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Strong Third Quarter Spurs Cavaliers Over the Eagles

The first half of the Region 16 quarter final between the Coldwater Cavaliers and the Eastwood Eagles looked like an even matchup between two 8-2 squads. But Coldwater scored three touchdowns to open the second half with the determination of a veteran playoff team and ended the Eagles season by a final score of 42-16.

Eastwood took the opening kickoff 65 yards in 14 plays to take an early 6-0 lead. But when the Cavaliers found the end zone on their first three possessions to take a 21-6 lead midway into the second quarter it looked like the Cavs would run away with it. Undeterred the Eagles scored on a 3 yard run and a 24 yard field goal to close the first half with Coldwater's lead trimmed to 21-16.

Coldwater's first drive of the game was every bit the grinding display that the Eagles first drive was covering 69 yard in 11 plays. Hoying scored on a 5 yard run and with Matt Kremer's PAT kick the Cavaliers took back the lead 7-6. On their next possession the Cavs wasted little time needing only three plays to cover 69 yards as Hoying scored on a nifty run from 49 yards out. He scored again on an 8 yard run before Eastwood reasserted themselves to cut their halftime deficit to 5 points.

In the third quarter, Coldwater decided that though Eastwood had a formidable ground game, it took too long for them to score. If they could put together a couple of scores and shut down the Eagles ground attack they would enjoy the long bus ride home. So the Cavs used a strong ground attack of their own, passed to keep the defense honest and turning up the amplitude on defense.

The Cavs deferred the coin flip to start the game so they got the football to start the second half and drove 80 yards in 11 plays, capped by a 19 yard pass from Hoying to Drew Otten. Two plays into the Eagles ensuing possession they fumbled the football and Coldwater recovered it at the Eastwood 28. Hoying scored his fourth TD on a 13 yard run four plays later, and with just 5 minutes gone in the third Coldwater led 35-16. Mitch Schoenherr scored on a two yard run with 10 seconds remaining in the third to set the final score. The Cavalier offense finished the night with 40 carries for 272 yards, 7 catches for 98 yards passing for a total of 370 yards of offense.

The Cavalier defense totally shut down the Eagles offense as they allowed just 57 yards of rushing in the second half. For the game they allowed just 137 yards on the ground and 56 through the air for a total of 193 yards.

Individually the Cavaliers were again led by Brody Hoying who carried the ball 26 times for 223 yards and completed 7 of his 12 passes for 98 yards and one interception. Drew Otten caught 2 passes for 42 yards and one TD. Matt Kremer was perfect on his 6 PATs which is admirable considering the gusting winds during the game.

Brody Hoying's 223 rushing yards are the most yards achieved in a single game since Kevin Hoying tallied 253 yards versus Minster in 2002. Kevin holds the single game record with 302 rushing yards earlier in 2002 versus rival St. Henry.

Next: Doylestown Chippewa

Up next for Coldwater will be another team they will meet for the first time, the Chipps of Chippewa High School. Chippewa is located in Doylestown which is just southwest of Akron. This is the second playoff appearance for the Chipps having played two games in 1999.

Hailing from the Wayne County Athletic League where they finished in 2nd place behind Northwestern, the Chipps are the Cinderella story of Division 5 this season. Between 2010 and 2012 they won just one game. This season they are 9-2 and last week they defeated the #1 seed Columbia 62-28, the most points they have scored in a game this season. The Chipps scored two quick touchdowns to start the game and never looked back. Three of their touchdowns came on a 60 yard pass, an 87 yard kickoff return and a 50 yard interception return. It was a total victory for Chippewa and they will come into the Region 16 semifinal with a lot of confidence.

The game will be played at Frost-Kalnow Stadium in Tiffin. This is the second visit to Tiffin for a game, but not unfamiliar to the Coldwater program. Frost-Kalnow was a frequent practice stop for the team on their trips to Stark County for the State Finals. They last played there in the 2000 Regional Final when they defeated Wellington 38-7.

Regional Quarterfinal Results

Of the 16 games played in Division V on Saturday night, six of the games were seeding upsets. All the Region 18 high seeds won their games, but all Region 16 high seeds lost their games.

Region 15

1 Akron Manchester	19	3 Gates Mills Gilmour	57
8 Youngstown Ursuline	16	6 Beachwood	14
2 Columbiana Crestview	35	4 Navarre Fairless	51
7 Youngstown Liberty	26	5 Black River	42

Region 16

1 Columbia	28	3 Northwestern	08
8 Chippewa	62	6 Loudonville	20
2 Liberty-Benton	14	4 Eastwood	16
7 Huron 2	08	5 Coldwater	42

Region 17

1 Columbus Hartley	64	3 Wheelersburg	40
8 Zane Trace	07	6 Fairland	21
2 Martins Ferry	30	4 St. Clairsville	00
7 Westfall	28	5 Liberty Union	31

Region 18

1 West Jefferson	42	3 Hamilton Badin	37
8 Waynesville	38	6 Mariemont	13
2 CHCA	19	4 North Union	56
7 Maderia	00	5 Chamainade Julienne	28

From JHuddle: "This is by far – across the board – the worst season for Midwest Athletic Conference football in at least a decade. Top to bottom the conference was not itself. That being said, the MAC had three teams in the playoffs and all three won Saturday. Surprise. The MAC is now 51-1 in regional quarterfinal games (against non-MAC teams)." Coldwater defeated Eastwood 42-16, Marion Local beat Ft. Loramie 62-14 and Delphos St. John outlasted Leipsic 33-18.