

Penalties Hurt Warriors 3-0

CLINTON— It was a hot time in the old town Friday night as Clinton defeated Cedar Rapids Washington 3-0 in Mississippi Valley conference football.

Penalties played a key role in the game, with both Washington and Clinton losing touchdowns because of a violation.

The first quarter was evenly matched, with both teams running up and down the field, unable to score. In the second quarter the River Kings posed their first threat, when flanker Chuck Marcucci ran 40 yards for a touchdown, but the TD was called back on a holding violation.

The Warriors were given the next chance, when Kyle Rich ran from the Warrior 18, 82 yards for a touchdown.

However the heavy hand of fate stepped in and the touchdown was cancelled due to a Warrior clipping violation on the Clinton 47.

The winning points came late in the second quarter when Clinton quarterback Jeff Voss passed to Marcucci for six yards, putting the ball at the Warrior 46.

Dave Holsclaw came in to punt on 4th down and failed, but a Warrior roughing penalty, with five seconds left, gave Clinton another chance.

The snap from the center came in low to Jon Lockhart and he had to reach to get the ball, but got it set and Holsclaw kicked a 48-yard field goal to put Clinton ahead.

Washington posed several threats in the third and fourth quarters, but couldn't get things to fit into place. The Warrior offense didn't develop any consistency according to Wash head coach Wally Sheets.

"We just couldn't put it together," said Sheets. We didn't have a potent offense. Our best offensive game was against Muscatine, but everyone runs well against Muscatine. It really wasn't a bad game, if you're from Clinton."

Dick Olin, a former Wash aide under Sheets, summed it up nicely. "I honestly didn't think that our field goal would win it. But we played well and we didn't have any let downs. It's the best defensive game I've seen our boys play."

With this victory, Clinton takes over first place, with a 5-1, while the Warriors have to settle for second, with a 4-2 record.

Statistics

	C.R. Wash.	Clinton
First Downs	7	11
Yards Rushing	125	104
Yards Passing	3	30
Passes	11-1-1	5-2-0
Punts	5-25	7-32.4
Fumbles-lost	3-3	0-0
Yards Penalized	40	60

Clinton Climbs to Valley Top

SCORE BY QUARTERS

C.R. Wash.	0	0	0	0
Clinton	0	3	0	0

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Clinton: FG: Dave Holsclaw (48 yards).

Too Much Quickness, Kennedy Still Wins

By Bob Hersom

Ignacio Mendieta, a 170-pound guard on Kennedy's football team, might have to work on getting off the ball a little bit slower this week.

Kennedy coach Jerry Mauren felt if Mendieta weren't so quick coming off the line of scrimmage, the Cougars may have scored more than 10 points while shutting out Iowa City Friday night in their homecoming game in Kingston stadium.

The Cougars, now 4-2 in the Mississippi Valley confer-

ence race and 4-3 overall, were stymied by 86 yards in penalties, most of them nullifying long gains. Mendieta was called offside "five or six times," according to Mauren.

"He had only been called offside once all season (six games) before this game," Mauren added. "And he wasn't offside tonight. He just beats everyone else off the ball. The officials probably couldn't believe he was that quick."

Penalties against Kennedy

Statistics

	Iowa City	Kennedy
First Downs	10	12
Yards Rushing	38	171
Yards Passing	97	76
Passes	11-25-2	7-13-1
Punts	6-29	5-38
Fumbles-lost	3-1	3-1
Yards Penalized	10	86

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Iowa City	0	0	0	0
Kennedy	7	3	0	0

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

KENNEDY: TD—Dennis Baskerville (45 run), XP—Chuck Johnson (kick), FG—Johnson (36 yards).

wiped out several significant gains. Here are a few:

Dennis Baskerville's 14-yard run for a first down at Iowa City's 46 in the first quarter.

Chuck Johnson's 43-yard pass to Jud Coleman in the third quarter, which had moved the ball to Iowa City's five-yard line.

A 34-yard interception return by Coleman to the Little Hawk 11 in the third quarter.

And, finally, an apparent three-yard touchdown gallop by sophomore Tracy Crocker with 58 seconds left in the game.

In the second half, the Cougars reached Iowa City's 15, 29 and eight yard lines, but failed to score each time. Meanwhile, Kennedy's defense allowed Iowa City just one opportunity past the Cougar 45 during the entire game.

"We were shattered by penalties," Mauren admitted. "That's never happened to us before this year." The Cougars had been averaging just 30 yards in penalties in the first six games.

Baskerville, Kennedy's

bruising fullback, rambled nine times for 84 yards in the first half, but was limited to just 10 yards in four carries during the final half.

"They were keying on him, I felt," said Mauren. "We wanted to run him a lot more, but there just wasn't anywhere to run."

Baskerville did "run to daylight" with 4:14 left in the first quarter, however. He blasted off left guard, bounced off four would-be tacklers and bounded 45 yards for the game's only touchdown.

Later, at the end of the first half, the Cougars went 49 yards in just four plays, taking up 52 seconds, to set up Johnson's 36-yard field goal with :11 left.

"Our defense was fantastic," smiled Mauren, enjoying his team's third shutout of the season. "I thought we were prepared for their trick plays because we worked hard on that during the week."

Iowa City tried trickery, but usually was unsuccessful. A flea-flicker play, however—when quarterback Bob Commings passed to end Tom Frantz, who in turn lateraled to halfback Paul Burgess—did gain 24 yards midway through the first period.

Junior quarterback Commings, son of Iowa's head coach (isn't he looking for a good passing QB?) completed 11 of 24 passes for 97 yards, often under a heavy rush.

"He's a very good passer," Mauren said. "Even when he didn't have time to throw his passes were on the mark. And we blitzed our linebackers quite a lot tonight. There receivers ran good patterns, too."



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Hot Pursuit

Two Iowa City defenders were in hot pursuit of Kennedy's Dennis Baskerville (39) on a five-yard scamper in the second

quarter of Kennedy's 10-0 Valley win Friday night in Kingston stadium.

Pass Interceptions Spur Marion Past Anamosa

By Larry Tanner

Marion used clutch pass interceptions by Reed Martin and Linnie Vinson to come from behind the edge past Anamosa, 24-20, Friday night on the Indians' field.

The victory left Marion in second place in the Wamac race behind Independence with a 4-1 record. The Blue Raiders dropped to 3-2.

Marion led through much of the hard hitting, well-played contest. The Indians jumped off to an 8-0 lead with 8:07 left in the first period when Tom Borst hammered into the end zone from the one capping a 48-yard, 9-play drive. Pat Jones' 40-yard kickoff return to the Raider 48 started this drive. He also ran the 2-point extra point.

Anamosa came right back with a 58-yard march in 11 plays with Randy Matthiesen cracking in from the one with 4:02 left in the first stanza.

The Raiders moved ahead with 26 seconds left in the first quarter on Mike Warner's first score from the one. Dave Dearborn made this one possible when he intercepted a John Murdoch pass at the Marion 45 and ran it back to the 28. The Raiders scored in 5 plays. Ron Tapper ran for the two points giving Anamosa a 14-8 lead.

Marion took the kickoff to

Statistics

	Marion	Anamosa
First Downs	12	17
Yards Rushing	225	192
Yards Passing	31	98
Passes	25-1	6-16-2
Punts	2-40	1-31
Fumbles-lost	1	0
Yards Penalized	95	25

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Marion	8	8	8	0
Anamosa	8	8	6	0

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Marion: TD—Tom Borst 2 (13 runs); John Murdoch (5 run). XP—Pat Jones 3 (runs). Anamosa: TD—Randy Matthiesen (1 run); Mike Warner 2 (1 runs). XP—Ron Tapper (run).

its 26 and moved the 74 yards in 10 plays with Murdoch scoring around end on a keeper play with 8:39 left in the second stanza. The big play was a Pat Jones' run for 38 yards to the Raider 11, setting up the score. Jones ran for the two points.

Anamosa took the second half kickoff and moved 63 yards in 11 plays with Warner crunching across with 7:42 left in the third quarter, giving the Raiders a 20-16 margin.

Martin picked off a Dan Harren pass in the third stanza and returned it from midfield to the Raider 30. Marion needed 9 plays to score with Borst going in from the three with 22 seconds left in the third. Pat Jones picked up his third 2-pointer.

Anamosa missed on two

opportunities in the final 12 minutes. The Raiders moved from the Marion 40 following a fumble to the 9 but failed to get a first down.

Late in the game Anamosa moved from its 19 to the Marion 41. Vinson picked off a long pass on the Marion 14 and ran it back to midfield. However, an Indian clipped at the 20 and the ball came back to the 10. The Indians killed the final 56 seconds.

"I have to give our offensive line a lot of credit tonight," Coach Bob Thurness said after the game. "Boy! Anamosa really came to play, didn't they?"

"Our defense bent, but it held in the clutch situations in the final quarter," Thurness said.

Beardsley-Stout Duo Stops River Kings

CLINTON — Barry Beardsley scored on touchdown passes of 10 and 55 yards from Todd Stout as the Cedar Rapids Washington sophomores blanked Clinton 24-0 Friday night.

Vernon Brown tallied on a 52 yard run and Jeff Sindelar rambled 13 yards for another Wash score.

Finley Fires Dark

OAKLAND (AP) — Alvin Dark, saying he has "no reason to blame Charlie Finley," held a news conference Friday night after it was announced that he had been fired as manager of the Oakland A's.

The American League club announced the firing earlier Friday. In a brief statement, the club said Finley, the A's owner, told Dark Thursday "his contract would not be renewed." Dark's contract expired at the end of the 1975 season.

Dark told about 20 newsmen he held no grudge against Finley because his firing was the "owner's prerogative." He added that Finley gave him no reason for the firing, although the A's lost the AL playoff three straight to the Boston Red Sox.

"I think we had a better comradship than anyone I have ever worked with when we talked about lineup, players and running the team," Dark said of Finley.

He added he would seek another baseball job because "I think I can serve the Lord better in baseball than out of baseball."

Jeff Defense Checks Bettendorf Late 13-6

BETTENDORF — Cedar Rapids Jefferson employed a stingy second-half defense and Dave Wise tallied two one-yard runs as the J-Hawks stopped Bettendorf 13-6 in Mississippi Valley conference football Friday night.

Jeff evened its Valley mark at 3-3 while the Bulldogs dropped to 4-3.

After a defensive standoff in the early stages of the first quarter, Bettendorf took the ball and scored quickly with 6½ minutes to play in the period.

Kevin Antle returned a Jefferson punt 31 yards to the J-Hawk 26-yard line.

The Bulldogs scored four plays later on Kurt Habenicht's 11-yard run after Dave Horton's eight-yard scamper set up the score.

But that six-pointer was all the Bulldogs could put on the scoreboard as the Jeff defense buckled down to stop the opponents, thereafter.

The J-Hawks put together a sustained drive which chewed up about 4½ minutes late in the first period.

The 14-play drive failed to produce any points as Wise was sacked for a loss on a fourth down-seven situation.

Wise didn't attempt a pass in the drive until the last play, but fullback Dale Crosby toted the pigskin 29 yards in six carries.

Statistics

	Bettendorf	Jefferson
First Downs	7	14
Yards Rushing	116	144
Yards Passing	4	14
Passes	1-1-0	7-17-0
Punts	6-25	4-39
Fumbles-lost	2-2	0-0
Yards Penalized	45	25

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Bettendorf	6	0	0	0
Jefferson	0	6	7	0

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Bettendorf: TD—Kurt Habenicht (11 run). Jefferson: TD—Dave Wise 2 (1 runs). XP—Ken Samek (kick).

Jeff got excellent field position in the second quarter as Bob Walker intercepted a Bettendorf handoff in the backfield on the Bulldog 19-yard line.

On a fourth and five play, Wise hooked up with end Mike Allard on a 10-yard pass play to the four.

On third down, Wise plunged one-yard on a QB sneak for the score with 7:07 left in the second stanza. Ken Samek's extra point kick gave Jeff a 7-6 halftime lead.

Jeff's defense stiffened up in the second half, allowing Bettendorf only 12 yards total offense while sacking the quarterback three times for a minus 26 yards.

After a Bettendorf punt in the third quarter, Jeff took over on the Bulldog 41 and scored nine plays later.

Ron Harrelson and Crosby split the ball carrying chores

in the drive, which set up Wise's one-yard scoring burst.

The big play in what proved to be the winning drive came on a fourth down-play on the Bulldog nine-yard line. Wise scooted eight yards to the one for a first down and scored with 1:43 to play in the third.

Dave Horton, the Valley's leading rusher, gained 95 of Bettendorf's 116 rushing yards in 13 carries.

Crosby countered for Jeff with 86 yards in 23 carries. Jeff had 144 yards on the ground.

U.S. Bags 2-0 Lead in Cup

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The United States took a commanding 2-0 lead over Venezuela Friday when its two southpaw favorites, Jimmy Connors and Roscoe Tanner, came through with expected victories in the opening singles matches of the 1976 Davis Cup challenge.

Connors defeated Venezuela's No. 1 player, Humphrey Hose, in the concluding match of the day, winning without much trouble 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.

Earlier, Tanner disposed of Jorge Andrew.

Statistics

	Prairie	Oelwein
First Downs	11	19
Yards Rushing	146	254
Yards Passing	17	142
Passes	12-2-3	10-6-0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Yards Penalized	22	13

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Prairie	0	0	0	6
Oelwein	14	14	22	6

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Prairie: TD: Ralph Beckica (2 run). Oelwein: TD: Mark Stanford (69 pass from Mitch Strang), Brian Brown (1, 1, 16 run), Tracy Delong (22 run), Mike Arndt (22 pass interception), Kelly Murphy (18 pass from Mark Stanford), Kipper Wilson (1 run) XP: Kelly Kimball (kick), Mike Stanford (conversion), Mitch Strang (conversion).

OELWEIN — Oelwein handed Cedar Rapids Prairie a resounding 56-6 defeat in a non-conference football game here Friday night.

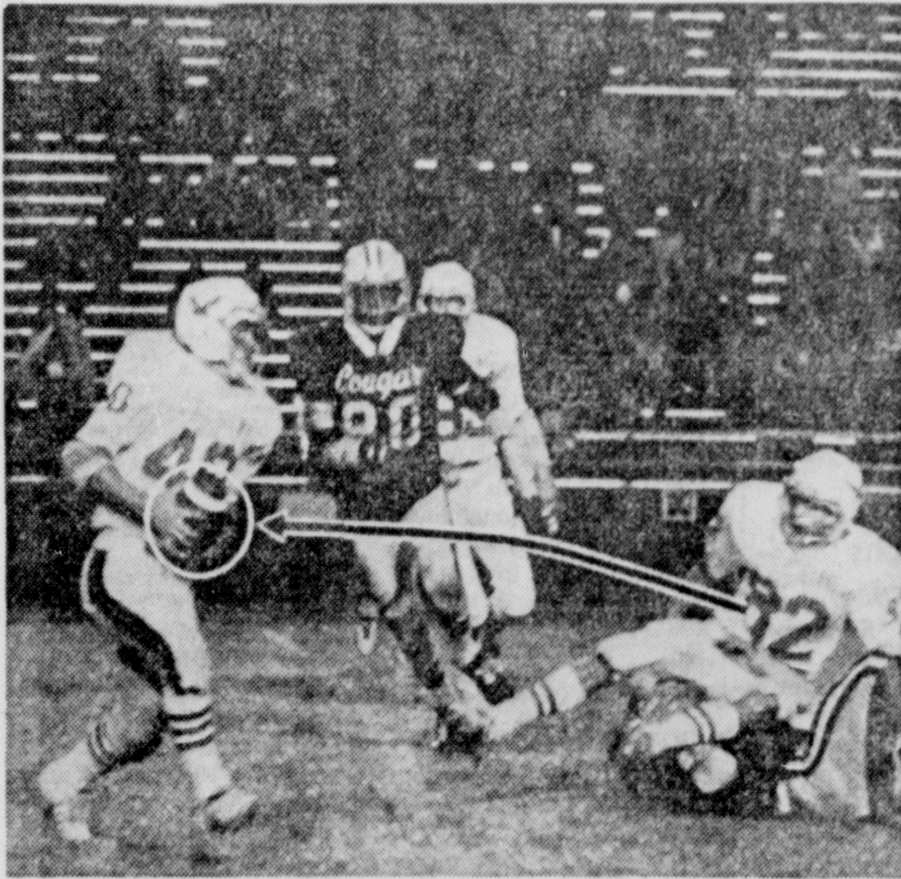
Oelwein scored early on a 69-yard pass play from Mitch Strang to Mark Stanford. Brian Brown also ran for three tallies for the Huskies, scoring on two one-yard runs and then a 16-yard run.

It just wasn't Prairie's night, with the Hawks completing only two passes out of 12 attempts for a total of 17 yards. The Huskies also intercepted three times.

The Hawk's only score came when Ralph Beckica ran two yards for a touchdown. Prairie is 0-7.

The Hawk's also assisted the Huskies when Mike Arndt intercepted a pass and ran 22 yards for an Oelwein touchdown.

Tracy Delong recorded a 22-yard touchdown run for the Huskies, as well as Kipper Wilson, who ran one yard for a tally in the fourth quarter. Oelwein is now 6-1.



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Iowa City used the old "flea-flicker" play when Tom Frantz (left) caught a pass from Bob Commings and promptly lateraled to Paul Burgess Friday against Kennedy