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Never Give In

# Cavalier Football Weekly

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## Semi-final Results

Coldwater	33
Coshocton	14
Marion Local	36
Patrick Henry	07
Minster	27
McComb	23

## State Championships

### Division V

Coldwater	13-1
Canton CC	10-3

### Division VI

Marion Local	13-1
Cuyahoga Heights	14-0

### Division VII

Minster	10-4
Warren JFK	13-1

## Individual Stat Leaders

### Rushing

Dylan Thobe	196-967
Neal Muhlenkamp	47-484
Brad Giere	77-389
Nate Rindler	28-305
Seth Obringer	43-149

### Passing

Dylan Thobe	148-244-2359
Sam Broering	10-22-204
Nate Rindler	1-1-64

### Receiving

Zach Klosterman	43-878
Neal Muhlenkamp	50-867
Nate Rindler	23-339
Louis Barry	10-183
Brad Giere	10-92
Jacob Hartings	6-87
Sam Broering	8-81

### Scoring

Neal Muhlenkamp	134
Dylan Thobe	109
Nate Rindler	54
Zach Klosterman	48
Brad Giere	36

### Tackles / Sacks

Andrew Siefring	137 / 14
Ryan Knapke	122 / 4
Neal Muhlenkamp	119
Patrick Klosterman	96 / 5
Louis Berry	93
Cody & Brad Giere	91 each

### Interceptions

Andrew Siefring	3-43
Neal Muhlenkamp	2-18
Dylan Thobe	2-5

## Cavaliers Beat Coshocton. Will Play for State Title #7

For the eighth straight season the Coldwater Cavaliers will play for a State Championship as they defeated the Coshocton Redskins at Olentangy High School in Lewis Center by a final score of 33-14.

It was a hard fought battle and many Cavs are nursing bumps and bruises as they prepare to take on Canton Central Catholic on Saturday night at Ohio Stadium in Columbus.

Dylan Thobe rose to the top and earned star of the game accolades in the media with 115 rushing yards, 206 passing yards and accounted for four of the Cavs five TDs.

Thobe threw his first touchdown pass to Neal Muhlenkamp, a 19 yarder, with 1:54 left in the first quarter and Coldwater led 7-0 going into the second.

Five minutes into the second quarter Grad Giere capped off an 11 play 71 yard drive with a 2 yard run and the lead moved to 14-0.

The Redskins answered back as they intercepted a Thobe pass at the Coldwater 40 and returned it to the 16 and scored five plays later on a 2 yard pass with 2:13 before halftime.

Using a hurry up offense and their remaining timeouts, Coldwater travelled 70 yards in 7 plays and Thobe capped it off with a 3 yard score to put the Cavs up 21-7 at halftime.

The second half saw Coldwater score on a 44 yard draw play by Thobe with 3:41 left in the third and the lead increased to 27-7. Thobe filled in for an injured Neal Muhlenkamp on the PAT but his attempt clanged off the crossbar.

Thobe did find his kick game as he booted the ensuing kickoff into the end zone for a touchback.

Coshocton answered back driving 80 yards in 10 plays and scored on a 21 yard run to make the score 27-14 with 11:01 left to play.

Coldwater then went on their final

scoring drive of the night and they used over 8 minutes of the clock driving 58 yards in 14 plays and scored with 2:44 remaining. A pass attempt on the point after failed and they led 33-14.

Time ran out on the Redskins and their season which they finished with a successful 12-2 record as state semi-finalist.



Thobe finished with 2 rushing TDs on 16 carries for 115 yards. He threw 21 passes completing 17 for 206 yards and two more scores.

Neal Muhlenkamp and Zach Klosterman each caught five passes for 57 yards apiece. Louis Barry caught 2 for 32 yards while Jacob Hartings snagged two for 26 yards.

Brad Giere rushed 10 times for 29 yards and caught 1 pass for 20.

In total the offense rushed 35 times for 176 yards and ran 56 plays for 382 yards of total offense.

Defensively the Cavs only allowed 138 rushing yards on 34 attempts to a team who made their bones via the rush this season averaging over 250 yards per game. With just 81 passing yards, they allowed just 219 yards on 49 plays.

Ryan Knapke lead Coldwater with 12 tackles. Ryan Vagedes had 9 tackles. Brad Giere, Troy Sanning and Andrew Siefring each had 8 while Neal Muhlenkamp garnered 7. Cody Giere, Louis Barry and Creighton Bettinger each had 6. Fourteen down, one to go

So now the high school football season has completed 14 weeks of competition. Over 700 schools began play and now only 14 teams remain to play one final game. It seems to have gotten here in a

hurry, but it is so much more than 15 weeks.

There are the offseason conditioning days. Ten days of sanctioned spring workouts, 7 on 7 scrimmages in July, two-a-days and full contact scrimmages in August. That's a lot of collisions and banging around on the bodies of teenage boys.

Coldwater's victory over Coshocton earned them the opportunity to play in the Division 5 State Championship game and it also revealed how long a season really can be.

Both teams brought their best efforts to bare and looked worse for the wear when it was all over. But there was no quit by either squad.

Some criticize the value of high school football as young men endure the struggle and risk injury.

But it is nights like this and seasons like these that go a long way into making them the men who will lead their families and communities in the years to come.

Life is filled with pain, struggle, disappointments and at times victorious success. But real success in life is learning to preserve amidst the hard times and endure the struggle.

That is what makes football so special and only those who have endured it understand it, appreciate it and are thankful for what it has taught them. And more than victories, that is what we should encourage and value in our young men.

### Big Life, Big Stage, Big MAC The Beat Goes On....

For the third year in a row, the MAC placed three teams in the State Finals for Divisions 5, 6 and 7.

Coldwater, Marion Local and Minster will all spend the first weekend in December at Ohio Stadium looking to increase the MACs total of 30 Football Championships.



## Division V State Semifinals

3 - Coshocton (12-2)	14
2 - Coldwater (13-1)	33
3 - Canton CC (10-3)	24
2 - Edison (12-2)	14

## Coldwater State Finals By the Numbers

(record holders)

- 4 Time defending D5 Champs
- 6 State Titles  
(11 St. Ignatius)
- 5 State Runners-up  
(6 Ironton, Newark Catholic)
- 24 Consecutive playoff wins;  
(24 Marion Local)
- 8 years consecutive appear-  
ances in State Finals  
(8 Newark Catholic)
- 15 State Semi appearance  
(25 Newark Catholic)
- 11 Champ game appearance  
(14 Newark Catholic)
- 20 years longest active streak  
of qualifying for playoffs  
(22 St. Ignatius)
- 69 Playoff Wins  
(72 Newark Catholic)
- 81% playoff winning percentage  
(87% Marion Local)

## State Playoff Winning Percentages

(Thru Week 14 of 2016 playoffs)

This stat is dominated by the Midwest Athletic Conference which owns 5 of the top 6 spots.

1. Marion Local	66-10	.868
2. Delphos St. John	52-11	.825
3. St. Ignatius	70-15	.824
4. Coldwater	69-15	.821
5. St. Henry	44-10	.815
6. Versailles	45-12	.790



## Can Coldwater 3-peat Canton Central Catholic?

For the third consecutive season, Coldwater will battle Canton Central Catholic for the Division 5 State Title at Ohio Stadium in Columbus.

Over the past three seasons the Crusaders are 35-8 and the Cavaliers are 42-2. So it is only fitting that these two titans of Division 5 should square off again.

Coldwater won the first two meetings by scores of 62-21 in 2014 and 35-18 last season.

As a team, CCC averaged 148 yards per game passing and 135 yards rushing through their first 12 games.

They are led by a group of seniors including quarterback Jack Murphy who has thrown for 1673 yards and 15 touchdowns. Tee Rupp has caught 45 passes for 599 and Brady Thompson has 25 catches for 326 yards. Cam Ruffin and Quentin Heck each have over 250 yards receiving.

Out of the backfield Murphy does most of the rushing with 185 carries for 561 yards. Chase Miller, a freshman, has 386 yards on 90 carries

while Thompson had 25 totes for 243 yards.

CCC has intercepted 19 passes with Rupp picking 8 of them while Luke Ezzo has 6.

Special teams are always important and CCC averages 56 yards on kick-offs and 38 on punts. Dan Mills is 40 of 41 on PATs and 11 of 15 on field goals including a 47 yarder.

All of the names mentioned are Crusader Seniors. They experienced the humiliation of Brody Hoying's Cavaliers putting the running clock on them as well as the McKibben to Siebert 'fake' punt.

Then last year it was the 67 yard Harlamert to Schoenherr hook and lateral play that left their defense dumbfounded and wondering how they could ever stop the Cavalier offense.

So they have something to prove and will not want to end their high school careers the way the last two seasons have.

For Coldwater it will be one more chance to prove wrong the doubters who said this team did not have what it takes to climb that mountain. But for 18 Cavalier seniors, the summit is once again in sight.

Louis Barry, Cody Giere, Spencer Kuess, Zach Klosterman, Ryan Knapke, Neal Muhlenkamp, Nate Rindler, Troy Sanning, Andrew Siefiring, Dylan Thobe and Ryan Vagedes are the ones largely responsible for this seasons success and will have to prove it one last time.

For Patrick Klosterman, who will miss the last two games of his career with a broken ankle it means leading and inspiring the boys from the sideline and in the locker room.

For the other seniors Clay Kahlig, Ethan Leugers, Trent Meyer, Alex Muhlenkamp, Jared Pleiman and Adam Waite it is one last week to help the class of 2017 prepare for their 60th game and to be ready if their number is called.

### Coldwater 2016

Kenton (5-5)	[4:14]	W	58 - 39
Jefferson (9-1) *	[6:24]	W	20 - 6
Marion Local (9-1) *	[6:24]	W	17 - 14
Fort Recovery (6-4) *	[7:28]	W	30 - 12
St Henry (7-3) *	[6:24]	W	21 - 14
Parkway (1-9)	[6:24]	W	41 - 7
Minster (6-4) *	[7:28]	L	18 - 33
Versailles (5-5)	[5:20]	W	14 - 7
Anna (5-5)	[5:20]	W	34 - 0
St John's (5-5)	[7:26]	W	32 - 6
Brookville (5-6)	[5:20]	W	47 - 13
Greenvew (8-4)	[5:20]	W	27 - 24
CHCA (12-1)	[5:20]	W	35 - 21
Coshocton (12-2)	[5:19]	W	33 - 14

Overall Record	12-1
Avg Points Scored	30.5
Avg Points Allowed	15.0
Team beaten were...	89-51
Teams lost to were...	6-4
* Regular Season Opponents Who Qualified for Playoffs	5

### Canton Central Catholic 2016

New Philadelphia (10-3) *	[3:9]	L	6 - 14
Perry (12-2) *	[2:7]	W	19 - 14
Minerva (0-10)	[4:15]	W	56 - 0
St Thomas Aquinas (9-3) *	[6:21]	L	10 - 12
Cathedral Latin (9-4) *	[4:13]	L	24 - 23
Northwest (6-4)	[4:15]	W	31 - 0
Loudonville (1-9)	[6:21]	W	38 - 13
Jackson (7-4) *	[1:1]	W	38 - 35
Garfield (3-7)	[2:5]	W	20 - 13
Manchester (7-4) *	[5:17]	W	28 - 7
Black River (8-4)	[5:17]	W	30 - 0
Garfield (9-4)	[5:17]	W	40 - 13
Edison (12-2)	[5:18]	W	24 - 14

Overall Record	10-3
Avg Points Scored	28.0
Avg Points Allowed	12.2
Team beaten were...	65-50
Teams lost to were...	28-10
* Regular Season Opponents Who Qualified for Playoffs	6