

Otterbein University
CARDINALS



(2-6, 1-6 OAC)

VS.

Ohio Northern University
POLAR BEARS



(1-7, 1-6 OAC)

SENIOR CITIZENS: More than 30 members of the graduating class will be walking pregame as part of Senior Recognition, including 18 football players. Individuals from the band, cheerleading program and equipment staff will also take part.

TO THE MAX: Senior safety Max Walden, a three-year starter and former All-OAC selection, is averaging 9.7 tackles over the last three games. He also forced/recovered a fumble last week vs. Mount Union after stripping Jaden Manley near the goal line on a catch-and-run sequence.

BOB AND WEAVE: Linebacker Bobby Buckler, overcoming injuries to begin his time in college, made a career-high seven tackles last week. He entered midway through the game and contributed all around the field in the second half.

SERIES HISTORY: Ohio Northern has taken the last nine matchups in this series, although three since 2016 have been decided by 10 points or less. The last contest in Westerville (due to the pandemic-altered schedules) was ironically back in 2018 when ONU escaped 13-7.

LOOKING AT ONU: The Polar Bears hold a 28-13 win over Capital to begin league play but have since dropped six in a row. They most recently lost 27-10 last week against Marietta.

TIME OF POSSESSION: Otterbein and its opponents are almost dead even in the category this year, with the Cardinals averaging 30:40 per game and the opposition holding the ball for roughly 29:20 per contest.

AT THE REINS: ONU freshman Adan Figueroa has four starts this year since taking over the starting job. The Florida native had a season-high 16 completions for 148 yards last week against the Pioneers, but was sacked a total of seven times.

MONEY DOWNS: The Cardinals are just 34% on third/fourth downs this season while opponents are a combined 61 of 130 (47%) in the same category. Otterbein was a solid 12 of 19 on third down last year in this matchup, possessing the ball for almost 40 minutes.