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Linn-Mar Gains Playoffs, 27-6

By Bob Hersom

The Saturday morning Gazette isn't the only new thing in town today. For the first time in history, Linn-Mar will be represented in the state prep football playoffs beginning next week.

While the Lion and Prairie football teams were playing trick-or-treat with the football on Halloween night at the Hawks' John Wall stadium, Anamosa defeated Monticello, 14-7, to give Linn-Mar the extra points it needed to qualify in coach Tex McCoy's second season as Lion coach.

The deceptively difficult 27-6 victory over Prairie clinched a playoff berth for the Lions, who have posted a 16-2 record under McCoy.

Statistics	
Linn-Mar	Prairie
First Downs	16
Yards Rushing	251
Yards Passing	45
Poses	27-0
Punts	1-4
Fumbles-lost	2-2
Yards Penalized	86
SCORE BY QUARTERS	
Linn-Mar	7 7 0 13- 27
Prairie	0 0 0 6- 6
INDIVIDUAL SCORING	
Linn-Mar: TDs—Von Hollingworth 2 (1.5 runs); Mark Lamb 2 (1.4 runs); XP—Craig Steen 3 (kicks).	
Prairie: TDs—Ralph Becicka (57 pass from Mark Fetter; 2-point pass no good).	

The Marion squad will meet unbeaten West Union North (9-0) in a first-round state playoff contest Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. on the Lion field.

Prairie, clad in Halloween colors of black and orange,

used the game's only trick play to score its touchdown with 4:23 remaining in the game.

The trickery was a 57-yard pass play that began when quarterback Ralph Becicka, an end earlier this season, lateraled to halfback Mark Fetter, himself a former QB. Becicka then went downfield, caught the ball at Linn-Mar's 35, broke a tackle at the 10 and went into the end zone.

But Prairie treated Linn-Mar to four lost fumbles, three interceptions and a five-yard punt.

Linn-Mar scored the first time it got the ball, marching 58 yards in nine plays as Von Hollingsworth scored the first of his two touchdowns.

Just two minutes later, on Prairie's first possession, Lion tackle Bret Vesey pounced on a Hawk fumble at the Prairie 16. But, thanks to two straight sensational stops by Prairie standout linebacker Don Hartman, Linn-Mar couldn't muster a first down.

Midway through the second quarter, Prairie punter Hartman barely got his kick away after a high snap, and the ball traveled just five yards to the Hawk 11. Four plays later, Mark Lamb scored one of his two TDs and Linn-Mar led 14-0 with 5:51 left until intermission.

The Hawks immediately moved 53 yards to the Linn-Mar 13, thanks largely to a pair of clutch third-down pas-

ses by Becicka, before once again treating the Lions to a fumble, which Linn-Mar recovered on its 14 yard line.

Late in the third quarter, still another Prairie fumble gave Linn-Mar possession on the Hawk 19. But, with big defensive plays by Roger Becker and Larry Holland, Prairie held Linn-Mar to eight yards in four downs.

In the final quarter, Lion QB Hollingsworth was the game-breaker. He arched a 30-yard pass to Jim Young, setting up Lamb's four-yard score, and later tallied from five yards out, five plays after intercepting a Prairie pass on the Hawk 29.

Linn-Mar's offense was

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Cougars Slip By Dubuque

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DUBUQUE — Kennedy high's thoughts may have been drifting 50 miles to the north Friday night and consequently to Cougars were extended almost beyond the limit by a stubborn Dubuque Senior team.

Kennedy eventually prevailed 14-6 in the keenly-contested Mississippi Valley football clash but the outcome of the Clinton-Bettendorf game in Clinton may have taken some of the sharpness out of the Kennedy effort.

Statistics	
C.R. Kennedy	Dub. Senior
First Downs	9
Yards Rushing	91
Yards Passing	49
Poses	5-8-1
Punts	4-27-2
Fumbles-lost	2-2
Yards Penalized	5
SCORE BY QUARTERS	
C.R. Kennedy	0 0 7 7- 14
Dub. Senior	0 6 0 0- 6
INDIVIDUAL SCORING	
CEDAR RAPIDS KENNEDY: Mark Alexander (8 run); Dennis Baskerville (3 run); XP—Chuck Johnson 2 (kicks).	

yards rushing in 24 carries, then scored the clinching touchdown with just 1:10 left in the game on a three-yard run.

Kennedy lost momentum and a golden scoring opportunity on the opening kickoff when Brian Coffin returned to the Senior 40, but a fumble on the first scrimmage play turned momentum in Senior's favor.

Linn-Mar Sophomores Clinch League Title

The Linn-Mar sophomore football team clinched the East Central Iowa conference championship with a 30-6 win over C.R. Prairie at Prairie Friday night.

Senior dominated the first half, outgaining Kennedy 116-45 and rolling up 11 first downs to Kennedy's three. Senior scored first on Jahn Opperman's five-yard run with 3:50 left in the first half. The scored came after a 40-yard, nine-play drive.

Kennedy got its offense moving in the second half and led by the running of Dennis Baskerville and Mark Alexander, generated enough offense to produce the win. Alexander scored on an eight-yard run after Senior's Ron Wintermont had fumbled at his own 11.

Just moments earlier, Senior had wiped out a long Kennedy drive with a pass interception at the 13. Baskerville, who wound up with 81

Bus Breakdown Slows Burlington

DAVENPORT — The Davenport West-Burlington football game was delayed here Friday night when the Burlington bus broke down enroute to the game. It was scheduled to start late. Burlington is the No. 2 ranked team in Iowa.



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Oops! Pardon Me

Mike Richardson (21) of Linn-Mar forget to get the football in this action Friday night at Prairie as he smashed into Prairie punter Don Hartman. The result was a 15-yard penalty.

Marion's Borst on the Move

Marion's Tim Borst (32) broke loose on this first half run Saturday in a Wamac conference showdown battle with Tipton.

Marion Cinches Title Share 24-14

By Larry Tanner

Marion won a share of the Wamac loop crown Friday night dumping a determined Tipton team 24-14 on the Indians' field. Independence won its half by beating West Delaware.

"I am really happy for our kids. They really deserved to win the title," an elated Bob Thurness said, after spending some 15 minutes receiving congratulations from both Marion and Tipton fans. Thurness coached at Tipton before coming to Marion two years ago.

"We played some defense tonight," he continued, "especially in the second half."

"Tipton played very well. They are a fine football team.

Statistics	
Marion	Tipton
First Downs	8
Yards Rushing	258
Yards Passing	0
Poses	0-2-0
Punts	5-35
Fumbles-lost	1-1
Yards Penalized	40
SCORE BY QUARTERS	
Marion	7 8 8 0- 24
Tipton	7 0 7 0- 14
INDIVIDUAL SCORING	
MARION: TD—John Murdoch 2 (80.9 runs); Mike Jones (34 run); XP—Pat Jones 2 (runs); Mike Jones (run); Tipton: TD—Jay Walters (11 run); Jim Miller (1 run); XP—Steve Hill (kick); Jeff Fields (kick).	

When our kids came back after Tipton scored at the beginning of the second half, I knew they would win it."

The Indians have not been a home run type of offensive team this year in posting a 7-

2 record, but they had two Friday night.

Tipton marched 41 yards for the first score of the game with 3:19 left in the first period. A strong wind slowly backed the Indians up prior to the Tiger scoring march. Jay Walters crashed over from the 11, refusing to go down although hit several times by Marion tacklers. Steve Hill kicked the point.

Marion struck like lightning to go ahead. After the strong wind carried the kickoff way over the goal, John Murdoch swung to his left on a keeper play. He had several key blocks and raced 80 to score with 3:06 left in the first period. Mike Jones ran for two points.

The Indians struck for another score late in the second

period. This one came as the result of a Tiger fumble on a punt. Ank Kleis, Indian captain, pounced on this one on the Tipton 14. Three plays took the Indians to the 9. Marion lined up for a field goal. Murdoch called timeout and talked it over with Thurness.

He returned to the field, threw out the kicking tee, lined up his team on fourth down and ran the ball into the end zone with 7:36 left in the half. Pat Jones ran for the first of two extra points, and the Indians led 16-7.

Tipton took the second half kickoff and marched 72 yards for a score with 7:36 left in the third stanza. Quarterback Jim Miller hit Kevin Phelps and Dave Fraseur with pass-

es. He sneaked in from the one. Jeff Fields kicked the extra point and the score stood at 16-14.

Marion came right back with a 70-yard march. Mike Jones got this one with a 34-yard sprint with 4:49 left in the period. Brother Pat Jones ran the two pointer.

Marion had still another drive, but it stalled on the Tiger 10.

The Indians played the entire first half without making a first down.

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Guttenberg, W.U. North In Playoffs

By Bob Hersom

Linn-Mar has qualified for the state high school playoffs for the first time, but Regis—the only team to beat the Lions this season—must defeat arch-rival LaSalle Saturday afternoon at Kingston stadium in order to make the state field.

The Royals could have qualified Friday night had both Newton and Dubuque Wahlert been victorious. But, while Newton did romp past Des Moines East 34-6, Wahlert was nipped at Cedar Falls 17-15.

Linn-Mar qualified by beating Prairie 27-6, with an additional five points coming when Anamosa moved its final record to 5-4 by topping Monticello 14-7.

West Union North won its ninth straight game, 21-15 over South Winneshiek, to become Linn-Mar's first round state foe Wednesday night on the Lion field.

If Regis beats LaSalle, the Royals will host Fairfield Wednesday night at Kingston stadium. Fairfield drubbed Centerville 42-12.

Should Regis falter, unbeaten Knoxville will play at Fairfield in the first round. Knoxville scalped Okaloosa 48-6 Friday night.

In a class 2A meeting of unbeaten Friday night, Pekin of Packwood downed Sigourney 20-13 in a double-overtime thriller to qualify for the playoffs. Pekin's first state foe will be Burlington Notre Dame, which topped Keosauqua Van Buren 26-20 Friday night and nipped Mt. Vernon in point average.

Guttenberg, a winner over M-F-L Friday night, qualified in Section 3 of class AA and will host Hudson Wednesday night in first round state action.

If Regis beats LaSalle, and Sioux City East beats Harlan today, the playoff teams— and pairings when available —should be:

CLASS 4A: Clinton, Cedar Falls, Burlington, Waterloo Central, Sioux City East, Sioux City Heelan, Waterloo West and West Des Moines Dowling. (If S.C. East loses, Davenport Assumption would probably qualify).

CLASS 3A: Emmetsburg at Denison; Urbandale at Indianola; West Union North at Linn-Mar; Fairfield at Regis. (If Regis loses, Knoxville would qualify and play at Fairfield).

CLASS 2A: Pocahontas at Lawton-Bronson; Shenandoah at Adel; Hudson at Guttenberg; Pekin at Burlington Notre Dame.

CLASS A: Wall Lake at Mallard; Hamburg at Glidden-Ralston; Rockwell-Swaledale at Radcliffe; Meicher-Dallas at Danville.

Mo Kelly, publicity director for the Iowa High School Athletic Assn., said Friday night, however, that the pairings are not official. Schools qualifying will be notified Monday, he said.

Grundy Nips Benton 12-0

GRUNDY CENTER — Curt Helmick and Rod Curren scored on runs of five and four yards in the first half as Grundy Center edged Benton Community 12-0 Friday night in prep football.

Benton was limited to 60 yards on the ground and 70 in the air but Grundy Center had to hold off three Bobcat drives with pass interceptions. Grundy stacked up 290 yards in total offense.

Helmick was the game's leading rusher with 120 yards. Grundy Center finished the season with an 8-1 record and Benton Community's East Central Iowa conference entry closed at 5-4.

Jeff Beaten By Hempstead

By Gus Schrader

Dubuque Hempstead used a bruising running game to deal Jefferson a 20-15 loss in the season closer before a small crowd at Kingston stadium Friday night.

The teams went into the contest tied with 4-3 Mississippi Valley conference records. Jeff wound up with a 5-4 record, the school's worst since 1961.

Rick Samek gave the home folks a lift with an electrifying 65-yard dash for Jeff's first TD midway in the first quarter. He swung around right end on the keeper, veered back inside and easily outdistanced all pursuit.

Then Hempstead took over with its effective ground game, and Jeff pitched in with eight penalties for 85 yards and five fumbles, two of which were lost.

Hempstead's Jeff Bottoms, who took over the Valley rushing lead this week, picked up 52 yards in the first half. Then he suffered a concussion returning the second-half kickoff and did not play again.

"Losing Bottoms was a tough break," said Hempstead coach Bob Timmerman, "and we also lost one of only three linebackers we brought along when Joe Noonan got a broken ankle in the first quarter."

"Jeff's a tough opponent, and our other kids had to come through for us. I think we have an all-star in Frank Mickelson (6-1, 249-pound tackle). He's done a great job for us all season and deserves the recognition."

Fullback Tim Burns was Hempstead's leading gainer with 69 yards in 14 carries, but QB Rick Steil was the man who took them into the end zone. Steil recovered Burnes' fumble that bounced into the end zone for the first score.

In the second quarter Steil climaxed an 80-yard drive in 10 plays by sneaking the final yard. Both extra-point tries failed—the first on Paul Simon's kick and the second on Steil's pass that was batted down.

Steil's eight-yard pass to Dan Merit finished the winners' scoring just before the third quarter ended. This time Steil ran for a two-point conversion.

Hempstead controlled the ball most of the final quarter, but called timeout with 10 seconds left on fourth down. Dean Franzen tried to take the ball around left end. Just as he was tackled, he tried to toss the ball forward.

It was scooped up by Jeff's Randy Shaver, who ran 51 yards for the final score after the clock had run out. Dale Crosby, Jeff's leading rusher with 69 yards in 14 carries, plunged for the two-point conversion.

"Hempstead has a fine team, and has a lot of those big kids back next season," said Jeff coach Jack Fisk, who directed the J-Hawks to the state 4-A championship in 1972. "We helped beat ourselves, however, with all those penalties and fumbles."

Rick Samek wound up with 65 yards rushing on seven attempts, and he completed 3 of 9 passes with 2 intercepted. Steil completed 2 of 5 and had one stolen by Jeff's Ed Kostaska. The winners were penalized six times for 40 yards, and one of them cost Steil a 37-yard gain.

Statistics

	Jeff	Hemp.
First Downs	10	15
Rushes-Yds	33-161	48-293
Yards Passing	33	25
Poses	3-9-2	2-5-1
Punts	3-35	3-13
Fumbles-lost	5-2	4-1
Penalties-Yd	8-85	6-40

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Jefferson	7	0	0	8- 15
Hempstead	6	6	8	0- 20

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Jeff: TD—Rick Samek, 65 run; Randy Shaver, 51 fumble return; XP—Ken Samek (kick); Dale Crosby (run).
Hemp: TD—Rick Steil, 2 rec. fumble in end zone and 1-yard run; Dan Merit, 8 pass from Steil; XP—Steil, run.

Independence Shares Title

INDEPENDENCE — Independence won a share of the Wamac conference football championship Friday night as Dave Mohlis scored on runs of one and 25 yards in a 29-13 win over Manchester.

Independence scored two touchdowns in each of the second and fourth quarters.

Perry Kiler and Nick Madison also scored for Independence, each on two-yard runs.

Independence and Marion each finished with 6-1 loop records. Manchester ended its season with a 2-5 league mark.

Guttenberg Is Perfect

GUTTENBERG — Don Schaeffer and Dan Walke each scored two touchdowns to pace Guttenberg to a 31-14 win over M-F-L Friday in prep football.

The win was Guttenberg's ninth straight of the season and propelled the Mid-Eastern Iowa conference champions into a possible playoff berth. Guttenberg closed at 9-0 and 7-0 in the conference.

M-F-L finished with a 3-4 record in Upper Iowa conference play and 3-6 overall. Steve Evers scored a 60-yard run for Guttenberg and Rick Blietz and Mick tallied for M-F-L.

Dysart-Geneseo Defense Shines

DYSART — The Dysart-Geneseo defensive unit held Reinbeck deep in its own territory and limited the opponent offense to 39 yards rushing in a 20-6 win Friday night.

Dysart, which finished its season with a 4-5 mark, scored two touchdowns in the first quarter to put the game away.

Dysart scored with Dan Reedy, Greg Obrosk and Doug Albertson.



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