Cavalier Football Weekly

Week 4 Results

Anna	35
New Bremen	12
St. Johns	19
Versailles	18
Ft. Recovery	12
Coldwater	30
Marion Local	44
Minster	06
St. Henry	41
Parkway	06
Kenton	14
St Marys	58
Delphos Jefferson	32
Allen East	22

Week 5 Matchups

Anna at St. Johns
Coldwater at St. Henry
Minster at Ft. Recovery
New Bremen at Parkway
Versailles at Marion Local
Van Wert at Kenton
Paulding at Jefferson

MAC Standings

	MAC	Overall
Coldwater	2-0	4-0
St. Henry	2-0	3-1
St. Johns	2-0	3-1
Anna	1-1	3-1
Ft. Recovery	1-1	3-1
Marion Local	1-1	3-1
Versailles	1-0	2-1
Minster	0-2	2-2
New Bremen	0-1	2-1
Parkway	0-1	0-3

Kenton (1-3), Jefferson (3-1)

St. Henry Series History

Series Record:	33-10-1
Last 10 Seasons:	10-0
Current Streak:	20 W
Otten's Record:	6-0
Last Year:	38-0 W
Largest Victory:	56-0 '01
Largest Defeat:	60-20 '89

Coldwater Defeats Ft. Recovery in Battle of Champions

Fort Recovery has only been playing football since 1995 and did not have a winning season until 2014. But last year the Indians climbed the tallest mountain and won the D7 State Championship.

Coldwater's success is well established and during those lean years at Fort, they beat the Indians all 15 times they played. But due to the MAC scheduling formula, these two teams did not compete in the 2014 or 2015 seasons. Both teams wanted to play each other - at their best.

Friday night should have been that opportunity, but injuries to key players at Fort as well as the temporary loss of their quarterback due to illness, squashed those hopes.

Regardless, the Indians showed why the are now part of the upper crust of the MAC as they battled the Cavaliers in the first half of this long awaited show down. But Coldwater made big plays and forced two turnovers to win 30-12.

The first quarter opened with Fort's Will Homan returning the opening kickoff to mid field, despite playing with a nagging hamstring. Six plays later the Indians did a good Cavalier imitation as they executed a 29 yard double pass to perfection and jumped on top 6-0 after a missed PAT kick.

Coldwater answered right back as Dylan Thobe capped a 7 play 61 yard drive with a 8 yard TD scamper. The drive was highlighted by a 42 yard pass from Thobe to Neal Muhlenkamp which setup Thobe's touchdown.

The first quarter ended with the

Cavaliers holding a 7-6 lead.

On their next possession the Indians used disciplined ball control to run off 13 plays covering 77 yards and took the lead back 12-7 with 9:51 left in the half.

Coldwater on their next possession drove the ball to the Fort 29, but turned it over on downs.

The Indians look to score again and increase their lead but the Cavalier defense was figuring things out and forced the Indians to punt. Nate Rinder caught the punt and his teammates built a nice wall along the Coldwater sidelines which Rinder ran behind and then used a nice stiff-arm on an Indian defender to cut back against the grain and got to the end zone going away to complete a 64 yard punt return for touchdown. The snap on the PAT was low and Thobe's pass attempt failed and the Cavaliers once again had a one point 13-12 lead with 4:09 left.

That punt return seemed to stun the Indians as on their next possession they threw an interception to Muhlenkamp which he returned to the Fort 38.

Three plays later Thobe tossed a swing pass to Brad Giere which he took to the Fort 5 and Thobe ran it in from there to give Coldwater a 20-12 lead at half time.

The second half saw Coldwater's defense shut down the Indians offense while the offense used another big play to seal the Indians fate.

Coldwater took the second half kickoff and went to work at their own 36. Three rushes

moved the ball to their 47 and then Thobe found Nate Rindler behind the Indians defense and he scored to put the Cavs up 27-12.

Late in the third Coldwater used their longest possession of the night, nine plays, to drive to the Fort three yard line. The drive fizzled as the Fort defense said 'no more' and Muhlenkamp kicked a 20 yard field goal, his third in four games to set the final score at 30-12.

For the night Coldwater rushed 27 times covering 112 yards. Thobe was 7 of 14 passing for 196 yards and a touchdown. Coldwater had a total of 308 yards of offense.

Fort Recovery was closer in the stat book than on the score board which demonstrates just how tight the game really was. 172 yards on 35 carries and 126 yard in the air for 298 total

Coldwater moves to 2-0 (4-0) and Fort falls to 1-1 (3-1).

Next up for Coldwater is the annual renewal of the "Backyard Battle", which has not been much of a battle in recent years - see **St. Henry Series History**.

From 1973-1996 the series was close with Coldwater going 13-10-1. Since then the Cavaliers have won all 20 games played and those wins have been mostly lopsided.

The Skins have been shutout the past two seasons. Their last victory over Coldwater as a 26-19 OT thriller in 1996.

The 2010 game which ended with Coldwater snatching a 7-6 victory was the last game that was really competitive.