



CAVALIERS STUMBLE OUT OF THE GATE

It was a rough start to the 2013 campaign for the Coldwater Cavaliers as their annual opening matchup was a disappointing 22-2 loss to the Kenton Wildcats.

Contrary to the mild weather of the month of August, this evening was hot and humid. Neither team look especially sharp and were fatigued by the end of the third quarter. But Kenton returned a lot of experience this year and the young Cavaliers just were not up to the challenge.

Kenton QB Grant Sherman was the star of the night as he completed 25 of 44 passes for 256 yards with 2 touchdown passes and he ran for a third. Coldwater's lone score came when the defense chased Sherman into the end zone and pressured him into intentionally ground a pass resulting in a 2 point safety.

The Coldwater offense looked nothing like the machine fans have been accustomed to recently. But there glimpses of what could be. Brody Hoyng rushed for 38 yards out of the shotgun and at times broke through cracks in the Wildcat defense for extra yardage. Hoyng added 180 passing yards on 17 completions in 32 attempts. Adam Klosterman caught 7 passes for 103 yards including a 47 yard catch and run.

Next Up – Bishop Hartley

A new opponent awaits the Cavaliers next week as Coldwater will travel to Columbus to face the Bishop Hartley Hawks. This addition was a good one to Coldwater's non-conference schedule as the Hawks have a long tradition of success and the Harbin points to be garnered will be important if Coldwater hopes to make the playoffs.

This will be the first meeting between the two schools. Bishop Hartley opened in 1957 and it's first senior class of 177 students graduated in 1961.

Last season the Hawks finished 13-1 and won Region 14. They were shocked in the state semifinals by D4 champ Clinton-Massie. This season Hartley drops to D5 with little loss of talent.

Head coach Brad Burchfield (51-11 at Hartley/82-36 career) returns seven starters on offense and five on defense. Leading the way will be senior DB/WR Alonzo Saxton (5-11, 175) who is a verbal commitment Duke University.

The defense is anchored by senior DL Kalil Morris (6-3, 275) who posted 105 tackles and 14 sacks the last two seasons.

Offensively, senior QB Jared Brandewie (6-5, 205) threw for 1,071 yards and 15 TDs last year. Senior RB/LB Sam Mackowiak posted 771 yards and 10 TDs. The front line features three players who run 5-11 190, 6-0 250 and 6-3 230.

Hartley is going for a program-record fourth straight Central Catholic League title.

"Our expectations are always to be able to compete for state championships, and our people understand that is what we are working for," Burchfield said. "We suffered losses to high profile players a year ago, but return many as well. The quality of the very best programs in Ohio is that they lose very good players every year with very good players waiting in the wings to live up to their legacy when it is their time. We expect to be no different."

Week 1 Results

Allen East 28 New Bremen 13
Bishop Hartley 38 Amanda-Clearcreek 6
Celina 25 Versailles 19
Covington 35 St Henry 21
Crestview 21 Parkway 0
Edgerton 21 Ft Recovery 24
Ft Loramie 21 Minster 18
Kenton 22 Coldwater 2
Lehman Catholic 14 Anna 40
Marion Local 42 Shawnee 7
St Johns 0 Elida 20

Week 2 Matchups

Anna at Brookville
Coldwater at Bishop Hartley
Ft Recovery at Waynesfield-Goshen
Kenton at Wapakoneta
LCC at St Johns
Minster at Lehman Catholic
New Bremen at Ft Loramie
Parkway at Riverside
St Henry at Eaton
Versailles at Valley View
West Jefferson at Marion Local