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Cavaliers Shoot Down Rockets in Overtime Thriller

Around the state of Ohio the MAC has earned the reputation of being tough competitors in the playoffs because of the seasoning they get during the regular season. So what happens when two of the top three MAC teams in 2009 meet in week two of the playoffs?

In what could prove to be the most exciting, heart stopping, gut wrenching game in this season's Region 20 playoffs, the Coldwater Cavaliers scratched and clawed their way to a 28-21 overtime victory over the Anna Rockets in one of the regional semi-finals.

"Could be" because next up for the Cavaliers is league foe and next door neighbor St. Henry. The Redskins knocked out undefeated West Liberty Salem 42-14 to advance to the championship game of Region 20 against Coldwater. But more about that on page two.

For Coldwater, this game probably ranks up there with Alter and Mooney in 2007. The Cavs required three overtimes to beat Alter in the regional semifinal and blocked a game tying point after touchdown in the waning moments of the Division IV championship to defeat Mooney.

Those games were termed upsets because on paper Coldwater was not considered the superior team. But this season's second meeting between Coldwater and Anna found two equally matched teams who slugged it out for four quarters and still needed an overtime session to determine a winner.

Keith Wenning provided leadership for the Cavaliers as he ran for two touchdowns and caught a pass for another.

The first half saw both teams trade touchdowns as Wenning scored from 8 yards out followed by Anna scoring on a pass to close the first quarter. In the second quarter

Wenning again scored from 5 yards out and Anna responded with another touchdown pass.

But what proved to be the game changer occurred on the ensuing kickoff as Aaron Rammel received the ball on the six yard line, moved to the center of the field, found a crack and busted it to the right sidelines. Ninety four yards later the Cavaliers were back on top 21-14, a lead they took to the locker room at halftime.

The second half was a defensive struggle. The Rockets did manage to score on a one yard plunge with 8:28 left in the third. The rest of the half saw both teams threaten but the defenses stiffened and the stage was set for an exciting overtime.

Anna won the toss and choose to be on defense first. On second and 13 Coldwater did what they do in situations like this, they went off the script. Wenning threw a lateral pass to Sophomore Drew Klosterman who glanced down field and then look back to Wenning and threw the ball to him. Wenning followed four of his mates untouched into the end zone. The PAT kick set the score at 28-21.

Anna then became the victim of a fired up Cavalier D as they stuff a sweep for minus 10, defended an incomplete pass and Kurt Westerheide sacked the quarterback for another six yard loss. Then on fourth and 26, Adam Rammel knocked the final pass to the turf and the celebration began.

Coach Reed put it best when in the post game interviews he said, "I just want to say that Anna didn't deserve to lose the game. They played like winners. That was a great high school football game."

'Nuff said.

Individual Statistics

<u>Rushing Yards</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Yds</u>
Wenning, Keith	132	763
Rammel, Aaron	57	297
Westerheide, Kurt	29	135
Wermert, Ross	24	122
Pohl, Jacob	16	101
Klosterman, Drew	33	97
Bettinger, Ethan	16	50
Otten, Brady	9	47
Muhlenkamp, Troy	2	21
Schmackers, Eric	3	8
Gillis, Dustin	4	5
Rammel, Adam	1	3
Bruns, Austin	1	3

<u>Receiving</u>	<u>Cat</u>	<u>Yds</u>
Rammel, Adam	54	645
Klenke, Reese	40	531
Paynter, Colin	30	481
Schoenherr, Kurt	34	468
Wermert, Ross	16	207
Rammel, Aaron	8	126
Feltz, Andrew	8	122
Westerheide, Kurt	11	71
Pohl, Jacob	6	33
Wenning, Keith	1	23
Welsch, Craig	2	11
Kaup, Nate	1	3

<u>Passing</u>
Wenning, Keith
205-302-2646 yds 30 TD, 10 INT

<u>Scoring</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Rammel, Aaron	60
Rammel, Adam	54
Wenning, Keith	50
Otten, Troy	47
Klenke, Reese	44
Wermert, Ross	36
Westerheide, Kurt	30
Schoenherr, Kurt	19
Paynter, Colin	18
Feltz, Andrew	12
Pohl, Jacob	12
Klosterman, Drew	6
Otten, Brady	6
Westerheide, Kurt	6

<u>PAT Kicking</u>	<u>44-50</u>
Otten, Troy	

<u>Punting</u>	<u>Punts</u>	<u>Average</u>
Wenning, Keith	35	37.8

<u>Kickoff</u>	<u>Kicks</u>	<u>Average</u>
Wenning, Keith	39	49.6
Schoenherr, Kurt	30	46.5

Region 20 Scores:

8 - St. Henry 42
4 - West Liberty-Salem 14

2 - Coldwater 28
6 - Anna 21

Also...

Delphos St. John 34
Leipsic 7

Covington 17
Marion Local 21

Clinton-Massie 30
Kenton 22

Division V Regional Finals

Cuyahoga Heights
Youngstown Ursuline

Hamler Patrick Henry
Defiance Tinora

Fredericktown
West Lafayette Ridgewood

St. Henry
Coldwater

Did You Know Coldwater...

Is 6-4 in Week 13 action?

Is 35-12 in Playoff games?

Has 15 consecutive winning seasons?

Has 15 straight home wins?

Has at least 10 victories the past 10 seasons?

Has scored 400 points this season, 317 in the first half?

Has allowed only 147 points this season?

Has 28 QB sacks this season?

Touchdowns have been scored by 12 different players?

Has returned two kickoffs for TDs in 2009?

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OHSAA Football Playoffs - Division V - Region 20

1	10-0 Richwood North Union	3				
	@ North Union		St Henry	42		
8	7-3 St Henry	28				
			@ Piqua		St Henry	
4	10-0 West Liberty-Salem	3				
	@ West Liberty-Salem		West Liberty-Salem	14		
5	9-1 West Jefferson	0				
			@ Wapakoneta			Regional Champ To State Semifinals
2	9-1 Coldwater	41				
	@ Coldwater		Coldwater	27	OT	
7	7-3 Hamilton Badin	0				
			@ Wapakoneta		Coldwater	
3	8-1 Columbus Bishop Ready	17				
	@ Bishop Ready		Anna	20		
6	8-2 Anna	20				

After two weeks eight teams are now just two. The MAC went 5-1 and the two left standing are MAC teams.

It's Coldwater & St. Henry in Region 20 Final

Prior to last weeks Anna game Coach Reed was asked how he felt about facing a MAC opponent in the playoffs. He said, "You'd much rather be playing somebody that's not familiar with who you are and what you do. I don't know if in football that's such a great thing to do; play someone twice." Well, for the second time this season and for the second game in a row, Coldwater will face a MAC foe in the state football playoffs. This time it's St. Henry.

St. Henry was nagged by injuries in the second half the regular season and lost three of their last five games. But they are healthier now and in the last two weeks have knocked out two undefeated teams in North Union and West Liberty Salem and stand at 9-3. Coldwater's only blemish was to league champ St. Johns and they sport an 11-1 record.

Although Anna may be a stronger team, St. Henry has something that Anna lacks, substantial history and playoff experience. Anna's seniors have seen just 3 playoff games. St. Henry's veterans have participated in seven playoff games. They won it all in 2006 and are 2-0 so far this season. Take that experience, add the tradition of St. Henry football and their success in the last three weeks and the Redskins will provide a formidable challenge to the Cavaliers. So in many ways the Redskins are just where they need to be as they face Coldwater for a regional championship.

But, Coldwater has some experience and history too. Since 2006 Coldwater is 10-2 in the playoffs and also owns a state title. The Cavs have defeated St. Henry each season for 13 straight years and stand 26-10-1 all time against the Skins. The 13 year draught could prove to be the highest mountain for St. Henry. So catch your breath and get ready for another intense slobber-knocker as these to MAC powerhouses meet on the Harmon Field turf in Wapakoneta.

St. Henry Redskins 2009 Results

Loc	Opponent	Score	Opp Div	Opp Rec
H	Marion Pleasant	W 28-7	4	6-4
A	Eaton	W 44-21	3	8-2
H	New Bremen	W 42-0	6	5-5
A	Versailles	W 40-19	5	6-4
H	Marion Local	W 10-7	6	5-5
A	Anna	L 0-14	5	8-2
A	Coldwater	L 0-17	5	9-1
H	Fort Recovery	W 49-16	6	3-7
H	St John's	L 6-28	6	10-0
A	Minster	W 42-7	6	1-9
A	North Union	W 28-3	5	10-0
N	West Liberty Salem	W 42-14	5	10-0