

# Jeff Escapes 14-7; Prairie Rallies 21-19

## J-Hawks, 9-0, Face Cedar Falls Next

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MUSCATINE — An unbeaten regular season, a Mississippi Valley conference championship and a berth in the state class 4A high school football playoffs.

That's what Cedar Rapids Jefferson claimed here Friday night.

Real cause for a gigantic celebration, huh?

Unfortunately, no, as the J-Hawks were mighty lucky to get out of town with a 14-7 victory over a fired-up Muscatine eleven, which looked like anything but an also-ran with a 3-6 record.

Matter of fact, a stranger would have had a tough time figuring out which team — Jeff or Muscatine — was top-ranked in the state going into the game.

"We had a poor game and Muscatine played sky high," said Jeff Coach Jack Fisk. "We are happy to win but it is kind of put a damper on any kind of celebration."

"Muscatine is the best 'losing' team I've seen. They have some good talent and I knew before

Statistics		Jeff	Musc.
First Downs		11	11
Yards Rushing		56	44
Yards Passing		27	124
Passes		13-22	4-17-1
Punts, Avg.		7-37.3	3-26.3
Fumbles Lost		2	5
Yards Penalized		40	30

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Jefferson	7	7	0	0-14
Muscatine	0	7	0	0-7

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Jeff: TD—Pat Casey (29, fumble recovery); Steve Jones (13, pass from Craig Wilford). XP—Tom Polihna (2 kicks).

Muscatine: TD—Mike Hamsher (32, run). XP—Gene Miller (kick).

198 yards, including 134 through the air.

Defensive end Pat Casey's alertness saved Jeff from disaster.

Casey recovered four of Muscatine's bobbles, getting a 29-yard touchdown on the second one and setting up Jeff's second TD with his third at the Musky 18 early in the second quarter.

Four plays later, on fourth down, quarterback Craig Wilford lofted a 13-yard scoring pass to Steve Jones. Tom Polihna kicked his second straight conversion to make it 14-0.

That was it for the J-Hawks, although they did move to the Musky 10 late in the third quarter before Wilford fumbled the ball away.

Muscatine's tally climaxed a 75-yard drive in 11 plays following Jeff's second TD.

Halfback Mike Hamsher, who kept Jeff's defense loose with a pass threat all night, got the

PREP GRID PLAYOFFS

Class 4A

C.R. Jefferson (9-0) vs. Cedar Falls (9-0); S.C. East (9-0) vs. D.M. Dowling (9-0).

Class 3A

C.R. Regis (7-1) vs. Monticello (8-1); Cherokee (9-0) vs. Marian (9-0).

Class 2A

Iowa City Regina (15-4) vs. Tripoli (8-0); Sioux Central (8-0) vs. Guthrie Central (9-0).

Class A

Waco (9-0) vs. Radcliffe (8-0); Wall Lake (9-0) vs. Hamburg (9-0).

All times and sites will be announced next week.

six-pointer from 32 yards out through his own determination.

This time Hamsher moved to his right, faked the pass and set sail. He broke at least four tackles before sprinting the last 10 yards untouched.

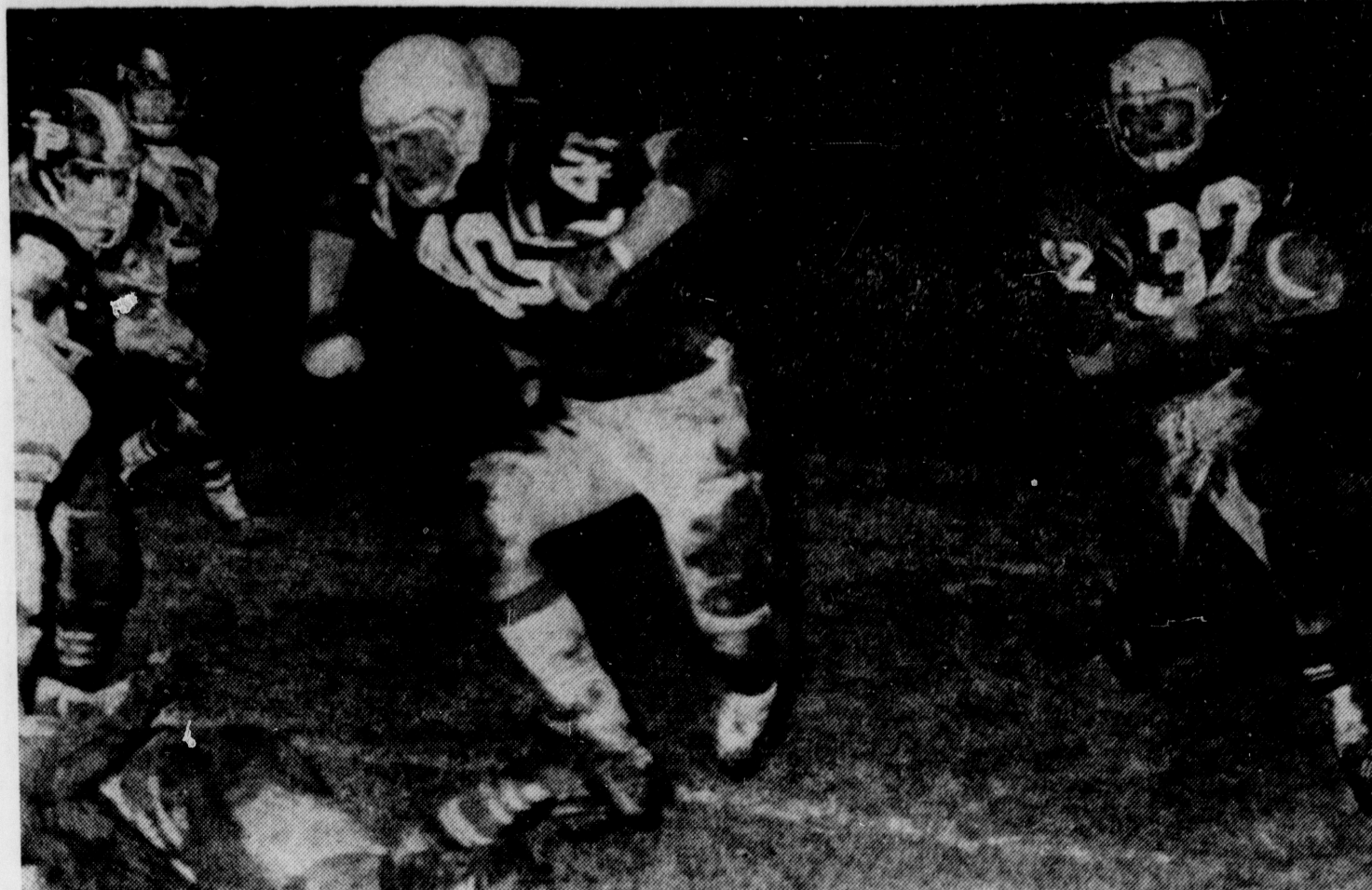
Hamsher finished with 49 yards in 12 carries to lead both clubs in rushing. Jeff's Marty Hale picked up 34 in 10 tries, while Dulin's replacement, Steve Jones, had 33 in nine.

Jeff's last unbeaten season was in 1966 with an 8-0-1 record.

Regis Tonight

Playoff-bound Cedar Rapids Regis, 7-1, hosts Valley of West Des Moines in a prep football game tonight at Kingston stadium at 7:30.

Whatever, the Muskies won the yardage battle, picking up



L-M's Mike Johnson (32), with Mike Arnold blocking, gains 10 yards

## Wash Cops Double OT, 14-7

CLINTON — Cedar Rapids Washington needed a double overtime session here Friday night to down Clinton 14-7 in the final Mississippi Valley contest of the season for both teams.

On the third play of the second overtime, Wash quarter-

back Matt Fletcher hit Kent Cooling with a five-yard scoring pass and Dennis Doty kicked the extra point.

The victory gives Wash a final 6-1 Valley record and a 7-2 over-all mark. The River Kings finish 4-4 in conference action and 4-5 for the year.

"We played a heck of a game

defensively," said Warrior Coach Wally Sheets. "Four times they had the ball inside our four yard line and failed to score."

One of the four Clinton ventures inside the Wash four followed the Fletcher-to-Cooling TD aerial in the final extra period.

Steve Nelson, on first and goal from the 10, missed his first pass attempt, but then connected on a five-yarder. Wash was charged with interference on the completion, putting the ball on the 2½ yard line, first and goal.

Clinton failed to move the ball on three plays and on fourth down Wash stopped Ken Stracener at the one.

In the first overtime, both teams advanced to the five before being stopped.

Clinton scored in the first quarter, putting together a 66-yard scoring drive in nine plays.

After Cooling punted to the Clinton 34, Steve Nelson hit Jim Bruhn on a 20-yard pass to start the series.

Keith Hankins carried four times for 31 yards and Nelson

Monticello rolled into the class 3A football playoffs with a 40-6 victory over Independence.

The Wamac conference champions were led by Jeff Intekofer and John Stoll who scored two touchdowns each. John Hines and Dave Lubben also tallied TDs.

Monti finishes its season 7-0 in the Wamac and 8-1 overall. It faces Cedar Rapids Regis in playoff action next weekend.

J-Hawk Sophs

Roll Muscatine

Statistics

	Jeff	Musc.
First downs	184	30
Yards rushing	58	14
Yards passing	410	4-6-1
Passes	3-34	0-3-24
Punts, avg.	0	3-24
Fumbles lost	0	0
Yards penalized	80	70

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Jefferson	0	12	0-12
Muscatine	0	0	0-0

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Jefferson: TD—Fred Stoecker (13, 10, runs); Tom Sadler (22, 2, runs); Rob Jenkins (2, run); Randy Jacobson (37, pass from Dave Alberts); Randy Jones (3, pass from Alberts); XP—Russ Smith (kick); Jones (run); Stoecker (run).

Muscatine: TD—Dan Keller (5, run). XP—Keller (pass from Matt Bailey).

MUSCATINE — Fred Stoecker and Tom Sadler both scored two touchdowns Friday to lead the Jefferson high sophomores past Muscatine 47-8. The victory leaves Jeff with a 7-2 mark. Muscatine is 1-6.

Kennedy Sophs

Trip Bettendorf

Statistics

	Bett.	Kenn.
First downs	127	124
Yards rushing	100	130
Yards passing	922	915
Passes	3-34	4-35
Punts, avg.	0	20
Fumbles lost	0	0
Yards penalized	0	0

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Bettendorf	0	0	0-0
Kennedy	0	0	0-0

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Bettendorf: TD—Marty Burroughs (33, run); Jerry Thompson (40, pass from Mark Brockway). XP—Burroughs (run).

Kennedy: TD—Mike Bertelli (3, run); Rocky Dales (11, 36, passes from Matt Novak). XP—Bertelli (pass from Novak).

Rocky Dales scored two touchdowns on 11 and 56 yard passes from Matt Novak to give the Kennedy high sophomores a 20-14 victory over Bettendorf. Kennedy is 5-3 and Bettendorf 6-2.

Statistics		Wash.	Clint.
First Downs		152	39
Yards Rushing		32	151
Yards Passing		6-12-1	11-25-1
Passes		4-35-5	6-29-0
Punts, Avg.		1	0
Fumbles Lost		1	0
Yards Penalized		47	45

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Washington	0	7	0	0	7-14
Clinton	7	0	0	0	7-14

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Washington: TD—Greg Witwer (9, run); Kent Cooling (5, pass from Matt Fletcher). XP—Dan Doty (2 kicks).

Clinton: TD—Steve Nelson (1, run). XP—Dennis Hage (kick).

Witwer had five carries for 41 yards, the longest being an 18 yarder on a third and ten draw play. Witwer also converted a fourth and two on a seven-yard run from the Clinton 16 to the nine. Dennis Doty kicked the XP to tie the game 7-7.

Midway in the third quarter

Wash intercepted a Nelson pass on the Clinton 49 and later picked up a first and ten on the 17. Witwer carried for two yards and Cooling for seven but the drive ended when Clinton stopped Witwer twice at the eight.

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	Ken.	Bett.
First Downs	30-48	48-203
Rushes-yds.	87	0
Pass-yds.	41-60	0-9-0
Passes-attempt	7-28	6-26
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Fumbles-lost	2-10	8-81

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The other Bettendorf goal-line stand came just before the half. The Bulldogs were nursing a 7-0 lead when Murdoch caught a 36-yard Bennett pass on the nine.

A penalty put the ball inside the five and on the last play of the half Murdoch circled right end but fumbled the ball as he hurried over tacklers toward the goal. The ball squirted forward and the Cougars' Jim Strader just missed recovering it before it touched the out-of-bounds line for a touchback.

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