

Wash Romps, Kennedy Falls, Jeff Wins in Overtime

Warriors Score 48-0 Loop Win

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INDIVIDUAL SCORING table for Wash vs Muscatine game.

C.R. WASHINGTON: TD—Kyle Rich 4 (2, 8, 71, 1 runs); Steve Meier (24, pass from Tim Stout); Chris Moore (3, run); Chuck Martin (1, run); XP—Mike Lawrence 6 (kicks).

By Steve Allsopch

It was a strange football game. A strange game, indeed, that transpired in Kingston stadium Friday night.

Washington soared to a 3-0 record in the Mississippi Valley by breezing past Muscatine 48-0, but some amazing vital statistics vividly detail the Muskies' second straight Friday evening nightmare in Kingston.

For instance, at one point in the sometimes sleepy contest, with Wally Sheets' Warriors holding a 41-0 advantage, the home team had but six first downs.

And you say winless Muscatine, a loser to Jefferson last week 33-0, shouldn't have been on the same field. Well, when Kyle Rich bolted 71 yards with 2:10 remaining in the half to score one of his four touchdowns, THAT helped Wash total 81 yards rushing in the first 24 minutes of play.

That's right. Other than the 71-yarder, Muscatine limited Wash to a mere ten yards on the ground.

And the list goes on. Muscatine penetrated to the Wash 37 on its second possession and went to the Warriors' 33 midway in the third quarter. Other than that, the Muskies deepest penetration was to midfield early in the final stanza.

The Wash defense limited the Muskies to 59 yards rushing and 14 passing. It took Muscatine runners 29 tries to get the 59.

Sheets was pleased with Wash's passing game and again reiterated that old southern coaches' tune, "we gotta dance with what brang us".

"Our passing game is our bread and butter and tonight Tim Stout threw well and Jim Nissen and Steve Meier were catching. We've got excellent receivers and a good passer and that's the direction we've got to travel," explained Sheets.

Wash again employed its two-wide split receiver setup on offense and Sheets feels it gives his club more opportunities to throw.

Meier and Nick Phillips, who were both absent when Wash lost its opener to Regis, again framed the added dimension they give the Warriors.

Meier's 65-yard punt return set up Rich's first TD run with 1:46 left in the first period and Phillips immediately pilfered Kevin Ballenger's first pass at the 39 and went to the Muskies two, where Rich punched in his second TD.

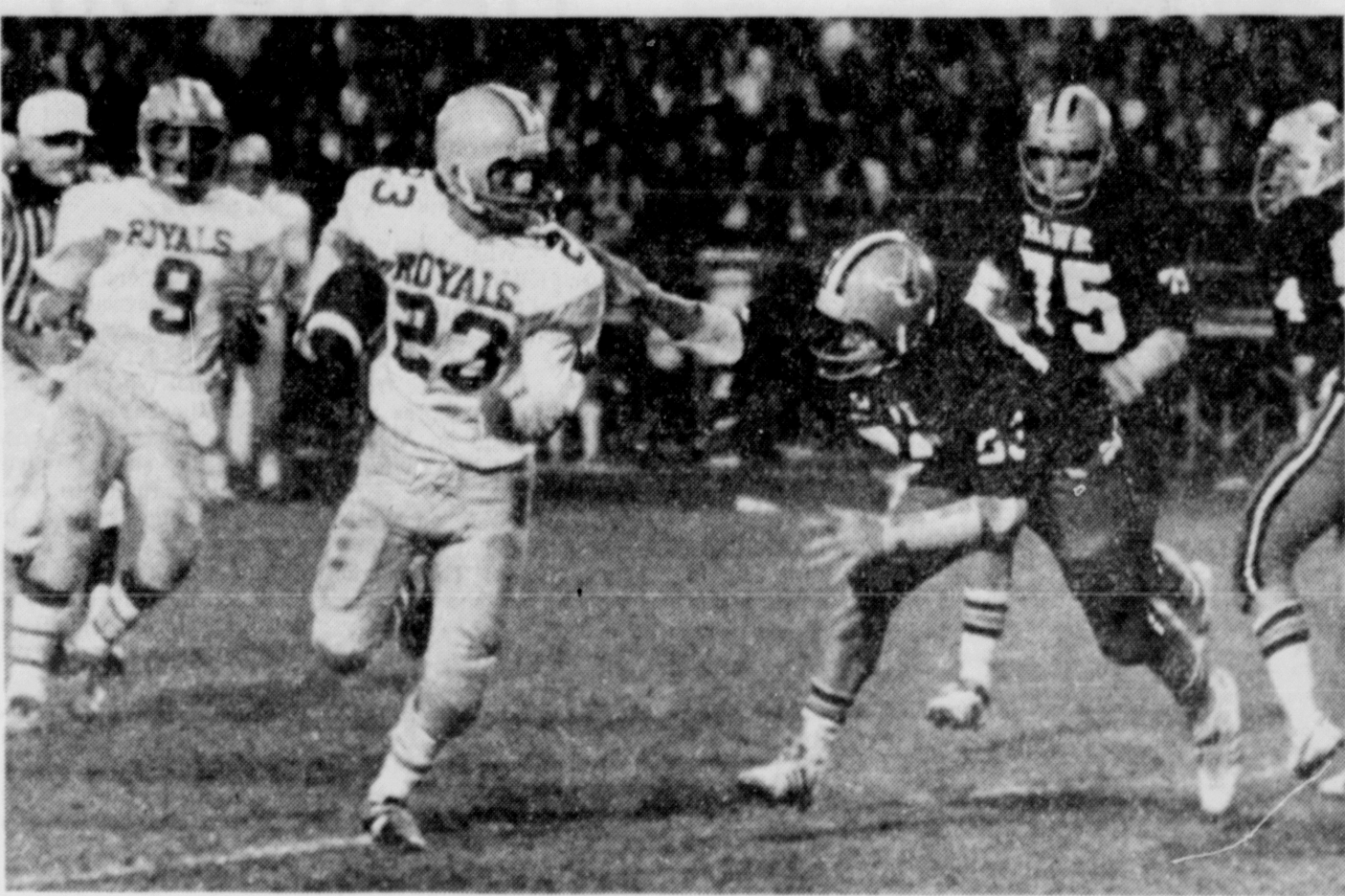
Rich, who finished with 111 yards in a dozen carries, went one yard for his third tally. His cumulative effort was one touchdown shy of Brian Throlson's school record. He did not play in the final 18 minutes.

It was a night of almost's for kicker Mike Lawrence too. Lawrence hit on six of seven PATs, one off Phil Danowsky's record.

Meier, who had a 61-yard punt return for a touchdown called back, caught a 24-yard pass from Stout and reserves Chuck Martin and Chris Moore ran for Wash's other touchdowns.

Baseball Standings

Baseball Standings table showing East, West, and National League divisions.



Gazette photo by John McIvor

Kevin Kregel on the Move

Regis' Kevin Kregel (23) ran for long yardage in this action Friday night at Prairie after taking a handoff from quarterback Mike Williams (9). Kregel scored three times to lead Regis to a 34-0 Metro football victory.

Kregel Scores Three Times as Regis Shuts Out Prairie, 34-0

By Jack Ogden

Cedar Rapids Regis enhanced its high state ranking Friday night with an impressive 34-0 football victory over a young Prairie squad on the Prairie field.

The unbeaten Royals scored twice in the first quarter and had a 20-0 lead at halftime to virtually wrap up their fourth straight win.

"I was pleased with everyone's play on both offense and defense," said Regis boss Tom Good. "Prairie is a scrappy team."

Prairie coach Gary Leeper was disappointed.

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Regis: TD—Kevin Kregel (3) (2, 2, 1 runs); John Gavin (34 yard pass from Mike Williams); Steve McDermott (2, run); XP—Marky Standley (pass from Williams); Dave Marshall (2 kicks).

"Regis is a good club, and they deserve the rating they have," he explained.

"But when things are going bad, it is hard to reverse them. We have a young team and we have had a lot of injuries. It's tough to perform well when the kids are playing two or three positions."

"But I think we have the kind of kids that will come back and do a good job."

The high flying Royals dominated Friday.

They had a 231-43 edge in yardage gained and were never seriously threatened by the Hawks, who are still looking for their first points of the season.

Kevin Kregel was the key

on Friday. He carried frequently and well, and wound up with three of the Regis scores.

He scored on runs of two, two and one yards, but his efforts also set up some of the scoring.

Mike Williams hit on four of six pass attempts, one to John Gavin for what proved to be the winning touchdown with a 34-yard strike with just over three minutes gone in the game.

Prairie was plagued by errors, including nine penalties and four bad center snaps, two of which led directly to Regis scores.

The Hawks, who have had problems generating an attack, got only five first downs and never threatened in the game.

Dave Hill Shares Top

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Dave Hill has had an off year. The colorful, outspoken, stormy guy, sometimes the bad boy of the pro golf tour, has failed to win. He's collected only \$53,000 in winnings.

The dedicated perfectionist has described his game as "so bad it's embarrassing," his putting stroke as "atrocious."

But he hasn't made a bogey in 36 holes, has used only 58 putts in two rounds and suddenly has a share of the lead in the six-man scramble for first place in the \$135,000 Sahara Invitational Golf Tournament.

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KENNEDY: TD—Tracy Crocker (55, run); FG—Chuck Johnson (28 yards); XP—Johnson (kick).

BETTENDORF: TD—Mike Pantziat (1, run); Kevin Rose (2, run).

By Matt Novak

BETTENDORF—Mistakes.

What could be more disastrous to a football team's success?

Nothing, as far as the Cedar Rapids Kennedy Cougars are concerned. Kennedy felt the ill effects of their own mistakes and dropped a 12-10 MVC decision to Bettendorf here Friday night.

A blocked field goal in the fourth quarter, a bad snap from center on a punt, and a roughing-the-kicker penalty contributed to the Cougar's woes.

"Mistakes killed us," snapped Kennedy head coach Jerry Mauren. "Every time there was a big play, we weren't able to do the job."

"I'm really disappointed in our effort tonight," said an obviously upset Mauren. "We'll have to make a lot of improvements by next week or we'll really be in trouble."

Kennedy had an opportunity to beat Bettendorf in the same fashion that the Bulldogs upset the Cougars last year.

Trailing 12-10 in the fourth quarter, the Cougars attempted a 22-yard field goal. The attempt was well in range of Kennedy kicker Chuck Johnson, but Bettendorf poured through the Kennedy line and blocked the kick.

The Bulldogs won last season's encounter 17-15 on a 24-yard field goal late in the game.

Kennedy led 3-0 at halftime on Johnson's 28-yard boot. Tracy Crocker scampers 55 yards for Kennedy's only six-pointer in the third period to give the Cougars a 10-0 lead.

Crocker, moved up from the sophomore squad and playing in his first varsity game, led the Cougar rushers with 69 yards. The speedy soph was filling in for injured Robb Vrbeick.

The tales of trouble started for Kennedy in the third quarter.

Bettendorf tallied its first touchdown on a 16-play scoring drive to make the score 10-6. The winners took advantage of a roughing-the-kicker penalty on their first set of downs.

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Gorsch Carries Once, Scores Winning TD

By Bob Hersom

IOWA CITY — Jefferson football coach Jack Fisk picked the perfect spot for Ron Gorsch Friday night.

The 230-pound Jefferson fullback carried the football just once against Iowa City West at Frank Bates field. But that single effort was the final touchdown in the J-Hawks' 21-20 overtime victory over previously unbeaten Trojans.

Gorsch, whose older brother Jim is a former Jeff and Northern Iowa running star, rammed his way through left

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JEFFERSON: TD—Dale Crosby 2 (1, run); Ron Gorsch (4, run); XP—Dale Frank 3 (kicks).

IOWA CITY WEST: TD—Rick Smith (39, pass from Steve Brown); John Long (32, run); Tim Irwin (9, pass from Brown); XP—Carren (kick); Judge (kick).

tackle for four yards to give the visitors a 20-20 first-over-time deadlock.

Late TD Topples Marion

Statistics table for Marion vs Indee game.

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INDIVIDUAL SCORING table for Marion vs Indee game.

Indee: TD—Perry Kiler (4, run); Tom Miner (1, run); XP—Nick Madison (kick).

Marion: TD—Ank Kleis (7, run); FG—John Murdoch (25 yards); XP—Tom Borsl (run).

Marion would have traded its statistics for points Friday night. The Indians came up three short, losing to Independence, 14-11, in the last two minutes.

The Indians rolled up 231 yards rushing and another 41 from passing compared to the Mustangs' total of 185.

Indee quarterback Tom Miner hit on 9 of 18 passes for 126 yards, but one of his runs proved to be the undoing of Marion. Back to pass, he eluded a couple of tacklers and raced 15 yards for a first down on the Indian 25 with just over two minutes left in the frenzied fourth period.

Two plays later, he sneaked into the end zone from the one with 1:43 left in the game. He set it up with a 24-yard strike to Kevin Thorp.

"That play turned it around for them," a disappointed Bob Thurness said afterwards.

"It was a tough game. We just couldn't get it done tonight," he added.

Marion lost one touchdown early in the final period after Pat Jones danced to the Indee goal from the 21. The officials, however, ruled he fumbled the ball into the end zone before crossing it. Independence recovered and was awarded the ball at their own 20.

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Jeff placekicker Dale Frank, who had an extra-point boot blocked in last week's 33-0 mauling of winless Muscatine, fearlessly stepped into the winning kick, giving the J-Hawks their third win in four games and probable TD 10 status in the state prep football polls.

West was ranked No. 8 by UPI last week and 15th in the AP version. Jeff wasn't ranked by UPI, but was No. 14 on the AP list.

The overtime had begun with the Trojans taking their first lead. A nine-yard Steve Brown pass to Tim Irwin put West ahead 20-14, but Rick Carren's extra-point kick was wide left.

Overall, Jeff ran 60 plays to West's 49 and dominated the first half, gaining 177 yards to just 95 by the Trojans. Nevertheless, thanks to West's "big play" offense, the score was 7-7 at intermission.

The predictably potent Jeff running game devastated West's defense at the outset of the Mississippi Valley conference affair.

On the J-Hawks' first possession they needed just one pass to push 64 yards in 13 time-consuming plays and take a 7-0 lead.

The first of two one-yard touchdowns jaunts by Prep of the Week Dale Crosby finished the drive which took up six of the 12 first-quarter minutes.

But West, which totaled 169 yards on eight long-gainers, tied the score with 5:12 left in the half and help from a poor J-Hawk punt.

Jeff was forced to punt just once in the first half, but that 14-yard squibber preceded Brown's 39-yard scoring pass to swift Rick Smith and Carren kicked the extra point.

During a woeful night for kickers, Jeff took the lead in the second half following a NINE-yard West punt.

Crosby picked up 31 of the necessary 44 yards himself, and capped the nine-play burst by securing his second straight two-TD game.

But, again, West quickly tied the score with three long-yardage plays.

Smith swept left end for 26 yards, Dan Meade made a shoestring catch of a 13-yard Brown aerial, and, finally, John Long strided through a gaping hole at left tackle for a 32-yard touchdown with 9:54 left in regulation game.

West had a shot at taking the lead with 2:15 left, but Carren's fourth down, 27-yard field goal attempt strayed to the left.

Smith, the top sprinter on West's track team, took game honors with 89 yards in just 13 rushes. He had runs of 16, 26 and 21 yards.

Jeff's running attack centered around Crosby, with 71 yards in 17 attempts, and Ron Harrelson, who rambled for 64 yards in 14 tries.

Just before the half, Marion marched to the Indee 22 but time stopped this drive.

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