7:35 p.m.	

# CASTLE

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Boyd County player. I knew that I would find a way to get back out on the field.”

Before putting the helmet back on, Ferguson said Castle was dedicated to staying in shape. He would find different ways to work out, and the guys in the locker room took notice.

“He was a great example for others,” Ferguson said. “Whenever he couldn’t lift his legs, he still would be in the weight room. We would also go to the YMCA. He was a guy who wanted to get stronger and was addicted to staying in shape. It was good motivation for the rest of the guys to see a leader, and he was doing things the right way even though he wasn’t able to enjoy the benefits for a little while.”

Castle gave Ferguson an extra coach at practice. The senior isn’t a vocal guy, but his head coach said, “He’s not afraid to say something when it needs to be said.”

“He’s done a good job heading into his senior year of policing things in the locker room,” he added. “I’m really proud of him for handling some of those issues so they don’t have to become coaching issues. We have several good seniors, but Brody is a guy who can definitely lead the way.”

Castle returned for his sophomore season, the first on the varsity roster. He posted 60 tackles, seven for loss, and a sack as he battled through times of insecurity with his newly constructed knee.

“I was hesitant at first when I came back,” Castle said. “Anybody would at that time. I worked it out and started gaining confidence. As soon as I got that confidence back,

I knew I would never turn back. I gave it all I got.”

“In that first game, he had to knock a little bit of rust off and get his confidence back in his leg,” Ferguson added. “It took him a little bit of time, but he has done a good job once he got over that hump. He is a special football player. I’m happy to see him have success and ready for his senior year.”

Ferguson likes seeing Castle back on the field, enjoying the game again. Castle’s coaching instincts are still present and he makes sure everyone remains on the same page.

“Brody knows what it takes to have a good defense,” Ferguson said. “In a respectful way, he will question why were are doing this or that. He wants to know his role, but also makes sure that the guys are handling their responsibilities. It’s what you want in a

linebacker with a guy that has been around a while.”

Castle increased his numbers to 108 tackles, 11 for loss, as a junior and enters his final season on pace to top the tackle list at Boyd County.

The senior also takes over rushing duties in the Lions’ backfield. Castle plays with a new outlook and energy. He can’t imagine playing anywhere else.

“Ever since I was 5 years old, I’ve played for Boyd County,” Castle said. “Since I was young, I’ve only wanted to wear that Boyd County jersey.”

“He’s actually mentioned to me how much fun he’s having this year,” Ferguson said. “It really means a lot to me. He’s excited to share it with all the guys around him. Everybody seems to be working hard together as a unit. He feels that energy, and you can see his excitement about



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**Brody Castle runs down the field during practice Aug. 12.**

what hopefully will be a successful senior season

that he will remember forever.”

# BENGALS

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puts an emphasis on the pre-season, but it’s a game to me,” Daniels said.

Washington head coach Dan Quinn would prefer his star quarterback to choose caution at times in those

spots, “but it is part of his game. It’s what makes him a special player.”

Considering the Commanders played without three offensive line starters, two starting receivers, and tight end Zach Ertz, limiting Daniels’ exposure to hits and a slick field courtesy of pre-game rain was probably the proper call. Terry McLaurin,

a 2024 second-team All-Pro wide receiver, remains a non-participant amid a contract dispute.

Rookie running back Jacoby Croskey-Merritt raced for a 27-yard touchdown on Washington’s second possession and finished with 46 yards on 11 carries. The seventh-round pick became a training camp sensation for the Command-

ers, and his scoring scamper won’t dampen any enthusiasm. Rodriguez increased his chances for a rotation spot by rushing for a team-high 62 yards on six carries.

Matt Gay’s 27-yard field goal accounted for Washington’s second-half scoring. Cincinnati kicker Evan McPherson drilled a 54-yard field goal with 3:06 remaining.

Bengals roster hopeful Mitchell Tinsley made two impressive touchdown catches — both from quarterback Jake Browning — in a span of 20 seconds late in the first half. Following linebacker Barrett Carter’s interception, the wide receiver’s leaping, toe-tapping reception with 14 seconds remaining gave Cincinnati a 28-14 halftime lead.

# BAND

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have to take a leadership role to make sure everything continues without a hitch.

“It’s not just about me leading the band; as the kids get older, they’re thrust into more leadership roles,” Doss said. “And they help guide the (younger) kids. They help them understand what it means to be a member of the Pride of Blazer.”

For freshman Lennix Everman, a trombone

player, the work has been worth it to be part of such a special group.

“It’s been crazy,” Everman said of the new experience of camp and the start of the year. “I’ve met so many new people, so many nice people, and it’s been so much fun.”

The band works hard to make sure the half-time shows are fresh and something fans can look forward to each year.

For the 2025 campaign, the Pride of Blazer will be performing their renditions of a variety of Broadway hits, inspired by the recent

success of the film adaptation of three-time Tony award-winning play “Wicked.”

“‘Wicked’ was popular last year and part two comes out this fall, so I thought, well, everybody loves ‘Defying Gravity,’” Doss said of the film’s hit song. “Let’s just do a Broadway show. ‘Phantom of the Opera’ is very recognizable; ‘Chicago’ is another show. It’s a bit different than the shows we’ve done the last few years.”

The band is excited to bring this new show to the crowd at Putnam

Stadium.

“It makes me proud of us,” Adkins said of the work put into the new show. “Band is something that’s changed me over the past few years. Throughout middle school, I would go to games, but now I participate in them. I get to be part of the school. I’m the Pride of Blazer.”

“It’s going to be really fun,” Everman added. “We’ve put in work with marching, I’ve put in a lot of work on trombone, so I think it’ll be good.”

And while the band looks to bring something new to this year’s performances, one thing that will remain the same is the post-game tradition of everyone coming together for the alma mater fight song.

At the end of every

home game, the players, cheerleaders, and coaches gather in front of the band in the back of the end zone and join together for the song.

It’s a tradition that, to an outside observer, looks like it might stretch back decades, but the celebration is actually entering just its third year. Doss said the idea came to him from his father-in-law.

“It came from my father-in-law, Greg Jackson,” Doss said. “He’s a West Point grad and that’s something they do at those games. We talked about it a bit and I thought that would be a really good tradition for us. I’m in my third year here, and one of the big things that was important to me was establishing community.”

“Here’s the band, here’s

the football team, and the cheerleaders, all together, and we’re all the same team,” Doss added. “We’re all working toward the same purpose of having pride in our school and to celebrate the victory.”

“It makes me feel more connected to the rest of the school,” Adkins said. “Having the team and the cheerleaders come over means a lot to us, and it really brings us all together.”

With the season starting this Friday when Ashland hosts Raceland, the band is excited to be back doing what they do best.

“I’m looking forward to just going in there, hanging out with the team and all of that,” Everman said. “Just getting to be with everybody, because I consider them family now.”

“I’m looking forward to the environment,” Adkins said. “Just being in front of all the people. I don’t know, it’s just one of those things that I look forward to each year.”

“It’s harder than it looks,” Doss said. “We talk about it being the ultimate team activity. Nobody rides the bench; everyone is a starter.”

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

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**COUNTY TAXPAYER'S NOTICE**

The Boyd County 2022 Unmined Coal tax bills will be due and payable beginning September 1, 2025. The 2022 Unmined Coal bills will be mailed out on or about September 1, 2025. Bills will be mailed directly to each taxpayer. It will be the taxpayer’s responsibility to forward the bill to any paying agent. When mailing your payment, please include your copy of the tax bill or put the tax bill number on your check. The Sheriff’s Department address is PO Box 558 Catlettsburg, KY 41129. If you wish to have a paid receipt returned to you, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The following are the collection dates for Unmined Coal bills:

2% Discount	September 1, 2025-September 30, 2025
Face Amount	October 1, 2025-October 31, 2025
5% Penalty	November 1, 2025-November 30, 2025
21% Penalty	December 1, 2025-December 31, 2025

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All delinquent tax bills will be transferred to the County Clerk’s office as of the close of business on December 31, 2025. In addition to the penalties and fees that are applied by the Sheriff’s Office, all payments in the County Clerk’s office are subject to a County Attorney’s Fee, a County Clerk’s fee, and interest per month. The delinquency is also subject to being sold to a Third Party in the Summer of 2026.

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Pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 160.463, notice is hereby given that the Ashland Independent Board of Education has posted the FY 2025 Vendor Payments list as well as the FY 2025 pre-audited Annual Financial Report and Balance Sheets on the internet for public viewing. These items can be viewed on the district’s website at <https://www.ashland.kyschools.us/documents/departments/finance/financial-reports/840139>. Copies of each report are also available for viewing at the Ashland Independent Board of Education Central Office located at 1820 Hickman Street, Ashland, KY.

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