

CAVALIER Football Weekly



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CAVALIERS LOOK TO RE-LOAD FOR 2013

The Coldwater Cavalier football team has been to four straight state finals and qualified for the state playoff in each of the last 16 seasons which is currently the longest streak of all football teams in Ohio. They ended last season in Massillon by avenging a 2011 defeat to Kirtland with a classic 10-9 victory over the Hornets and claimed the schools third state title.

Last season began with high expectations and those expectations were achieved. It will take considerably more focus, effort and good fortune for the Cavs to qualify for the playoffs, much less compete again for a state title.

Coldwater graduated a talented senior class that left plenty of holes, but talent does remain. "We're trying to rebuild after losing 23 seniors," Coldwater head coach Chip Otten said. "We've got a good group of core skill players returning, but the front 7 on both sides is very inexperienced and untested."

Big Changes Come To Coaching Staff

Much of the Cavaliers success in the past 18 years are a result of having some of the best coaches not just in the MAC but in the entire state. Every few years there are tweaks to coaching staffs, but this year there will be a few more than usual. Head Coach Chip Otten returns for his fourth season. At Coldwater his record stands at 37-8, 63-42 overall including a MAC title, one state title and 2 state runners up in his first three seasons at the helm.

Jason Hemmelgarn returns this season but in more of a part-time role as the responsibilities of his new position as Coldwater High School Principal will require considerable attention. Randy Wright, Thad Forsthoefel, Jeff Kerr and Dan Kanney will provide veteran leadership to three new faces on the staff which include former Cavalier players Cory Klenke, Aaron Alig and Matt Bruns. Coach Klenke quarterbacked the Cavaliers to their 2007 state championship. Coach Alig played from 1998-2001. Coach Bruns returns home from Cincinnati Anderson where he won a state title in 2007. He has some big shoes to fill as he take over the defense which has been led by Coach Tim Hoyng, who retired this from coaching this past winter.

Hoyng coached for a total of 36 years and since 1995 was the architect of a Coldwater defense that was feared by many and conquered by only a few. In the 244 games Coach Hoyng

led a defense that surrendered just 12.4 points per game, including 53 shutouts and 54 games where opponents scored a touchdown or less. In those 18 seasons the Cavs won 7 MAC titles, played in 17 playoffs, won 11 regional championships and 3 state titles in eight appearances. He once said the greatest joys as a football coach were the opportunities to coach his sons and nephews at Coldwater High School. Coach Hoyng, you can never really be replaced, but you will be missed by those who played for you and coached with you. Best wishes to you Coach!

New Faces Behind Those Helmets

There are a number of holes to fill with the graduation of 23 seniors from last years state championship team. Ones to keep a watch out for include returning lettermen; Andrew Schwieterman 6'1 215 Sr DE/OL, Mitch Schoenherr 6'2 195 Sr WR/LB, Grant Muhlenkamp 5' 10 170 Sr RB/OLB and Brody Hoyng 5'10 175 Jr QB/S. Up and comers include; Adam Klosterman 6'1 160 Sr WR/DB, Drew Otten 5'7 160 Sr WR/S, Jared Post 6'2 190 Sr OL, Austin Klosterman 5'9 185 Sr Center, Matt Kramer 6'1 180 Sr OLB/K, Nick Clune 6'2 190 Jr OL/DE, Derek Thobe 6'2 160 Jr WR/DB

The Challenge

Coach Otten stated that the strength of this team will be speed, athleticism, playmakers and the kicking game. His biggest concern is the schedule. Seems that is a concern of all MAC coaches year in and year out, but check this out...

The Cavaliers schedule opens with six straight former state champions (Kenton, Hartley, Versailles, Delphos St. John's, Minster and St. Henry). A road game at defending D6 state champ Marion Local looms in Week 8. Here is the 2013 schedule. Next to each opponent you will see last seasons record, how they did in the playoffs last year, how many times they have appeared in the playoffs and the year of their last state title.

Kenton	(6-4)	Missed playoffs, 8, 2002
Hartley	(13-1)	Lost D4 Semifinal to Clinton-Massie, 11, 2010
Versailles	(5-5)	Missed playoffs, 17, 2003
St. John	(8-5)	Lost D6 Regional Final to McComb, 15, 2010
Minster	(9-3)	Lost D6 Regional Semifinal to Marion Local, 12 1989
St. Henry	(9-4)	Lost in D6 Regional Final to Marion Local, 15, 2006
Anna	(5-5)	Missed playoffs, 9, none
Marion Local	(13-2)	Won D6 State Title - Newark Catholic, 15, 2012
Parkway	(0-10)	Missed playoffs, 1, none
Ft. Recovery	(3-7)	Missed playoffs, 0, none

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First Up – The Kenton Wildcats.

With a 6-4 record last season the Kenton Wildcats missed the playoffs for the first time since 2009. The Cats have been to the post season 9 times and have a 22-7 playoff records with 2 state titles in four attempts.

For years Kenton has been known for their high power passing game and that tradition will continue this season. Grant Sherman threw for 4076 yards and 49 TDs last season (only 6 interceptions). He will have familiar targets to throw to as Kenton returns eight of its top 10 receivers from last years squad.

Justin Sawmiller caught 128 passes for 1801 yards and 16 TDs last year. Also returning are Colyn Blackford (54-684-10) and Kollin Stollar (43-621-9)

But watch out for the defense. Lineback Matt Bahr and End Noah Furbush return with some stellar credentials. Bahr was the leading tackler last year with 160 and Furbush records 116 with 13 for loss. Furbush is highly recruited also as one of Ohio Top 40 defensive prospects getting offers from Big 10, MAC and SEC teams.

History vs Kenton

- Coldwater is 18-11 vs Kenton
- Last year Coldwater won 41-22
- Coldwater is 8-2 in the last 10 meetings
- Coach Otten's record 1-2
- Largest margin of victory 39 in 2008 (58-19)
- Largest margin of defeat 36 in 1967 (16-52)

Week 1 Matchups

Kenton vs Coldwater
Bishop Hartley vs Amanda-Clearcreek
Celina vs Versailles
St Johns vs Elida
Ft Loramie vs Minster
Covington vs St Henry
LCC vs Anna
Marion Local vs Shawnee
Crestview vs Parkway
Edgerton vs Ft Recovery
Allen East vs New Bremen

Coldwater Final Results 2012

Kenton	W	41 - 22
Hicksville	W	44 - 0
Versailles	W	21 - 7
Delphos St. John	W	41 - 6
Minster	W	34 - 6
St. Henry	W	41 - 7
Anna	W	7 - 0
Marion Local	W	27 - 0
Parkway	W	47 - 6
Ft. Recovery	W	55 - 0
Miami East	W	42 - 7
West Liberty Salem	W	41 - 22
Covington	W	20 - 0
Liberty Benton	W	38 - 0
Kirtland	W	10 - 9

MAC Final Results 2012

<u>Team</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Coldwater	8	0
Versailles	6	2
St. John's	6	2
Anna	5	3
Marion Local	5	3
Minster	4	4
Parkway	3	5
Ft. Recovery	2	6
St. Henry	1	7
New Bremen	0	8