

GOAL LINE

THE WEEKLY AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEW SECTION



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Patrick Obringer, 27, was one of the backs who helped St. Marys rush for a school record 729 yards in last week's win over Sidney.

Big games, big scores and running clocks

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The first week of the high school football season can sometimes be a work in progress. Players are becoming acclimated to full-contact play. Officials are looking to get into midseason form and sometimes forget that it's a 10-yard penalty for holding instead of five, and more than a few official timeouts will be called for players cramping up from the heat.

For the Grand Lake area, it was a relatively good first week of football.

Some highlights:

MAC on Track — After going 3-7 in the first week of the 2013 season, MAC teams went 7-3 last week, including a solid 3-1 against Western Buckeye League schools.

The good start should mean quality computer points when the MAC teams start facing each other in Week Three.

In addition to Coldwater vs. Bishop Hartley and Marion's game in Michigan, St. Henry faces Eaton in what could be a big points game should the Redskins win and the Eagles have a good remainder of the season.

Run, run, run — It was no surprise that St. Marys ran the ball, and ran it some more in Doug Frye's return to the sidelines.

A school-record 729 yards rushing was tallied by the Roughriders in a 71-21 drubbing of Sidney at Skip Baughman Stadium last week. Eric Spicer and Isaac Fitzgerald combined for 557 of those yards on 40 carries and six rushing touchdowns, with Fitzgerald, who played quarterback last season before moving to fullback. He also threw for another score on the only St. Marys' pass completion in three attempts.

Keep the clock moving — The new OHSAA rule allowing a running game clock in the second half when a team has a 30-point or better margin went into effect with games last week.

The area had several games that required the clock at some point. St. Marys, Marion Local, Minster and St. Henry all had running clocks during their wins.

While I have seen games in the past where teams have agreed to have a running clock when games got out of hand, the move to make it mandatory is a good one. Having played basketball at Mendon-Union, I wished there had been a running clock in basketball in some of the whippings my beloved Pirates endured during my playing — I mean bench-sitting — career.

While most of the area teams

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Teams last met in Division V state title game

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For the third time in the span of a year, Coldwater and Bishop Hartley will meet on the football field as the Cavaliers are set to host the Hawks on Friday night for round three of the competitive series.

Last year's first meeting in Columbus saw Coldwater rally from being down 16-13 at half-time to score 28 unanswered points in the second half for a 41-16 win.

The second meeting came on Dec. 7 in Massillon as Coldwater won its second straight Division V state title with a 24-7 win over the Hawks.

The key in both wins was Brody Hoying. The then-junior quarterback rushed for 150 yards and two touchdowns in the first win and then showed why he was named the state Division V Offensive Player of the Year with 147 yards rushing and three touchdowns in the second.

Hartley lost a number of key players from the 2013 squad. The Hawks lost their opening game on Saturday 24-14 to Michigan's 2013 Division 8 state champion Muskegon Catholic Central.

Replacing Jared Brandewie, son of former Fort Loramie and Ohio State basketball standout Tom Brandewie, at quarterback is Jake Ruby, who rushed for 100 yards and passed for 178 yards with an interception in Saturday's loss.

"He's good. Actually, I think he's better than last year's quarterback," Otten said. "... Physically, he's better because he can run. That's a major concern."

Cam'Ron Culver added 80 yards rushing on Saturday while Rian Anderson snagged five passes for 83 yards as a receiver.

"They have a lot of good play-



Otten



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Coldwater's Nick Clune, 62, and Mitch Fullenkamp, right will look to help the Cavaliers win a third straight meeting with Bishop Hartley when the Hawks come to Cavalier Stadium on Friday.

ers," Otten said. "Their younger teams have been good the last few years, so they're moving guys up and putting them in."

Coldwater looked sharp in its season opener at Kenton, beating the Wildcats 24-2, avenging last year's 22-2 drubbing. Hoying rushed for 200 yards on just 25 carries and scored all three Cavalier touchdowns while throwing for 114 yards on just 8-of-14 passing.

"It was about as you would have scripted it," Coldwater coach Chip Otten said of the game. "We got out to a fast start. It was the reversal of last year. Now it's our experienced quarterback and their inexperienced quarterback."

The Cavalier defense shut down the Kenton passing game,

holding the Wildcats to 182 yards and picked off a pair of passes. Kenton had a negative 27 yards rushing as Coldwater had eight quarterback sacks, four coming from Mitch Fullenkamp.

"We really took advantage of our quickness on our defensive line with Mitch Fullenkamp and Mitch Clune," Otten said. "They did a great job with the pass rush and the other guys contained and chased the quarterback down."

The Cavaliers will have to adjust their defensive and offensive philosophies as Kenton runs the spread offense whereas Hartley is a more traditional-style team.

"Completely opposite game from Kenton," Otten said. "Kenton is stout up front, aggressive and tries to smash you. (Hartley) is more of a read style of defense. Completely different style of play from Kenton."



Bishop Hartley
0-1

Vs.

Coldwater
1-0



Cavalier Stadium,
Coldwater,
7:30 p.m.

All-Time Series:
Coldwater, 2-0

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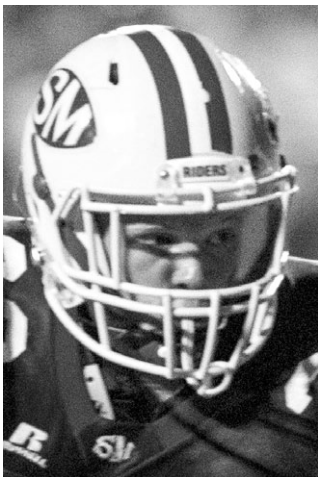
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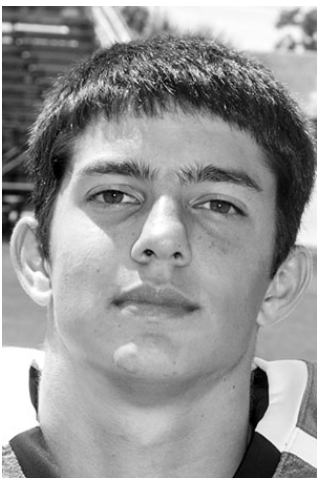
OFFENSE



Eric Spicer, WB
St. Marys

13 carries for 308 yards and three touchdowns in the Roughriders' 71-21 win over Sidney

DEFENSE



Zack Marks, DB
Celina

Nine tackles, three sacks, one forced fumble that led to a touchdown in the Bulldogs' 26-3 win over Versailles

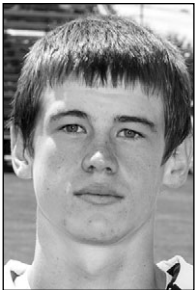
Games kick off at 7:30 p.m. except for Marion Local-Gabriel Richard and Fort Recovery-Jay County, which start at 7 p.m.

BATH AT CELINA
Celina Stadium

Last season: Celina, 42-15. Bath shocked the Celina defense with a 74-yard pass play on its opening series, but the Bulldogs took control and scored the next 28 points.

About the Wildcats: Bath finished last year 4-6 overall, 4-5 in Western Buckeye League play ... opened the 2014 season with a 26-21 loss to LCC on the road. ... In the loss, Bath quarterback Cam Jenkins finished 16-for-26 for 133 yards and one touchdown, but was picked off twice in the fourth quarter. ... RB Kaden Sullivan added 133 yards on 30 carries and one score.

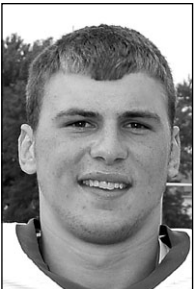
About the Bulldogs: The Celina defense came to play last week, giving up just 112 yards on the ground and allowing just three points in the victory. ... The offense started slow but finished strong, putting 20 points on the scoreboard during a five-minute stretch in the second half to help put Versailles away. ... QB Caleb Hoyng finished Week 1 11-for-19 for 199 yards. ... WR Jacob Stolly snagged three passes for 116 yards.



Stolly

MARION LOCAL AT
GABRIEL RICHARD
Gabriel Richard High School,
Riverview, Michigan

First Meeting
About the Flyers: The defending Division VII state champions looked sharp in their 2014 debut, holding Shawnee to just 24 yards of offense (minus-42 yards rushing) in a 47-0 win. ... QB Dustin (Doc) Rethman was 6-of-7 passing for 154 yards and four touchdowns. ... Hunter Wilker had four catches for 136 yards and three receiving touchdowns and ran back a 50-yard punt return for a score.



Wilker

FORT LORAMIE AT NEW BREMEN
Cardinals Stadium

Last Season: Fort Loramie, 62-20. Delaunte Thornton ran for three touchdowns and Tyler Kazmaier threw for 272 yards and four touchdowns as the Redskins broke a 14-14 first quarter tie with 48 unanswered points.

About the Redskins: Fort Loramie struggled against a strong Minster defense, being held to just 174 yards of offense in getting shutout 34-0. ... The Redskins allowed Josh Nixon to throw for 283 yards and three touchdowns. ... Loramie QB Andy Grewe threw for 150 yards on 9-of-25 passing with two interceptions.

About the Cardinals: New Bremen allowed 301 rushing yards against Allen East last

WBL
Standings

	WBL Overall	
Celina	0-0	1-0
Ottawa-Glandorf	0-0	1-0
St. Marys	0-0	1-0
Wapakoneta	0-0	1-0
Bath	0-0	0-1
Defiance	0-0	0-1
Elida	0-0	0-1
Kenton	0-0	0-1
Shawnee	0-0	0-1
Van Wert	0-0	0-1

Friday's Schedule

Bath at Celina
St. Marys at Shawnee
Wapakoneta at Kenton
Elida at Defiance
Ottawa-Glandorf at Van Wert



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week, but did run for 232 yards of its own and did not turn the ball over in the game. ... RB Ben Schwieterman carried the ball 23 times for 112 yards and a score and QB Trey Naylor ran for 81 yards and three scores.

ARLINGTON AT PARKWAY
Panthers Stadium

First Meeting

About the Red Devils: All-Ohio RB Austin Rettig rushed for 230 yards and scored three touchdowns as Arlington beat East Cleveland Shaw 26-0 on Saturday. Rettig rushed for 2,143 yards and scored 43 touchdowns last season out of the Wing-T formation. ... The Red Devil offensive line is paced by All-Ohio left tackle Logan Griesser, who stands 6-4 and weighs 290 pounds. The Arlington O-Line average is 228.6 pounds.



Barna

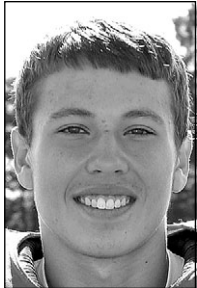
About the Panthers: Parkway allowed 276 rushing yards to Crestview last week in getting shut out for the second straight season by the Knights in the teams' traditional opener. ... Parkway's best chance to score came on the first series when Justin Barna ran the ball to the Knights' four-yard line, but a false start curtailed their scoring chances. ... Barna rushed for 90 yards, passed for 92, and was intercepted once.

EATON AT ST. HENRY
Wally Post Athletic Complex

Last Season: Eaton, 32-22. Adam Slemker ran for three touchdowns and 119 yards in the win for the Eagles.

About the Eagles: Damon Willard rushed for 256 yards and three touchdowns in Eaton's 34-28 win over Greenville. ... The Eagles are 3-2 against St. Henry in the Week Two series that started in 2009

About the Redskins: Jesse Niekamp had 190 yards and four scores in the 34-7 win over Covington. ... The Redskins are 3-3 in Week Two non-league games since the MAC went back to opening the season with two weeks of non-league games in 2008. ... In St. Henry's last four playoff appearances (2012, 2009, 2006, 2004), the team has started the season 2-0.



J. Niekamp

LEHMAN AT MINSTER
Memorial Field

Last season: Lehman, 33-18. Though the Wildcats had the ball inside Lehman's 35-yard line seven times, they failed to put up points on five of those occasions, and the Cavaliers took advantage. The game fea-

tured two stellar quarterback performances as Minster's Josh Nixon threw for 368 yards and Lehman's Nick Rourke completed 30-of-45 passes for 454 yards — including a 77-yard touchdown to Greg Spearman which put the Cavaliers up nine points midway through the third quarter.



Wolf

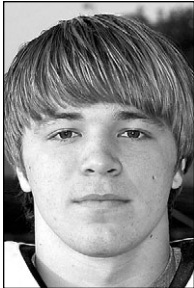
About the Cavaliers: The Cavaliers are coming off a 40-14 loss to Anna in Week 1.

About the Wildcats: Minster settled one score from last year with a huge 34-0 victory over Fort Loramie last week. Now the Wildcats will try to do it again this week against the Cavs. ... Nixon is back in the saddle at quarterback and coming off a big week. He threw for 283 yards and three scores in last week's victory while receiver Eli Wolf caught seven passes for 127 yards.

FORT RECOVERY AT JAY COUNTY
Harold E. Schutz Stadium

First meeting

About the Patriots: Jay County recently joined the Allen County Athletic Conference, which features Leo, Heritage, Bluffton, South Adams, Woodlan and Adams Central. ... The Pats lost 48-6 to Delta in their opener and rebounded to defeat Blackford 21-14 last week. ... Coach Tim Millsbaugh went 7-4 in his first season with the team in 2013. ... Jay County, which returns most of its offensive line, runs a Wing-T offense and a 3-5 formation on defense.



C. Hull

About the Indians: Fort Recovery picked up a big victory over a good North Union team in the first week of the season. It was the fifth consecutive time the Indians have won their season opener. ... Running back Cole Hull scored a pair of touchdowns for the Indians in the win — his second coming from nine yards out and sealing the 26-19 victory over NU. ... Sophomore QB Caleb Martin opened strong, connecting on 14-of-22 pass attempts for 154 yards and a touchdown.

ST. MARYS AT SHAWNEE
Shawnee Field

Last season: Shawnee, 14-13. Angelo Fox's 67-yard touchdown run and successful two-point conversion with 10 minutes to go in the third quarter put Shawnee up 14-7. The 'Riders scored late in the third but missed the extra point and Shawnee held on from there. It was one of four St. Marys losses by a touchdown or less last season.

About the Indians: Shawnee is coming off a 2-8 campaign in 2013 and most recently suffered a 47-0 loss to Marion Local to start the season. ... The Indians, a team with 14 returning letterwinners, were completely shut-down by the Flyers, tallying only 24 yards of total offense. ... Marion also did what it wanted to against the Shawnee defense, putting up 40 points in the first 15 minutes of the game.

About the Roughriders: One game is all it took Doug Frye and his team to break the 21-game losing skid. Now the 'Riders will look to start a winning streak. ... St. Marys set a school-record with 729 yards of total offense in Week 1 against Sidney en route to a 71-21 victory. ... Sophomore RB Eric Spicer became the third Roughrider ever to rush for more than 300 yards in a game and senior fullback Isaac Fitzgerald ran for 249 yards on 27 carries. ... The 'Rider offense will pick up where it left off against a Shawnee defense that looked a little leaky in certain areas last week.



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Minster's Josh Nixon threw for 283 yards and three touchdowns in the Wildcats' shutout win over Fort Loramie.

Week that was

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send in the reserves when the game is out of reach on a regular basis, the youngsters should still get a chance to shine under the lights.

Laundry on the field — One of the most notable stat lines last week was in the Versailles-Celina game. The Bulldogs were flagged seven times for 70 yards. Versailles, though, went penalty-less in the contest.

Bulldogs coach Trent Temple wasn't too concerned.

"You know what? I don't worry about penalties," Temple said. "We're going to get some. When we play as aggressive as we teach the kids to play, that's going to happen."

Last year, Celina had 50 penalties for 545 yards. Only Elida and Kenton had more penalty yards while the 50 flags were fifth most in the league.

Brody Being Brody — Coldwater quarterback Brody Hoyng started the season in style, rushing for 200 yards and three touchdowns in the Cavaliers' 24-2 win at Kenton.

In his last six games, the season opener and the five play-

off games from 2013, Hoyng has rushed for 1,049 yards and 18 touchdowns (174.8 yards per game) with three 200-plus yard games. Last Friday's effort set the school record for consecutive games with 100 or more yards rushing.

A different kind of football — Among the big cheers in the Celina game last week was that for German exchange student Max Siemon (pronounced See-mon), who is doing the kickoff chores for Celina while Sean Kirk handled point-after attempts

When Siemon booted a kick off after Celina's second touchdown into the end zone for a touchback, the Celina students went crazy.

Nothing Tricky About Nixon — Minster QB Josh Nixon had the best throwing game of the area QBs, completing 17-of-24 passes for 284 yards and three touchdowns (no interceptions) in the Wildcats' win over Fort Loramie.

Last season, Nixon, a lefty passer, came within 280 yards of tying the school record for passing yards in a season held by current Ohio State pitcher Adam Niemeyer.

MAC Standings

	MAC	Overall	Friday's Games
Anna	0-0	1-0	Bishop Hartley at Coldwater
Coldwater	0-0	1-0	Marion Local at Gabriel Richard Catholic (Mich.)
Fort Recovery	0-0	1-0	Fort Recovery at Jay County
Marion Local	0-0	1-0	Lehman at Minster
Minster	0-0	1-0	Fort Loramie at New Bremen
St. Henry	0-0	1-0	Arlington at Parkway
St. John's	0-0	1-0	Eaton at St. Henry
New Bremen	0-0	0-1	Brookville at Anna
Parkway	0-0	0-1	Delphos St. John's at Lima
Versailles	0-0	0-1	Central Catholic
			Valley View at Versailles



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