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Cavaliers Defeat Wildcats 41-22

The Coldwater Cavaliers successfully opened the 2012 campaign defeating the Kenton Wildcats 41-22.

It was not the prettiest of performances by a veteran Coldwater team, but playing on a hot August night after travelling well over an hour up to Hardin county; well, you take what you can get.

Both teams found it difficult getting started as the teams traded punts. But punting on fourth and long on their second possession, the Kenton punter shanked his kick and Coldwater got the first break as they started their second possession at the Cats 28 yard line. Five plays later Jordan Chapin got the first touchdown of the season going in from 7 yards out. Kyle Bergman's PAT made the score 7-0.

Kenton wasted little time as they needed only three plays to go 45 yards with Kenton QB Grant Sherman finding Justin Sawmiller on a 5 yard toss. The PAT pass failed and the Cavs led 7-6.

Then the Cavaliers took control. Over the next eight minutes the Cavs scored three times. Chapin dove in from a yard out and Caleb Siefring caught passes from Brody Hoying - 35 yards, and Austin Bruns - 53 yards. Three more Bergman PATs and the score was 28-6 with 2:02 to play in the 2nd quarter.

The Cavaliers appeared to rest on their laurels at that point as the Wildcats recaptured the momentum and drove 72 yards on nine plays to score with 10 seconds left in the half and reduce the deficit to two scores 28-14.

In recent years, Kenton's kicking game has been well... how do you say this nicely? Unconventional? The Cats have not had a player with a good leg that can kick the football deep in to their opponents territory, so they have taken advantage of junk kicks and that is exactly what they did to open the second half. They caught the Cavaliers unprepared and the on-side kick rolled 15 yards and was recovered by Kenton.

Five plays later Sherman found Sawmiller behind the defense for a 34 yard

touchdown strike. The conversion pass was good and Kenton closed to within 6 points 28-22.

That was the last time the Cats would see the end zone the rest of the evening. Coldwater scored on a 11 yard Bruns to Chapin pass and Chapin completed a big night by scoring again on a two yard rush early in the fourth to set the final score at 41-22.

Though the loss was a disappointment for Kenton fans, they will find solace in the fact that they found a replacement for that long line of quarterbacks named Mauk. Grant Sherman, lets just call the 6'4" 200 pound junior "The General" from now on, was 30 of 54 passing for 288 yards and three touchdowns. He also led the Wildcat running game with 60 yards on 19 totes.

During the spring and summer the word was Kenton was moving to a more conventional spread and would be balancing the run with the pass. Forget that! Only one other Kenton player rushed the ball and that was a sweep for 18 yards. 74 plays from scrimmage and only 20 were rushes.

Coldwater was led by senior quarterback Austin Bruns who passed for 191 yards on 12-21 passing and 2 touchdowns. He added 47 yards on 14 rushes. Caleb Siefring caught 5 passes for 148 yards and two scores. Jordan Chapin ran for 36 yards on 8 carries and 3 touchdowns. He also caught 2 passes for 32 yards and a fourth score. Game ball to Chapin.

The victory was the first over Kenton since 2009 and moved the Cavaliers to a 17-11 advantage all time.

Next week Coldwater opens the home portion of the 2012 schedule with their final scheduled meeting with Hicksville as the two year contact with the Aces expires this season. Though short the series has been memorable. There is a tremendous amount of respect between the coaching staffs. Last season Coldwater traveled to Hicksville and pasted the Aces 51-13, Coach Otten spoke to the Aces after that game and encouraged them to keep working hard. They

were 1-2 at that point and Otten told them how in 2010 the Cavaliers found themselves at 4-3 and on the outside looking into the playoffs. The Cavs made it to the state finals that season.

The speech must have inspired the Aces to some point as they turned their season around advanced to the State Semifinals where they met the Cavaliers again. The outcome was the same but the Aces had improved immensely.

It will be interesting to see what Hicksville brings this season. They were defeated by Archbold 19-14 to open their season. The Cavs are 5-0 all-time in the series.

Countdown to 500

The Cavalier program is now 495-262-21 all time. If they can win their first five games this season, they will enter the rivalry game with St. Henry looking for number 500. That should put some mustard on the Sept. 28 matchup!

Week 1 Results

Anna	14	Minster	28
Lehman Catholic	00	Ft Loramie	00
Coldwater	41	New Bremen	07
Kenton	22	Covington	27
Ft Recovery	33	Parkway	16
Edgerton	28	Crestview	30
LCC	18	Versailles	26
St John's	13	Celina	46
Lima Shawnee	28	Hicksville	14
Marion Local	42	Archbold	19
Mariemont St. Henry	07 24		

Week 2 Schedule

Brookville @ Anna
Eaton @ St Henry
Ft Loramie @ New Bremen
Graham Local @ Versailles
Hicksville @ Coldwater
Lehman Catholic @ Minster
Marion Local @ West Jefferson
Port Clinton @ St John's
Tinora @ Parkway
Waynsfield Goshen @ Ft Recovery
Kenton @ St. Marys