

Cavalier Football Weekly

September 26, 2016 2016 Issue 6 By: Chris Cron

Week 5 Results

Anna	42
St. Johns	21
Coldwater	21
St. Henry	14
Minster	21
Ft. Recovery	33
New Bremen	10
Parkway	41
Versailles	07
Marion Local	28
Paulding	22
Delphos Jefferson	50
Van Wert	48
Kenton	12

Week 6 Matchups

St. Johns at New Bremen Ft. Recovery at Versailles Marion Local at Anna Parkway at Coldwater St. Henry at Minster Bluffton at Jefferson Kenton at Shawnee

MAC Standings

	MAC	Overall
Coldwater	3-0	5-0
Anna	2-1	4-1
Ft. Recovery	2-1	4-1
Marion Local	2-1	4-1
St. Henry	2-1	3-2
St. Johns	2-1	3-2
Versailles	1-2	2-3
Parkway	1-2	1-4
Minster	0-3	2-3
New Bremen	0-3	2-3

Kenton (1-4), Jefferson (4-1)

Parkway Series History

Series Record:	49-6-1
Last 10 Seasons:	10-0
Otten's Record:	6-0
Last Year:	42-6 W
Current Streak:	27 W
Largest Victory:	70-0 '05
Largest Defeat:	28-0 '73

The Backyard Battle Lives Up To Its Name

Imagine the *Rumble in the* Jungle going to the judges scorecard to determine the winner instead of Ali knocking out Forman. Or The Indy 500 aka *The Greatest Spectacle In Racing* ending under caution instead of the winner crossing the line at 225 mph just tenths of a second ahead of the next racer. Neither event would have quite lived up to the expectation or the hype.

Such as been the result of *The Backyard Battle* between Coldwater and St. Henry the past few years. Coldwater has won the last 20 meeting and over the last five seasons the average score has been 33-4.

Not so for the 2016 Battle which saw Coldwater fall behind early but recover and scratch out a 21-14 victory at Wally Post Athletic Complex in St. Henry.

The game started out fast and furious as the Redskins took the opening kick off and drove 64 yards in just six plays to take a 7-0 lead.

The Cavaliers responded more quickly as junior quarterback Dylan Thobe took the first snap and found a hole off left tackle. The Redskins defensive backs over ran the play and left the middle of the field exposes which allowed Dylan to run 82 yards untouched to the end zone. Neal Muhlenkamp's kick clanked off the top of the left upright and St. Henry maintained a 7-6 lead.

The Cavalier defense forced a three and out on the Skins next possession and Coldwater took over at the St. Henry 40.

Runs by Nate Rinder and Thobe moved the ball to the 22 yard

line. Rindler took the next handoff on a sweep right, got some handy blocking from his mates and forced four Skins to fall over each other as he rounded the corner to the pylon to put the Cavs up 13-7 after Muhlenkamp converted the PAT.

So despite falling behind early, the Cavs needed just four plays over two possessions to take the lead. But not so fast...

St. Henry took the ensuing kick off to their 31 and had their best drive of the night, moving 69 yards in 8 plays to retake the lead 14-13. And with that, the battle was joined.

Coldwater went to work on their next drive at their 15 yard line. They ran a total of 14 plays to cover 85 yards including converting 3 long third down plays. One was a seven yard pass from Thobe to Zach Klosterman, another was a 32 yard pass to Jacob Hartings and the last was a 20 yard completion Muhlenkamp for a first and goal at the seven. Three plays later Thobe found Muhlenkamp again on the right side to score from four yards out. They tried a pass on the PAT to gain the point they lost earlier, but Thobe overthrew Muhlenkamp in the right corner and the first half would end with the Cavaliers leading 19-14.

That scoring drive was Coldwater's longest of the season both in yard covered and plays consumed.

Both teams must have used all their offensive fireworks in the first half because the defenses reigned supreme in the second.

Coldwater compiled 237 yards of offense in the first half while

St. Henry tallied 158. But in the second half they only managed 66 and 54 yards respectively. So fans of offense and defense should have left the game satisfied.

Late in the fourth quarter Coldwater drove the ball to the St. Henry 40 but was forced to punt with about 30 seconds left to play. The Skins choose not to put a returner deep and Thobe landed his kick on the two yard line. The Skins attempted three passes from their end zone and the third time was a charm for Andy Siefring as he sack the QB for a safety as time expired. Final score Coldwater 21 St. Henry 14.

On the night Thobe as 10 of 17 passing for 121 yards and logged 18 rushes for 128. Klosterman caught 5 passes for 61 yards. Jack Muhlenkamp returned a punt for 70 yards too.

The game was turnover free and the two teams tallied just 3 penalties. All in all a well played football game.

Next the Cavaliers return home to face the Parkway Panthers who picked up their first win of the season defeating New Bremen 41-10.

OHSAA Division 5 Region 20

- 1 CHCA (5-1)
- 2 Coldwater (5-1)
- 3 Anna (4-1)
- 4 Milton-Union (4-1)
- 5 Madeira (4-1)
- 6 Brookville (3-2)
- 7 North Union (4-1)
- 8 Versailles (2-3)
- 9 Greeneview (4-1)
 - 10 Aiken (2-3)