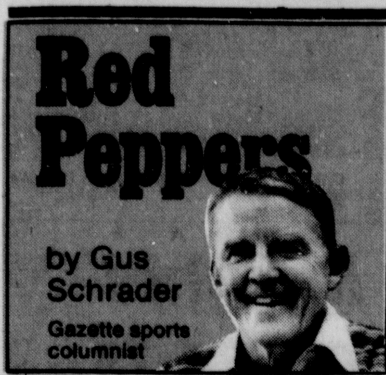




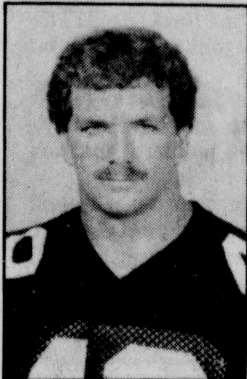
Stabler retires New Orleans quarterback Kenny Stabler, a longtime professional football player, announces his retirement. Page 3B.

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Specialty hero • Craig Clark was all-everything at Columbus Junction High, and he hopes the time will come when he can do something for Iowa's football team in addition to playing on the specialty teams. Until then, Clark is giving it his best shot. Last Saturday he set a record for the most points earned by a specialty-teams player. Iowa



Craig Clark

graduate assistants scored him a 120 points for his tackles and a key fumble recovery in the 26-0 defeat of Michigan. "That recovery was pure luck," Clark said modestly. "The Michigan man just dropped the ball, and we had three or four of us right there. The ball happened to bounce toward me."

Maybe so, but he also happened to be in the right spot at the right time against Northwestern. Then he recovered a fumble on the six-yard line to set up Iowa's first score.

His real position is tight end, but he doesn't get much call there, playing behind Jonathan Hayes and Mike Flagg. He and Flagg red-shirted as frosh last year.

Clark played running back and defensive end for Columbus Junction. He was second-team all-state as a junior, first-team as a senior. He gained over 3,400 yards (seven-yard average) in his career, once had a 98-yard scrimmage scamper. He earned 14 letters there — four each in football and track and three each in basketball and baseball. He had a 42.1-yard punting average as a senior, set the school shot put record with 51-10.

Yes, he also was class valedictorian. Columbus Junction's Frank Merriwell, you might say. His major is math education.

"Iowa State and a lot of smaller schools tried to recruit me, too," Clark says, "but living 35 miles away, I've always been a Hawkeye."

Craig's always been a "gym rat," too, as his father, Lyle, is a high school coach. He was born when his family lived at Panora and Lyle coached at nearby Guthrie Center.

"Dad is an assistant coach at Columbus Junction, and he's coached almost everything," Craig says. "My older brother, Chuck, played at Luther and now is an assistant coach at Marion High. Dad grew up in Minnesota and played for Bemidji State."

His mother works for a printing company at Muscatine. An older sister, Barb, teaches in the Los Angeles area. Another sister, Brenda, is a senior at Columbus Junction, participating in volleyball, basketball, track and softball.

Craig is a 6-3, 220-pound frosh (soph academically) with 4.7 speed at 40 yards. You may be reading a lot about him the next three seasons.

### Cowboy comeback

• Oklahoma State's latest hope in an attempt to dethrone Iowa's NCAA wrestling champions is named Joe Seay. He was appointed the Cowboys' head coach earlier this year after leading California State-Bakersfield to seven Division II titles in nine years.

"There is no real pressure," Seay says. "I haven't been told, 'Beat Iowa or you're gone.' We can't be fooling ourselves. We don't have any defending champions back, and our highest returning All-American finished fourth."

"I'm just going to work hard to make Oklahoma State representative of championship-caliber wrestling. I look at this as an opportunity to coach at a higher level. It's a new ballgame from Division II."

Oklahoma State's hopes rocketed each of the last two seasons when its team defeated Iowa in dual meets — 27-23 in 1983 and 24-6 in 1984 — but then the Hawkeyes charged back to win the NCAA championships.

The next Iowa-Oklahoma State meet will be Feb. 16 at Iowa City. The Cowboys have won 14 NCAA titles to Iowa's nine, but they haven't captured one for 14 years.

# Marion earns 7th straight playoff trip

Marion earned its seventh straight trip to the Class 3A playoffs Friday night, whipping Wamac Conference foe Anamosa, 42-14.

Coach Dave Messerli's Indians will play at Pleasant Valley in a first-round playoff game Wednesday night. The only team to make more consecutive playoff appearances was Emmetsburg from 1974 to '81. Among the other 12 Gazette area teams advancing Friday night were Solon, Clarence-Lowden and Western Dubuque, all gaining their first berth.

Joining them were Cedar Rapids Washington, Oelwein, Decorah, Wapsie Valley, Mount Vernon, Sigourney, Center Point, Pekin Packwood and Lone Tree.

Cedar Rapids Washington locked up at least a tie for the Mississippi Valley Conference title Friday night with a win at Dubuque Senior, thus

assuring the Warriors of an automatic berth in the 4A field. Washington will be making its seventh playoff appearance.

Western Dubuque, a 10-7 winner in overtime over Waterloo East Friday night, was one of four area teams to qualify in Class 3A. Western Dubuque will open the playoffs against Waterloo Columbus in the UNI-Dome.

Decorah, which topped Waukon, earned its fourth trip to the playoffs, but its first since 1978. The Vikings won the 1974 state title.

Oelwein earned its second playoff berth with a 7-6 triumph over Crestwood. The Huskies also qualified in 1980.

Decorah and Oelwein will square off in the first round Wednesday at Oelwein.

Victories by Mount Pleasant, Fairfield, Pleasant Valley, Western

Dubuque and Cascade knocked perennial 3A power Cedar Rapids Regis out of the playoff picture. The Royals, who finished 6-2, played five 4A teams this season.

Joining Solon in Class 2A were Wapsie Valley, Mount Vernon and Sigourney. Mount Vernon, the East Iowa Hawkeye Conference champs, had wrapped up its sixth playoff berth last week.

Mount Vernon and Solon have been paired for a first-round game Wednesday at Solon.

Sigourney will be making its first appearance since winning a state title in 1979. The Savages will meet Louisa-Muscatine at home.

Wapsie Valley, which will participate in its fourth playoffs, will take on Denver at the UNI-Dome Wednesday.

Clarence-Lowden earned its first trip to the playoffs with a 35-6 rout

of East Central. The Rebels will travel to LeGrand to play LDF Wednesday.

Joining Clarence-Lowden in the 1A field were Center Point and Pekin Packwood.

Center Point, which blanked Alburnett 34-0, will be making its fifth playoff appearance. The Pointers, who last appeared in post-season play in 1980, are winless in their four previous playoff games. They will play at Tripoli Wednesday.

Pekin Packwood will be trying to win its third straight state championship. Pekin, a 41-0 winner over Highland Friday, also finished second in 1975 and 1977 and owns a remarkable 10-2 playoff record.

The lone Class A area qualifier was Lone Tree, which completed its regular season with a 32-16 victory over Louisa-Muscatine.

Lone Tree will open at Prairie City.

### State qualifiers

#### Class 3A

Section 1 — Spirit Lake, Webster City, Algona, Carroll, Kuemper; Section 2 — Harlan, Centerville, Winterset, Atlantic; Section 3 — Waterloo, Columbus, Decorah, Oelwein, Western Dubuque; Section 4 — Marion, Mount Pleasant, Fairfield, Pleasant Valley.

#### Class 2A

Section 1 — Emmetsburg, Maple Valley; Section 2 — Coon Rapids, Corydon, Wayne, Council Bluffs, St. Albert, Shenandoah; Section 3 — Grundy Center, Wapsie Valley, Denver, Ackley, Geneva; Section 4 — Mount Vernon, Sigourney, Louisa-Muscatine, Solon.

#### Class 1A

Section 1 — Pocahontas, Britt, South Hamilton, Sioux, Union; Section 2 — Manning, Mount Airy, Oden, Woodward-Granger; Section 3 — Center Point, Parkersburg, Northwood-Kennett, Tripoli; Section 4 — Clarence-Lowden, LeGrand, LDF, Pekin, Packwood.

#### Class A

Section 1 — Graceland, Paulina, Mallard, Remsen Union; Section 2 — Wall Lake, Cumberland, Massena, Schleswig; Section 3 — Gilmore, City-Bradgate, Radcliffe, Ventura; Section 4 — Lohrville, Baxter, Lone Tree, Prairie City.

## Wash stops Senior, gains prep playoffs

By Bob Hilton Gazette sportswriter

DUBUQUE — Their 300-plus followers may have suffered some second-half anxiety, but no matter.

Cedar Rapids Washington won its showdown with Dubuque Senior Friday night, 34-22, clinching its

Marion pounds Anamosa to reach Class 3A playoffs: page 4B

seventh Class 4A playoff berth and at least a share of the ninth Mississippi Valley Conference championship in Wally Sheets' 17-year tenure as Warriors coach.

Now 6-0 in the conference and 7-1 overall following its seventh straight win, Wash winds up its regular season at home against Dubuque Hempstead.

Senior is 4-2 and 5-3.

Two mistakes kept the Warriors from putting Friday's game clearly out of reach in the first half, but the 28-7 lead they took into intermission proved sufficient in spite of Senior's refusal to toss in the towel.

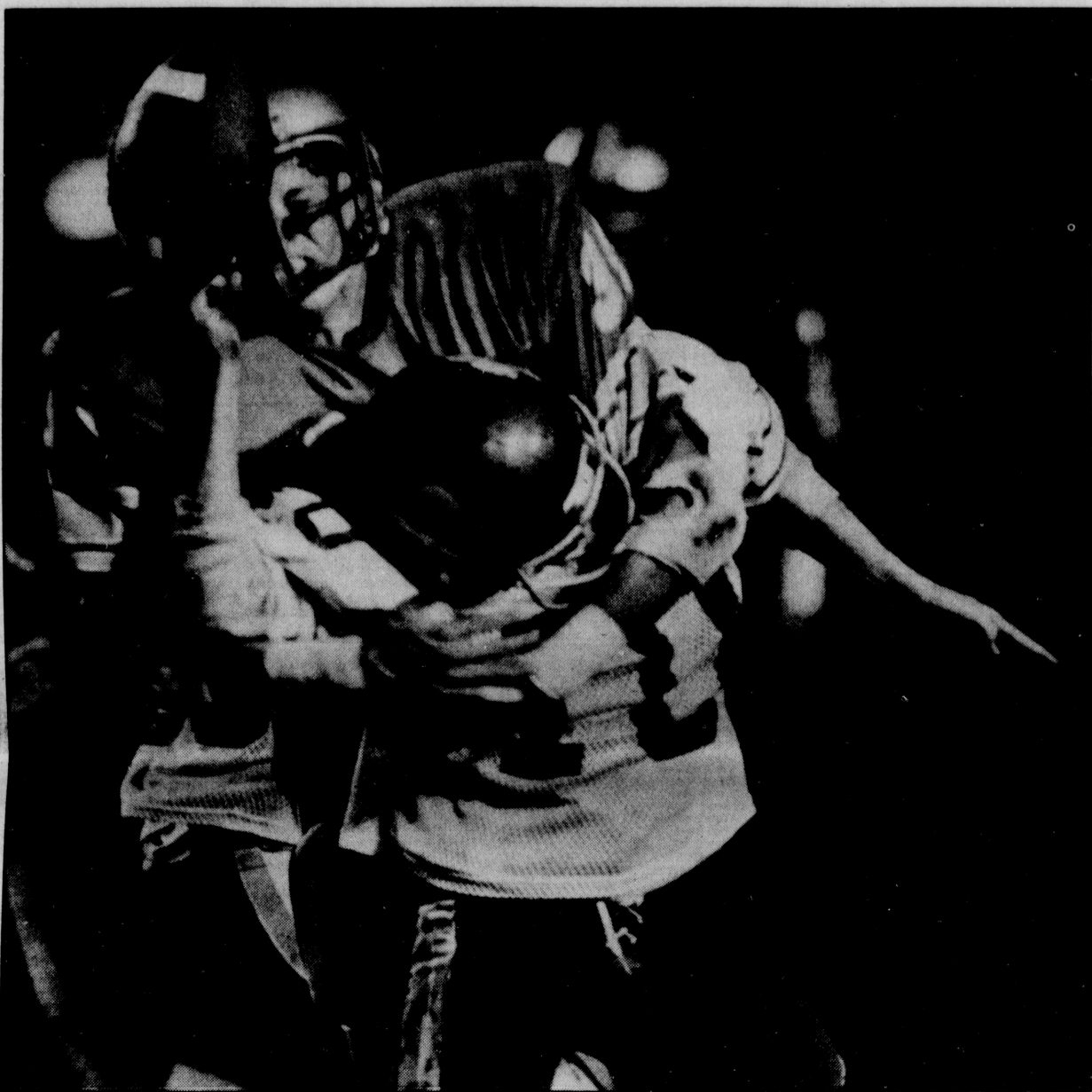
"It's hard to explain the difference in the two halves," Sheets said. "After scoring 28 points before halftime, we may have let down."

"And give Senior credit for coming back. They're a tough ballclub. We knew they would be."

"I thought we played well. When you put 28 points on the board in one half against a team like Senior, you've played well."

"The first half was our worst half

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Gazette photo by Joe Edens

Jefferson's Gary Feaker (rear) causes a fumble by Kennedy's Brian Dixon

## Jeff romps by Kennedy

By Mark Duker Gazette sports editor

A brilliant defense that recorded 10 quarterback sacks paved the way to Cedar Rapids Jefferson's most lopsided football victory ever Friday night over Cedar Rapids Kennedy.

The J-Hawks nailed down a winning season and no worse than a second-place finish in the Mississippi Valley Conference with a 42-0 rout of the Cougars at Kingston Stadium.

Jefferson, 5-3 overall and 5-1 in the Valley, sacked Kennedy quarterback Brian Dixon for 63 yards in losses. The Cougars finished with a net total of minus-43 yards rushing in 30 carries.

The J-Hawks are the Valley's top team in scoring defense and total defense. They have allowed only 60 points and an average of 158.6 total yards in six league games.

"Their defense was a little too much for us," said Coach Al Stiers, whose Kennedy team is 1-7 overall and 1-6 in the league. "No wonder they're No. 1 in conference defense. We just simply couldn't keep them off our backs."

Jefferson Coach Bill Calloway, saying he certainly didn't expect a 42-point victory, was thrown into the showers for the first time in his J-Hawk career.

"Defensively, we just have dog-gone good football players who are also tough people," Calloway said. "A lot of credit has to go to the defensive coaches, Bob Allen and Sean Shanahan, because they kept the defensive guys motivated."

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# High school boys basketball divided into 4 classes

By The Gazette and Associated Press

BOONE — A fourth class will be added in boys basketball for the upcoming season, the governing board of the Iowa High School Athletic Association decided Friday. The move affects more than 30 Gazette-area schools.

Without discussion, the IHSAA's Board of Control voted unanimously to make the change, which means an additional eight teams will qualify for the state tournament in March. It also means the tournament will run one day longer.

The board acted after the state's smallest schools — those in Class 1A — voted overwhelmingly in favor of splitting that group into two classes.

UNDER THE NEW setup, there will be 64 schools in Class 3A, 96 in 2A, 130 in 1A and 194 in the new Class A. Knoxville, with an enrollment of 469, will be the smallest 3A school; Wapello, which has 202 students, will be the smallest 2A school; and Kingsley-Pierson, with 122 students, will be the smallest in 1A.

That format is similar to those already in place for baseball and track.

The additional class means the state tournament, which has been a five-day affair in the past, will take six days to play and on two of those days, there will be six games.

The 324 schools that have made up Class 1A in previous years voted 275-23 in favor of adding another class. Five ballots were void.

"This tremendously resounding vote should

indicate a desire for change to take place," said Bernie Saggau, executive secretary of the IHSAA.

The state tournament, which will have eight teams in each class, will open at Veterans Auditorium in Des Moines on Monday, March 19.

THE CLASS A AND 1A championship games will be played Friday night, with the 2A and 3A finals set for Saturday night. All four consolation games will be played during the day Saturday, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Saggau said officials from 80 or 85 schools included comments about the four-class system with their ballots. Most commended the IHSAA for its move, he said.

"A few were negative," Saggau added. "A few said, 'Why'd you wait so long? You should

have done this a long time ago.' A couple said it would water down the tournament, but the vast majority were positive."

Boys basketball was a one-class operation until the 1966-67 season, when it was divided into Class AA and A. It became a three-class sport in 1974-75.

Under the new classification, Waukon, with 472 students, moves up a class from 2A to 3A. Oelwein (467 students) moves down a class to 2A, while West Branch (211) moves up a notch to 2A.

Four Gazette-area teams have fallen from 2A to 1A: Wapsie Valley (200 students), North Linn (197), Wilton (193) and Sigourney (192).

DYSART-GENESE, with 121 students, is

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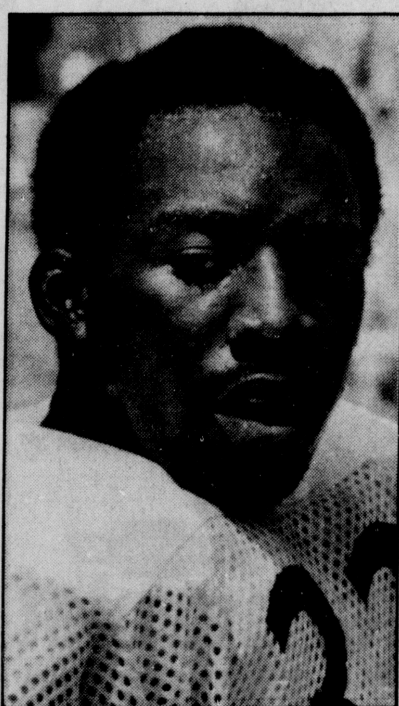
## Injured Gill will sit out Hawks' game at Indiana

IOWA CITY (AP) — Fullback Owen Gill was not on the team plane and apparently will miss Iowa's football game at Indiana today because of an injury suffered in the Hawkeyes' 26-0 victory over Michigan last week.

Gill, Iowa's second-leading rusher with 514 yards, has a bruised kidney. Coach Hayden Fry would not confirm the injury, but other team sources did.

In Gill's absence, Tim Sennott or Fred Bush would start. Bush had been the starting fullback before being injured. When he got hurt, Gill was moved to fullback from tailback and Ronnie Harmon was made the No. 1 tailback.

Fry has said the combination of Gill, Harmon and quarterback Chuck Long could be the best backfield in the nation. The three make up a potent offense for an Iowa team which has a 5-2 record and is tied for the Big Ten Conference lead with Ohio State at 4-1.



Owen Gill

## TODAY IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### Iowa at Indiana

Time, place: 2:42 p.m., Memorial Stadium, Bloomington, Ind.  
Television: Sports View carried by the Iowa Television Network including, KWWL, Channel 7, WHO, WOC, KDUB. Delayed broadcast — Wednesday 8 p.m. in Cedar Rapids (cable ch. 26).  
Radio: Originating Iowa stations are WMT-AM (600), KHAK-AM (1360) and FM (980), WHO (1040), KXIC (800), KGRN (1410) and KSTT (1170).  
1984 Records: Iowa (5-2), Indiana (0-7).

### Iowa State at Missouri

Time, place: 1:30 p.m., Faurot Field, Columbia, Mo.  
Television: Delayed game broadcast — Tonight 11 p.m. on WOI-Des Moines; Sunday 11 p.m. on KCRG-Cedar Rapids; Tuesday 7 p.m. on Heritage Cablevision.  
Radio: Cyclone Radio Network feeding WMT-FM (96.5) and KOEL-AM (950).  
1984 records: Iowa State (2-5), Missouri (3-4).

ELSEWHERE IN THE STATE . . .  
Augustana, S.D. at Morningside

Bemidji State at Loras  
Buena Vista at Central  
Coe at Knox  
Graceland at Baker  
Illinois College at Cornell  
Lakeland at Iowa Wesleyan  
Luther at Wartburg  
Monmouth at Grinnell  
Northern Michigan at Northern Iowa  
Northwestern College at Chadron State  
Simpson at Dubuque  
St. Ambrose at Olivet Nazarene  
Westmar at Peru State  
Wichita State at Drake  
William Penn at Upper Iowa

### On television . . .

Ohio State at Wisconsin (KGAN), 11 a.m.  
Georgia at Kentucky (WTBS), 11 a.m.  
Rutgers at Boston College (USA), 11 a.m.  
B. Green at C. Michigan (Sports Time), 11 a.m.  
Colorado at Oklahoma State (WOI), 11:30 a.m.  
Notre Dame at LSU (KCRG), 2:30 p.m.  
Penn State at West Virginia (ESPN), 6:30 p.m.  
Michigan State at Minnesota (Sports Time), 7 p.m.



