



## Coldwater is Going to Massallion!

For the third consecutive season the Coldwater Cavaliers will be competing for a State Championship in Stark County as they defeated Hicksville 41-21 at Lima Stadium on Friday night.

Their opponent will be undefeated Kirtland who dispatched Bucyrus Winford 42-0 in the other Division 5 semifinal.

Coldwater scored first as they took the opening kickoff 64 yards in 13 plays. Jordan Chapin scored on a 4 yard run to give the Cavs a 7-0 lead after Troy Otten's PAT.

Hicksville responded with a nice drive of their own. Running 7 plays and covering 71 yards, QB Justin Miller covered the last 6 yards to tie the score at 7-7.

That is the way the first quarter closed and it appeared that the game would be a classic matchup between two high powered offenses and stingy defenses. But Coldwater had a breakout 2nd quarter as they scored 21 unanswered points.

Chapin started things off with just 4 seconds off the 2nd quarter clock scoring from 3 yards out to make the score 14-7 after Otten's PAT.

Then with 7:29 on the clock Chapin scored his third TD of the night from 8 yards out to make the score 21-7. The play was a direct snap out of the Wildcat formation and QB Austin Bruns had a tremendous pancake block to lead the way for Chapin.

Having scored three times on the ground, and with the wind at their backs the Cavaliers went to the air for TD number four. It was a familiar play as Bruns found super junior Caleb Siefring on a 40 yard steak up the right hash as

Coldwater put Hicksville in a 28-7 hole at half time. It was Siefring's 16th TD catch of the season.

Things began well in the second half for the Aces as Bruns telegraphed a pass to Chapin which was picked off by Shane Bostic (there's a football name for ya) for a 31 yard pick six and Hicksville closed the score to 28-14.

But Coldwater did not panic and on their ensuing possession drove 73 yards on 12 plays as Bruns found Aaron Mestemaker on a 7 yard pass to push the lead back to three scores at 35-14.

Early in the fourth quarter the Aces made it 35-21 as speedy Caleb Johns scored from 5 yards out.

Cavalier fans got a little nervous as Hicksville pulled off a perfect onside kick and got the ball back at the Coldwater 48. But the Cavalier defense came up big and forced a turnover on downs.

The Coldwater offense could not move the ball either but Cavalier punter Kyle Bergman pinned the Aces back at their own three yard line with about 6 minutes to play. The defense came up big again as four Hicksville plays netted just 3 yards and Coldwater took over on downs at the Aces 3 yard line with 4:31 to play.

Senior fullback Drew Klosterman ran the ball three times and scored from 1 yard out with 3:45 to play and Coldwater set the final score at 41-21, punching their ticket to Massillon.

For the night Bruns was 15 of 22 passing for 225, 1 TD and 2 interceptions. Josh Huber had 3 catches for 77 yards including a 50 yarder. Troy Otten caught 3 for

47 yards, Siefring 2 for 45 yards and a score, Chapin 3 for 26, Mestemaker 2 for 17 and a TD and Alex Stammen 2 for 13 yards.

Chapin rushed for 59 yards on 12 carries, and Bruns ran 52 yards on 11 totes.

Field position was big again for the Cavaliers as Bergman's two punts averaged 50.5 yards and Troy Otten put 4 of his seven kicks in the end zone for touchbacks.

With the victory Coldwater improves to 11-3 and Hicksville's closes a most impressive season at 11-3 also.

Don't be fooled by the final score. The Aces were a much improved team since their last defeat - a week 2 loss to Coldwater 51-13. Their running game was crisper averaging 4.5 yards per play and their passing game was hampered only by dropped passes at critical times. Congratulations to Hicksville on fine season and a very impressive playoff run. Coldwater will host Hicksville in the second game of the 2012 season.

### Tidbits:

"Team of the Century" - Since 2000 the Coldwater Cavalier football program...

- ...is 145-22 (87%) which is the best record by any program in Ohio.
- ...will play their 48th post season game.
- ... has played in 8 final fours.
- ...will play in their 3rd consecutive title game and 5th in the past 7 years.

The MAC will have TWO teams in the State Finals for the eighth time in nine years. Mercer County's Coldwater and Marion Local will represent the MAC.

With all the debate since last season over public vs private and this springs failed vote to modify the playoff system, only 4 of the 24 teams in the final four are private schools and of those only 2 made it to the Finals.



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## 2011 OHSAA Football Playoffs - Division V State Finals

After the week 10 defeat at Minster, it is hard to believe that Coldwater is going to compete in their third consecutive state title game. But that loss to Minster was a wake-up call. The offense has averaged just under 400 yards and 35 points per game. The defense has amped up too allowing just 181 yards and 8.5 points per game.

All that stands between Coldwater and a third state title are the Kirtland Hornets. Kirtland has been to the playoffs six times including trips to the Regional finals in 2008 and 2010. In both those games they lost to eventual state champion Youngstown Ursuline. This is their first trip to the state title game.

The Hornets are a high powered offense as they average 40 points per game and allow only seven. On paper the teams appear to be well matched. As you know I find strength of schedule says a lot about how strong a team might be. Only one of Kirtland's regular season opponents made the playoffs (Cuyahoga Heights) and they were one and done. Only three of their regular season opponents had winning records.

Coldwater faced six teams who played in the post season and two of those teams are also playing in Stack County this weekend. Five of the Cavs regular season opponents had winning records.

Of course this is only subjective analysis and as they say "that is why they play the game." So let's all have a safe trip to Massillon and may the football game be one to remember.

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

Loc	Opponent	Result	Opp Div/Rec
H	<b>Kenton</b>	17 - 24	4 11 - 0
A	<b>Hicksville</b>	51 - 13	5
H	Anna	* 17 - 0	5 6 - 4
A	St Henry	* 28 - 7	6 1 - 9
H	<b>Versailles</b>	* 36 - 19	5
A	Parkway	* 28 - 0	5 3 - 4
H	<b>St John's</b>	* 17 - 14	6 8 - 3
A	<b>Marion Local</b>	* 0 - 7	6 9 - 2
H	New Bremen	* 30 - 21	6 0 - 10
A	<b>Minster</b>	* 6 - 22	6 8 - 3
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A	Covington	31 - 7	5 10 - 1
N	Versailles	43 - 0	5 8 - 4
N	West Jefferson	28 - 6	5 10 - 3
N	Hicksville	41 - 21	5 11 - 3
* League Opponent		Avg 26.6 - 11.5	85 - 46

### Kirtland 2011 Season Results (14-0)

Loc	Opponent	Result	Opp Div/Rec
A	West Branch	17 - 0	3 4 - 6
A	Harvey	49 - 7	2 1 9
A	Orange	42 - 16	3 4 - 6
H	Hawken	42 - 8	4 6 - 4
H	<b>Cuyahoga Hgts</b>	24 - 12	5 9 2
A	Berkshire	28 - 0	5 5 - 5
A	Cardinal	45 - 20	4 1 - 9
H	Beachwood	33 - 0	4 6 - 4
A	Fairport Harding	54 - 6	6 5 - 5
H	Newbury	49 - 0	6 2 - 8
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H	Columbiana	49 - 8	5 8 - 3
N	Garaway	52 - 7	5 9 - 3
N	Crestview	35 - 7	5 11 - 2
N	Wynford	42 - 0	5 13 - 1
* League Opponent		Avg 40.1 - 6.5	84 - 67

