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Coldwater Shuts Out Undefeated Covington 20-0

The Coldwater Cavaliers (13-0) won their fourth straight regional championship with a 20-0 shutout victory over the previously undefeated Covington Buccaneers (12-1). The high powered Cavalier offense put up three scores in the first 18 minutes of the game but it was the defense that took center stage on the turf at Dayton's Welcome Stadium.

The Cavaliers scored on their first two possession with passes from Austin Bruns to Caleb Siefring covering 6 and 50 yards. In the second quarter, on their fourth possession the Cavs moved 75 yards in 11 plays, capped by Jordan Chapin driving in from the 1 yard line to send the Cavs into the locker room leading 20-0.

Covington entered the game averaging 51.6 points per game for a total of 620 points, good for 8th all time in state history. But the Coldwater defense had only allowed 83 points in 12 games. Two of those games, Kenton (22) and West Liberty-Salem (22) account for half that total.

The Cav D had great success as the Bucs offensive was very one dimensional and it allowed Coldwater to focus their attention on the ground game.

In the first half, Covington could only manage 72 yards rushing and 82 yards of total offense. On the night the Bucs gained just 146 yards on 38 carries and completed 3 passes for 26 yards. They also committed three turnovers, a fumble and two interceptions and only got into Coldwater territory twice, both times in the second half.

Brody Hoying was brilliant as he accounted for 11 tackles, many of them while flying in from his safety position to the point of attack to cut

down the ball carriers on numerous sweep plays. Hoying also logged two 'big hits' (aka 'slobber knockers') and snagged an interception in the fourth quarter.

The Covington defense gave Coldwater some fits as well. After a first half which saw the Cavs pile up 208 yards of total offense, the Bucs held the Cavs to just 77 yards in the second half.

But the Cavaliers scored when they had the opportunity and the defense was lights out all night. As a result, Coldwater's quest to "Play 60" will continue.

For the night, Bruns was 17 of 26 passing for 212 yards and two touchdowns. Caleb Siefring caught seven passes for 150 yards and two scores. Jordan Chapin added 41 rushing yards on 7 carries.

The Final Four

Coldwater will now advance to the OHSAA State Semifinals for the fourth straight year and their 11th appearance overall. The Cavs are 7-3 in state semifinals and have won their last 5 appearance.

They will face the Eagles of Liberty Benton who came from 11 points down to defeat Patrick Henry 22-21.

It will be the first ever meeting between the two teams. LB hails from the Blanchard Valley Conference and they are 12-1 on the season. The game will be played at Lima Stadium.

The other half of the semifinal bracket will feature last years champion the Kirtland Hornets (13-0) and the Baltimore Liberty Union Lions (11 - 2) in a game which will be played at Fawcett Stadium in Canton.

The winners of these two contests will meet at 3pm on Saturday December 1 at Paul Brown Stadium in Massillon for the Division 5 state title.

All Northwest District Team

The Northwest District announced their all Division 5 team this week, and the Cavaliers got the lions share of the awards. Chip Otten was named Coach of the Year while Austin Bruns and Zack Dickman were named Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year respectively.

Rounding out the first team offense were Caleb Siefring at Wide Receiver and Jordon Harlamert as a Lineman. The second team included Josh Huber at Wide Receiver and Kyle Bergman as Punter.

Joining Dickman on the first team defense were Alan Kunk at Lineman and Brody Hoying at Safety.

The All State team will be announced next week.

Division V Playoff Results

Region 17

Kirtland	38
Youngstown Ursuline	37

Region 18

Liberty Benton	22
Hamler Patrick Henry	21

Region 19

Lucasville Valley	14
Liberty Union	26

Region 20

Coldwater	20
Covington	00

How the other MAC Teams Fared

Minster	28
St Henry	21
Delphos St Johns	21
McComb	28