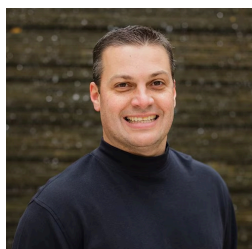




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**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEST MICHIGAN AREA TOP TEN: Week #5**

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**BRET BAKITA**

**1. Zeeland West** - (4-0) Won the Bird Bowl (28-13) over Zeeland East....take on (4-0) Unity Christian this Friday night!

**2. Mona Shores** - (4-0) Beat B.C. (14-12) and didn't score in the second half...take on rival Muskegon this week.

**3. Rockford (3-1):** Lost to Hudsonville (28-21) on Friday night...Brent Cummings first regular season loss as head coach of the Rams.

**4. South Christian - (4-0):** Won (49-6) over Wyoming and is at FH Central (3-1) for our 96.1-The Game - LMCU Game of the Week this Friday evening!

**5. Byron Center - (3-1):** Tough loss for Marc Cisco's squad at Mona Shores, but they certainly had their chances. How about the Bulldogs defense not allowing the Sailors to score in the second half?!

**6. Unity Christian - (4-0):** What a turnaround for the Crusaders from last year when they were (3-6). Avg. 41 points per game, but they have Zeeland West this week!

**7. GR Catholic Central - (3-1):** The Cougars bounced back nicely in their OK-Black division opener with a (41-6) win over Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg.

**8. Muskegon - (1-2):** Big Reds were off last week with an Open date, but got their 1<sup>st</sup> win of the season on Friday night against a pesky FHN team (47-28).

**9. Hudsonville - (3-1):** The Eagles are sky high after the biggest win of the season in the West Michigan area.....ending Rockford's 35-game regular season winning streak!

**10. West Catholic - (2-2):** Won (28-25) over Spring Lake, and they are holding on to my #10 spot this week....but keep an eye on the Northview Wildcats who beat EGR on the road on Friday and are now (4-0) on the season!



## **JASON HUTTON**

### **1 - Mona Shores 4-0**

Hard to imagine a team having a better resume 4 weeks into the season than the Sailors who already have wins over Grand Blanc, River Rouge, and Byron Center.

### **2 - Byron Center 4-0**

I'll no doubt be on an island here, but the Bulldogs were just a 2-point conversion short against #1 on the road last week.

### **3 - Zeeland West 4-0**

Quarterback Trey Sloohtak didn't play last week in a win over Zeeland East, they'll likely need him this week against Unity Christian.

### **4- Hudsonville 3-1**

The Eagles make the biggest jump in recent memory from not even being considered to #4. Ending Rockford's 35-game regular season winning streak will do that.

### **5 - Rockford 3-1**

The Rams haven't lost a regular season game or been out of the number 1 spot for a very long time. How a team responds to adversity often reveals its true character.

### **6 - Muskegon 1-2**

The Big Reds are in the win column with a win over Forest Hills Northern and get ready to host Mona Shores this week, Muskegon has won 9 of the last 10 against Shores.

### **7 - South Christian 4-0**

The Sailors have scored at least 41 points in each game this season, this week they attempt to extend that streak against Forest Hills Central (3-1) and its traditionally strong defense.

### **8 - Unity Christian 4-0**

The Sadlers just keep scoring, even against really good defenses. Another massive test this week as they host Zeeland West.

### **9 - East Kentwood 3-1**

The Falcons defense has been lights out in 3 of 4 games this season and now they will get set to take on Hudsonville for sole possession of the top spot in the OK RED Friday night.

### **10 - Caledonia 3-1**

The Fighting Scots bounced back with a nice road win at Grand Haven. Quarterback Brody Betser continues to play at a high level.



## **TOM KENDRA**

**1. Mona Shores (4-0)** - The Sailors have earned this position, especially after flexing its defensive muscle on Friday against Byron Center. It was a physical, emotional win - can they do it again this week at Hackley?

**2. Zeeland West (4-0)** - Uncertainty at quarterback heading into a battle of unbeaten against Unity Christian, with Trey Sloothaak missing last week's Bird Bowl.

**3. Rockford (3-1)** - Let's take a moment to recognize the Rams 35 game regular-season winning streak. We may not see a streak like that again in the O-K Red in, well, ever.

**4. Hudsonville Unity Christian (4-0)** - Can anybody stop this offense? Scoring 43 points against FHC is a statement, now Zeeland West will try to stop Isaac Stienstra & Co.

**5. Byron Center (3-1)** - Sometimes a team gains more respect after a loss than a win. The Bulldogs proved their physical toughness in a slobber-knocker at Mona Shores.

**6. GR South Christian (4-0)** - If there's one area team that truly embraces the motto "refuse to lose," it's Danny Brown and the Sailors.

**7. Hudsonville (3-1)** - Turns out that narrow loss at Howell in the opener wasn't so bad after all. Epic win over Rockford is bad news for the rest of the O-K Red: the Eagles are back!

**8. Muskegon (1-2)** - Muskegon hasn't looked like its usual self this season, but a matchup with bitter cross-town rival Mona Shores always brings out the best in the Big Reds.

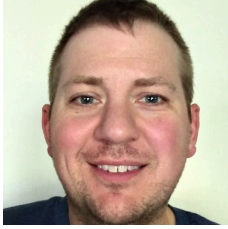
**9. GR Catholic Central (3-1)** - The feeling here is that the young Cougars learned some valuable lessons in the humbling loss at Pontiac Notre Dame. Watch out for them in November.

**10. East Kentwood (3-1)** - What an opportunity this week for the Falcons. A win over visiting Hudsonville this week puts East Kentwood in position to win or share the O-K Red title in Head Coach, Tyrone Spencer's first year.

## **Honorable Mention**

**Caledonia (3-1)**

**Northview (4-0)**



## **BUCK GENO**

**#1. Muskegon Mona Shores (4-0)** – the Sailors put forth their most impressive effort of the season against Byron Center, who they could see again in the playoffs. No days off for the Sailors as they prepare for their biggest rival, the Muskegon Big Reds, in a critical OK-Green matchup.

**#2. Zeeland West (4-0)** – the Bird Bowl was a little closer than many people predicted, but the Dux were without the services of their starting QB (Trey Sloothaak) and pulled out a gritty victory. The schedule has no let up in a tough OK GOLD as Coach Shillito's group will take on a powerful Unity Christian squad this Friday.

**#3. South Christian (4-0)** – Danny Brown's crew coasted to a big victory over Wyoming, but get right back into the thick of the meat grinder that is the OK GOLD as they travel to Forest Hills Central this Friday night in another marquee conference game.

**#4. Rockford (3-1)** – Brent Cummings' Rams had their 35 game regular season winning streak busted at Hudsonville, the Rams will have to regroup to play a Jenison team that gave Grandville all they wanted last week.

**#5. Unity Christian (4-0)** – the Crusaders were impressive in a victory over Forest Hills Central to kick off the conference schedule. Next up? A date with similarly undefeated Zeeland West in a potential playoff preview for Division 4.

**#6. Byron Center (3-1)** – the Bulldogs were stymied by Mona Shores' impressive defensive effort in a close loss on Sailor Salute night. 2 missed conversion attempts were the difference in the game. They set out to get back on the winning track this Friday against conference opponent, Union HS.

**#7. East Kentwood (3-1)** – the Falcons make their 1st appearance in my Top 10 after a workmanlike victory over West Ottawa. Now Tyrone Spencer's club will get to prove their staying power by meeting up with a Hudsonville team who is flying high after an upset win over Rockford.

**#8. Forest Hills Eastern (3-1)** – the Hawks took out some frustration on Grand Rapids Christian with their highest offensive output of the season. Next up? The upstart Hamilton Hawkeyes who have only 1 loss themselves.

**#9. Muskegon (1-2)** – as promised, Shane Fairfield's charges are back in the Top 10 after a back-and-forth affair with Forest Hills Northern that ended up in a Homecoming win. Next up? Nothing much, just the big annual neighborhood rivalry game with Mona Shores!

**#10. West Catholic (2-2)** – Landon Grove's squad pulled out a tough decision against Spring Lake who failed on three separate conversion attempts to provide the final margin. Grand Rapids Christian is next on the docket for a team that is still putting all the pieces together for what they hope is a long playoff run.

**Honorable Mention: Hudsonville (3-1)** – the Eagles had the upset of the year (so far) with a big win over Rockford (their first such win since 2016!). Is Brent Sandee's team for real? The upcoming game with newly minted Top 10 resident East Kentwood will go a long way in helping us find out.