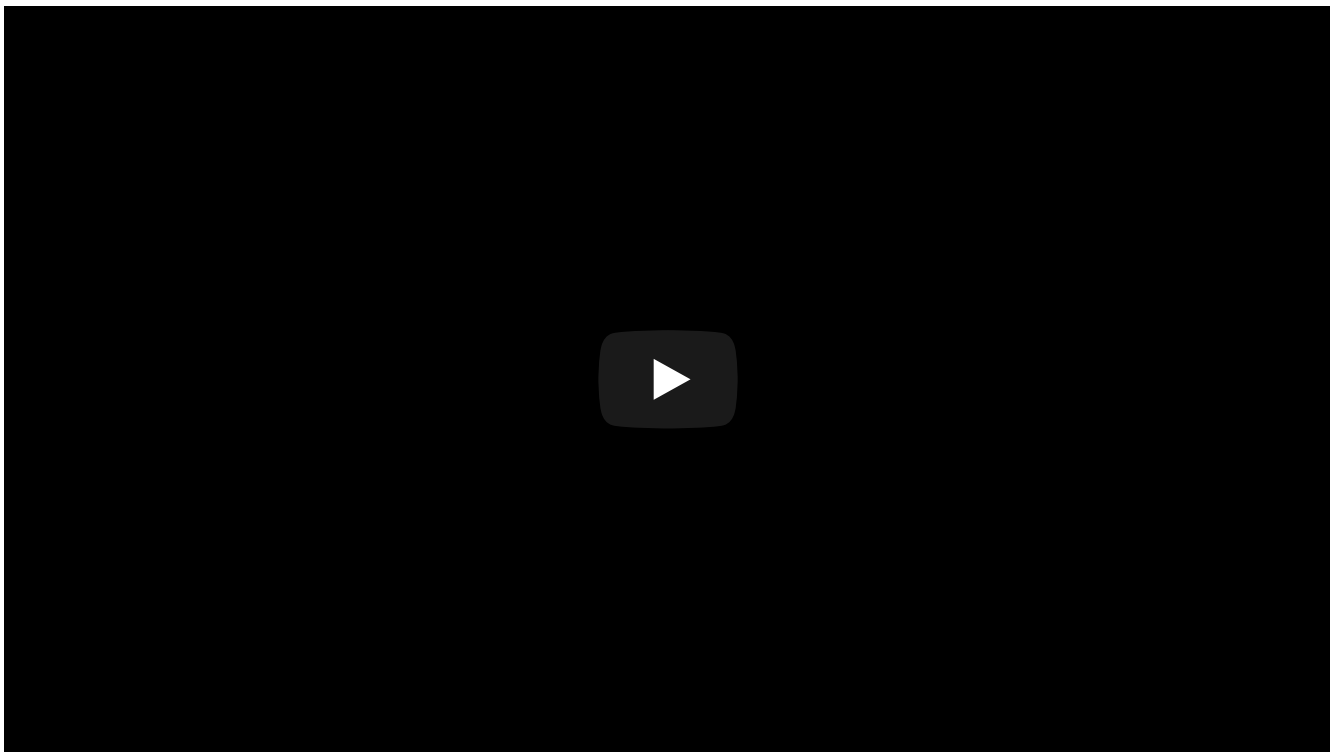




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# Edwards putting Michigan football on hold for MHSAA title run

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Before he becomes a Michigan Wolverine as an early enrollee this month, [four-star signee Donovan Edwards](#) said he intends to finish his high school football career.

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Coming off a **sterling performance in Saturday's 52-14 victory** in the Region 4 final over Romeo, where he rushed for 235 yards and four touchdowns on 19 carries, the West Bloomfield running back plans to suit up again for the 9-1 Lakers. They play a Division 1 semifinal on Jan. 16 against top-ranked Belleville (10-0).

Michigan's first day of the second semester is Jan. 19; West Bloomfield's first semester marking period ends Jan. 22.

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Edwards said he wants to see his prep career through to the state championship game Jan. 23 at Ford Field if the Lakers advance.

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“Yes sir, I’m playing, I’m going to play,” Edwards said following the win. “I’m not going to say it to the public, but I’m going to come there (Michigan) as soon as the season is over.”

*[ In a Google doc, Donovan Edwards reveals why he picked Michigan football over Georgia ]*

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## **West Bloomfield's Donovan Edwards commits to Michigan football**

The late January restart to the MHSAA playoffs has already affected some teams in the tournament.

Detroit Cass Tech twins Kobe and Kaleb King, already enrolled at Penn State, missed Saturday’s 43-16 regional loss against Belleville, which was without receiver Deion Burks (Purdue).

Meanwhile, All-State quarterback Brendan Sullivan (Northwestern) of defending Division 1 champion Davison did not play in the 20-7 regional championship victory

## over Detroit Catholic Central.

West Bloomfield will need Edwards against Belleville, which has knocked out the Lakers in the past two playoff regional finals, 27-22 and 13-10.

During the past two games playoffs, Edwards has 10 TDs and rushed for 383 yards.

“We practice in the worst conditions,” Edwards said. “We come out here every single day. We push each other and get better, better and better. We’re going to use that to our best.”

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Another scheduled early enrollee is West Bloomfield defensive back Maxwell Hairston (Kentucky), who reportedly will play in the state semifinal as well.

West Bloomfield coach Ron Bellamy is keeping his fingers crossed.

“I don’t even know the dates ... what’s next week, the 16th?” Bellamy said. “I don’t know, this thing ... the way we prepare as if everyone is playing whether we have Donovan or Maxwell. It’s the next man up. But hopefully we’ll have those guys. We want to be at full strength, especially playing a great team like Belleville. We’ll find out.”

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