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Coldwater Shocks Huron 60-13

At halftime of the Region 16 Championship game, members of the press in the Donnell Stadium press box were a little stunned. They had just witness the unexpected dismantling of the Huron Tigers by the Coldwater Cavaliers. The high powered Coldwater offense scored six times in the first half and the rock solid defense held the equally high powered Tiger offense to a paltry 30 yards of total offense and the Cavaliers led at half time 40-0.

For most of the season the script has played out for the Cavaliers in this way; start out fast, put the opposition into an hole before half time and the use ball control to cruise thru the second half and an easy victory. That was the story again on this night.

Coldwater took the opening kickoff and in just four plays drove 47 yards to score on Brody Hoying's 15 yard dash. On their second possession Hoying found Drew Otten on a 27 yard pass and Coldwater led 13-0. Then with just :37 remaining in the opening quarter, Hoying scored again on a 12 yard run. Coldwater then led 19-0 after one quarter.

The scoring continued for the Cavs in the second quarter as Hoying threw two touchdown passes, one to Mitch Schoenherr and the other to Adam Klosterman for 11 and 16 yards and then ran for another score himself from 4 yards out. In total the Cavaliers had seven possessions, ran 35 plays for a total of 347 yards, and took a commanding 40-0 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Coldwater score again in the third as Otten got his second score of the game on a 7 yard run and the Cavaliers pressed their advantage to 47-0. Then, after Coach Chip Otten began to utilize his reserves, Huron began to move the ball and scored twice, once in the third and early in the fourth to reduce the deficit to 47-13.

The Coldwater reserves proved up to the task as they scored twice in the fourth when Nick Staugler scored his second touchdown of the season on a 4 yard run and Kraig Schoenherr picked up a Huron fumble and sprinted 48 yards into the end zone for the final score of the evening. Coldwater's 60-13 victory was their largest margin of victory since a 55-0 shut out of Ft. Recovery last season and 60 points is the most points Coldwater has scored since putting up 63 on Clinton-Massie in the Regional final in 2007.

The individual stats were spread among many Cavaliers. Hoying led the way with 15 carries for 143 yards and three touchdowns. He threw for 161 more yards on 9 of 15 passing and three more touchdowns. Otten had 60 rushing yards, Mitch Schoenherr 55, Chris Post 17, Kraig Schoenherr and Nick Staugler chipped in 13 yards each. Four player caught passes; Mitch Schoenherr caught 4 for 71 yards, Klosterman had 4 more for 68 yards, Otten 1 for 27 and Matt Kramer had 1 for 18 yards.

Defensively, the Cavaliers held the Tigers to 127 rushing and 87 yards passing for a total of 214 yards in 58 plays. Kramer had one interception, Brandon Homan picked up a fumble and ran it for 35 yards in addition to Kraig Schoenherr's 48 yard fumble returned for a touchdown.

The victory moves Coldwater to 11-2 on the season and Huron bows out at 9-3. The Cavaliers are now owners of 12 titles in 15 Regional final appearances including wining five in a row and 9 of their last 10 since 2003.

Next: Division 5 State Semifinal vs West Jefferson Roughriders

For the second week in a row, Coldwater will meet up with a familiar foe. The West Jefferson Roughriders defeated Hamilton Badin 17-6 will face Coldwater at Piqua Alexander Stadium for a berth in the state title game. This will be the third meeting between Coldwater and WJ. They last meet in the 2010 and 2011 Regional Finals, both games were won by Coldwater 44-12 and 28-6.

WJ is 12-1 and the #1 seed out of Region 18. Their only loss came to Marion Local in week 2 by a score of 29-0. They are averaging 33 points on offense and allowing 13 on defense. Coldwater is averaging 37 and allowing 14 points per game. So it appears on paper to be a pretty event matchup. It will probably come down to who has the better athletes and who can best handle the pressure of a big game.

In the other half of the D5 bracket Bishop Hartley will face Akron Manchester. Hartley and Coldwater are favored to advance to the title game which would be a rematch of their week 2 game which Coldwater won 41-16. It will be an exciting weekend of football.

Division Regional Final Results

Region 15		Region 16	
1 Manchester	69	5 Coldwater	60
2 Crestview	21	7 Huron	13
Region 17		Region 18	
1 Columbus Hartley	42	1 West Jefferson	17
3 Wheelersburg	20	3 Hamilton Badin	06

MAC domination continues: The MAC continues to dominate the Division 5 and 7 football playoffs. In addition to Coldwater's victory, Marion Local shut down Triad 50-0 and Delphos St. John defeated Arlington 33-0. At half time of all three games on Saturday night the MAC led 104-0! Unfortunately only one MAC school is guaranteed to advance. The Flyers and BlueJays will meet next week in Wapak to determine who will represent the MAC the Division 7 title game. Most observers agree that the winner of this game will odds on favorite to win D7s crown.

Play 60 again? For the second year in a row the Cavaliers senior class has a chance to play in 60 football games during their high school career. Last years team was the first in the state of Ohio to reach the 60.

Playoff Success: Coldwater is now 53-15 in playoff games (78%). In state semifinal games they are 9-3, their last loss was to Versailles in 2004. The Cavs have won their last 8 playoff games and not lost since Kirtland in the 2011 state title game. Calpreps projects a 34-17 Coldwater victory over West Jefferson.