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# Cavalier Football Weekly

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## Week 3 Results

Coldwater	17
Marion Local	14
Minster	30
St. Johns	46
New Bremen	00
St. Henry	45
Parkway	07
Ft. Recovery	44
Versailles	20
Anna	12
Wapakoneta	31
Kenton	10
Delphos Jefferson	49
Fairview	00

## Week 4 Matchups

Anna @ New Bremen  
St. Johns @ Versailles  
Ft. Recovery @ Coldwater  
Marion Local @ Minster  
St. Henry @ Parkway  
Kenton @ St Marys  
Delphos Jeff. @ @ Allen East

## MAC Standings

	MAC	Overall
Coldwater	1-0	3-0
Ft. Recovery	1-0	3-0
St. Henry	1-0	2-1
St. Johns	1-0	2-1
Versailles	1-0	2-1
Anna	0-1	2-1
Marion Local	0-1	2-1
Minster	0-1	2-1
New Bremen	0-1	2-1
Parkway	0-1	0-3
Kenton (1-2), Jefferson (2-1)		

## Ft. Recovery Series History

Series Record:	15-0
Last Meeting:	42-14
Largest Victory:	56-0
Average Score:	46-6

## Cavaliers Down the Flyers With Late Touchdown

On Friday evening, two founding members of the Midwest Athletic Conference, met at Booster Stadium in Maria Stein. For both Coldwater and Marion Local it was their 300th MAC contest. The Flyers had a streak of 31 consecutive home victories and Coldwater was working a 25 game win streak dating back to 2014 when the Flyers broke a 13 game win streak. Both teams are favored to win the MAC title this season and make some noise again in the post season. Throw in the most anticipated 50/50 raffle of the season and this game had all the makings of a classic.

The events of the evening did not disappoint as Marion Local jumped out to a 14-0 lead only to see the Cavaliers score 17 unanswered points to win by the same score that broke Flyer hearts in 2015, 17-14.

Oh, ...and the 50/50 was *only* \$14,724. (It is hard to be sarcastic in print)

The only low point on the night was an injury to Marion tackle Big John Dirksen who suffered a potentially season ending leg injury. There was also a fan who suffered an apparent heart attack just moments after the injury to Dirksen which only served to add a more healthy perspective to the pre-game hype. It's only football folks.

That said the game did turn into an instant classic.

The game opened with Flyer QB Duane Leugers scoring on runs of 3 and 1 yard as the Flyers dominated the early going.

The Flyer offense put 91 total yards on the board while their defense was as good as advertised holding Coldwater to just

20 yards. But after that second touchdown by Leugers, the Cavaliers found their mojo.

On their second possession of the second quarter Coldwater went to work at their own 35. They ran nine plays only to find themselves with a 4th and 19 at the Flyer 23. Quarterback Derek Thobe found Louis Barry at the right front corner of the end zone and after Neal Muhlenkamp kicked the PAT the score was 14-7 with 1:48 left in the half.

Marion failed to run out the clock and Coldwater got the ball back one more time with 28 seconds left at their own 40.

Thobe ran for 13 yards and found Muhlenkamp on a 21 yard pass play to put the ball on the Flyer 26. Thobe tried one more pass but threw the ball away under pressure. So with 4 seconds left on the clock Muhlenkamp kicked a 43 yard field goal.

It was from the exact same place on the field that Kyle McKibben kicked a 43 yard field goal as time expired last season to defeat the Flyers. On this night it sent the teams to the half time locker room with the Flyers leading 14-10 and wondering what should have been.

The second half saw both teams trade punts and Marion Local laid down a fumble which Coldwater could not capitalize on. That was how it went until late in the fourth quarter.

Coldwater knew it would take more than a field goal to win this one and they needed a break. A break is what they got when Marion, facing a 4th and

8 at the Coldwater 35 choose to punt and the snap sailed over the punters head. It was recovered at the Flyer 40 and Coldwater began their last possession with 4:00 to play.

Thobe rushed for 2 yards, but then threw 2 incomplete passes leaving the Cavaliers with a must convert 4th and 8. Thobe had not yet completed a pass in the second half and he needed a big one. He got it as Muhlenkamp got space and caught an over the shoulder pass for a first and goal at the 10.

Three plays later Thobe and Muhlenkamp hooked up again in the back left corner on a fade route for the go-ahead score.

After Thobe intercepted a Leugers pass, Coldwater ran out the clock and claimed the 17-14 victory.

For the night Thobe was 15 of 29 for 190 yards, two scores and one interception.

Muhlenkamp caught 8 passes for 114 yards and one score. Barry caught 2 for 41 yards and a touchdown.

Coldwater finished the game with 233 yards of total offense featuring 190 in the air. Marion Local struggled with the passing game completing just 4 of 15 for 22 yards, but they put up 221 rushing yards to finish with 243 total yards.

Coldwater plays at home for the first time next week as the will see the Fort Recovery Indians for the first time since 2013. Coldwater has won all 15 of their previous meetings. It will be another challenge for the Cavs as Fort is 20-7 since 2013 and are the defending D7 Champions.