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This is one great rivalry

The law of averages would dictate today's Michigan State-Iowa football game will be a dud.

Surely sometime, the Spartans and Hawkeyes will play a lackluster, one-sided contest. The last five games of this series have been extremely close and good.

Great offensive displays, crucial defensive plays and heart-stopping endings have been featured in the last five Iowa-MSU shootouts.

The Hawks have dominated the Spartans under Hayden Fry's rule. Fry's Iowa teams are 7-1 against MSU. But the mere memories of a few of those wins give Hawkeye fans sweaty palms.

No matter how good the two teams have been, one has always been a handful for the other. Today, Iowa is a 9½-point favorite. That seems realistic based on Michigan State's last two outings, lopsided losses to Notre Dame and Florida State. But . . .

"Coach Perles, for some reason," Iowa Coach Hayden Fry said, "always saves up his little bag of tricks for us. When you're playing George, you always have to be ready for all sorts of things."

One wouldn't be surprised to hear Perles say the same things about Fry.

BEFORE A NATIONAL television audience last October, Fry started a quarterback against Michigan State who was recognizable to a tiny percentage of home viewers, and a barely larger percentage of the folks at Spartan Stadium. The coach himself couldn't correctly pronounce the quarterback's name.

Tom Poholsky was the red-shirt freshman in charge of directing the Iowa offense in a Big Ten Conference season-opener. It wasn't Mark Vlasic, who was hurt. It wasn't Dan McGwire, who was said to be the starter. It was Poholsky.

A few hours later, it was Poholsky who reveled in the glory. He completed 18 of 29 passes for 240 yards to neutralize a fine effort by MSU senior quarterback Dave Yarema. Iowa won, 24-21.

Yarema, the veteran, became the game's goat when he misfired a pass from the Iowa 4-yard line into the mitts of Hawkeye defensive back Ken Sims, who downed it in the end zone with 92 seconds left.

Michigan State, considered a contender for the Big Ten title in the pre-season, then limped to a 6-5 mark. Running back Lorenzo White, an All-America in 1985, was hampered by a series of injuries last autumn. Against Iowa, he was held to just 41 yards on 19 carries. "We had a year to prepare for that rascal," Fry said afterwards.

THAT YEAR MUST have made a significant difference. In 1985, White and the Spartan offense absolutely could not be contained when they came to Iowa City.

White ran the ball 39 times for 226 yards. What people forget is that White got hurt and missed nearly all of the fourth quarter. His replacement, freshman Craig Johnson, left the bench to carry 10 times for 89 yards.

If that weren't enough, frosh quarterback Bobby McAllister completed 18 of 27 passes for 275 yards. MSU totaled 580 total yards. And lost 35-31, after leading 24-13.

The Spartans led 31-28, but Hawk quarterback Chuck Long played out of his mind. Long whipped the Hawkeyes downfield on their last possession, then faked out another national television audience and everybody in Kinnick Stadium by feigning a handoff to Ronnie Harmon, keeping the ball, and trotting into the right corner of the end zone for the last-minute, game-winning touchdown.

Long completed 30 of 39 passes for 380 yards.

Three years ago, despite protests from the Hawkeyes, the officials ruled Long was stopped inches short of the goal line on a two-point conversion try, and Iowa lost at home to the Spartans, 17-16. That was after Long completed 14 of 17 passes in the second half to rally the Hawks from a 17-3 deficit.

Iowa beat MSU 12-6 in 1983, and needed a last-minute interception by Bobby Stoops in 1982 to secure a 24-18 win over State. It had been a 24-3 game, but you know those Spartans.

We thought there was no way the 1986 MSU-Iowa game could top the previous year's, but it came close. Who knows what's in store today?

Kennedy crowned by Prairie

Hawks convert 3 Cougar turnovers into TDs in 34-12 Valley Conference win

By Bob Denney

Gazette sportswriter

Dana Hutchcroft was crowned Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Homecoming queen at halftime Friday night at Kingston Stadium.

Unfortunately for Kennedy, Hutchcroft was the only Cougar treated royally by cross-town rival Prairie as the Hawks converted three Cougar miscues into touchdowns on the way to a 34-12 Mississippi Valley Conference prep football victory.

Prairie senior cornerback Jamie Northrup, a center fielder on the Hawks' baseball team, covered the turf like he had a glove. He intercepted three first-half passes and returned one 35 yards for a touchdown.

Meanwhile, the Hawks' running tandem of tailback Bryan Christopherson and fullback Randy Lamparek combined for 219 of Prairie's rushing 242 yards. Lamparek, a bullish 5-foot-9, 200-pounder, turned in a season-high 110 yards on 17 carries.

Christopherson, the MVC's No. 1 rusher, gained 109 in 20 attempts, scoring on touchdown runs of 4 and 43 yards only 52 seconds apart in the first quarter. It was Christopherson's fourth 100-plus yard performance in a row.

The win boosted the Hawks to 4-1 overall and into a three-way tie for second place in the MVC at 3-1. Kennedy is 1-4 and 0-4.

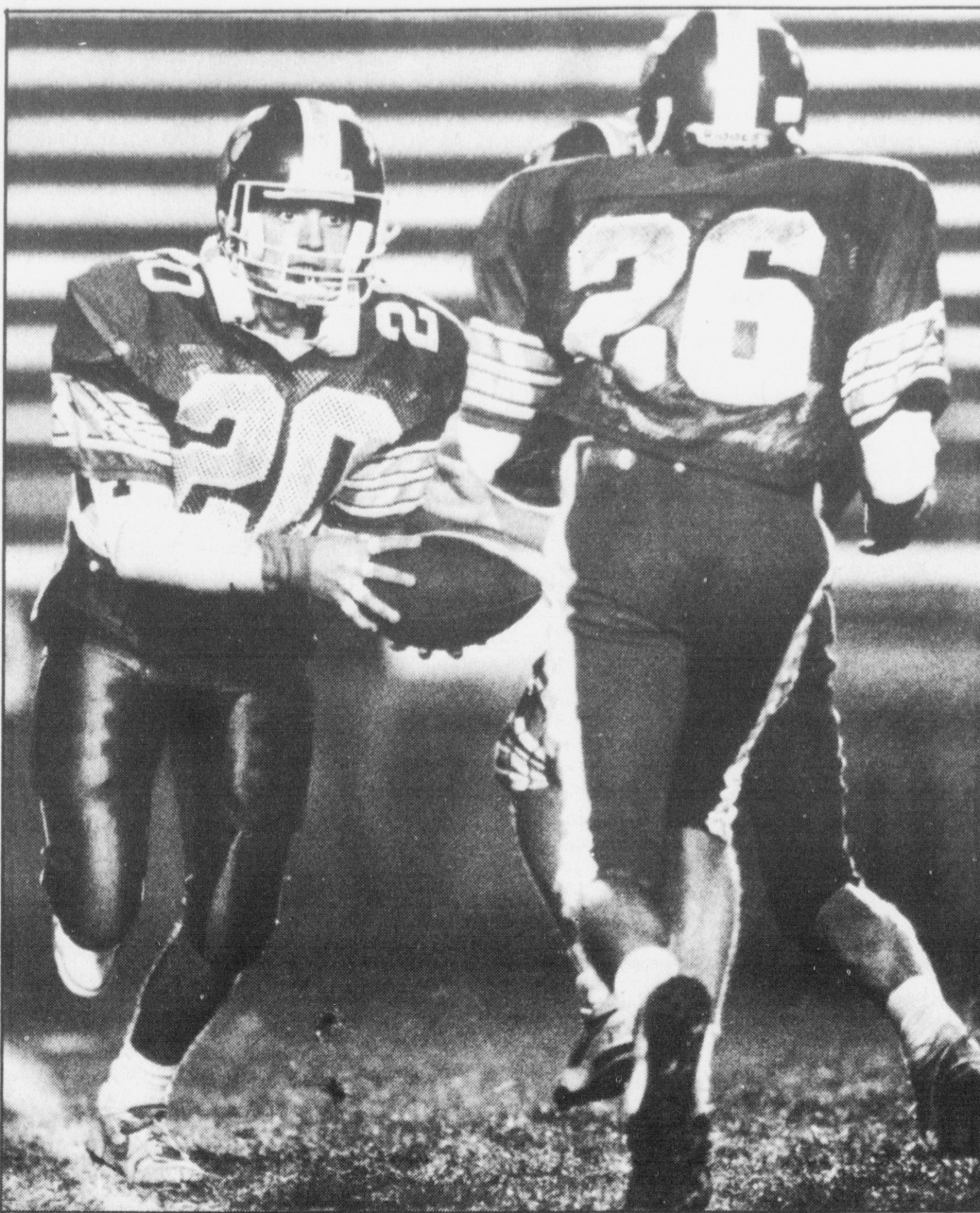
Kennedy pitched a second-half shutout at the Hawks, who lost their steam at halftime.

"It was a lack of intensity the second half, but we're working with high school kids," said Prairie Coach Ed Johnson. "It was a hollow feeling. But, it was one heck of a victory for Prairie. We're on a roll, and the kids have set their goals. If they have aspirations of making the playoffs, they realize they have to beat Fort Madison next week before anything else."

THE PRAIRIE DEFENSE made it a nightmare to be a Kennedy quarterback. Starting Cougar QB Chris Weise was 3 of 6 for 28 yards with one interception, and reliever Chad Hannen 3 of 12 for 23 yards with two interceptions.

"We had some new formations set up to confuse their quarterbacks," said Northrup, who had two interceptions last year while playing junior varsity ball. "Our

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Gazette photo by Todd McInturf

Kennedy's Tim Bowers (20) hands off on a reverse to Tim Scheetz (26) during the Cougars' 34-12 Homecoming loss to Prairie Friday night at Kingston Stadium.

Krob lifts Lisbon to 31-7 romp

By Bob Hilton

Gazette sportswriter

STANWOOD — What figured to be the difference was the difference.

Because it had Brian Krob's passing and a quicker line, Lisbon dominated Lincoln Community. 31-7, in Friday night's Gazette prep football Game of the Week.

Lisbon led at the half, 24-0, and midway through the third period, 31-0. Lincoln scored its lone TD 1:48 left in the game.

The win left Lisbon alone in the Mid-East Conference lead at 4-0. The Panthers are 5-0 overall. Their narrowest margin of victory was

21 points — 35-14 last week at Midland.

Lincoln is 3-1, 4-1.

"We moved the ball better than I anticipated," said Jim Brecht, whose best record in seven previous seasons as Lisbon's head coach was 7-2 in 1982. "In the first half, we had a good mix of running and passing. I think our first- and second-down passes caught them off guard."

"(Guard Tony) Bohr and (tackle Eric) Krob did a good job of opening some seams for the running backs. Brian Krob showed his athletic ability. The defense played tough."

• Please turn to 2B: Lisbon

TODAY IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL

What a difference a year makes for Tom Poholsky

By Mike Koolbeck

Gazette sportswriter

IOWA CITY — The date was Oct. 4, 1986. The site, Michigan State's Spartan Stadium.

It was then and there, in front of a national television audience, that Iowa red-shirt freshman Tom Poholsky burst into football prominence.

On that day Poholsky, subbing at quarterback for the injured Mark Vlasic, completed 18 of 29 passes for 240 yards and two touchdowns in leading the Hawkeyes to a 24-21 win over Michigan State.

The performance earned Poholsky CBS-TV, UPI Big Ten and AP Midwest Offensive Player of the Week honors.

"It was my first game last year and it was a great experience for me," said Poholsky.

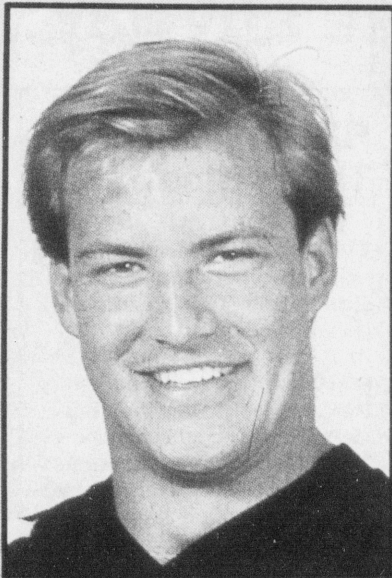
The Hawks are playing Michigan State again today, but odds are you won't see Poholsky taking any snaps from center.

Iowa Coach Hayden Fry tabbed sophomore Dan McGwire to start today's game, leaving Poholsky and red-shirt junior Chuck Hartlieb on the bench.

"I definitely have mixed emotions about going into this game, just from last year," said Poholsky.

Poholsky has started six games in his Iowa career and the

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Tom Poholsky

ISU's eternal optimist

Henderson says anything can happen vs. OU

By Jim Ecker

Gazette assistant sports editor

Jim Walden has conceded defeat and oddsmakers think Iowa State will lose to Oklahoma by about eight touchdowns today.

But don't tell that to Joe Henderson, the Cyclones' determined running back who is third in the Big 8 Conference in rushing.

"I'm the type of person who believes anything can happen," says Henderson. "I'm not trying to cause bad luck, but . . . they can have a flat tire on the bus ride over and all of them can sprain their ankle."

"I could play the Chicago Bears and never concede defeat."

Henderson gained 135 yards against Wyoming last week to join the elite runners in the Big 8. Thurman Thomas of Oklahoma State leads the league, with Steve Taylor of Nebraska second.

• Please turn to 3B: ISU

Michigan State at Iowa

TIME, PLACE: 11:30 a.m., Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City.

1987 RECORDS: Michigan St. 1-2, Iowa 3-1.

TV: Big Ten Network (KGAN-2, locally).

SMARTIN' SPARTANS: TB Lorenzo White, who finished third in Heisman Trophy balloting two years ago, has rushed for 246 yards and 2 TDs. QB Bobby McAllister has completed 24 of 50 passes for 354 yards and 1 TD. WR Andre Rison has 11 receptions for 224 yards. P Greg Montgomery has a 46.4 average. PK John Langeloh is 3-for-3 in FGs. MLB Percy Snow has 37 tackles.

HOT HAWKS: RB Kevin Harmon has rushed for 397 yards and is going for his third consecutive 100-yard game. QB Dan McGwire has completed 20 of 37 passes for 252 yards and 2 TDs. WB Quinn Early has 20 receptions for 281 yards. PK Rob Houghtlin is 12-for-12 in PATs and has made 9 of 11 FG tries. SS Kerry Burt has three interceptions. LB J.J. Puk has 39 tackles and NG Dave Haight 37.

SERIES: Iowa leads, 12-11-1.

LAST MEETING: Iowa 24, Michigan St. 21 (1986).

LINE: Iowa by 9½.

ELSEWHERE IN THE BIG TEN . . .

Wisconsin at Michigan, noon
Northwestern at Indiana, 1 p.m.
Ohio State at Illinois, 2:30 p.m. (KCRG-9)
Purdue at Minnesota, 6:20 p.m. (12:30 a.m. on KGAN-2)

Oklahoma at Iowa State

TIME, PLACE: 1 p.m., Cyclone Stadium-Jack Trice Field, Ames.

1987 RECORDS: Oklahoma 3-0, Iowa St. 0-3.

BOOMER SOONERS: OU leads the country in scoring offense (54.0 points per game), total offense (523.0 yards per game), rushing offense (412.7 ypg), scoring defense (4.7 ppg) and is second in total defense (175.7 ypg). QB Jamelle Hiewley has rushed for 263 yards and completed 10 of 24 passes for 260 yards and 2 TDs.

KEY 'CLONES: RB Joe Henderson has rushed for 289 yards. QB Derek DeGennaro has completed 16 of 35 passes for 209 yards and 1 TD. WR Tom Schulting has 12 receptions for 158 yards, WR Dennis Ross 10 for 94 and WR Eddie Bridges 9 for 112.

SERIES: Oklahoma leads, 53-4-2.

LAST MEETING: Oklahoma 38, Iowa St. 0 (1986).

LINE: Oklahoma by 46.

ELSEWHERE IN THE BIG 8 . . .

Colorado at Colorado St., 1:05 p.m.
Southern Illinois at Kansas, 1:30 p.m.
Syracuse at Missouri, 1:30 p.m.
Tulsa at Kansas St., 1:30 p.m.
South Carolina at Nebraska, 3 p.m. (ESPN-cable)

ELSEWHERE IN THE STATE . . .

Montana at Northern Iowa, 1:30 p.m.
Coe at Beloit
Lake Forest at Cornell
Buena Vista at William Penn
Central at Simpson
Concordia, Minn., at Westmar
Dubuque at Aurora
Graceland at Tarkio, Mo.
Hastings at Northwestern, Iowa
Iowa Wesleyan at Peru St., Neb.
Morningside at North Dakota St.
St. Norbert at Grinnell
Upper Iowa at Loras
Wartburg at Luther
Ellsworth at Iowa Lakes
Wis.-River Falls at St. Ambrose (n)

Smiley may get 90 days

Iowa red-shirt DB enters guilty plea to lesser charge

By Lyle Muller

Gazette Johnson County Bureau

IOWA CITY — The prosecutor in Keaton Smiley's case will recommend that the University of Iowa football player spend 90 days in jail on a guilty plea of aggravated assault.

Smiley, 20, entered the plea in Johnson County District Court Friday. He is charged in connection with an incident involving Iowa volleyball player Cheryl Zemaitis at his apartment June 9.

By making the plea, Smiley admitted to hurting Zemaitis by hitting her, Smiley's attorney said. The attorney, James Thomas, also said he would seek a deferred judgment and probation for Smiley.

In his first interview since being charged, Smiley said Friday, "All I want to do is get on with my life and be a student-athlete." Smiley is sitting out this fall's football season as a red-shirt.

"I've lived for 20 years and messed up two days out of 20 years," Smiley said. "And now I'm paying for it."

As part of a plea bargain agreement revealed in court documents Friday, Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White has agreed to drop three other charges pending against Smiley — assault with intent to commit sexual abuse, false imprisonment and assault causing injury.

Those charges involved Zemaitis. Two of them are from the June 9 encounter, while the other is from an incident Oct. 27, 1986.

The sexual abuse charge was the most serious, a felony carrying with it a maximum five-year prison term and \$7,500 fine.

Smiley has denied the allegations contained in each charge being dropped.

White said the plea agreement is

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Tigers get even with Jays, 4-3

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Tigers won a battle of firsts with Toronto Friday night and moved into a first-place tie with the Blue Jays in the American League East.

"Right now, it's a two-game season," said Doyle Alexander, who pitched the Tigers to a 4-3 victory over the Blue Jays for his ninth straight victory without a loss for Detroit. "We wanted to win. We needed to win. We were behind a game. We didn't want to be in a position where we had to win two to tie."

The Blue Jays now have lost five straight, squandering a lead that was 3½ games last Sunday before they lost the final game of a four-

AL East

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	96	64	.600	—
Toronto	96	64	.600	—

game series against Detroit in Toronto and then three straight to Milwaukee. The teams have games today and Sunday at Tiger Stadium, facing the possibility of a Monday playoff if the tie persists.

Rookie Scott Lusader hit his first major-league homer for two Detroit runs, Alan Trammell hit a leadoff homer and Detroit used a pair of errors by Toronto third baseman Rance Mulliniks to score two unearned runs.

Trammell, the Tigers shortstop, also turned in a magnificent play with one out and two on in the fifth to start one of five Detroit double plays and help protect the one-run lead. Mulliniks hit a ball up the middle that Trammell fielded on the first-base side of second, then backhanded to second baseman Lou Whitaker to start the play.

"We've got to go hard tomorrow," Mulliniks said. "That's really all you can say. We had our chances. I hit a ball up the middle that Trammell turned into a double play. But it's over and done with. Tomorrow, we have to come out to the park again."

TORONTO GOT ALL three of its runs off Alexander in the second inning with the help of Greg Myers'

• Please turn to 2B: Tigers

Hogan Vinton's hero as Vikings halt skid, 18-8

Vikings whip Marion to halt 12-game skid

By Mark Dukes
Gazette sports editor

Vinton discarded its wishbone and fulfilled its wish Friday night.

Using an I-formation instead of the wishbone for the first time this season, the Vikings rode Kurt Hogan's 146 rushing yards and two touchdowns to an 18-8 Wamac Conference football win at Marion.

Vinton, 1-4, broke a 12-game losing streak dating to the final game of the 1985 season. Marion, which has won or shared the past nine conference titles, slipped to 1-4 overall and 0-3 in the league.

"I know it's a gamble to change offenses in mid-season but we've been averaging less than 100 yards a game in total offense," Vinton Coach Mike Timmermans said.

"Adjusting the game plan helped quite a bit. We planned to option a lot but the off-tackle stuff was working. We put Kurt at tailback because of his physical capabilities and he's a proven running back. If we have any true tailback, Kurt is it."

Hogan achieved a career high rushing total, carrying the ball 31 times. He gained 78 yards in the first half, 68 in the second. The Vikings totaled 235 yards rushing.

Vinton's defense also kept Marion out of the end zone. Led by tackles Pat Patava and Sam Moen and end Jake Isbell, the Vikings sacked Marion quarterback Mike Schmickle five times for minus-51 yards.

Marion finished with minus-3 yards rushing on 23 attempts.

"They just beat us off the ball," Marion Coach Dave Messerli said. "Vinton always plays us tough and it's always an extremely close game. I knew it'd be like that."

"We played the first four games with a lot of emotion. We get to the fifth game and play with little emotion. It's the head coach's job to get a team ready. We just didn't play with enthusiasm."

Hogan's 10-yard run with 6:31 left in the second quarter was the only scoring of the first half. It capped an 11-play, 56-yard Vinton drive in which Hogan carried nine times for 38 yards.

Marion nearly scored just before intermission on a 3rd-and-1 play at the Vinton 36. Tony Kautz got behind defenders in the end zone but dropped Schmickle's pass.

Jeff Blanchard's fumble recovery gave Vinton possession at Marion's 28 with two minutes left in the third. Quarterback Dave Boisen capped a 7-play series with a 1-yard sneak, putting Vinton ahead 12-0.

The Vikings sacked Schmickle three times on Marion's next series. Vinton marched 46 yards for its third score, Hogan scoring from the 9-yard line with 4:30 left.

Marion scored when Aaron McLeod recovered a wild Boisen pitch in the end zone with 1:03 remaining.

Schmickle completed 11 of 19 passes for 167 yards. Kautz caught four for 49 and Jay Brandt had three receptions for 84. Andy Feller added 65 yards rushing for Vinton.

LaSalle triumphs, but loses Young

INDEPENDENCE — Jason Techau's fourth-quarter touchdown allowed Class 2A top-ranked Cedar Rapids LaSalle to leave Independence with a 10-7 win Friday in Wamac Conference football.

But the Lancers (5-0) suffered a key blow when senior running back Matt Young suffered a fractured collar bone early in the second quarter.

Young, the team's leading rusher, is expected to miss the remainder of the season.

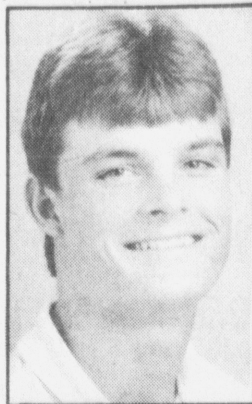
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Techau's one-yard touchdown run culminated a long drive that started on LaSalle's own four-yard line. A 40-yard run by Cain brought the Lancers to the Independence five-yard line. Jim Doyle also had a 20-yard run in the winning drive.

A 20-yard field goal by Tom Cisler gave LaSalle a 3-0 lead in the first quarter.

LaSalle is 4-0 in the Wamac.



Matt Young

Linderbaum, Stahle team up to lead Solon to 52-0 romp

TIFFIN — Todd Linderbaum and Kyle Stahle combined to score five touchdowns as the Class 2A fifth-ranked Solon Spartans picked up their fifth straight win with a 52-0 shellacking of Clear Creek Friday night in Eastern Iowa Hawkeye Conference football.

Linderbaum scored on runs of 1 and 27 yards and tossed a 26-yard scoring strike to Stahle. Stahle rushed for 90 yards on just eight carries and also scored on runs of 57 and 20 yards.

Linderbaum finished with 35 yards rushing and completed all four of his passes for 104 yards for Solon (5-0 in the conference).

Center Point 59, Jesup 6

■ CENTER POINT — John Bissell returned an

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interception 17 yards for his third defensive score of the season as Center Point (4-1) whipped Jesup (0-5) in a Tri-Rivers Conference game.

Eight players scored touchdowns for the Pointers, who took a 32-0 lead after one quarter. Phil Kula ran for two touchdowns, while Jon Park, Tom Bach, Tom Weyant, Todd Railsback and Jim Bryant each ran for one score. Lannie Dufoe caught a 16-yard scoring pass from Jon Harris. Railsback's score came on a 61-yard run.

Jesup's touchdown came on a 54-yard run by Pat Joblinske.

Alburnett 22, Central City 0

■ CENTRAL CITY — Bruce Feldman passed for 64 yards and one touchdown and rushed for 58 yards on seven carries as the Pirates blanked the Wildcats in a Tri-Rivers matchup.

East Buchanan 7, North Linn 6

■ COGGON — North Linn's Alan Krob was stacked up short of the goal line to thwart a two-point conversion attempt in overtime as East Buchanan (3-2, 3-2) escaped the Lynx (0-5, 0-5) in a Tri-Rivers Conference game.

Starmont 33, Springfield 0

■ STRAWBERRY POINT — Scot McClure rushed for 215 yards and scored three touchdowns to pace Class 2A eighth-ranked Starmont in a Tri-Rivers Conference game.

I.C. Regina 14, Mount Vernon 6

■ MOUNT VERNON — Quarterback Matt Auer completed nine passes for 151 yards and Robert Cook rushed for 106 yards to lead the Regals (3-2, 3-2) to a Eastern Iowa Hawkeye Conference win over the Mustangs (3-2, 3-2).

Regis comes up short, 34-32

MANCHESTER — A late Cedar Rapids Regis rally fell short as West Delaware held off the Royals, 34-32, in a Wamac Conference football game Friday.

Regis, which scored 12 fourth-quarter points to wipe out most of a 34-20 West Delaware lead, drove to West Delaware's 36-yard line with 40 seconds left in the game, but a fourth-down pass fell incomplete to end the threat.

Kurt Warner, who completed 15 of 22 passes for 286 yards, hit John Thinnes with three scoring strikes, covering 25, 56 and 3 yards.

Gary Hatfield scored twice on short runs but Regis still slipped to 1-3 in the Wamac, 1-4 overall.

Kyle Downs rushed for 137 yards and scored on runs of 3 and 33 yards for West Delaware (1-2, 3-2).

LISBON: Krob leads Lions

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"I don't have to say a thing to these kids before a game. They know what they have to do."

"It was a long night," Lincoln Coach Jim Wendel said with a sigh. "They're a good ballclub. We'll be back next year . . . we'll be back next week."

BRIAN KROB, a 6-foot, 185-pound senior, completed 6 of 10 passes for 104 yards in the first half and finished 10 of 17 for 160 yards and one TD.

He also twisted 3 yards through right tackle for the Lions' first score, and set up the third with an interception.

Jamie Crow, Lisbon's 142-pound junior running back, totaled 102 yards and two TDs on 27 carries.

Lincoln quarterback Doug Hoffman got 66 of his 80 passing yards on a 7-of-9 performance over the last 14 minutes. He finished 9 of 17 with an interception.

Lincoln netted 84 yards rushing, Lisbon 181.

A face-mask violation on a punt return put the Lions

at the Lincoln 45 midway through the first period.

Krob's 36-yard pass to 6-2 tight end Josh Novak set up the score.

Krob's 40-yard pass to flanker Jeremy Barnhart was the big play in Lisbon's 62-yard march to its second score, 19 seconds before the first period ended. Barnhart swept right end 5 yards for the TD.

Midway through the second period, Krob intercepted a Hoffman pass at the Lincoln 18 and returned to the 10. Four plays later, Crow scored on a 5-yard left-tackle slant.

ON THE FIRST play after the ensuing kickoff, Eric Krob recovered Hoffman's errant pitch at the Lions' 40. Krob promptly threw an interception, but an interference call well away from the ball nullified the play and put the Lions at the Lincoln 25. Two Krob passes gained 18 yards before Crow split right tackle for the TD 42 seconds from halftime.

The Lions registered their final score on a 73-yard drive featuring Krob's 38-yard pass to Bill Hoglund.

VINTON: Hogan helps Vikings halt 12-game slide

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Santiago extends streak but Padres lose anyway

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Benito Santiago extended his hitting streak to 34 games, but he couldn't prevent the San Diego Padres from suffering their ninth straight loss as they fell to the Los Angeles Dodgers 10-3 Friday night.

Mike Marshall drove in three runs with a two-run homer and a single, and John Shelby also hit a two-run homer as the Dodgers won for the ninth time in 12 games.

For the Padres, the losing streak represents their longest since they dropped 10 consecutive games in 1974.

Santiago, whose hitting streak is the longest by a rookie in major-league history, doubled with one out in the first inning, becoming the 13th player with a batting streak of 34 games or more. He hit a 2-2 pitch down the left field line off Dodgers starter Fernando Valenzuela, 14-14, who allowed five hits and two runs in six innings for the victory.

Cards 3, Mets 2

■ ST. LOUIS — Dave Magadan's third-inning error opened the door for two unearned runs, helping St. Louis celebrate its National League East title with a victory.

John Tudor, 10-2, withstood five New York hits in the second and third innings and pitched five innings for his seventh straight win. Steve Peters got the last six outs for his first major-league save.

Expos 7, Cubs 1

■ MONTREAL — Neal Heaton

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allowed three hits in six innings for his first victory since July 30 as the Montreal Expos, helped by three unearned runs, defeated the Chicago Cubs.

Heaton, 13-10, who ended a six-game losing streak, had made 10 starts without winning. He struck out one batter and walked none before Andy McGaffigan pitched the final three innings for his 12th save.

The Expos broke a 1-1 tie against starter Greg Maddux, 6-14, by scoring three runs in the fourth inning.

Reds 12, Astros 7

■ HOUSTON — Tracy Jones drove in five runs, including the game-winner with a double in Cincinnati's five-run sixth inning, rallying the Reds over Houston.

After the Astros took a 6-5 lead with a four-run fifth inning, pinch-hitter Kurt Stillwell doubled and Dave Collins singled to open the sixth off Rocky Childress, 1-2. Dave Concepcion, who had four hits and three runs batted in, grounded out to bring home Stillwell with the tying run.

Jones followed with his go-ahead double.

Collins scored five runs for the Reds, tying a major-league high for the season established by five other players. Rob Murphy pitched two-thirds of an inning in his 86th

appearance for the Reds, tying a major-league record for left-handers set by Wilbur Wood of the Chicago White Sox in 1968.

Royals 6, Twins 3

■ KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Danny Tartabull hit a grand slam and catcher Scotti Madison hit doubles for his first three major-league hits, leading the Kansas City Royals past the AL West champ Minnesota Twins.

Frank Viola, 17-10, ran the count to 3-0 on Tartabull in the fifth inning, then threw a strike before Tartabull hit his 33rd home run. It also gave the outfielder 99 runs batted in.

Bret Saberhagen, 18-10, gave up nine hits and had four strikeouts and no walks en route to his 15th complete game.

Kirby Puckett had four hits for the Twins.

Red Sox 3, Brewers 2

■ BOSTON — Spike Owen homered with one out in the 12th inning to lift the Boston Red Sox over Milwaukee, snapping the Brewers' five-game winning streak.

Owen's second homer of the season ended a pitching duel in which Milwaukee starter Ted Higuera, 18-10, went the distance, allowing six hits.

Yankees 3, Orioles 1

■ NEW YORK — Tommy John pitched a seven-hitter for his 27th career victory as the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles.

NBC will feature Tigers-Blue Jays

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC-TV has switched plans and will show the Toronto Blue Jays-Detroit Tigers game nationally today.

The network originally had scheduled a split national telecast featuring the Blue Jays-Tigers and the New York Mets at the St. Louis Cardinals. The decision to focus on the Blue Jays-Tigers game was made when St. Louis clinched the National League East Division title with an 8-2 victory over the Montreal Expos Thursday night.

A's 4, White Sox 3

■ CHICAGO — Mark McGwire's run-scoring double snapped an 11th-inning tie and the Oakland Athletics held on to beat the Chicago White Sox.

It was Oakland's fourth consecutive victory and the Athletics snapped Chicago's seven-game winning streak.

Mariners 5, Rangers 4

■ ARLINGTON, Texas — Pinch-hitter Gary Matthews walked with the bases loaded to snap an eighth-inning tie and lift the Seattle Mariners over the Texas Rangers.

TIGERS: Draw even with Toronto

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first major-league hit and Manny Lee's first homer of the season, a three-run shot, on a cold, drizzly night. Both Lee and Myers were playing for injured Blue Jays starters.

Alexander, who came to Detroit in trade from Atlanta last Aug. 12, has won all nine of his decisions in 11 starts with the Tigers. He scattered eight hits in seven-plus innings, walked four and struck out five before getting relief help from Mike Henneman.

Lloyd Moseby singled to lead off the eighth, stole second, and Mulliniks walked. Henneman came on and got George Bell to hit into a fielder's choice and Juan Beniquez

grounded into a double play. Henneman retired the side in the ninth for his seventh save, ending the game on a double play.

"Five double plays — that helps," Tigers Manager Sparky Anderson said. "Now, it's all even, and that's the way it should be. The Detroit players can't give people anymore than that."

Toronto right-hander Jim Clancy, 15-11, was trying to equal his career-high in victories but against a team which he had beaten only four times in 19 career decisions prior to Friday's defeat. He left without getting an out in the third inning and has not beaten Detroit since Sept. 14, 1984 while losing eight straight to the Tigers.

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