



**Orioles win again**  
Baltimore Orioles pitcher Mike Flanagan wasn't great Friday, but good enough to win. Baseball roundup, page 4B.

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## Red Peppers

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### Reds celebrate

Although Manager Bruce Kimm kept reminding them an outright division championship wouldn't be assured until they won one more game — or Waterloo lost one — the Cedar Rapids Reds took baths in champagne Thursday night.

Well, not complete baths, but some came close.

The Reds' board of directors, delighted with the way the team has rebounded in the late season, tossed an impromptu party for the players after the 10-1 rout of the Clinton Giants Thursday night. That clinched at least a title share.

The directors had the iced champagne (and cold duck) ready, so the Reds began celebrating, wisely before they showered and changed clothes. The players put a lot more champagne on the outside than they did on the inside. They shook the bottles, then squirted each other merrily.

Kimm got a real shampoo from his happy players. Then one of them emptied a whole bottle over the crew-cut head of groundskeeper Bud Curran. "Boy, that stuff is cold!" shivered Bud, who also needed a complete change of clothes.

Then the group feasted on bratwurst, which the directors grilled over charcoal braziers, and other goodies, including cake.

It was a night of feasting, as Bob and Ethel Davis (Davis Dairy Stores) prepared a pre-game banana split that was supposed to be 100 feet long.

Ethel confided it actually was "only" about 60 feet long, as most of the 1,906 fans didn't arrive until just before game time and it seemed wasteful to spread out that much uneaten ice cream. She also said the Reds didn't eat nearly as much ice cream as the Giants. Obviously they were keeping their appetites sharp for after the game.

### Pass the hash

Oval Jaynes, athletic director at Auburn, is one college administrator who believes athletes should be checked for drug dependency for their own protection.

"We check for heart murmurs, we check for hernias, we check for respiratory problems," Jaynes says. "What's wrong with checking for drug dependency?"

If your team wants to improve its chances of kicking successful field goals, get a soccer-style kicker.

NCAA Division I-A statistics prove side-winders have outdone straight-ahead kickers in each of the last five seasons. Last season's statistics showed the widest gap so far. Side-winders were successful on 66.3 percent of their field goal attempts, conventional kickers on only 52.4 percent.

Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback, is still out of action because his passing arm hasn't fully recovered from elbow surgery last March. Bradshaw is 35, but he insists he plans to continue playing until he's 40.

If J.J. Puk, freshman line-backer from Cedar Rapids Washington, doesn't make it in Iowa football, maybe he could help form a tough Foo-Puk tennis doubles team for the Hawkeyes.

Puk, as many will remember, was a member of the state championship tennis doubles team at Wash.

Iowa tennis coach Steve Houghton has signed Rudy Foo, a freshman from Malaysia who is ranked 33rd in the world among junior players.

George Perles is hoping to be the first Michigan State football coach to win his initial game since 1933, when Charlie Bachman's regime opened with a 14-0 victory over Grinnell. Michigan State plays Colorado next Saturday. Five consecutive Spartan coaches — Biggie Munn, Duffy Daugherty, Denny Stolz, Darryl Rogers and Muddy Waters — failed to win their inaugural games since then.

Quoting Jan Stephenson, popular women's pro golfer: "It is the end of the world when I three-putt." After seeing the world end many times, we say three-putting is not that bad. Shanking is worse.

# Kennedy 'Czechs' Regis in thriller

By Mark Dukes  
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Kvach, Hrubes, Pavek.

The names could pass for leaders of Czech Village in southwest Cedar Rapids. But actually they're the football heroes of an eye-opening high school team on the northeast side.

The Czech connection of Kris Kvach, Jeff Hrubes and Jeff Pavek sparked Cedar Rapids Kennedy to a come-from-behind 13-10 victory over Cedar Rapids Regis Friday night at Kingston Stadium.

The Cougars, claiming their first win over Regis since 1978, made Al Stiers' return to coaching a rousing success. It was Stiers' first game as

a varsity head coach in 17 years.

"I'm just overwhelmed with the reaction and response the kids have given us," the 49-year-old Stiers said. "We're beginning to believe in ourselves, because we overcame quite a few obstacles in this one."

"I'm sure for some people this would be considered an upset. But I knew if we did things right, we could win. Upset really is a meaningless word to me."

The winning touchdown came with 50 seconds remaining on a 28-yard pass from left-handed quarterback Larry Thomas to wingback Kris Kvach.

Kvach also scored the other Cougar touchdown and kicked an

extra point. Pavek was the game's leading rusher with 111 yards on 25 carries while Hrubes, 6-foot-4 tight end, caught five passes for 47 yards.

They were only the most noticeable heroes, though. The Cougars' offensive linemen, though smaller than their counterparts, paved the way to a 286-179 Kennedy advantage in total yards. Meanwhile, the Kennedy defense contained Regis on its half of the field the final 18 minutes.

Ironically, the winning touchdown pass came on a play ("wingback fly") that was called once all night. Eight of Kennedy's nine pass attempts by Thomas or Andy Beer were of 10 yards or less.

"When I saw the ball get over the safety's hands, I said, 'Oh God, this couldn't be happening,'" said Kvach, who caught the ball after Regis' Kevin Winker narrowly missed tipping it away. "There's nothing better than this."

Regis, the Class 3A state runner-up last season, had a 10-0 lead six minutes into the second half. Brad Stovie passed six yards to Kirk Haefner for a touchdown with 25 seconds left in the first half, and Winker connected on a 26-yard field goal in the third.

Kennedy outgained Regis 83-(-1) in the first quarter and moved to the Royals' one-yard line twice in the first half without scoring. Five

procedure penalties were damaging to the Cougar cause.

Even though Kennedy moved to the Regis one on another possession in the second half (and didn't score), the final two quarters belonged to the Cougars.

In the final 18 minutes, the Kennedy defense — led by safety Dan Hilker (9 tackles) and line-backer Jeff Blake (8) — allowed the Royals only 35 yards. The Cougars outgained Regis in the second half, 187-72.

"We weren't reacting real sharp in the last quarter," Regis Coach Tom Good said, "but we had eight guys going both ways and they may have been tired. Kennedy's strong, though, and they're going to win a lot of games. All I know is that we've got a lot of improvement to make."

Kennedy's offense, which three times got to the Regis one-yard line without scoring, finally got into the end zone with 10:07 remaining.

Hrubes, playing football for the first time in four years, caught one of his five passes for 16 yards to the Regis 32. Thomas, a junior who alternated at quarterback with Beer, scrambled eight yards before Kvach cut to the outside and ran 24 for the score.

Free safety Graig Cone's second interception on Regis' first play after the kickoff gave Kennedy field position at the Cougars' 47. Kennedy ran 11 plays before failing on downs at the Regis one, but the Cougars got the ball back with 2:57 left.

Hrubes caught two look-in passes for 15 yards and Thomas ran for six before Kvach hauled in Thomas' winning TD strike on second-and-four.

Stovie hit Dave Downey with a 24-yard pass to mid-field in the waning seconds. But four straight incomplete passes ended the Royals' hopes of at least moving into field goal position.



Regis running back Matt Chute is grabbed by a Kennedy defender during their battle at Kingston Stadium Friday night. At left for Regis is Jim Jacobsen.



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# 6,000 see Marion knock off Linn-Mar, 17-7

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The Marion City Football Championship annually involves its share of heroics, its share of drama and its share of disappointments.

The cards were in Marion's favor Friday night. A pat hand, in fact.

The Indians banked in this season opener on a hand which held a new defensive alignment, an untested offensive line and a stable of hungry running backs. It was worth a 17-7 victory over Linn-Mar before a crowd estimated at 6,000 at Armstrong Field.

Marion Coach Dave Messerli, eager for his young team to atone for two consecutive losses to Linn-Mar last year, instituted a 4-3 defensive alignment instead of the traditional 4-4. In addition, a defensive secondary (the most experienced element of the Indians' defense) made things intolerable for Lions' quarterback Steve Lombardo, intercepting three of his passes.

To make matters worse, the Lions lost two of three fumbles, one resulting in Marion's go-ahead touchdown with four minutes left in the third quarter.

The Marion power-I offense was just that — powerful. Senior running backs Ron Knapp and Joe Sondag combined for 105 of their team's 172 yards, two more than Linn-Mar's team total (103). Knapp, a 5-10, 172-pounder, crashed the Lions' defensive line for 61 yards in 17 carries, and scored both Marion touchdowns on runs of 1 and 5 yards. Sondag, also lumbering 17 times had 44 yards, helped keep the ball away from Linn-Mar.

The knockout punch was a methodical, time-consuming scoring drive in the fourth quarter. The Indians, with quarterback Todd Tharp at the controls, consumed 9 minutes, 45 seconds and concluded with a 20-yard field goal by Doug Jackson.

"That last drive was a patented Marion drive," said a happy Messerli. "We matured in the second half. We have a lot of kids that

have been waiting for this. Tonight our backs ran like heck, and our line blocked like heck."

Linn-Mar struck first, needing only four plays to cover 59 yards to score. Lombardo fired a 30-yard scoring pass to Jim Lancaster with 4:47 left in the first quarter.

It was the Lions' last offensive punch of the evening. Marion's Mike Simpson intercepted a Lombardo pass on the 41-yard line, and the Indians marched 12 lays after that with Knapp punching off tackle with 5:54 left in the first half. A two-point conversion pass by Todd Tharp was broken up.

The second half, Marion offensive coordinator Larry Perkins thrust out his chest in pride. The offensive line used traditional plays — "I-25-power" and "I-32-sting" — to maintain ball control and shut down Linn-Mar.

"It was just patented Marion football," said Perkins. "Everybody at Marion blocks for everyone else. We corrected some things at halftime and everybody did their job the

second half. We aren't depending on one person, we're doing it together. And, I'm sure glad to see No. 21 (son Brad, a 5-11, 145-pound senior) make that interception in the end zone. He'll sleep well tonight."

Perkins' interception came with 10:46 left after Linn-Mar had driven to the Marion 19-yard line. He hauled in a tipped pass which was first touched by teammate Todd Fuller.

The Indians ran 31 running plays the second half to Linn-Mar's 13.

Linn-Mar's backfield had a mixup on a counter play, with Curt Huhndorf recovering Lancaster's fumble on the Lions' 34-yard line. Knapp capped the short scoring drive seven plays later. Then, a critical pass interference penalty on Linn-Mar's Brian Bockenstedt — covering split end Simpson in the end zone — gave Marion its chance for another conversion attempt. Perkins stepped up and scored from a yard out.

# 49ers, Eagles ring in new NFL year tonight

Associated Press

The opening bell is about to ring. And if the San Francisco 49ers don't want theirs rung again in 1983, the offense must regain the touch both it and quarterback Joe Montana had in 1981.

The 49ers have been a mystery ever since Montana ran off the field at the Pontiac Silverdome on Jan. 24, 1982 as the Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl XVI.

Last year they didn't even make the expanded playoffs, although Montana threw just two fewer touchdown passes — 17 — than in the championship season. This year they finished the preseason with a 1-3 record and recorded only four offensive touchdowns.

"The plays were the same, but we'll be re-designing things for the regular season," Montana said in anticipation of today's National Football League opener against the visiting Philadelphia Eagles.

In addition to the Eagles-49ers matchup, there are 12 games Sunday and the first Monday night game, featuring Dallas at Washington.

The Sunday games have Miami at Buffalo, the New York Jets at San Diego, St. Louis at New Orleans, Green Bay at Houston, Atlanta at Chicago, Baltimore at New England, Denver at Pittsburgh, Detroit at Tampa Bay, the Los Angeles Raiders at Cincinnati, the Los Angeles

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## It's official! Reds win division title

CLINTON — The Cedar Rapids Reds lost their game Friday night, but have won the Midwest League Central Division war.

Clinton beat the Reds in 12 innings, 4-3. Meanwhile, Waterloo stopped Beloit, 7-4. That pushed Waterloo to within a game of the first-place Reds, with a game to go for each club.

However, the Midwest League office announced Friday that should Cedar Rapids and Waterloo tie for the Central crown, the Reds would be deemed champion under tiebreaker criteria.

The first criteria is head-to-head competition. The Reds and Indians won 10 games each against one another. The next criteria was scoring against each other. The Reds had the edge there, 81-75.

So, Cedar Rapids will meet Springfield in the first-round of the playoffs, and Appleton will battle Waterloo, which earned the league's wild-card playoff spot.

The Reds host Springfield Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the first game of the best-of-three series. Games two and three (if necessary) will be at Springfield.

Reds Manager Bruce Kimm brought infielder Kevin Steinmetz in to pitch in the bottom of the 12th inning Friday, and the results weren't favorable.

Steinmetz, who had seen action in just one previous game with Cedar Rapids since joining the team from Tampa, got Matt Cimo to strike out. But catcher Buddy Pryor, inserted as a late-inning replacement, didn't catch the third strike and Cimo ended up on first base. Cimo then stole second and moved to third on a Steinmetz wild pitch.

Mike Empting then dropped a bunt down the first base line for a hit that scored Cimo.

Orsino Hill's 14th homer, a two-run shot, tied the game for the Reds in the ninth inning. Terry Lee's sacrifice fly in the first inning scored the other Cedar Rapids run.

The Reds close their regular-season tonight with at Clinton.

In other news, no Reds were named to the Midwest League all-star team. Waterloo's Gomer Hodge was named Manager of the Year, an award that Cedar Rapids fans might take exception to.

