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IMPACT GAME OF THE WEEK

Bulldogs look to contain the Titans

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Last year, Celina snapped a nine-year losing streak to Ottawa-Glandorf in Western Buckeye League football action.

Now, the Bulldogs look to continue a winning streak against the Titans and maintain their undefeated record when they travel to Putnam County on Friday night for Week Two of WBL play.

Celina has outscored its opponents 60-3 in the first two weeks of the season, posting a 34-0 shutout against Bath in the league lidlifter last Friday at Celina Stadium. The Bulldog defense has held team to just 115 yards passing and 182 yards rushing and has forced three turnovers.

Yet, Celina coach Trent Temple thinks his team can do better.

"We have some mental errors we have to get fixed," Temple said. "Every game you'll have them (but) we've had more than we would like. That could have led to some points (by Bath), but we were able to get some pressure on the quarterback and able to overcome that. As we continue to go (through the season), teams are going to get better offensively. They'll see (Celina's mistakes) on film and will try to capitalize on them. We need to do a better job. ... We can play better on both sides of the ball."

The defense will be challenged this week by the Titans, who have been more of a throwing team this season than last year. In 2013, O-G threw for 1,392 yards with 11 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. In the first two games this season, the Titans have thrown for 483 yards with eight touchdowns and an interception.

Quarterback Zac Unterbrink had a great outing in leading O-G to a comeback win over Van Wert last weekend. He threw for 207 yards and four touchdowns in the Titans' 46-14 win over the Cougars at Titan Stadium. Zach Kuhlman has been the main go-to receiver in recording 14 receptions for 198 yards and four touchdowns so far on the season.



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Caleb Hoyng, 2, will look to help Celina improve to 3-0 on Friday as the Bulldogs travel to Ottawa to face the Ottawa-Glandorf Titans.

"They're a shotgun, one-back team," Temple said. "Very similar to Delphos St. John's in our scrimmage. Very similar to Bath. (Unterbrink) throws it a bit unorthodox, but very effective. They're going to try and throw the ball."

The Titans will still run the ball. Logan McDermott has rushed for 143 yards and two touchdowns this season while Unterbrink has added 86 yards.

"They've averaged 30 points per game and had (46 against Van Wert). We're going to have our hands full defensively trying to stop their passing attack and running attack as well."

Defensively, the Titans have allowed 200-plus yards rushing in each of their two games, including 205 yards against Van Wert. That could be a plus for Celina, which had 268 yards in the win over Bath. Garrett Winget rushed for a career-high 151 yards and one touchdown against the Wildcats.

"If we can't run the ball, we're going to be in trouble," Temple said. "If we can't run, they're going to bring a lot of pressure on our quarterback (Caleb Hoyng, who is 20-of-33 for 310 yards and a touchdown this season). We knew going into this season that we need to run the ball. Garret did a nice job, but the offensive line worked hard to improve and get better."

"They're going to come ready to play," Temple continued. "They're just like everybody else that's undefeated this week. They're going for a league championship just like our goal is the same thing. It's going to be a great ballgame."

Defensively, Celina has had strong showing from defensive back Zach Marks (17 tackles, 4 1/2 sacks) and linebacker Frank Townsend (25 tackles). The Bulldogs are a plus two in the turnover ratio (one giveaway, three takeaways).

Celina (2-0, 1-0 WBL)



Vs.

Ottawa-Glandorf
(2-0, 1-0 WBL)



Titan Stadium,
Ottawa,
7:30 p.m.



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German exchange student Max Siemon has picked up the game of American football in kicking for Celina this season.

Siemon enjoying football experience

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CELINA — Some people may know him as the German exchange student.

Others know him as the new starting place-kicker for the Celina football team or by his growing and fitting nickname "Das Boot."

Max Siemon, a junior exchange student who hails from Cologne, Germany, has come a long way and kicks the football far. He's a special teams weapon that Celina coach Trent Temple and the rest of the team have welcomed with open arms.

"We get into two-a-days and he's a few days late into two-a-days, so we had to get him acclimated and everything. Then we get him up there and it was pretty obvious that he can kick the football," Temple explained. "Obviously, that's a dangerous weapon when you've got a kid that can put the ball in the end zone and make the other offense go 80 yards instead of 60 or 40 or even sometimes 50. That's a weapon and it's been a blessing for us."

Siemon, who stays with David and Andrea Green, has been a game changer for the Bulldogs this season, pinning opponents deep into their own territory with each booming kickoff. His leg has helped set up the Bulldog defense for success. In two wins this season, the defense has given up just three points. Some of that can be accredited to the average starting field position after kickoff.

"It very rarely happens that you'll find a team that will go on an 80-yard drive or an 85-yard drive, whatever that may be, it very rarely happens," Temple explained. "The stat guys will tell you if that's cut in half, if they get the ball at the 40, it's 50 percent less from the 20 that they will drive that and score. So it's huge."

Siemon said he played soccer for 10 years while overseas. Siemon added he wanted to try something new, so he decided to put his skills to use at football, instead of "Fussball," the German word for soccer.

"It's awesome, because there

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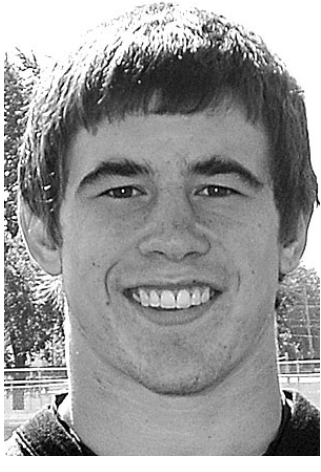
OFFENSE

DEFENSE



Jesse Niekamp, RB
St. Henry

22 carries for 258 yards, recording five rushing touchdowns and school-record six overall touchdowns in St. Henry's 41-14 win over Eaton.



C.J. Seibert, LB
Coldwater

19 tackles, 1 tackle for loss in Coldwater's 26-14 win over Bishop Hartley.

COLDWATER AT MINSTER
Memorial Field

Last Season: Coldwater, 35-13. Minster out-gained Coldwater 338-328 in total offense and received two touchdown passes from Josh Nixon but Coldwater's Brody Hoyng ran for 144 yards and three touchdowns to propel the Cavs to the win.

About the Cavaliers: The next several weeks will be interesting with Brody Hoyng out for at least 2-4 weeks with a left leg injury. Jack Hemmelgarn looked sharp in Hoyng's stead, throwing two touchdowns in the win over Bishop Hartley... After seeing a spread team in Week One (Kenton) and a run-heavy team last week in Hartley, the Cavaliers will have to be ready for a balanced Minster team that posted 567 yards of offense in the win over Lehm-an over the weekend.

About the Wildcats: Nixon, now a junior, has jumped out to a hot start, throwing for 622 yards and seven touchdowns without an interception in his first two games... Minster is 2-0 halfway through a four-game stretch of facing teams that made the playoffs in 2013, and faces back-to-back state champions in Coldwater this week and Marion Local next week in Maria Stein... Minster has averaged 70 yards in penalties the first two games of the season.



Two Minute Drill
Area Preview Capsules

PARKWAY AT ST. HENRY
Wally Post Athletic Complex

Last season: St. Henry, 21-7. Mitchel Stammen connected with Jeff Paul on two touchdown passes and Jesse Niekamp ran in a score.

About the Panthers: Parkway started the season with a tough non-conference schedule of two playoff teams from 2013 in Crestview and Arlington, scoring just six points in the opening games... QB Justin Barna has thrown for 225 yards with four interceptions this season... Parkway is minus two in the turnover ratio (four giveaways/two take-aways)... LB Cody Coffman has 19 tackles this season to lead the Panthers.

About the Redskins: Jesse Niekamp broke two school records and tied another with his

six touchdown effort in the win over Eaton, putting St. Henry at 2-0 for the first time since 2009... QB Mitch Stammen is 19-of-30 for 190 yards as the Redskins have dominated teams with their running game (492 yards so far)... ILBs Blake Hoyng (20 tackles) and Nate Langenkamp (24 tackles) lead the team on defense.

MARION LOCAL AT NEW BREMEN
Cardinal Stadium

Last season: Marion Local, 42-6. Hunter Wilker and Aaron Niefeld had two big touchdown runs on the Flyers' first two offensive plays and the team captured the outright MAC title with the Week 10 victory. Niefeld finished the night with 228 yards rushing and a hat trick of scores. Wilker added 98 yards rushing and 35 yards receiving.

About the Cardinals: New Bremen (0-2) is coming off losses to Allen East (49-26) and Fort Loramie (35-13) to start the season... Last week, quarterback Trey Naylor completed 6-of-11 passes for 123 yards and two touchdowns in the loss to the Redskins... Ben Schwieterman has amassed 204 yards rushing in two games... Over the next five weeks, the Cardinals will face the Flyers, Versailles, St. John's, Fort Recovery and St. Henry. Four of those teams are unbeaten entering Week 3.

About the Flyers: The Flyers extended their winning streak to 24 games last week, running up a 20-0 score on Riverview Gabriel Richard (MI) before lightning prompted the game to be called. Marion officially got the win in the books, after playing to the 9:38 mark in the second quarter... Running back/return man Jacy Goettmoeller shined against Gabriel Richard. He caught a 76-yard TD pass from Dustin Rethman and added an 85-yard kickoff return for a score — his second special teams TD of the season... The Marion Local defense has recorded two shutouts through two weeks.

FORT RECOVERY AT ANNA
Booster Field

Last Season: Anna, 31-7. Christiaan Williams rushed for 126 yards and two touch-

downs as the Rockets picked up the win in Shelby County. Due to the league schedule rotation, the teams are playing at Anna again this season.

About the Indians: Fort Recovery has started the season 2-0 for the fifth straight season after beating border rival Jay County 28-0 in a lightning-shortened contest... RB Cole Hull ran for two touchdowns and returned a free kick (after a safety) for another touchdown... Sophomore QB Caleb Martin is 25-of-40 passing for 273 yards in two games... LB Evan Schoen has 22 tackles and 2 1/2 tackles for loss this season.

About the Rockets: Anna lost a tough battle with Brookville 24-12 last week, gaining just 269 yards of total offense against the Blue Devils... Williams, who missed the last part of 2013 with an injury, already has 244 yards rushing and three touchdowns... QB Ryan Counts is 11-of-27 for 135 yards in the Rockets run-heavy offense... LBs Jordan Jurosic (16 tackles, 1 sack) and Wes Showalter (19 tackles) lead the defense.

KENTON AT ST. MARYS
Skip Baughman Stadium

Last season: Kenton, 66-14. Grant Sherman tossed for seven touchdown passes and broke a close game wide open, dropping the Riders to 0-3. Kenton went on to enjoy a deep run into the postseason while St. Marys endured a winless season.

About the Wildcats: Kenton suffered a 24-2 loss to Coldwater in its opener and was narrowly defeated by one of the top teams in the WBL, Wapakoneta, 15-14 last week... Offense was held to 155 yards in the loss to the Cavaliers... QB Trent Hites is 37-of-66 for 354 yards passing through two games. Kenton took the lead with 3:24 left to play on a 74-yard passing TD to Colyn Blackford from Hites, but Wapak QB Kodi Morgan connected with Cameron Lauck for a four-yard touchdown with time running down to seal the win.

About the Roughriders: After scorching Sidney for 71 points in Week 1, the Riders offense was contained by Shawnee in Week 2... The Indians won 34-20... RB Isaac Fitzgerald has accumulated 318 yards and six TDs on the ground this season... Over the next three weeks, St. Marys plays Kenton, Elida and Bath — three teams with a combined record of 1-5 entering this week.

WBL Standings

	WBL	Overall
Celina	1-0	2-0
Ottawa-Glandorf	1-0	2-0
Wapakoneta	1-0	2-0
Elida	1-0	1-1
Shawnee	1-0	1-1
St. Marys	0-1	1-1
Bath	0-1	0-2
Defiance	0-1	0-2
Kenton	0-1	0-2
Van Wert	0-1	0-2

MAC Standings

	MAC	Overall
Coldwater	0-0	2-0
Fort Recovery	0-0	2-0
Marion Local	0-0	2-0
Minster	0-0	2-0
St. Henry	0-0	2-0
St. John's	0-0	2-0
Anna	0-0	1-1
Versailles	0-0	1-1
New Bremen	0-0	0-2
Parkway	0-0	0-2

Friday's Games

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

Next Friday's Games

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

Friday's Games

- Coldwater at Minster
- Marion Local at New Bremen
- Parkway at St. Henry
- Fort Recovery at Anna
- Versailles at St. John's

Next Friday's Games

- St. Henry at Coldwater
- Minster at Marion Local
- St. John's at Fort Recovery
- New Bremen at Versailles
- Anna at Parkway

LOCAL FOOTBALL LEADERBOARD

SCORING

Player	TD	C	XP	FG	TP
Jesse Niekamp, SH	10	0	0	0	60
Isaac Fitzgerald, SM	6	0	0	0	36
Cole Hull, FR	6	0	0	0	36
Christiaan Williams, A	5	0	0	0	30
Brody Hoyng, CW	4	0	0	0	28
Nick Martz, DSJ	4	0	0	0	24
Hunter Wilker, ML	4	0	0	0	24
Trey Naylor, NB	3	0	3	0	21
Nine tied with	3	0	0	0	18

RUSHING

Player	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jesse Niekamp, SH	33	448	13.6	9
Eric Spicer, SM	27	347	12.9	3
Isaac Fitzgerald, SM	49	322	6.6	6
Cole Hull, FR	24	284	11.8	4
Nick Martz, DSJ	46	268	5.8	4
Colin Peters, V	49	245	5.0	1
Christiaan Williams, A	30	244	8.1	3
Brody Hoyng, CW	27	230	8.5	4
Matthew Bruce, A	19	212	11.2	1
Ben Schwieterman, NB	46	204	4.4	1

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Eli Wolf, MIN	16	301	18.8	2
Jacob Dues, MIN	8	188	23.5	3
Kraig Schoenherr, CW	6	170	28.3	2
Jacob Stolly, CEL	5	145	29.0	1
Hunter Wilker, ML	4	137	34.3	3
Grant Glover, A	6	110	18.3	0
Austin Tester, SM	5	105	26.3	0
Hayden Abromavich, P	4	93	23.3	1
Sean Kirk, CEL	7	93	13.3	0
Aaron Harlamert, CW	6	86	14.3	0

TACKLES

Player	TT
Kyle Dieringer, V	28

TDS QUARTERBACK EFFICIENCY

Player	Comp.	Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TD/Int.	Efficiency*
Dustin Rethman, Marion Local	8	13	61.5	249	5/1	333.97
Dustin Howell, St. Marys	15	19	80.0	194	1/0	182.08
Jack Hemmelgarn, Coldwater	9	15	60.0	128	2/0	175.68
Josh Nixon, Minster	40	67	59.7	622	7/0	172.16
Brody Hoyng, Coldwater	9	15	60.0	156	0/0	147.36
Caleb Hoyng, Celina	20	33	60.6	310	1/1	143.45
Trey Naylor, New Bremen	7	16	43.8	155	2/2	141.38
Mitchel Stammen, St. Henry	19	30	63.3	186	2/0	137.41
Nick Martz, Delphos St. John's	19	36	52.8	242	2/1	122.02
Caleb Martin, Fort Recovery	25	40	62.5	273	1/2	118.08
Ryan Counts, Anna	11	27	40.7	135	3/1	112.00
Jared Niekamp, Versailles	7	21	33.3	129	1/2	81.60
Justin Barna, Parkway	24	51	47.1	225	1/4	74.90

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	Int.
Evan Hays, DSJ	2
Jace Barga, V	2
Several with	1

FUMBLE RECOVERY

Player	FR
Spencer Chilcoat, CEL	2
Several with	1

PUNTS

Player	Sacks	Att.	Avg.
Isaac Fitzgerald, SM	4.5	3	44.0
Zach Steinbrunner, V	4	13	39.6
Darien Sheffer, FR	3	6	39.5
Mitchel Stammen, SH	2.5	8	38.3
Peter Ranly, MIN	2.5	7	35.7
Caleb Hoyng, CEL	2	8	35.4
Luke Albers, A	2	2	34.0
Dustin Rethman, ML	2	1	33.0
Nick Gusching, NB	2	7	31.9
Kyle McKibben, CW	2	6	30.5
Deven Haggard, DSJ	2	8	27.6
Cody Coffman, P	2	3	26.0

Siemon

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are so many people," Siemon said. "When I played soccer, there were 100, sometimes 200 visitors. There's (thousands) of people (at football games). It's great."

Siemon touched down in America towards the beginning of August. He said coming from Cologne, one of the biggest cities in Germany, to Celina was a big cultural change but he has adjusted just fine.

"Everything is different," Siemon said. "The people are different. They're more open here. In Celina, they say 'Good job.' ... Some strange people tell me 'good job' after a game. In my hometown, we have (thousands) of people living there and no one

knows the other one.

"The whole city stays together for one team. That's really different," he later added.

"Das Boot" has had little problem fitting in with the team since arriving. He's become a fan favorite and a player who is respected by his teammates and coaches for the skill set he brings to the table.

"We've got a great bunch of kids," Temple said. "They recognized pretty early when we got him to kick off a couple times that 'Hey, this kid could help us.' It's a little different when a kid can help you compared to a kid who is just out there to get the experience. For him, when he's out there, he's producing on the field. That's always a plus."

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