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2010 Kickoff Edition

A NEW ERA: This Friday night Coldwater will kick off the 75th season of football for the Cavaliers. It will also mark the beginning of a new era as former assistant Chip Otten assumes the head coaching position taking over for the beloved John Reed who passed away on May 7th after a courageous battle with cancer.



Coach Otten is a graduate of Coldwater High School where he played quarterback under the guidance of his father, Head Coach Barney Otten. During Coach Otten's 8 seasons as an assistant he coached defensive ends, guards and centers. On game nights he could be found in the press box on the other end of the headphones coordinating the offense with Coach Reed. During that period the Cavaliers were 100-9, with 4 state appearances, and 2 State Titles (2005, 2007). Coldwater won the MAC title 5 times and also had 5 undefeated regular seasons.

This will be Coach Otten's second stint as a head football coach. From 1995-2000 at Middletown he compiled a 26-34 (43%) record. He also served as an assistant at Middletown from 1987-1994 and at Valley View in 2001. He played college football and graduated from Bowling Green State University where he was awarded a scholarship at Quarterback. He served as a graduate assistant there as well as at Ball State and Indiana University. Currently, Coach Otten is a physical education and health teacher at Coldwater Exempted Village Schools.

He and his wife Diane have four children.

FAMILIAR FACES: The loss of Coach Reed leave some large shoes to fill. Coach Otten has said that can never replace Coach Reed he can only assume his position. Fortunately, the most successful assistant coaching staff for the past 10 seasons in the state of Ohio with a 123-15 record is returning in full. When speaking of his staff during a recent interview, Otten said, "All the coaches are coming back obviously with the exception of John. There's obviously going to be challenges in there because they're used to John and now I guess I'm a very different personality than John, so hopefully we can continue the same basic philosophical things with maybe different personalities doing that."



The defensive mastermind Tim Hoyng is returning for his 34th season, Randy Wright (26), Jerry Kanney (14), Jason Hemmelgarn (12) and Thad Forsthoefel (7) round out the veteran staff. They will be joined by first year coach Jeff Kerr.

Not much will change as far as managing the team is concerned. Fans can expect to see the same level of discipline they saw during the Reed years. You will see little things that are more a reflection of Coach Otten's easy going style, but make no mistake; intensity will remain a key attitude in Cavalier football.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Every season Coldwater has to reload to some degree. The interior lines seem to be where graduation hits hard and this year is no exception. But the Cavs always manage to find a group of seniors that put in a lot of hard work in the offseason and do what needs to be done to give the skill positions a chance to perform. This year Coldwater returns a number of players who saw significant playing time last season and they will be the ones to watch this year.

Leading the way will be Reese Klenke (WR/DB 6-4, 185, Sr.) who caught 61 passes for 834 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. He will be joined by Kurt Schoenherr (WR/DB 5-11, 165, Sr.) who caught the ball 54 times for 713 yards and 6 scores.

Aaron Rammel (LB/RB 6-0, 190, Sr.), who was the second leading rusher last season with 315 yards and 7 touchdowns will be the workhorse out of the backfield at least in the early going. Ross Wermert (RB/DB 5-11, 170, Sr.) should prove to double the running threat. Last season he rushed for 122 yards and had 207 receiving yards. As a senior he will be called upon to raise his game.

The biggest hole to fill will be the one vacated by All-Ohio's Keith Wenning. The leading candidate heading into two-a-days was Ethan Bettinger (QB 5-



11,175, Sr.) who only completed 10 passes for 25 yards last season. But that situation was dealt a blow as Ethan suffered a break in his lower leg during the first week of practice. Look for Sophomore Austin Bruns to get the starting nod during the first few weeks of the season. When you first see Austin you will think they cloned Keith Wenning as it was hard to tell them apart last year save for their jersey number. Bruns at 6-4 will be the QB of the future but Bettinger at 5-11 will challenge him once he returns from his injury.

The offensive and defensive lines will have some senior leadership to look to as Kyle Post (6-1, 220), Nick Gilliland (6-5, 215) and brother Brad Gilliland (6-5, 215) will return with a lot of experience to draw upon.

A CHALLENGING SCHEDULE: This season will see a re-arranged schedule as the MAC enters the third season where schedules are re-balanced such that the teams with the best records over the past two seasons will not play the teams with the worst records during the same period. The MAC is renowned as one—if not the—toughest conference in the state. Coldwater will be challenged not so much by who is on the schedule but the order in which they play. Week one starts off with a very talented Kenton team followed by the home opener with Ben Logan, playing the final year of a two year contract. Then the MAC season begins with Anna and then St. Henry, two teams the Cavs faced during last season’s playoffs. Next is a rising Versailles team followed by Parkway. League favorite Delphos is next followed by Marion Local, two teams which also went far down the tourney trail last season. If the Cavs can gain significant

success in the first eight weeks of the season they can use the final two games versus New Bremen and Minster as tune-ups for the playoffs.

Regarding the schedule Otten reflected, “Right off the bat, we have Kenton, and they have probably one of the best quarterbacks in the state (Maty Mauk), That’s a huge game for us because they’re a division above us, and they’re going to get a ton of points for us if we can beat them. The league is very difficult. Fortunately I guess for this year, almost everybody lost a lot of good, key players with the exception of probably Delphos (St. John’s). Delphos has the most coming back. They did lose they’re quarterback, but they’ve got a ton of guys coming back, so that’ll be a huge hurdle. And of course, just like always, St. Henry, Marion Local, Anna, Versailles is really improving and getting close to back maybe where they were four or five or six years ago. The league is just tough; you just have to go in there every week and keep plugging away.”



FIRST UP—KENTON: The 2010 season starts off with the traditional match up with the WBL’s Kenton Wildcats. The Cavs are 9-1 in season openers versus the Cats and last year defeated Mike Mauk’s boys from Putnam County 29-22 for the eighth straight time. Coldwater is 17-9 all time verses Kenton.

Kenton is the defending champion in the WBL, going 9-0 in league action last season. They won on the opening weekend of the playoffs but lost in week 2 to finish the year at 10-2.

2009 Results

Kenton	29 - 25
@Ben Logan	41 - 07
Versailles	25 - 14
@Marion Local	42 - 19
Anna	27 - 13
@Parkway	48 - 14
St. Henry	17 - 00
@St. Johns	20 - 27
Minster	35 - 00
@New Bremen	47 - 06
Hamilton Badin	41 - 00
Anna	28 - 21 lot
St. Henry	47 - 41 4ot
Patrick Henry	35 - 24
Y'town Ursuline	25 - 55

2009 Final MAC Standings

<u>Standings</u>	<u>LW</u>	<u>LL</u>	<u>OW</u>	<u>OL</u>
St. John's	8	0	10	0
Coldwater	7	1	9	1
Anna	6	2	8	2
St. Henry	5	3	7	3
Versailles	4	4	6	4
New Bremen	4	4	5	5
Marion Local	3	5	5	5
Fort Recovery	2	6	3	7
Parkway	2	6	2	8
Minster	0	8	1	9

<u>Non-League</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
Kenton	9	1
Ben Logan	2	8

2010—Schedule

@ Kenton
Benjamin Logan
@ Anna
St. Henry
@ Versailles
Parkway
@ St. John
Marion Local
@ New Bremen
Minster

Week 1 Schedule

Anna @ Lehman Catholic
Coldwater @ Kenton
Fort Recovery @ Mississinawa
Parkway @ Crestview
Lima Shawnee @ Marion Local
Minster @ Ft. Loramie
New Bremen @ Covington
St. Henry @ Marion Pleasant
Lima Central Catholic @ St. John's
Versailles @ Celina
Riverside @ Benjamin Logan

Each week we will highlight the upcoming schedule and the previous weeks scores for all of Coldwater's opponents plus the MAC and Region 20 standings.