

CLEVELAND, Ohio — While legal sports betting is still a month away in Ohio, you won't have to wait to see [two of Cuyahoga County's new sportsbooks](#).

The Las Vegas-style betting lounges at JACK Cleveland Casino and JACK Thistledown Racino opened Wednesday. While visitors can't bet, they can enjoy theater-style seating and large video walls as they watch "The Game" between Ohio State and Michigan on Saturday.

JACK Entertainment will run two of the five sportsbooks in Cuyahoga County, with the others owned by the Browns, Cavs and Guardians. MGM Northfield Park will also have a sportsbook in northern Summit County.

The downtown casino and the racino in North Randall are designed to look and feel like a Las Vegas sportsbook, with their own unique features. There will be video walls, recliners and betting kiosks, along with table games and slot machines.

The spaces are built to take bets, but they're also designed to create in-person excitement that doesn't come with something like mobile betting.

In the casino, the sportsbook is near the Prospect Avenue entrance on the first floor. The 6,000 square-foot lounge will have two, 30-foot-wide video walls that can play two big games or multiple games at once. More TVs are scattered across the room.

It has five betting windows staffed by workers and 20 self-serve kiosks. The downtown sportsbook also has a table games pit, letting people play games like poker and roulette while staying in the sportsbook. The space will also have a video poker bar that seats 12.

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