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Cavalier Defense Grounds the Rockets

It was not the typical Coldwater - Anna matchup. In seven previous meetings the two teams put an average of 45 points on the scoreboard. In their eighth meeting Coldwater put the only points on the board; 17, both offenses posted 429 yards of total offense, committed four turnovers and punted the football 11 times.

Coldwater, a team that for years has featured a spread offense which uses the pass to setup the run, could only manage 72 yards passing on this night.

The last time Coldwater had less than 100 yard passing in a game was in '08 at Parkway - 48 yards. But in that game Coach John Reed holstered his passing game because Parkway was simply outmanned. Consider the final score; 51-6.

You have to go back to '06 to find a game between two evenly matched teams where Coldwater had less than 100 yards passing (83). That was a 14-7 win over St. Henry.

So for those fans who like defense, this game was fun to watch. The Coldwater defense was solid from the get-go.

Three times in the first half the Rockets got inside the red zone and could do no better than a fumble, a turnover on downs and a missed field goal. Anna totaled 96 yards rushing and 129 passing for a total of 225 yards on the night.

While the Anna offense was struggling, their defense was just as solid as Coldwater's. They allowed 132 yards rushing and 72 yards passing for a total of 204 yards.

When two teams are locked into a defensive battle, the game will usually be decided by special teams and turnovers.

The Coldwater special teams setup the first score as a Coldwater punt glanced off an Anna defenseman and was recovered by the Cavaliers at the Anna 10.

Two plays later Drew Klosterman plunged in from the 2 and with the Troy Otten PAT and Coldwater grabbed a 7-0 lead. With 10 seconds remaining in the first the Anna defense killed a Coldwater drive at the Anna 10 and Troy Otten kicked his third field goal of the season from 27 yards away, Coldwater 10 Anna 7 after one quarter.

Coldwater scored the final points of the game at the 8:43 mark of the second quarter as Austin Bruns threw a 12 yard scoring pass to Aaron Mestemaker. Otten added the point after and the score was 17-0.

Anna fumbled and lost the football three times but Coldwater did so only once. Cavalier punter Kyle Bergman punted 6 times for a 43.5 yard average consistently pinning Anna at or inside their 20 yard line. Troy Otten had four kickoffs with averaged 56.5 yards including one touchback.

Austin Bruns was the statistical leader again this week, logging 92 yards rushing and 72 yards passing. Caleb Siefiring caught three passes for 30 yards. Mestemaker has 28 yards on three receptions.

Next up for Coldwater is the 39th annual Backyard Battle with St. Henry. This is the 40th meeting overall and Coldwater holds a 28-10-1 advantage having won the last 15 meetings.

St. Henry is coming off a 43-13 victory over Parkway and stand 1-2 on the season.

Week 3 Results

Anna	00
Coldwater	17
Edon	22
Hicksville	70
Kenton	66
Van Wert	13
Minster	00
St John's	07
New Bremen	08
Marion Local	55
St Henry	42
Parkway	13
Versailles	46
Ft Recovery	33

MAC Standings

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

Non-League

Kenton	3-0	3W
Hicksville	1-2	1W

Week 4 Schedule

Coldwater @ St Henry
Ft Recovery @ New Bremen
Marion Local @ Minster
Parkway @ Versailles
St John's @ Anna
also...
Shawnee @ Kenton
Hicksville @ Tinora