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Coldwater Survives Anna and the rain 7-0

The 2012 season will provide many great memories for the Coldwater football team. It will definitely be remembered as one of the wettest seasons in recent memory too.

Friday night Coldwater had to adjust to the rain and an Anna offense that took advantage of the wet conditions but the Cavs managed to grind out a 7-0 victory.

Judging by the scores at other local games the field conditions at Anna were the worst in the area. Afternoon rains had left the field extremely soggy with water standing in many places. Of course both teams had to deal with it, but Anna appears to have had the better game plan.

The Rockets choose to deny the Cavaliers high powered offense opportunities to score by employing a disciplined ground attack that took minutes off the clock. On dry turf that game plan probably has a 50-50 chance of working, but with a field more the consistency of oatmeal, the odds increase greatly.

In the first half Anna possessed the ball for over 18 of the 24 minutes. On one drive they ran more than 10 minutes off the clock on 18 plays. Not a bad game plan and it almost work save for one thing, you gotta score.

Time and time again the Coldwater defense stopped the Anna rushing attack and the rain stifled their passing attack.

Meanwhile the Coldwater offense just could not find its footing. Receivers were unable to run precise routes which allowed the Rocket defense to pressure quarterback Austin Bruns out of the pocket. And Coldwater was not able to match the Anna rushing attack.

So the game came down to making the best of your opportunities and late in the second quarter, Coldwater got one.

Anna was forced to punt and Coldwater took over at their own 36 yard line. Bruns ran a draw for 8 yards and on the next play found Josh Huber on the left side. Hubie caught the pass, maintained his footing while the Anna defenders lost theirs and he slogged into the end zone for a 56 yard touchdown. The point after was a near disaster as two false start penalties moved the ball back to the 13, making Kyle Bergman's kick more like a 30 yard field goal. But his kick was true and the score was 7-0.

On the ensuing possession Anna fumbled the ball right back to Coldwater, but a rare snap over Bruns head on third and goal forced Coldwater to attempt a 39 yard field goal which drifted wide right.

In the second half, the rain fell even harder and both teams could not sustain any scoring drives. Bergman proved to be Coldwater's best weapon on the evening as his last three punts averaged 50 yards and pinned Anna deep in their own territory.

Bruns finished the night 10 of 15 for 135 yards. He ran the ball 19 times but posted zero yards thanks to that bad snap in the second quarter and three kneel-downs for -14 yards out of the victory formation. Huber caught three passes for 68 yards. For the game Coldwater had 144 yards on 41 plays while Anna tallied 171 yards on 57 plays. Despite the conditions, Coldwater posted no turnovers while Anna fumbled the ball 5 times but lost only one.

Next up for Coldwater is 6-1 Marion Local. The Flyers are the last serious contender the Cavs will face, so a victory will bring the dream of a league title even closer.

The teams have a highly competitive series going with Cavs holding a 31-24-4 edge. Last season the Flyers won a hard fought 7-0 victory

Coldwater continues to hold a commanding lead in Region 20. Anna dropped out of playoff contention and Versailles holds the seventh of eight playoff spots.

Week 7 Results

Coldwater	07
Anna	00
Minster	43
Parkway	16
New Bremen	08
Versailles	42
St Henry	22
Marion Local	38
St Johns	28
Ft Recovery	00
Kenton	26
Bath	27
Wayne Trace	22
Hicksville	07

Week 8 Schedule

Anna	—
New Bremen	—
Ft Recovery	—
Minster	—
Marion Local	—
Coldwater	—
Parkway	—
St Henry	—
Versailles	—
St Johns	—
Celina	—
Kenton	—
Hicksville	—
Ayersville	—

MAC Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>MAC</u>	<u>OA</u>	<u>ST</u>
Coldwater	5-0	7-0	7W
Marion Local	4-1	6-1	2W
Versailles	4-1	5-2	4W
Minster	3-2	5-2	2W
St. John's	3-2	4-3	1W
St. Henry	2-3	4-3	2L
New Bremen	2-3	2-5	1L
Anna	1-4	3-4	4L
Ft. Recovery	1-4	3-4	2L
Parkway	0-5	0-7	7L

Non-League

Kenton	4-3	1L
Hicksville	3-4	1L