

11,000 watch Wash kick past Kennedy in 2 OTs

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Washington place-kicker Dan Ceschin (left) boots game-winning field goal. Holder is Chris Leighton. Kennedy players are Tim Kadlec (88) and Gary Lovik (83), being blocked by Tim Zimmerman.



Red peppers

By Gus Schrader

Red Peppers' pix

• Surely they must have played football in Biblical times. What else would St. Luke have been talking about when he wrote, "These that have turned the world upside down," in Acts 17:6 of the New Testament?

We suffered through nine who did turneth our world upside down last week, and we had only 18 who dideth as they were bade. That maketh our season record 54-20-1 for .727.

Ugh! Kansas 28-24 over UCLA, and Southern Cal 24 over No. 1 Alabama. We admitted we were taking a long shot on Iowa over Iowa State, although we hardly expected the score to be 31-0.

But if we were surprised, think about a friend of ours in Independence (we won't reveal his identity, but we will say he is not confined) who agreed to this bet with an Iowa State graduate: They made a harmless little wager of \$1 a point on the score difference. Hoo-boy!

At least we're impartial, as we picked ISU last year. Now we're done picking upside-downers:

Big Ten

Arizona 38, Iowa 14 (it was 41-7 in 1977 when Iowa was favored). Colorado 41, Northwestern 8 (not a fair Big 8-Big 10 matchup). Nebraska 21, Indiana 17 (Hoosiers don't respect Big Red). Michigan 28, Duke 9 (this is not Duke Wayne, is it?). Notre Dame 24, Purdue 21 (yes, Irish are 6-2, Boilers 2-0). Ohio State 31, Baylor 14 (hope this is not another "exhibition"). USC 34, Michigan State 13 (Friday night fiasco for Spartans). UCLA 42, Minnesota 7 (Saturday night fiasco for Gophers). Syracuse 17, Illinois 14 (battle of the Oranges). Wisconsin 21, Oregon 10 (surely Big Ten can beat someone).

Big Eight

Iowa State 38, Drake 3 (nice one to taper off on, huh?). Oklahoma 30, Missouri 20 (awfully tempted to pick a Tiger). Miami, Fla. 10, Kansas 6 (letdown after big upset). Air Force 32, Kansas State 13 (they're not still flying P-38s). Oklahoma State 21, North Texas State 18 (strictly a punch).

Other Iowa schools

Northern Iowa over Nebraska-Omaha. . . Luther over Simpson. . . Buena Vista over Upper Iowa. . . Dubuque over Wartburg. . . Central over William Penn. . . Morningside over Augustana, S.D. . . Southwest over Coe. . . Cornell over Grinnell. . . St. Ambrose over Chicago (no, not the Bears). . . Baker, Kan., over Graceland. . . Culver-Stockton over Iowa Wesleyan. . . Martin Luther, Minn., over Loras. . . Westmar over Yankton. . . Northwestern over Sioux Falls. . . Wentworth over Overthrew.

Witch grants 3 wishes?

• So we're off to Arizona, the Land of Enchantment, to see if Iowa's Bob Commings can kiss a horned toad out there in the desert and get three wishes. We're sure his first would be to get an offense for Saturday night's game.

Usually when Iowa flies to football games, arrangements are made to take the press and radio people along, billing each for a pro rata share of the charter flight, hotel and expenses. This time we press-radio folks got bumped off the Ozark DC-9, as Iowa must carry all of its equipment on the plane instead of trucking it to the site.

That's okay with us press copy cats, as we'd much rather be bumped before takeoff. We got to wondering, if the plane suddenly had to lighten the load over the Grand Canyon, who would be jettisoned first? We're sure the press would head the list of expendable, probably even ahead of the Athletic Board and the offensive line.

Pass the hash

• The Big Ten non-conference football record so far is 6-4, compared to 14-10 for the Big Game and 13-8-1 for the Pac-Ten.

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• One of the best defensive football games we've ever seen, C.R. Wash's 10-7 double-overtime victory over C.R. Kennedy Thursday night. It's just a shame one team had to lose after splendid efforts like that.

The thing that provided a satisfying touch after it was over was the great sportsmanship both squads displayed. The kids in the red, white and blue uniforms mingled with those in the green and gold as Warriors and Cougars congratulated each other. They played their hearts out but were gentlemen after the whistle blew. We noticed the same thing after the recent Kennedy-Regis game. Such sportsmanship always reflects the kind of coaching young men get.

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• Dr. Ted Lilley, retired C.R. minister and an Ohio State alumnus, says he has discovered why Woody Hayes remained so calm even while his football team was losing three straight games: He has a defensive backfield coach named Gary TRANQUILL.

The three straight losses? Yup, Ohio State bowed to Michigan in the final game of 1977, to Alabama in the Sugar Bowl and to Penn State in the 1978 opener.

'Positive' Hawks wing to Arizona

By Gus Schrader
Gazette Sports Editor

Iowa Coach Bob Commings continues to play the old shell-and-pea game with his quarterbacks, but Arizona doesn't seem to be worried which one will start.

The Hawkeyes are considered definite underdogs for their game at 9:30 p.m. Iowa time in Tucson Saturday night. Small wonder: Last year Iowa was favored and lost by 41-7 on its home field.

"It's not good that we're still undecided about which quarterback to start at this point in the season," Commings said, "but the quarterbacks really haven't had a decent chance in a tough situation to show anything."

The coach's son, Bob Jr., was unimpressive in the first game. He was sacked three times for losses of 24 yards before he could complete a pass. Indeed, two of the sacks came before he could even throw one, which could be no credit to his offensive line.

Pete Gales and Jeff Green each played a half in last week's 31-0 loss to Iowa State, and their statistics were not enough to scare Arizona Coach Tony Mason. Bob Jr. was held out because of a week-long bout with flu, but observers also speculated that the Northwestern film showed the coaching staff that he needs more foot speed to play against a rugged opponent.

Commings has made several other changes, two of them in the offensive line. Jeff DeVilder or Brian Ward will take Matt Petrzalka's left tackle spot, and Don Willey or Lemuel Grayson will open at Mike Mayer's left guard position.

Mike Stiversson has been promoted past Cedric Shaw at cornerback after the latter had a bad game against Iowa State's passing attack. One positive note in the changes: Leven Weiss has recovered from a knee injury incurred against Northwestern and will open at left linebacker in place of Jim Molini.

"We must establish something offensively," Commings said. "Our offense hasn't sustained anything in two games. This has been a tough week for our people, but we've rebounded from disappointments before and I expect we will again."

"We're going to eliminate the negativism and go to Arizona with a positive attitude. It shouldn't be hard to get mentally prepared for this game."

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Chandler waived

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Five-year veteran tight end Albert Chandler has been waived by the New England Patriots.

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Ceschin's boot brings 10-7 victory

By Bob Hersom
Gazette Sports Writer

Neither team deserved the disappointment, but the rules were clear. Someone had to lose.

So Cedar Rapids Washington scrapped its I formation, unveiled its overtime Ceschin offense and defeated C.R. Kennedy 10-7 in a double-overtime football thriller Thursday night at Kingston Stadium.

A throng estimated at 11,000 watched Wash senior Dan Ceschin end the battle of unbeaten by booting a 20-yard field goal. The 160-pound senior, a part-time starter at quarterback, had missed a 25-yarder with 4:19 left in regulation.

It wasn't unusual that the Warriors won in overtime; they've never lost an extra-session game. But it was unusual that Ceschin provided the game-winning kick.

After all, he had never kicked a field goal before.

"I used to kick off in junior high," Ceschin said, "but I've never even kicked an extra point before."

"We just found out about Dan's kicking ability this week," said Wash Coach Wally Sheets.

"We've played 10 overtime periods now," added Sheets, "and the Good Lord's been with us, because we haven't lost one yet. We beat Bettendorf in five overtimes two years ago and Clinton in two overtimes four or five years ago."

While Ceschin and Sheets were savoring Wash's fourth straight vic-

tory, Kennedy Coach Greg Reed was kicking himself for not kicking.

"As soon as we stopped Wash in the first overtime," said Reed, "we definitely should have kicked a field goal."

In that opening overtime, Kennedy linebacker Jeff Payton had intercepted a pass on Wash's third down, giving the Cougars automatic possession at the Warrior 10.

But instead of having Denny McDonnell, holder of most Kennedy placekicking records, attempt a game-winning, 27-yard field goal, Kennedy elected to try for a touch-

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down. And on third down, Wash linebacker Steve Perez recovered a fumble, assuring the second overtime.

"This was my loss tonight, not the team's, I'll tell you that," second-guessed third-year coach Reed, who could have mentioned that the longest field goal in McDonnell's record-breaking kicking career was a 27-yarder.

In the second overtime, Wash cornerback Jeff Huggins intercepted a Kennedy pass on second down. Then Wash gained eight yards in three ground thrusts before writing Ceschin's second session success story.

The crowd that watched Wash take a 7-3-2 series lead was "the biggest we've had at Kingston since

the 1969 Wash-Jeff game," said Tom Ecker, athletic coordinator for C.R. public schools.

Neither the attendance figure nor the overtime drama was surprising, as Wash came in ranked 3rd in the state by UPI and 4th by AP, while Kennedy was No. 8 in both polls.

If Wash is No. 3, Kennedy must be No. 3 1/4. The underrated Cougars outgained Wash 174-140 and produced the game's only touchdown drive. It was a 12-play, 38-yard effort capped by fullback Pete Oates' seventh TD of the season, a one-yard dive with 9:24 left in the first half.

The 215-pound senior was the game's most active runner, carrying 25 times for 84 yards. But Wash's junior fullback, Tim Zimmerman, was the leading rusher with 85 yards in 16 carries.

Wash's only touchdown came on a freak play, as safety Mike Schrimper caught a Kennedy fumble and raced 38 untouched yards for a score just 59 seconds into the second half.

Kennedy's defense, which hasn't allowed a touchdown in 10 quarters, limited Wash tailback Kyle Doolin to 32 yards in 18 carries. Doolin had rushed for 240 yards in the Warriors' last two games, but against Kennedy his only run for more than four yards totaled eight.

Two pass receivers stood out: Kennedy tight end Toby Michael (three receptions for 59 yards) and Wash wingback Willie Hodges (four for 65).

Can Drake delay Dexter?

By Mark Dukes
Gazette sports writer

AMES — Can Dexter Green become Iowa State's all-time leading rusher?

Can the Cyclones avert a letdown after last week's 31-0 win at Iowa?

And can Drake cause ISU as many problems as Division III Dayton did last season?

Those are the main questions to be answered Saturday when Iowa

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State and Drake football teams meet for the 66th time. Kickoff is 1:30 p.m. at Cyclone Stadium.

Green, the Heisman Trophy candidate from Woodbridge, Va., is ranked 16th in the nation in rushing. With 44 yards, he will pass Mike Strachan's career record total of 3,011.

The 5-9, 172-pound Green reportedly played with a bruised knee against Iowa but is expected to be ready Saturday. Quarterback Walter Grant and linebacker Tom Boskey also will play with nagging knees.

Cyclone Coach Earle Bruce has cautioned his players all week, reminding them that the Dayton Flyers blew into Ames about this same

time last year and gave ISU fits before yielding 17-13.

Drake, one of the new Division I-A teams this year, has won its first two games and lost its last two. By all rights, considering last week's display at Iowa City, ISU should have few problems with Drake.

But a standing-room-only crowd of around 50,000 is expected to be in attendance, wondering if Iowa State can get off to its best start (4-0) in 40 years.

Quarterbacks Terry Rubley of Iowa State and Steve Drexler of Drake will oppose each other for the first time, even though they have played football in the same geographical area through high school and college.

The closest they came to meeting in a game was in 1974, when Rubley led Davenport West to the state Class 4A high school title.

Drexler directed Bettendorf to the Mississippi Valley Conference title the same year, but was denied a shot at Rubley when the Bulldogs lost their last game of the season. Davenport West and Bettendorf would have met in a first-round playoff game.

Although Grant passed for three touchdowns in Iowa State's breeze at

Iowa last week, Bruce says he will start Rubley.

Undoubtedly, Saturday's crowd will see both Rubley and Grant, as Bruce likes Rubley's ball handling and Grant's running and passing.

The Cyclones, ranked 16th by UPI and 17th by AP, hold a 45-16-4 series lead (first game in 1898) and haven't lost to Drake in 20 years. Incidentally, 31 of the 61 ISU-Drake games have been decided by shutout. Iowa State has blanked Drake 23 times (5 of the last 7 years) and half of the Bulldogs' 16 wins were shutouts.

Reserve defensive lineman Randy Koch is very doubtful for the Cyclones. He injured a leg in the San Diego State game two weeks ago.

John Less, former Benton Community star who leads the Cyclones in tackles, apparently has recovered from a broken nose. Less was the starting weak side linebacker against Rice and San Diego State, but is listed behind Scott Cole for Saturday's contest.

Rick Rozenboom, No. 2 strong linebacker, is the only player "questionable" for the Bulldogs. Coach Chuck Shelton plans no lineup changes, meaning that former C.R. Kennedy prep Herc Payton will start at linebacker.

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