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Following their victory over rival St. Henry the Coldwater Cavaliers celebrated long and loud in the locker room. They were led in a slow, deliberated echo cheer; counting out from 1 to 15 for each of the fifteen consecutive victories the Cavaliers now own over the Redskins.

It was a much needed victory for the young Cavaliers for many reasons. They had stumbled out of the gate dropping two of their first three games for the first time since 1994. They are rebuilding rather than reloading as they have been accustomed to the past 15 years. And they are trying to find a new identity as they are adjusting to the loss of long time head coach John Reed.

Coach Reed was the focus of the evening as prior to the opening kickoff, the Coldwater and St. Henry communities paused to reflect on the life and accomplishments of the most successful coach in MAC history. Many of Coach Reed's family were in attendance as a memorial plaque was unveiled by principle Steve Keller and AD Eric Goodwin which will hang in the Commons at Coldwater High School. And in a show of solidarity with the family John's two grandsons stood arm-in-arm with the Cavaliers in the west end zone and led the team through the spirit banner and onto field before the game began. Bravo to the football players who included these

youngsters in their pregame ritual. They took care to remain at a safe distance behind the boys allowing them to truly lead them on the field and honored them in a way that Coach Reed would surely have appreciated.

The game was another classic in the 37 year history of the Backyard Battle. Defense ruled the evening as both offenses moved the ball well but often faltered when approaching the red zone.

Coldwater cracked the scoreboard halfway into the second quarter as Austin Bruns hit Drew Feltz for the Cavaliers only score of the night. St. Henry's offense struggled in the first half but came to life in the second. The Coldwater defense bent but did not break until the 3:37 mark in the fourth as Zach Gottes ran in from one yard out to cut the lead to one at 7-6.

But as happens so many times in this series and for the second game in a row, the Redskin's PAT sailed wide right and the final score was set.

Aaron Rammel rushed for 100 yards to lead the Coldwater attack. Austin Bruns had another rough week going 16 of 29 passing for 139 and two interceptions.

Next up Coldwater visits The Hole to face undefeated Versailles.

Week 4 Results

St. Henry	06
Coldwater	07
Minster	06
Marion Local	41
New Bremen	35
Ft. Recovery	20
Versailles	43
Parkway	07
Anna	13
St. John	37
Kenton	20
Ottawa-Glandorf	22
Ben Logan	17
Bellefontaine	19

Week 5 Schedule

Coldwater @ Versailles
Ft. Recovery @ Parkway
Marion Local @ Anna
New Bremen @ Minster
St. John @ St. Henry
Elida @ Kenton
Tippecanoe @ Ben Logan

MAC Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>MAC</u>	<u>OA</u>	<u>ST</u>
Marion Local	2-0	4-0	4W
St. John's	2-0	4-0	4W
Versailles	2-0	4-0	4W
Anna	1-1	3-1	1L
St. Henry	1-1	2-2	1L
Coldwater	1-1	2-2	1W
New Bremen	1-1	1-3	1W
Ft. Recovery	0-2	2-2	2L
Parkway	0-2	1-3	3L
Minster	0-2	0-4	4L

Non-League

Kenton	3-1	1L
Ben Logan	3-1	2W