

J-Hawks Trample Kennedy, Near Playoffs

Jeff 'Not Sharp' In 44-7 Victory

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You might have thought you were in the wrong dressing room if you ran into Jack Fisk, the Jefferson high football coach, Friday night.

Fisk's J-Hawks, the state's top-rated prep eleven, had just dealt a game but outmanned Kennedy team a 44-7 defeat. The win gave unbeaten Jeff an 8-0 record over-all and a 7-0 mark in the Mississippi Valley conference.

Just as important, it meant that the J-Hawks were a cinch for the state class 4A playoffs next month if they get by at Muscatine next week in the regular-season finale.

Considering what had taken place minutes earlier at Kingston stadium, and what could

Statistics	Kenn.	Jeff.
First Downs	11	217
Yards Rushing	42	217
Yards Passing	145	130
Passes	11-20-2	7-23-1
Punts, Avg.	7-28.9	6-28
Fumbles Lost	5	0
Yards Penalized	38	40

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Kennedy	0	7	0	0	7
Jefferson	10	7	13	14	44

INDIVIDUAL SCORING
Kennedy: TD—Jim Strader (14, pass from Dave Bennett). XP—Randy Clapp (kick).
Jefferson: TD—Tom Dulin 2 (40, run); 38, pass interception; Craig Wilford (1, run); Dave Gaskill (1, run); Steve Jones (54, run); Thad Miller (22, pass from Wilford). FG—Tom Polehna (38 yards). XP—Polehna 3 (kicks).

take place in the coming weeks on the same turf, Fisk presented a solemn picture — far from excited.

"I just didn't think we played too well," he said. "We weren't sharp at all."

"The score may not prove it, but it was tough going. I said it would be a physical game and it was. Kennedy was tough defensively, just like we expected."

Kennedy Coach Jerry Mauren alluded to the physical contact, saying "I thought we stuck them (Jeff) pretty good" on defense.

"Some breaks went against us," he added, "but I don't think our kids quit and that's important to us right now."

Jeff's touted defense again was the key.

Led by 230-pound tackle Scott Smith's charge, the J-Hawks sacked Kennedy quarterback Dave Bennett seven times while back to pass. Smith nailed him three times.

Bennett's losses totaled 64 yards and as a result the Cougars wound up with a minus 42 yards to show for their rushing efforts.

Bennett did hit 11 of 29 passes for 145 yards, including a 14-yard scoring strike to end Jim Strader, but Jeff also stole two of his aeriels. One resulted in a touchdown as Jim Dulin sped 38 yards to paydirt late in the third quarter.

Jeff also recovered five Cougar fumbles and cashed in three of them. Linebacker Howard Johnson fell on two.

The first resulted in a 38-yard field goal by Tom Polehna with 2:30 to go in the first quarter to make it 10-0.

The second took place at the

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Kennedy seven. Two plays later reserve QB Dave Gaskill sneaked in from the one and Polehna kicked the point-after to make it 24-7 with 1:38 left in the third period.

The third occurred early in the fourth quarter at the Jeff 46. Two Craig Wilford passes fell incomplete before Steve Jones brought the old Statue of Liberty play back to life by racing 54 yards for a six-pointer.

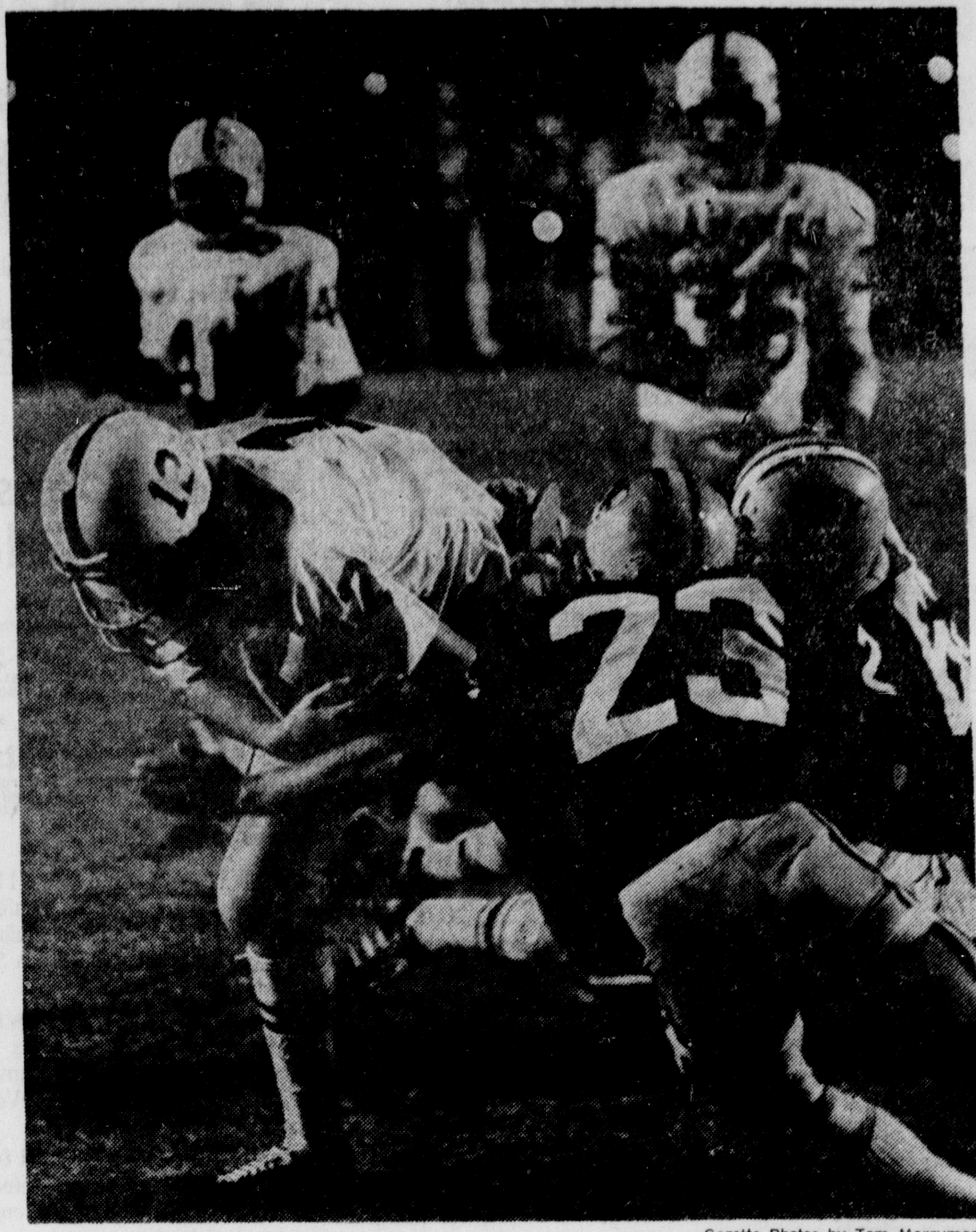
That run and a 40-yarder by Dulin for the second TD were the only big gainers of the night for Jeff.

The J-Hawks rushed for 217 yards and Dulin logged 114 in 19 carries, but Kennedy limited halfback Marty Hale to a net 13 yards in 13 tries.

Hale went into the contest as the Valley's leading ground gainer with 646 yards for a 7.4 average.

Wilford and Gaskill combined

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Jeff QB Wilford (12) plunges for first touchdown of game

Hawks Fall to Regina, 12-0

Dickens Ruins Prairie

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Prairie high Coach Chuck Dostal knew Iowa City Regina's Terry Dickens would run right at his club Friday night at John Wall field.

Regina's head man, Dave Clement, knew Dostal expected to see Dickens, and that's exactly what he gave Prairie — a lot of Dickens.

A 5-11, 165-pound senior, Dickens carried the ball 39 times for 151 yards and one touchdown, caught three passes for 28 yards, completed one aerial for 41 yards and played all the way at safety as Regina upset Prairie 12-0.

The East Central Iowa conference defeat killed Prairie's chances for an outright league championship.

The best the Hawks can do now is to knock off undefeated Linn-Mar next Friday to gain a tie for the title. Prairie is 3-1 in the ECI while Linn-Mar, which met Starmont in a non-conference game Friday, is 4-0.

"I really don't know what to say," said a dejected Dostal following the game. "I knew Dickens would come at us. I told our guys he would, but we just didn't handle him. I don't know what the problem was."

Clement said he "imagined" the 39 carries by his tailback set a school record. He also said Dickens' 151 yards pushed his season total to 1,076 with one game to play.

"We figured Prairie would be expecting Terry (Dickens), so we put in a few counter plays in the first half," said Clement.

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