Cavalier Football Weekly

Week 7 Results

Anna	26
St Johns	00
Coldwater	00
Marion Local	20
Ft Recovery	23
Minster	28
Parkway	20
Versailles	42
St Henry	40
New Bremen	20
Elida	14
Kenton	21
Bishop Luers	13
Bishop Hartley	43

MAC Standings	MAC	OA
Marion Local	5-0	7-0
Coldwater	4-1	6-1
Versailles	4-1	5-2
Ft Recovery	3-2	5-2
Minster	3-2	5-2
Anna	3-2	4-3
St Henry	2-3	4-3
St Johns	1-4	3-4
New Bremen	0-5	0-7
Parkway	0-5	0-7
Kenton (5-2), Hartley (5-2)		

Week 8 Matchups

Marion Local @ Ft Recovery
Minster @ St Henry
New Bremen @ Anna
St Johns @ Parkway
Versailles @ Coldwater
Beechcroft @ Bishop Hartley
Kenton @ Bath

Division 5 Region 16

- 1 Marion Pleasant (7-0)
- 2 Findlay Liberty-Benton (7-0)
- 3 Doylestown Chippewa (7-0)
- 4 Coldwater (6-1)
- 5 Huron (6-1)
- 6 Elyria Catholic (5-2)
- 7 Pemberville Eastwood (6-1)
- 8 Delta (6-1)

Marion Local Defense Shuts Down the Cavaliers

Speaking to Marion Local fans prior to Friday's matchup with Coldwater, one would have thought the Flyer offense was the reason their team was so successful this season. The offense is good, no doubt. But the Flyer Defense is the real force in Maria Stein.

The Flyer D shutout Coldwater 20-0 to take the battle of AP #1 teams. The last time the Cavs were shutout was in 2011 at the hands of the Flyers by a score of 7-0. It was the worst shutout of the Cavs since a 23-0 loss to New Bremen in 1997.

The focus of the Flyer D was Cavalier quarterback Brody Hoying. If he tried to run, the defense pursued like a swarm of hornets. If he passed, they blitzed, stunted and knocked down the football. The pressure they applied all night kept the Cavalier offense from finding it's rhythm.

Coldwater took the opening kick off and quickly went three and out. Marion Local responded with a 55 yard TD drive over 8 plays to open a 7-0 lead.

The Cavaliers next possession was again three plays and a punt. This time the Flyers ran 10 plays to cover a paltry 38 yards, eating up the rest of the first quarter clock. At the 11:04 mark of the second they increased their lead to 13-0.

The rest of the game was a back and forth field possession struggle as both defenses performed outstandingly.

Coldwater got their initial first down at 5:51 of the 2nd quarter and 90 seconds later got another one at the Flyer 31 yard line. The defense stiffened though and after four more plays, Coldwater turned it over on downs. It would prove to be the Cavaliers deepest threat into Flyer territory the rest of the night.

Coldwater did make one more drive into Flyer territory. Midway through the third quarter the Cavs got their best starting postition of the night at the Marion 45. A fourth down sweep by Hoying got the ball near the 35 yard line, short of the first down. But an obvious face mask penalty, which would have given the Cavs a first down near the 20, was not called.

In the fourth quarter Marion Local burned much of the clock on a 13 play drive which went as far as the Coldwater 5 yard line. On third and goal with under two minutes remaining and knowing the game was well in hand, Head Coach Tim Goodwin made a classy call.

Goodwin could have called a couple of power sweeps and stretched the defense for a certain touchdown, instead he ran two plays into the heart of the Coldwater defense and was stopped on both plays to force a turnover on downs.

Despite the heat of the battle, these Mercer County neighbors have too much respect for each other to run up the score.

Coldwater took over the ball on the five yard line, ran a few plays before the Flyer defense forced Hoying to make a bad throw back across the field which was intercepted and returned for a TD to set the final score at 20-0.

The game was much closer

than the score indicated. Marion Local tallied just 174 yards of offense on 50 plays. Coldwater ran 48 plays and picked up just 151 yards.

Two Flyer interceptions and misfires on a number of offensive plays cost the Cavaliers. Hoying finished the game with just 30 yards rushing and completed just 8 of his 23 passes for 70 yards. Chris Post got 60 yards on six carries. Kyle McKibben caught 4 passes for 49 yards.

The Flyers extended their winning streak to 29 games. It was the Cavaliers first loss in 14 games since being defeated by the Flyers last season in week five. It is also the first time since 1999-2000 that Marion Local has defeated Coldwater in back to back games.

Next up for Coldwater, the Versailles Tigers come to Cavalier Stadium to battle the Cavs for sole possession of second place in the MAC.

Like Marion Local, the history with Versailles is storied. Coldwater has won the last 10 meetings to take a 29-28-2 advantage in the series. The Cavs won last season 31-0.

Jackpot!!!

We knew the Cavalier/Flyer matchup would attract interest from all over the state of Ohio. For a visitor from Jackson County, near Portsmouth, it was a most memorable night. He was the winner of the 50-50 drawing taking home \$6800. Wow!!!