

Orioles fall into 2nd first time since May

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CHICAGO — Baltimore fell out of first place in the American League East for the first time since May 26 as Daryl Boston's second career grand slam powered Chicago White Sox to a 10-1 victory over the Orioles Friday night.

The Orioles, who had been in first place for 98 consecutive days, lost for the third time in four games and dropped one game behind Toronto, which beat Minnesota, 7-3.

Brewers 6, A's 5

MILWAUKEE — Rookie Gregg Vaughn singled home the winning run in the 10th inning to give Milwaukee, which tied the game after being down to its last out in the ninth.

Blue Jays 7, Twins 3

TORONTO — Rookie Glenallen Hill, promoted to the majors earlier in the day, hit a grand slam that sent Toronto to its 10th victory in 11 games.

Mariners 7, BoSox 2

BOSTON — Jeffrey Leonard broke a tie with his career-high 22nd homer as Seattle played long ball to drop the Red Sox four games out in the American League East.

Royals 5, Rangers 3

ARLINGTON, Texas — Willie Wilson broke a 1-for-12

slump with a two-out, two-run double in the 12th inning.

The victory moved the Royals within 1½ games of Oakland in the American League West.

Tigers 2, Indians 1

DETROIT — Detroit snapped a 12-game losing streak — their longest in 14 years — when Gary Pettis hit a two-out RBI single in the 12th inning Friday night to give them a 2-1 victory over Cleveland.

Yanks 11, Angels 5

NEW YORK — Mel Hall hit a two-run homer in a seven-run second inning — New York's biggest this season — and Randy Velarde drove in three runs.

Astros 6, Cardinals 3

ST. LOUIS — Craig Reynolds' pinch-hit home run in the seventh inning broke a tie.

The victory kept the Astros close in the National League West race. Houston trailed San Francisco by four games entering the night.

Reds 11, Pirates 5

PITTSBURGH — Todd Benzeniger homered and drove in four runs as Cincinnati collected 15 hits.

Luis Quinones and Eric Davis each had two RBI as the Reds gave plenty of support to Ron Robinson.

Coghlan rally wins race, season crown

By Al Hall
Gazette sportswriter

Dave Coghlan, Chopper Safley, Mike Schulte and Dudley Fleck all won feature races Friday during the season championship stock car races at Hawkeye Downs Speedway.

Coghlan, from Marion, capped an exciting season of Hobby Stock racing with a hard-earned victory and sewed up the season point title in the process.

He had to battle back after slipping to fourth early in the race. He was running second when he got caught in early lap traffic and was passed twice.

But on the 14th lap of the 20-lap feature, he charged out of turn four with the lead and then held on to beat Mike Offerman of Marion and Jonn Strausser of Cedar Rapids.

"It was going to be a battle tonight," Coghlan said. "The transmission started rattling and I thought 'please hold on.'"

Coghlan was delighted with his first season of asphalt racing at the Downs.

"I ran the first complete green lap on the quarter-mile and led," he said. "And I led the last lap."

Several weeks into the season, officials added the Pro Stock division and Safley dominated early in the year. He was dominant again Friday.

"All-in-all, we had real good luck," he said. "We haven't had much equipment break and haven't had to spend a fortune on tires. We're getting some more cars and with a stronger field comes better competition. It's more fun that way."

Eric Gintert of Robins and Craig Stepanek of Cedar Rapids followed Safley across the finish line.

Schulte, the Norway racing veteran, has been almost unbeatable

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ble in Modified. He lost only one feature he finished at Hawkeye Downs this season.

He had some bad luck and good luck Friday, blowing a motor in his heat, and then gaining the lead when Arlo Becker and Steve Stinger, running 1-2 at the time, spun out of contention midway through the feature.

"We had a spare everything," Schulte said. "We wanted to make sure and be able to start the feature."

"I never thought we'd win this many races (12). Usually, we're consistent but don't win that many. This year, it's been the other way around."

Becker, who owns Schulte's car, battled back to finish second and John Henecke of Hiawatha was third.

"I've got to thank Arlo," Schulte said. "He's the one who made this possible. This is a great racecar."

Fleck had a tough start to the season, but once he got hooked up was almost unbeatable in New Model.

"Everything was going at the end of the season the way we wanted to at the start," Fleck said after holding off Steve Carlson of West Salem, Wis.

"The car handled terrible tonight," Fleck added. "We chased it all night. In another lap or two, Steve would have had us. His car was set up a heck of a lot better than ours."

Fleck isn't sure what his plans are for next season. "We had a good, fun, enjoyable season," he said. "Ideally, we'd like to come back and try her again."

Robin Leonard of Cedar Rapids finished third and Rick Fisher of Monticello fourth.

Vikings stop Bengals and shufflin' Woods

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MINNEAPOLIS — Alfred Anderson scored twice Friday night as Minnesota dominated offensively and defensively but had to

NFL EXHIBITION

survive Chuck Nelson's poor kicking to close the preseason with a 17-10 victory over Cincinnati.

Ickey Woods did all his shuffling behind the line of scrimmage against the Vikings (3-1) who held the 1988 rookie sensation to minus-six yards on seven carries. Minnesota also stopped Boomer Esiason, who passed for only 79 yards in three quarters.

Former Iowa standout Deven Harberts did not catch a pass and Rick Bayless rushed one time for a 5-yard loss.

Falcons 36, Bills 17

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Greg Pattera scored three touchdowns, including two in a 55-second span as both teams end the preseason.

Pattera, a rookie from Slippery Rock, scored on 1- and 2-yard

runs in the third period that propelled Atlanta into a 23-14 lead en route to its only victory of the NFL exhibition season.

Former University of Iowa running back Ronnie Buffalo caught three passes for 53 yards and rushed twice for seven yards.

Seahawks 28, 49ers 17

SEATTLE — Nesby Glasgow ran back a blocked field goal attempt 71 yards for a third-quarter touchdown Friday night, sparking Seattle.

Redskins 26, Saints 21

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Reserve quarterback Stan Humphries hit Carl Harry with a 39-yard touchdown pass midway through the fourth quarter.

Packers 16, Patriots 0

FOXBORO, Mass. — Rookie Chris Jacke kicked three field goals and Phillip Epps added a 20-yard touchdown run on a reverse as the Green Bay Packers blanked New England.

Former Iowa standout Marv Cook saw his first action as a Patriot, catching one pass for a five-yard gain.

Iowa City High trio dooms Prairie

By Jim Ecker
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IOWA CITY — From Craig Jelinek's viewpoint in the press box, three things spoiled his debut as Cedar Rapids Prairie's head football coach Friday night.

Flynn. Young. And Roan. Those three Iowa City High stars — Shad Flynn, Byron Young and Michael Roan — sparked the Little Hawks to a 12-7 victory over Prairie in a Mississippi Valley Conference opener at Bates Field.

Flynn passed for 153 yards and two touchdowns in the first half as City High grabbed a 12-0 lead. The scoring strikes covered 69 yards to Roan and 53 to Young.

Prairie caught fire in the second half behind Aaron Vlcko, its senior quarterback, but a solid defensive stand by City High and a Young interception kept the visitors at bay.

"Their quality athletes were the difference," said Jelinek, who succeeded Ed Johnson as Prairie's coach this year. "It wasn't the trenches. It wasn't desire. Flynn, Roan and Young."

City High Coach Larry Brown sure liked having them in the Little Hawks' red-and-white uniforms.

"Those three guys are pretty good athletes," said Brown. "The thing about the three of them, they've all been under the gun before."

City High won the state basketball title last year with some of the same guys who beat Prairie in football last night.

Flynn did not throw a pass in the second half as Brown turned the workload over to tailback Brian Severson, who finished with 83 yards on 17 carries.

Meanwhile, Vlcko tried to pass Prairie to victory. His pin-point aerials to Chad Steele and Matt Hatcher accounted for 70 yards on a 90-yard march to paydirt, capped by Hatcher's plunge for the score.

That made it 12-7 midway through the third quarter. Prairie reached City High's 7-yard line early in the fourth period, but Jamie Keefer sacked Vlcko for a 7-yard loss and a fourth-down pass fell incomplete from the 14.

The Little Hawks struck early for a quick 6-0 lead. On their first possession, Flynn found

Roan with a dump pass over the middle, and the 215-pound fullback spun away from one tackler and hurdled another en route to the 69-yard score.

Just 105 seconds had elapsed in the game. Later, with just 25 seconds left in the half, Flynn heaved a high-fly to Young, who out-leaped Vlcko for the ball for the 53-yard touchdown.

City High lost a 65-yard touchdown pass from Flynn to Roan in the third quarter on a clipping penalty.

Jelinek spent the entire game relaying plays from the press box, leaving on-field duties to assistant coaches Dave Bennett and Mike Trosky.

"If you lose it's a chancey thing," said Jelinek. "If you win you look like a genius."

Vlcko passed for 142 yards, Hatcher rushed for 71. Mike Kleppe, Prairie's 6-foot-5 tight end, sprained an ankle and limped home.

Prairie meets Jefferson at Kingston Stadium next Friday. City High visits Dubuque Hempstead.

Mustangs' Norton runs over Jeff

By Mark Dukes
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Bob Timmerman ranks Brock Norton among the best fullbacks ever at Dubuque Hempstead, and the 222-pound senior did nothing to change that opinion Friday night.

Norton scored three touchdowns and rushed for 167 yards as Dubuque Hempstead opened the prep football season by whipping mistake-prone Cedar Rapids Jefferson, 34-6, at Kingston Stadium.

"We've had eight all-state fullbacks in 15 years, and he's as good as any of them," said Timmerman, the 16th-year Hempstead coach. "Possibly he can do some things even better than some of the others."

Hempstead, scoring on the last play of each half, ran 62 plays to Jefferson's 33 and outgained the J-Hawks, 461-156. The Mustangs

gained 347 yards rushing on 51 carries.

"It didn't seem like I had that many yards," said Norton, who carried 24 times. "Blocking and running, that's all it was. We mixed things up real well. I think (Jefferson) gave us a couple points, too."

Jefferson, which had only five first downs, suffered from penalties that prolonged Hempstead drives and a couple breakdowns in pass coverage.

"You can feel like you've run into a stone wall after something like this," said Jefferson Coach Bill Calloway, "but I know we can play with that team. We just made too many mistakes."

"Their first three scores were brought on by major mistakes by us. We were mentally ready. I think the mistakes are definitely correctable ones."

Jefferson made good yardage on its first possession, moving to the Hempstead 21-yard line. But two holding penalties hurt the J-Hawks and they were finally stopped on downs.

Hempstead had a 14-0 halftime lead on a pair of 5-yard Norton plunges. Norton changed shoes and also booted both extra points.

The first scoring drive was aided by a 29-yard pass play from Brian Nelson to Tom Plotner on fourth-and-9. The second march was kept alive when, on third-and-18, Cary Murphy caught a floating, underthrown pass from Nelson for a 33-yard gain.

Norton's 12-yard run on the final play of the third quarter, and Ryan Jasper's kick, increased the lead to 21-0. An offside call against Jefferson on fourth-and-5 and a pass interference call against the J-Hawks on third-and-

21 kept the 16-play drive going.

Hempstead backup quarterback Adam Koehler ran 16 yards on an option play to the left to make it 28-0 with 3:23 to go.

B.J. Calloway, Jefferson's junior quarterback and son of the coach, passed eight yards to Jason Hess for the J-Hawks' lone score with 1:11 left.

Jefferson's longest gain set up the touchdown. Shaft Baker, a 225-pound fullback, raced 40 yards to the Hempstead 26-yard line on fourth-and-1. Baker finished with 82 yards on nine carries.

Jason Plotner padded the Hempstead cushion when he slipped through the J-Hawk defense and raced 62 yards to score on the game's last play.

Minor scores late as LaSalle wins opener

PREP ROUNDUP

as the Golden Eagles topped the Cougars in the Mississippi Valley Conference.

Metz scored twice on tight end counters, one covering 59 yards in the first quarter and the other for 14 in the fourth. Lyle Gassman and Mike Walsh also scored for Wahlert.

Kennedy scored its only touchdown in the second half after trailing, 16-0, at halftime. Louie Ervin scored the Cougars' first TD on a three-yard run, then Rob

Posekany scored in the fourth on a one-yard run.

Chad Nachtman led Wahlert rushers with 95 yards on 18 carries.

Posekany led the Cougars with 73 yards on six carries. Ervin connected on 7 of 19 passes for 105 yards.

Other area games

At Center Point, Mark Davis led a 387-yard rushing attack as Center Point-Urbana downed Central City, 24-0, in the Tri-Rivers Conference. Davis totaled 171 yards on 21 carries, scoring on runs of 1 and 9 yards.

At Delhi, Paul Rundquist connected on 16 of 23 passes for 238 yards and two touchdowns as Maquoketa Valley blanked North Linn, 21-0. Jason Mitts and Zeke Feldman were on the receiving end of Rundquist's TD pass, Mitts from 12 yards out and Feldman from 23.

At Wellman, John Dayton returned a punt 65 yards for one score and Ryan Swartzendruber returned an interception 60 yards for another as Mid-Prairie scored 19 fourth-quarter points for a 19-9 victory over Iowa City Regina in the Eastern Iowa Hawkeye Conference. Dayton finished with 109 yards on 19 carries.

Mankato St. coach: UNI remembers

By Bob Denney
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CEDAR FALLS — Mankato State football coach Dan Runkle expects his team will get more respect from Northern Iowa tonight in the UNI-Dome.

"The last time we played, I really don't think from a mental standpoint Northern Iowa was ready to play us," said Runkle, recalling a 16-16 tie in 1986. "I remember they had talked about facing Kansas State the following week. We should have beat them, and I know they remember."

At least one guy remembers well — UNI first-year coach Terry Allen, who makes his head coaching debut tonight at 7 p.m.

Allen begins his 15th season with UNI, having spent four years as a quarterback

(1975-78), then as assistant under three different coaches — Stan Sheriff, Darrell Mudra and Earle Bruce.

Allen succeeded Bruce, who stayed only six months following his dismissal from Ohio State before bolting for Colorado State.

"The key to this game is not giving up the big play," said Allen, 32, the youngest coach in Division I-AA or I-A when hired in January. "We've made our players very aware this week of what they have to do against Mankato State."

Allen said tonight will be an emotional debut. Most of the members of his family will attend. His father, Bob, died of a heart attack Jan. 3 — two days before his son was named UNI's 23rd head coach.

"I'll be anxious to get this one past me.

More important now is to get a game under a new system for our players," Allen said. "The advantage we've had is working with this team in the spring. My coaching staff couldn't be better, and now we just have to do what is necessary on the field."

The Mavericks have been in preseason training since Aug. 11. Classes at Mankato State don't begin until Sept. 20.

"It's been like a pro camp around here," said Runkle. "That can be both good and bad. After a while the players would rather see a pretty girl's face than ours."

"We figure Northern Iowa under its new coach will be more like the Darrell Mudra teams than Earle Bruce. But, schemes don't win games. Players do."

SMU returns for a 'new beginning'

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

at Texas Stadium, capacity 65,000.

SMU will have four seniors, six juniors, and the remainder freshmen when it plays for the first time since an alumni slush fund scandal cost the school dearly.

New coach Forrest Gregg, who only had 41 scholarship players available, said the Mustangs won't make any excuses.

"Our program is not full of can't's. It's full of try and will," Gregg said. "We will not cry and make excuses. We will do everything we can to make it (the program) work."

SMU had more than 70 walk-ons but many didn't last in the hot August sun.

"Some gave it a try but this game is not for everybody," Gregg said. "It's a tough, demanding business and you have to have a lot of desire to play it tough."

The Mustangs had to sit out a

year because of NCAA sanctions which punished the school for actions of overzealous alumni. SMU decided not to play football last year because of the squad's thin ranks.

"It will be an advantage for us to play that first game at home," Gregg said. "It's an easier fight in your own backyard."

SMU football returns to the campus for the first time in 41

years. The last game played in the stadium was in 1948 when SMU downed Texas Tech, 41-6.

The program outgrew the stadium and went on to the Cotton Bowl, then to Texas Stadium.

SMU's offense will feature a wide-open, run-and-shoot style with redshirt freshman Mike Romo as starting quarterback.

Gregg said SMU wants to win, not just look good.

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