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Coldwater Foils New Bremen Upset Bid

The great thing about MAC football is that no matter what record a team brings into a game, their opponent has to bring their best game to the table or face an embarrassing upset. That almost happened at Cavalier Stadium Friday night.

The New Bremen Cardinals, winless in eight games this season and 10 straight dating back to last season won the statistical battle with the Coldwater Cavaliers. But the only stat that matters is the final score which Coldwater claimed 30-21.

The Cav-Gun offense which has struggled in recent weeks, continued to misfire and each blown opportunity only emboldened the visiting Cardinals. The defenses ruled the first quarter which ended in a scoreless tie.

Coldwater finally capitalized on a New Bremen turnover as Austin Bruns scored from 8 yards to finish a two play 17 yard drive. Troy Otten's PAT made the score 7-0. New Bremen immediately responded driving 50 yards in just 3 plays capped by a 32 yard TD pass to Ben Chaney to tie the game at 7 after the PAT. Then with just 2:37 remaining in the first half, Coldwater ended a 7 play 65 yard drive with a 29 yard pass from Bruns to Caleb Siefring to lead at half time 14-7 after Otten's PAT.

Coldwater came out in the second half needing to make a statement and did so by recording a safety and their longest pass of the night, 57 yard from Bruns to Jordan Chapin to take a 23-7 lead. It looked like the game was beginning to play out as expected. But football games have four quarters and New Bremen dominated the final 12 minutes.

The Cardinals had their longest drive of the night, 7 plays covering 63 yards which ended with Aaron Clune diving in from 2 yards out and then catching the PAT pass to close the score to 23-15.

Later, Coldwater moved the ball across mid field but fumbled and gave possession back to New Bremen at their own 42. An inspired Cardinal offense punched and passed their way down field until Chaney caught a 29 yard pass for his second touchdown to pull within two points 23-21. The pass attempt on the point after try was batted down and Coldwater clung to a tenuous lead.

Coldwater responded and drove deep into Cardinal territory but gave the ball back to New Bremen with just under 2 minutes to play. But the Cardinals threw their second interception of the night and speedster Caleb Siefring returned it untouched 57 yards for the final score. Troy Otten's PAT made the final 30-21 and Coldwater survived the upset bid.

Bruns lead all rushers with 84 yards of Coldwater's 173 rushing yards. Bruns also threw for 129 yards on 12 of 23 attempts. Chapin had one catch for 57 yards and Siefring had two for 38 yards as Bruns spread his passes among 7 different receivers.

But the offensive star of the game was New Bremen's Ben Chaney. He caught 10 passes for 237 yards and 2 touchdowns. Six of those receptions went for 25, 61, 32, 30, 38 and 29 yards.

Next week Coldwater travels to Minster to take on the 6-3 Minster Wildcats.

Last season Coldwater prevailed 40-20 to move their series winning streak to

17 games and they lead the series 44-12.

Week 9 Results

Anna	00	Marion Local	14
Versailles	33	St John's	21
Minster	28	New Bremen	21
Parkway	16	Coldwater	30
St Henry	00	Defiance	15
Ft Recovery	25	Kenton	54
Edgerton	21		
Hicksville	34		

Week 10 Schedule

Coldwater @ Minster
Ft Recovery @ Marion Local
Parkway @ Anna
St John's @ New Bremen
Versailles @ St Henry
Hicksville @ Fairview
Kenton @ Wapakoneta

Division V - Region 20 Standings

1	9-0	Marion Pleasant
2	9-0	West Liberty-Salem
3	8-1	Frankfort Adena
4	9-0	Covington
5	7-2	Coldwater
6	7-2	West Jefferson
7	7-2	Versailles
8	7-2	Triad

Versailles jump back in to the top eight replacing Dayton Christian. Anna has been eliminated from contention.

MAC Standings

Team	MAC	OA	ST
Marion Local	6-1	7-2	1L
Coldwater	6-1	7-2	1W
St. John's	6-1	6-3	2W
Versailles	5-2	7-2	3W
Minster	5-2	7-2	5W
Anna	3-4	5-4	1L
Ft. Recovery	3-4	5-4	1W
Parkway	2-5	3-6	1L
St. Henry	1-6	1-8	6L
New Bremen	0-7	0-9	9L

Non-League

Kenton	9-0	9W
Hicksville	7-2	7W