



Week 12 - Results Division 6 - Region 24

1 - LCC (10-2)	17
4 - Coldwater (9-3)	24
2 - Marion Local (12-0)	35
3 - Spencerville (9-3)	00

Division 7 - Region 28

1 - Crestview (10-2)	32
4 - Minster (8-4)	35
2 - Lehman Catholic (10-2)	07
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Week 13 - Regional Finals Division 6 - Region 24

2 - Marion Local (12-0)
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Division 7 - Region 28

4 - Minster (8-4)
3 - Delphos St. John (8-4)

Coldwater Playoff History

- ♦ Total Appearances - 23
- ♦ Consecutive (thru 2017) - 21 ¹
- ♦ Regional Quarterfinals - 19-0
- ♦ Regional Semifinals - 19-4
- ♦ Regional Finals - 15-3
- ♦ Regional record - 53-7
- ♦ State Semifinals - 12-3
- ♦ State Finals - 6-6
- ♦ State record - 18-9
- ♦ Overall Record - 71-16 ²
- ♦ 11 consecutive Regional final appearances
- ♦ 8 consecutive Regional Championships.
- ♦ 8 consecutive State Finals appearance winning four of the last five.

¹ Currently the best in Ohio

² Currently 2nd best in Ohio behind Newark Catholic and St. Ignatius (72)

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Cavaliers Topple Thunderbird in final 33 Seconds

For all but the final 33 seconds of their Region 24 semifinal matchup the LCC Thunderbirds had their way with the Coldwater Cavaliers.

The T-Birds forced a total of 4 Cavalier turnovers and converted three of them to 17 points. But fatigue and inexperience on the big stage cost them as Coldwater rallied to a 24-17 victory at Harmon Field in Wapakoneta.

After an LCC punt rolled out of bounds at the Coldwater 24 with just over five minutes to play in the game the Cavaliers offense took the field trailing 17-10. It would probably be their last opportunity to tie the game. They had not played especially well all night as two lost fumbles and a pair of interceptions had cost them scoring opportunities. But this final drive would be different.

Five plays moved the ball to the Coldwater 44 where they faced a 4th and 8. Quarterback Sam Broering dropped back to pass and found no one open. Scrambling to the right he found running room and advanced the ball across midfield for a first down to the LCC 47.

Three plays later a 12 yard pass to Will Broering and a 15 yard completion to Alex May gave the Cavs a first and ten at the LCC 14. Two more plays yielded no yards but a holding call on the LCC defense gave Coldwater a first and goal at the LCC 7.

Two plays later Ben Wenning dove in from the two and after Blake Dippold converted the PAT Coldwater had tied the game at 17 with just 33 ticks left on the game clock.

The next 10 seconds were some of the most exciting in Cavalier lore.

Where most teams would just play for overtime and take their chances, Coldwater decided to gamble a little. Rather than squib it or kick deep into LCC territory, Coach Chip Otten asked Dippold to kick what they call a "sky ball".

Placing the ball on the left hash, Dippold kick the ball very high across the field to the numerals at the LCC 30 yard line. The return man miss judged the ball and it hit the turf about one yard in from of him, bounced off his chest and was recovered by the Cavaliers.

The LCC players threw their hands up in despair wondering how they could have messed up such an easy play. Meanwhile Otten was making plans to go for the win.

Back in the first half the Cavaliers leading receiver, Jacob Wenning sustained what is believed to be a concussion. So Broering did not have his best receiver on the field. Otten told Sam to look for his brother Will on a flag pattern and see what happens.

Will entered the game having caught just 6 passes for 53 yards and earlier he caught his 7th for 12 yards. At the snapped he sprinted down the sideline, brushed off a stiff-arm by the defensive back and caught a nice over the shoulder pass from Sam. Suddenly the Cavaliers went from season over to win and advance.

Dippold converted his 27th consecutive PAT and the final score was set at 24-17. He has not missed a PAT kick since the Ft. Recovery game nine weeks ago.

The game started as too many games have this season for Coldwater. LCC converted two turnovers on Coldwater's first two possessions into 14 points.

Early in the second quarter Coldwater had pinned LCC deep in their territory. A short punt from LCC's end zone resulted in the Cavs assuming possession at the T-Birds 30. Three plays later Brad Giere ran the ball in from 5 yards out and Coldwater closed the deficit to 14-7.

Late in the second quarter, LCC would kick a 30 yard field goal and they took a 17-7 lead at halftime.

Late in the third quarter Dippold kicked his 5th field goal of the year, a 37 yard kick that matched his career long. Coldwater pulled to within 7 at 17-10 and that setup the late game excitement.

On the night Broering was 17 of 25 for 183 yards, 2 TDs and 2 picks. Jacob Hartings have five catches for 57, Alex May 5 for 50 and Will Broering 2 for 45 and the go-ahead touchdown.

Sam Broering had 18 carries for 38 yards, Giere had 35 yards in 8 attempts, and Ben Wenning added 50

in 5 totes.

As a team Coldwater ran 59 plays for 119 rushing and 183 passing yards for a total of 302 yards.

LCC ran 53 plays for 233 yards; 116 rushing and 117 passing and committed two turnovers. A big negative for LCC was over 100 penalty yards on 11 infractions. Also they were three of nine on third down conversions. Coldwater was not much better at 5 of 11 but did convert 1 of their 3 fourth down attempts.

The loss sends LCC home for the winter with a very fine 10-2 record. Coldwater moves to 9-3 and will face Division 6 favorite and MAC rival Marion Local. The Flyers are 12-0 and defeated Spencerville 35-0 to advance to the Regional Final.

In Region 28, Minster and Delphos St. John won and set up another all MAC Regional Final which will result in two MAC schools competing in State Semifinal games.

The Cavs and Flyers last met at Coldwater in week three, a game the Flyers came from behind to win 13-7. Coldwater led 7-6 at halftime, but the Flyers scored the go ahead touchdown in the third as their defense shut down the Cavs in the second half. Hopefully for the Cavs the old adage about how hard it is to beat a team twice in the same season holds true.

This game will be played in Sidney where the Cavaliers are 2-0 in post season play. It will be the first playoff game between the Cavs and another MAC team since Versailles in 2011. Coldwater is 4-1 in post season play versus MAC opponents.

No stat comparisons this week as these comparisons are helpful when playing unfamiliar opponents. But this will be Cavs versus Flyers, MAC vs MAC for the Region 24 championship. See you in Sidney.

MAC Dominance

This past weekend New Bremen and Versailles won state volleyball titles raising to 123 the total team titles won by MAC schools. It is New Bremen first team title and now every MAC school has won a team state championship.