



## Defense leads Coldwater to State Semifinals

The Coldwater Cavaliers won their third consecutive regional title as they defeated the West Jefferson Roughriders 28-6 at Alexander Stadium in Piqua. It is Coldwater's 10th regional title and fourth in the past five years.

It was the Coldwater defense that led the way to the victory. This post season they have allowed just 13 points in 3 games and on this night they held West Jefferson to their lowest point total of the season. They shutdown a passing game that had compiled over 2000 yards by allowing just 146 yards. An equally powerful rushing attack was held to 39 yards on 24 carries for a total of 185 yards in the game. West Jefferson scored on their first possession of the night driving 80 yards in 10 plays with a touchdown being scored on a tipped pass. The rest of the night the Cav D gave up only 105 yards on 38 plays. Quite an impressive night for Coach Tim Hoying's defense.

Meanwhile the West Jefferson defense held the Coldwater offense in check until late in the second quarter when they ran a 10 play drive of their own for 77 yards and a touchdown scored via a 15 yard pass from Austin Bruns to Caleb Siefring. Troy Otten added the PAT and Coldwater grabbed the 7-6 lead which they took to the locker room at half time.

The Cavaliers should have had a more comfortable lead as twice in the first half they got the ball inside the red zone and turned it over. Once on a fumble inside the 10 and the other on an interception in the end zone as the half expired.

To start the second half Coldwater needed to make a statement and they used the Junior tandem of Bruns to Siefring to get it done. On the second play of the half Bruns dropped back to pass and found Siefring streaking down the right side. With the wind at his back Bruns lofted the ball high and Siefring moved under it to complete the 68 yard scoring strike. Otten's PAT made it 14-6.

Then with just 58 seconds left in the third, Bruns found Josh Huber wide open down the left sideline for a 72 yard pitch and catch and after the PAT, Coldwater held a 21-6 advantage.

In the fourth quarter head coach Chip Otten used the running game to grind out the clock as the Cavaliers had the wind in their faces. Led by Drew Klosterman who had 53 yards on 10 carries the Cavaliers drove 68 yards in six plays with Klosterman crashing in from 4 yards out with just under 8 minutes to play to close out the scoring and the 28-7 victory.

For the game Bruns was 13 of 20 for 337 yards and 3 touchdowns. As always the pass was spread among a fleet of receivers as 7 Cavaliers caught passes. Siefring lead them all with 145 yards on just four catches and 2 touchdowns. Huber also caught 4 balls for 155 yards and a score. Aaron Mestemaker caught one pass for 41 yards.

Bruns led all rushers with 68 yards, followed by Klosterman with 53 and Jordan Chapin with 21.

All tolled the Cavaliers had 156 rushing yards to go with 337 passing yards for a total offensive output of 493 yards - the most total yards in a game this season.

Coldwater advances to the final four for the ninth time. They are 6-3 in state semi-finals and 4-1 in their last 5 visits.

Their opponents will be the Hicksville Aces a team the Cavaliers defeated in the second game of the season 51-13. That game was at Hicksville. This one will be at Lima Stadium which has become a second home for the Aces as this will be their third straight game at that site.

### Tidbits:

- ◆ The Coldwater offense averaged 275 yards per game in the regular season. In three post season games they have averaged 409 yard per game.
- ◆ Caleb Siefring had been the playmaker in the post season for Coldwater. In three games he has caught 10 passes for 373 yards and six touchdowns. For the season he has 15 touchdown catches and 2 interception returns for touchdowns to lead all Cavalier scorers with 102 points.
- ◆ 25 of Troy Otten's 61 kickoffs have been touchbacks.
- ◆ Coldwater has won at least 10 games for the past 12 seasons.
- ◆ So far in his first two seasons as Head Coach, Chip Otten is 21-6 (78%). Only his father Barney Otten had a higher winning percentage in his first two seasons going 16-4 (80%)

### *Division 5 Semifinal Results*

Region 20		Region 18	
Coldwater	28	Hicksville	34
W. Jefferson	06	Patrick Henry	07

Region 19		Region 17	
Bucyrus Wynford	54	Kirtland	52
Lucasville Valley	48	Crestview	41

### *Division 5 State Semifinals*

Coldwater	(10-3)
Hicksville	(11-2)
Bucyrus Wynford	(13-0)
Kirtland	(13-0)



# CAVALIER Football Weekly

## 2011 OHSAA Football Playoffs - Division V State Semifinals

There are only four teams still playing football in Division 5 and for the third straight year one of those teams is the Coldwater Cavaliers (10-3). The other three teams are Bucyrus Wynford (13-0) who will face Kirtland (13-0) in one semifinal and the surprising Hicksville Aces (11-2) who will be Coldwater's next opponent.

After dropping their first two games, including a 51-13 loss to the Cavaliers, Hicksville has rattled off 11 straight wins. They remind us of last years Coldwater team who started off 1-2 and ended up in the title game. So this Hicksville team is a much better one than Coldwater saw two months ago. It appears they have not changed anything in terms of their playbook or personnel, they are just executing at a higher level than they did early in the season.

One interesting thing to consider is that in terms of computer points Coldwater was assisted by the fine season that Hicksville had. Those non-league opponents are ones that you need to win in order to get second level points which are so important. Now the Cavaliers will have to defeat one of those teams again if they want to get back to Massillon.

Hicksville has participated in the playoffs four times, 2003, 2004, 2009 and 2011. Their deepest run was 2004 when they lost to Norwalk St. Paul 22-0 in the state semifinals. Coldwater is 6-3 all time in the state semifinals and 44-14 all time in the playoffs. Will this experience serve them well?

### Coldwater 2011 Season Results (10-3)

Loc	Opponent	Result	Opp Div/Rec
H	Kenton	17 - 24	4 11 - 0
A	Hicksville	51 - 13	5 10 - 2
H	Anna	* 17 - 0	5 6 - 4
A	St Henry	* 28 - 7	6 1 - 9
H	Versailles	* 36 - 19	5
A	Parkway	* 28 - 0	5 3 - 4
H	St John's	* 17 - 14	6 8 - 3
A	Marion Local	* 0 - 7	6 9 - 2
H	New Bremen	* 30 - 21	6 0 - 10
A	Minster	* 6 - 22	6 8 - 3
A	Covington	31 - 7	5 10 - 1
N	Versailles	43 - 0	5 8 - 4
N	West Jefferson	28 - 6	5 10 - 3
N	Hicksville		
* League Opponent		Avg 25.5 - 10.8	84 - 45

### Hicksville 2011 Season Results (11-2)

Loc	Opponent	Result	Opp Div/Rec
H	Archbold	37 - 43	5 7 - 3
H	Coldwater	13 - 51	5 10 - 3
H	Edon	70 - 22	6 7 - 4
A	Tinora	34 - 7	5 7 - 3
H	Antwerp	68 - 0	6 1 - 9
A	Wayne Trace	27 - 0	5 5 - 5
H	Ayersville	49 - 3	6 2 - 8
A	Holgate	49 - 0	6 2 - 8
H	Edgerton	34 - 21	6 8 - 3
A	Fairview	46 - 6	5 4 - 6
A	Hopewell-Loudon	28 - 7	5 10 - 1
N	Liberty-Benton	20 - 13	5 10 - 2
N	Patrick Henry	34 - 7	5 10 - 2
N	Coldwater		
* League Opponent		Avg 39.2 - 14	83 - 57

