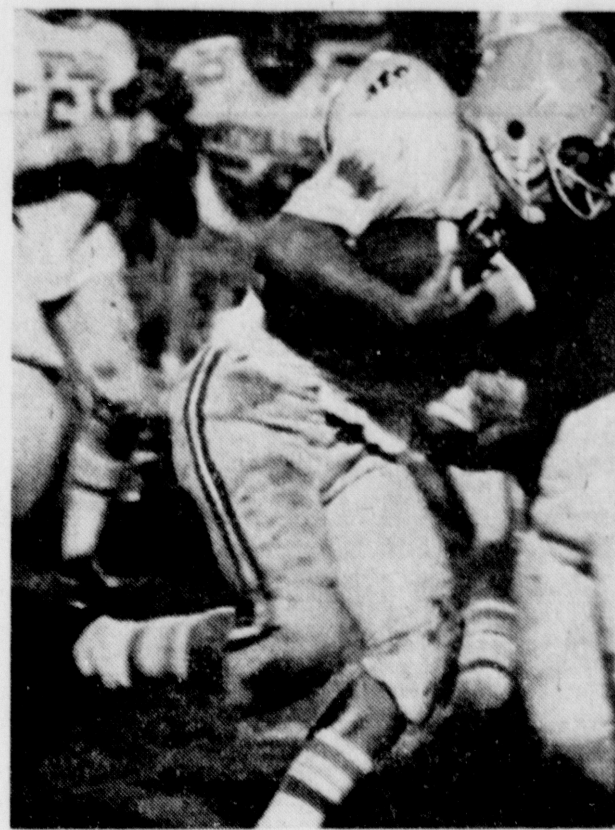
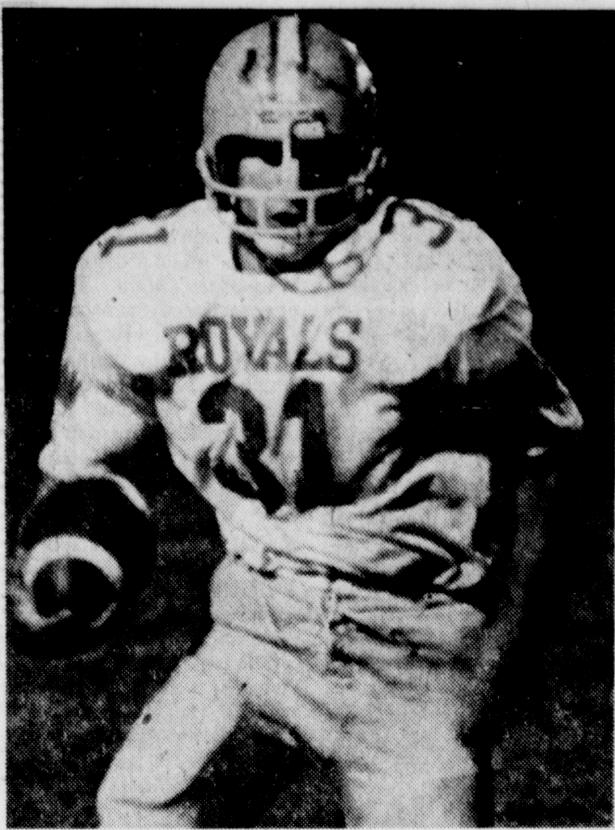




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Regis fullback Dennis Martin ran and ran and ran, and then ran some more, in Royals' 34-0 win over Kennedy.

Reed: Regis Is Best Team We've Played

By Steve Allsop

Just how good is the unbeaten Regis high football team that smote Kennedy 34-0 in Kingston stadium Thursday night?

The man with the most justifiable credentials to make an accurate assessment is Kennedy's first-year Coach Greg Reed, because four of the Cougars' five losses in a winless season have been to rated teams.

Yes, C.R. Jeff (4th), Regis (6th and 7th), Clinton (8th) and Dubuque Hempstead (9th and 10th) are listed on the latest Associated Press and United Press International polls and the Cougars have played 'em all.

Collectively, those four

teams are 15-2 and Hempstead's only loss was to Clinton and Clinton's lone defeat was to unbeaten second or third-ranked Davenport Central.

Reed's evaluation after the Thursday night contest wasn't one of those 'Hail, Thee Old Alma Mater' renditions either. Everyone knows that time. It was just a candid explanation by the Regis graduate, who played for Royals' Coach Tom Good.

"I don't want to jinx them or anything," said Reed, "but I'm afraid they're the best team we've played. We couldn't tackle Martin (fullback Dennis) and block Petzelka (tackle Matt)."

"Man for man they just ate us up, but I was proud and

continue to respect my kids. Sure, we're 0-5, but there are no quitters in this room and as far as we're concerned, a new season starts next week. One that we can hopefully cope with."

Martin was the main reason Regis sprinted to a 28-0 halftime lead and the Royals set the tempo for the contest by scoring in just four plays after taking the opening kickoff at the Kennedy 40.

Martin eventually scored three times and caught a conversion pass and would have scored another if he wouldn't have lost the handle on the football at the Kennedy five and fumbled it into the end zone on the first drive.

The 187-pounder was streaking goalward from the

17 when the bobble occurred, but John Gavin, the perpetual-motion quarterback, was (pun intended) Johnny on the spot and covered the ball for the touch.

It was all downhill for the Cougars from that moment on as Martin scored three times and John Bryant once before reserves took over in the final quarter.

One of Martin's TDs came on a 41-yard scamper and delivered the defensive play of the game to quash Kennedy's only real offensive threat of the evening.

Cougar quarterback Tracy Crocker had completed passes of nine, three and eight yards to Mike Hartman just into the second quarter to move his team to the Regis 46, but Martin ruined the march when he stepped in front of a short flick intended for Brian Coffin on a delay pattern coming out of the backfield.

Martin picked off the throw and bolted 65 yards to paydirt. He finished with 130 yards in 15 carries, but went to the bench early in the third quarter after running

up 100 in 12 tries in the first half.

The dandy senior has now gained 684 yards in 100 carries and has scored 70 points. The state's other premier running back, Kelly Ellis of Waterloo West, gained 161 yards in 12 carries in a 19-0 win over Cedar Falls Thursday and has 593 yards in 54 trips this year. He's scored 48 points.

Regis limited Kennedy to just 42 yards rushing (only five in the first half) and the big reason the Cougar offense was as private as Birch Bayh's presidential try was the play of tackle Matt Petzelka.

The 6-7, 235-pounder made several tackles at the line of scrimmage and caught four runners for losses. The mammoth tackle's confrontation with Kennedy's all-state candidate didn't come off though.

"We had planned to dog Martin with Ty Payton all night, that was our game plan," said Reed, "but during a contact drill Tuesday, Ty got a good rap on the head and we had to hold him out.

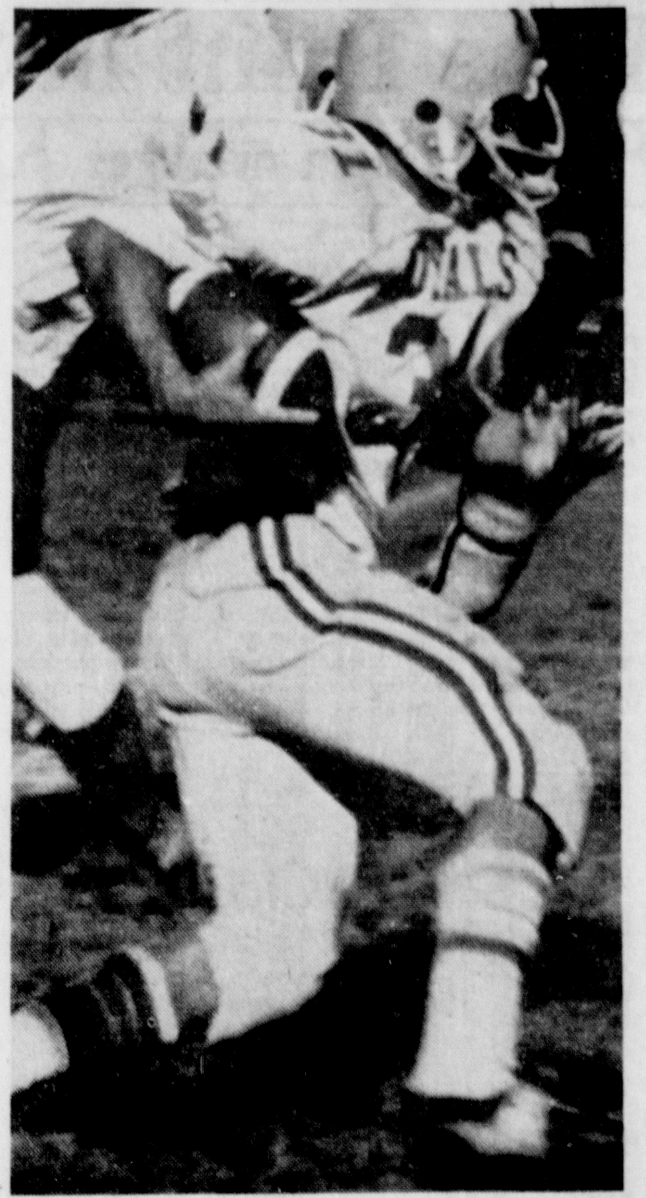
"I'm not saying that would have made a difference, but Ty either made or helped on 20 tackles in each of our first four games."

(Boxscore on Page 18).

Regis Coach Tom Good praised his offensive line. "Coach Novak (Tom) really had them prepared and Coach Breitbach (Dick) did a whale of a job putting the total offense together."

"Petzelka played his best game of the year and we really got a pass rush from him. He played inspired football," Reed agreed. "We watched Matt on three films and frankly, he wasn't that impressive, but he made a believer out of us tonight. He's every bit as good as people say he is. I don't think we blocked him once."

Ten Regis backs carried the ball and Bryant rushed for 63 yards. Crocker led Kennedy with 29 yards in 15 carries, but wasn't effective until shifted to tailback late in the game. Harley Williams, Kennedy's leading rusher, was held to 13 yards in 12 carries.



... He had 3 touchdowns and 130 yards.

Rams Boast No. 1 Offense

By Steve Allsop

Cornell college, which travels by air more efficiently than all but one football team in NCAA Division III ranks, doesn't consider the U.S. Postal Air Mail Service as a threat to its' speed in the air or on the ground.

The Rams are unbeaten in three games and last week almost blew Beloit out of their Alumni field in a 56-7 breeze. But when the Division III statistics showed up this week Cornell wasn't included.

"We sent the statistics air

mail Monday, but they didn't arrive at the NCAA offices in Kansas City until today," said Cornell Sports Information Director Wayne Davenport Friday morning. "Fact is, our stats make us the number one Division III team in total offense," explained Davenport.

The Rams are No. 1 in total offense (432.6 yards a game) and second in passing offense (238.6) and scoring offense (42.0). Another Iowa school, Buena Vista, leads in scoring offense (44.3).

St. John's of Minnesota, averaging 428.5 yards a game is listed on the NCAA chart as the top offensive team.

In addition, sophomore tailback Chris Hipsley's 54 points is also best in Division three. Hipsley has scored six touchdowns and kicked 18 extra points.

Andy Brinkman is tied for fourth in pass receiving (six catches per game) and Aaron Van Dyke of Mt. Vernon is fifth in total offense, averaging 218 yards per game.

The Rams play at Monmouth Saturday. At the proficiency rate they've established in moving the football maybe a couple of their backs can run the statistics to Kansas City faster the mails can get them there.

State Women's Golf

CEDAR FALLS — Iowa State is favored to win the state women's collegiate golf tournament for the third straight year Friday and Saturday at UNI.

Iowa Sailors

IOWA CITY — Iowa's sailing team will send sailing teams to Madison, Wis., and Decatur, Ill., this weekend.

Red Peppers

By Gus Schrader



Red Peppers' Pix

• We're getting 'greedy' after a 27-5-1 score last week, so now we're going to shoot for the .800 mark. We have 89-25-4 for the season, a comfy .771.

To pad that percentage, notice we're going to pick everything in sight, including two big shockers in the Big Eight: Colorado over Nebraska and Texas over Oklahoma. Remember, if we're wrong, we'll be glad to apologize.

Big Ten

Ohio State 31, Iowa 10 (season starts next week)
Colorado 24, Nebraska 21 (Big Red fades in altitude)
Missouri 39, K-State 9 (easy Big 8 start for Tigers)
Illinois 21, Minnesota 14 (Illini make Dundy dingy)
Wisconsin 27, Purdue 24 (no guarantees with this)
Indiana 19, Northwestern 13 (Wildcats no Wild Bunch)

Big Eight

Iowa State 42, Utah 14 (love the non-conference)
Colorado 24, Nebraska 21 (Big Red fades in altitude)
Missouri 39, K-State 9 (easy Big 8 start for Tigers)
Kansas 23, Oklahoma 16 (Jay Hawks hit a gusher)
Texas 18, Oklahoma 15 (nobody goes through unbeaten)

Iowa Conference

William Penn over Upper ... Buena Vista over Wartburg
Simpson over Luther ... Central over Dubuque.

Midwest Conference

Cornell over Monmouth ... Coe over Carleton ... Knox over Grinnell ... Lawrence over Lake Forest ... Beloit over Chicago.

Other Iowa Schools

Long Beach State over Drake ... Northern Iowa over Augustana ... Loras over St. Ambrose (club) ... Graceland over Iowa Wesleyan ... Sioux Falls over Northwestern ... South Dakota State over Morningside ... Westmar over Yorkton.

Anything Else?

Royals over Yankees in 5 games ... Reds over Phils in 4 ... Then Reds over Royals in 6 games in World Series ... Ford and Carter over Modoc and McCarthy (that'll happen up the ol' overage!) ... Iowa basketball team over the Iron-Nationals ... David over Goliath in the biggie ... Allies over Axis ... Wellington over Bonaparte ... Cowlump over Moon.

Woody Retire? No!

• Any time may be the last, right? But don't bet it will be the last time you'll be seeing that unforgettable figure — clad in an Ohio State warmup jacket (over a short-sleeved white shirt), gray slacks and a baseball cap — along the east sideline in Iowa's Kinnick stadium Saturday.

Wayne Woodrow Hayes turned 63 last Valentine's Day, and he had a heart attack in June, 1974. But when asked how long he intends to work in this "young man's

game," he replies stiffly: "I'll do something else when I find a job I like better."

It calls to mind what ol' Papa Bear, George Halas, said when reporters asked the same question of him on his 65th birthday, and he was still coaching his Bears. "Where could a man my age find another job?" the millionaire said innocently.

But you'll probably be seeing Woody again. Indeed, because of a schedule adjustment, Ohio State returns to Iowa City in 1977 to play at Iowa's homecoming Oct. 15. And chances are good the former fat man (Woody has slimmed away 20 pounds this season) will be there.

Pass the Hash

• The Cedar Rapids American Legion has decided to sponsor two baseball teams instead of one next year. Mel Wessel, baseball committee chairman for Hanford Post, said Friday Kenny Charipar, who has directed the team to the Legion World Series three times in recent years, will coach the west-side team. Dave Close, C.R. LaSalle baseball coach, will direct the east-side team.

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• There is encouraging news for the family and countless friends of the Rev. George Carlson — and that means extra good news for two Luther football players.

Mr. Carlson, pastor of the First Lutheran church in C.R. and a prominent athletic booster in many ways, suffered a massive heart attack last Friday night, and for several days was on the critical list in St. Luke's intensive-care ward.

His wife Marlys told us Friday morning that George has improved rapidly in the last few days, however, and now is in Room 568 at Luke's. He is able to sit up. One of the first things he asked about, of course, was the Luther football team, as sons Mike (junior tackle) and Greg (freshman guard) play for the Norsemen.

At George's insistence, the boys played in Luther's win over Upper Iowa Saturday. Then they hurried home to join the rest of the family in its anxiety over George's condition. They will play Saturday against Penn in Luther's homecoming.

Sellout 59,000 To See Iowa

By Gus Schrader

The "exhibition games," as Woody Hayes used to call 'em, are out of the way for both clubs and a capacity audience of 59,000 will gather in Kinnick stadium Saturday to see if Iowa has any kind of chance to end its long drouth against mighty Ohio State.

Woody will look much the same, but his Buckeyes will bring a record that is tackier than usual. Ohio State has a 2-1-1 record: A 49-21 romp over Michigan State, a 12-7 graze past Penn State, a 22-21 last-second loss to Missouri and a 10-10 tie with unbeaten UCLA.

All of which means Iowa Coach Bob Commings has only two worries for Saturday, right? Yup, just offense and defense.

The Hawks have lost 11 straight times to Ohio State. Last Iowa victory was 28-14 in 1962. Ohio State leads the series by a prohibitive 24-10-2.

Iowa's record is 2-2, which is one game better than any Hawkeye fan dared hope last summer. But a mere recitation of the won-lost mark conceals the dimensions of Iowa's 55-0 landslide defeat at USC last Saturday night.

That must have registered a plus-seven on the Richter scale at Cal Tech, and its re-

percussions have been felt on the Hawkeyes both physically and mentally.

Two Iowa freshman reserves were knocked out of the season: Tackle Herlyn Harrington with torn knee ligaments and wingback Jesse "Road Runner" Cook with a broken hand.

Two key senior starters, Butch Caldwell and Jim Caldwell, are on the iffy list, but Butch's twisted knee has improved during the week and doctors have okayed him to play quarterback Saturday. Commings has QBs that pass better than Butch, but none who can run with his threat.

Jim Caldwell (no relation), co-captain and dependable corner back, may play but is not running well on an ankle that was twisted at USC. Indeed, Iowa's secondary is pretty well banged up, perhaps inviting the Buckeyes to test their atrophied passing game if needed.

Butch is one of six Hawkeyes from Ohio who will start Saturday, so the game means something special to them. Others are tight end Tom Grine, wingback Dennis Mosley, tailback Ernie Sheeler, linebacker Dean Moore and strong safety Chuck Danzy.

In addition, Ohioans Tim Gutshall and Mario Pace are likely to play, too.

There is some good news on Iowa injuries. Dave Schick, the "Rhinstone Cowboy" who was unhorsed with a pulled hamstring until the USC contest, apparently has passed the Schick Test and will be able to play tailback, although still not with his old abandon.

And the Buckeyes? Although some of their super stars looked dinged a bit in the TV tie with UCLA, the full cast is expected to perform if needed. Funny how that phrase "if needed" keeps popping up, but the Bucks are a prohibitive favorite despite a comparison of how the two teams did against their only common foe, Penn State.

Pete Johnson, the 247-pound senior fullback who already scored 45 TDs in 3½ seasons (including three Rose Bowl games), will play Sherman tank again on two puffy ankles. Also in action will be three big defensive linemen, Nick Buonamici (sprained toe), Aaron Brown (sprained ankle) and Eddie Beamon (sprained ankles). Defensive back Bruce Ruhl is the only Buckeye regular who will miss it, but he was out for the UCLA game, too.

Woody hasn't taught QB Rod Gerald much passing so far, but Iowa can recall that last year his predecessor,

Offensive Lineups

IOWA: McNulty, 189; Tomasetti, 243; Evans, 252; Mayer, 223; Davis, 233; Wason, 262; Grine, 225; B. Caldwell, 202; Sheeler, 185; Mosley, 175; Lazar, 204; Quarter, 222.
OHIO STATE: Jones, 200; Ward, 274; Swack, 228; Lugin, 215; Lukens, 233; Pielinski, 250; Moore, 258; Gerald, 176; Logan, 184; Harrell, 186; Johnson, 247; Skladany, 192.

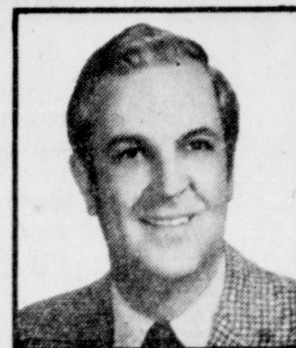
Defensive Lineups

Washington, 241; Hufford, 231; Benschoter, 256; Vazquez, 233; Feuerbach, 229; Rusk, 223; Moore, 269; Sears, 189; J. Caldwell, 187; Danzy, 189; Becker, 190; Walter, 250.
LE: Buonamici, 242; RT: Beamon, 244; RE: Damsler, 208; LB: Cousineau, 224; MLB: Thompson, 241; CB: Guesz, 178; CB: Riche, 186; SS: Allegro, 180; FS: R. Griffin, 181; P: Skladany, 192.

Time, place: 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City.
Tickets: Sellout of 59,500.
Radio: KCRG (1600, with Bob Brooks and Gus Schrader), WMT, KOTH, KSTT, WHO, KALC, KGRN, KOKX, KGLO, KWPC.
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