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Hawkeyes to show true form

Today we should finally find out what the Iowa football team is all about.

Are the Hawkeyes the guys who could play Miami straight-up for three quarters in the Orange Bowl, or the guys who Wisconsin played straight-up for three quarters in Iowa City?

Are the Hawks the guys who rode out of Michigan State with a win, or the guys who let rookie Iowa State quarterback Bob Utter ride all over them?

Does Hayden Fry have a hand full of cards he has yet to play, or has he shown all he has to show?

Even with a very real set of question marks hanging over the Hawks' heads, those marks have a much more positive punctuation than they did five weeks ago. Iowa's 4-1 record is everything their fans could have hoped for.

The average John or Jane Hawkeye figured Miami was a can't-win situation, but wanted their team to represent itself well and not leave its self-esteem shredded in south Florida.

Cincinnati and Wisconsin were expected victims.

Going into the season, Iowa State was potentially dangerous. A win was by no means guaranteed for the Hawks. They got it, even if they looked no better than the Cyclones in the bargain.

Michigan State, most felt, was a probable loss. It didn't hurt that the Spartan receivers couldn't catch against Iowa, or that the MSU play-calling on offense was as colorful as tap water. But those same guys went to Michigan and scored 28 points in winning, didn't they?

NOW IT'S BACK to the state of Michigan, back to another nationally-ranked archival, back to being a solid underdog.

So far, this business of modest expectations has worked extremely well for Hayden Fry. Friday's Chicago Tribune said "surprising" Iowa was visiting Michigan today. Not that long ago, Fry and all in his Hawkdom would have been offended at the term "surprising." Today, it's high flattery.

For Fry's public posturing, Michigan is another little-to-lose game. The Wolverines are the Big Ten favorites, they were ranked No. 1 in the country, and so on. If Michigan beats the Hawks — and there isn't an oddsmaker in all of Western civilization who doesn't think it will — Fry can shrug his shoulders and say, hey, it's no surprise, no embarrassment.

And who could argue? Perhaps the only way today can be a total negative is if Michigan rips the Hawkeyes asunder, which is within the realm of possibility. It's all too possible, in fact.

But if Iowa plays the Wolverines close and hard, the Hawkeyes' confidence should stay intact and the bowl scouts will be aplenty in the Kinnick Stadium press box next Saturday as the Hawks maul Northwestern.

THE POPULAR LINE of thinking is that Michigan will be ornery today after getting jobbed by the officials last Saturday on the infamous non-pass interference call on the game's final play. Michigan State didn't do Iowa any favors by beating Michigan.

That's just psycho-babble. What MSU did was good for the Hawkeyes on three fronts. One, it messed with the heads of Michigan's defenders. Two, it showed Iowa that the Wolverines are not invincible. Three, it gave Michigan a loss. If the Hawks pull a stunning upset today, the Wolverines are as good as out of the Rose Bowl race.

That's a monumental 'if.' Two losses or not, Michigan has the best talent in the Big Ten, and should have plenty of desire to go with it this afternoon.

Want a prediction? Forget it. Meanwhile, as the Big Ten goes through another week of plodding, all the nation will watch the Last Tango in South Bend. Miami and Notre Dame. The Final Meeting.

Should Notre Dame win, Irish fans should party into the night and then think of one word as their heads hit their pillows.

Stanford.

Reds roll on at Oakland

Sabo swats a pair as Cincy tops A's for 3-0 advantage

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds, the team that would be swept, are on the verge of sweeping this World Series.

Enough of Oakland's failing A's. The Reds made an unmistakable case Friday night that they are winning, rather than the Athletics losing.

With seven runs in the third inning, two home runs by Chris Sabo and enough strong pitching by Tom Browning to get to the Nasty Boys in the bullpen, the



Reds took a 3-0 lead with an 8-3 victory.

"A lot of things went right for us," Reds Mnnager Lou Piniella said. "We're here to win this thing and now we're in a very good position."

Sabo got Cincinnati going with home runs in the second and third innings off pitiful Mike Moore, and added some Sabotage in the field with three nice plays among a record-tying 10 chances for a third baseman.

"It's a game of concentration and I've learned that if I get too emotional, I don't play well," said Sabo, 6-for-12 in the Series. "I'm excited, but the object is to win four."

The Reds have won eight consecutive World Series games. Their last loss was in Game 6 of the 1975 Series when Carlton



AP photo

Cincinnati's Chris Sabo, a former Cedar Rapids player, pounds a second-inning homerun against Oakland pitcher Mike Moore Friday night during Game 3 of the World Series in Oakland. Sabo

added a two-run homer in the third inning. The Reds, who lead the series 3-0, won the contest, 8-3.

Fisk ended the game with one of baseball's most famous home runs. The streak includes a 1976 sweep of the New York Yankees by the Big Red Machine.

On Friday night, the Reds took advantage of an Oakland error, not the other way around, and they ran, ran, ran. They even got the breaks — Joe Oliver, who

singled in the 10th to win Game 2, was safe when his check-swing roller hit the chalk on the third-base line and stayed fair.

The Athletics did finally solve Billy Hatcher, getting him to ground into a double play in his first at-bat after a streak of seven hits and two walks. But Hatcher singled during a seven-run third

and finished 2-for-5.

By the end of the third, every Cincinnati batter had either scored a run or driven one in, and it was 8-2. By that time, the fans were also out of it, having gone from shouts to shock. They did save some late boos, however, for Jose Canseco, whose misplay on a fly ball set up Oakland's loss

in Game 2 and set off some angry words in the Athletics' clubhouse.

"They're making the plays, making the pitches, getting the hits. They've got it going," Oakland Manager Tony La Russa

■ Please turn to 5C: Reds

Hawkeyes get chance to beat odds at Michigan

By Jim Ecker

Gazette sportswriter

Iowa Coach Hayden Fry figures the odds are 2-to-1 against the Hawkeyes upsetting Michigan in their Big Ten football game in Ann Arbor today.

But, said Fry, the closer the score, the better he likes the odds.

"It will go one of two ways," Fry predicted. "We'll either play them real close, or they'll blow us out. What I'm saying is, we won't blow them out."

"They have two chances to win and we have one."

Actually, the odds might be steeper than that.

■ Game time: 11:35 a.m. (Iowa time)
■ Place: Michigan Stadium; Ann Arbor, Mich.
■ TV: ESPN

Michigan (3-2, 1-1) has won 22 straight homecoming games since 1968, and the 95th straight crowd of more than 100,000 fans will be thirsting to make it 23 in a row.

Kickoff is scheduled for 11:35 a.m. (Iowa time), with the game televised by ESPN.

Scouts from the Sugar, Cotton, Florida Citrus, Holiday, Gator, Peach, John Hancock and Blockbuster bowls will attend the game, and the 22nd-ranked Hawkeyes want to look their best.

"If we defeat Michigan, then we'll jump into the bowl picture," said Fry.

Iowa (4-1, 2-0) enters as a 13-point underdog despite having better records than the Wolverines, and despite having defeated Michigan State, which handed Michigan a controversial 28-27 loss last week.

So isn't a 13-point spread too big?

"Gollee. I don't know," said Fry. "I really don't."

Actually, he's afraid it could be worse than that.

"They're capable of winning the ballgame 40 to zip," he maintained.

Fry fears Michigan's big-play ability on

offense. And he's afraid the Wolverines will be snarling mad after losing the No. 1 ranking last week on an official's mistake on a two-point conversion pass with six seconds left in the game.

That loss dropped the U of M to 10th this week.

Michigan Coach Gary Moeller spent a good part of the week talking about last Saturday's controversy, but he's got more problems today.

Chris Hutchinson, a tackle who leads the Big Ten in sacks, might not play because of a bad back. Already sidelined

■ Please turn to 3C: Hawks

No. 1 Linn-Mar converts on Jeff errors, cruises to rout

By Bob Denney

Gazette sportswriter

If this were Las Vegas, top-ranked Linn-Mar would have closed the bank Friday night.

The Lions converted three first-half Cedar Rapids Jefferson turnovers into touchdowns, then opened the second half to the reserves in a 53-19 Mississippi Valley Conference football rout at Kingston Stadium.

Linn-Mar (8-0) clinched a share of the school's third MVC championship, with a regular-season finale against Iowa City West next Friday to land an outright crown.

"We've very happy to clinch a share, but I know these kids are really hungry and want to win it outright next week," said Lions Coach Greg Purnell. "I'm real happy with the way our kids played and the way they've improved throughout the year."

"I think our seniors are playing extremely well, and to have a great football team your seniors have to play at their top."

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Purnell's senior crew continued to mesmerize the opposition.

Senior tailback Mick Mulherin ran for three touchdowns of 4, 13, and 1 yard, and latched on to a screen pass from quarterback Ryan Driscoll to whisk 37 yards for another TD.

Mulherin and the first-stringers were then rested after piling up a 46-0 third-quarter bulge. Junior Casey Mulherin picked up where his older brother left off, speeding 36 yards on a sweep to his left to make it 46-0.

"Our line came off and just blew them off the ball," said Mick. "They were just knocking them over. We had a few mental mistakes, but they weren't drastic."

Said brother Casey, who also started at defensive

■ Please turn to 2C: Linn-Mar

No. 10 Cougars run over Prairie

By Jeff Dahn

Gazette sportswriter

The 10th-ranked Cedar Rapids Kennedy football team proved early Friday night that a strong wind blowing into its face would not be detrimental to its offensive game plan.

Nor would the Cedar Rapids Prairie defense.

The Cougars drove into a stiff south wind to score touchdowns on their first two possessions en route to a convincing 32-14 Mississippi Valley Conference win over the Hawks on John Wall Field.

With its sixth straight win, Kennedy improved to 7-1 on the season and locked-up a spot in the Class 4A playoffs. The Cougars finish their regular season Thursday night when Dubuque Wahlert visits Kingston Stadium.

The loss snapped a three-game win streak for Prairie, which will take a 3-5 record to its season finale against Iowa City High in Iowa City Friday night.

The Kennedy offense amassed 373 yards against the Hawks, 207 on the 11-of-17 passing of junior quarterback Chad Wiese.

His favorite target was senior Brad Meskimen, who caught six passes for 88 yards, including a one-handed grab in the corner of the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown with 5 minutes, 4 seconds left in the first period.

Senior Joe Gureno, the leading rusher in the Valley, led the Cougar ground attack with 98 yards on 25 carries. He scored three TDs, all on 1-yard runs.

"Prairie had won three in a row and that was a concern for us coming in," Kennedy Coach

Don Knock said. "But our guys were ready to play. We thought the wind would present a serious challenge but we went out and really took care of business."

Knock praised a defensive effort that held the Hawks to 44 yards rushing and 195 passing.

"(Kennedy defensive coordinator) Jim Lewis deserves a lot of credit," Knock said. "He's been at this for 18 years and he's done just a heck of a job."

Prairie Coach Craig Jelinek gave Kennedy ample praise but also liked his team's effort.

"We played a very good football team tonight," Jelinek said. "Don Knock has put together a great team. But we played bravely. We were up against some tremendous odds. I'm

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ISU needs big day vs. No. 16 Sooners

By Al Hall

Gazette sportswriter

NORMAN, Okla. — It's doubtful Iowa State can duplicate the show it put on when Oklahoma visited Ames last season.

That was the day Bret Oberg passed for 411 yards, Steve Lester caught 13 passes for 203 yards and two touchdowns, including a 71-yarder, and Blaise Bryant rushed for 151 yards. Iowa State had 609 yards (the most an Oklahoma defense has ever given up) but still lost, 43-40.

It was a great game.

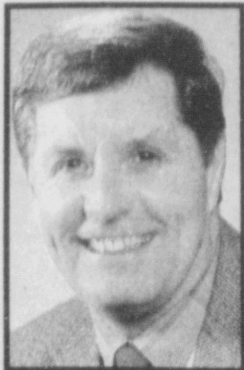
But if the Cyclones are to upset No. 16 Oklahoma today, they'll have to at least come

■ Game time: 1 p.m. (Iowa time)
■ Place: Memorial Stadium; Norman, Okla.
■ TV: None

close. And that may be too much to ask.

"We just have to attack it the same way we did a year ago and hope our players are equal to the task," said Iowa State Coach Jim Walden, who hopes the Cyclones can defeat Oklahoma for the first time since 1961. "I worry about it. At this point in time, I don't think we're as good offensively as we were a year ago."

"We had three NFL players last year. A wide receiver named Lester, a guard named (Keith) Sims and a tight end named (Mike) Busch. And



Jim
Walden

they were perfectly distributed. Here was the perfect distribution — a great tight end on one side of the line, a beautiful blocker, a big guy inside who makes everyone around him play better and then an outstanding receiver that put enormous pressure on people. Add all that up and then slip the ball to a running back named Bryant every now and again and there was a lot of air in there."

No. 16 Oklahoma is a 24½-point favorite in the 1 p.m. game.

Obviously, some of the names have changed for Iowa State (2-3, 1, 0-1-1). Busch is playing professional baseball. Sims is a promising rookie with the Miami Dolphins and Lester is trying to improve his grades at a junior college in Chicago.

"I don't feel we've replaced those people," Walden said. "We've got guys out there doing the job but they haven't

■ Please turn to 3C: ISU

Simpson runs away at Disney

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tim Simpson "cooled off" to a 65 Friday but increased his lead to six strokes in the Disney Golf Classic with a record-tying, three-round total of 193, 23 under par.

He said he could have done even better than his eight birdies and a bogey over the rough greens of the 6,967-yard, par-72 Palm Course.

"I had it going at the flag all day and left at least four or five putts hanging on the lip of the hole or a few inches short," said the garrulous Simpson, a 13-year PGA Tour veteran with three victories.

Struggling unsuccessfully to make up some ground were Davis Love III and Payne Stewart, who were six shots back at 199.

Stewart had the lowest round of the day, a 61 that was a course record for the 7,190-yard Magnolia course. It also ties the tournament low score.

Love had a 66 on the Magnolia.

"I'm 17 under but not very happy at six shots back," Love said.

Paul Azinger, who began the day four shots back of Simpson, shot 68 for a 200 total, losing three shots to the leader. Also at 200 is Gene Sauers, who had a 67.

"I'm playing for second," Azinger said.

Stewart's hot round was due primarily to his putter, sinking birdies ranging from six to 25 feet. He also made an 18-hole putt for an eagle on the par-5 No. 4.

Simpson, the defending Disney champion but winless this year, started off hot on Wednesday and stayed that way.

He has put together rounds of 64, 64 and 65, putting him into position to go for the PGA scoring record of 257 for 72 holes. He would need a 63 to break the mark, set by Mike Souchak in the 1955 Texas Open.

"It's certainly within reach," Simpson said. "I'm going to continue my aggressiveness tomorrow."

Simpson's 193 total tied the low 54-hole score by Peter Persons in the Chattanooga Classic earlier this year and is two strokes over the PGA all-time record for three rounds.

Johnson signs with Pistons

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Vinnie Johnson ended his hold-out Friday when he agreed to contract terms with the Detroit Pistons.

Johnson had been holding out for \$3.2 million for two years, but Pistons General Manager Jack McCloskey had refused to pay more than \$2.8 million.

One hour after McCloskey said he threatened to pull his offer from the bargaining table, the two sides agreed to terms, he said at a news conference at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

McCloskey refused to release details of the contract, which Johnson has not yet signed.

"I think it has to be a reasonable contract for anyone to sign it," Johnson said. "But sometimes you have to put dollar figures aside when you have this great an opportunity. It's a definite load off my mind. This wasn't helping me or the franchise."

Bad nosebleed sidelines Cook

Gazette staff report

Marv Cook, New England Patriots' tight end from Iowa, missed the second half of Thursday's NFL loss at Miami with a continual bloody nose.

The Patriots' media relations office said Cook perhaps had a broken blood vessel, causing his nose to bleed.

Cook, New England's leading receiver this season, caught one pass for 11 yards in the Patriots' 17-10 loss to Miami.



Linn-Mar's Mick Mulherin, left, celebrates with teammates Sean Rice (hands in air) and Jason Rowe after scoring a first-quarter touchdown Friday night against Jefferson at Kingston Stadium. The top-ranked Lions pounded the J-Hawks, 53-19.

Linn-Mar: Wins big over Jefferson

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end, "I wanted to get it over so fast. The second half went slow, and the first half went so fast, it was great."

Jefferson (3-5) dropped its fifth consecutive game, and is 0-7 against the Lions since the series began in 1984. It was the largest victory margin in the series.

"I guess you can say they're hitting their peak now," said J-Hawks Coach Bill Calloway. "We didn't play well the first half, but make no mistake. They are really good. They took advantage and they really played well overall. Their backs have super balance, they have an outstanding line. What's left?"

The J-Hawks avoided the 50-point termination rule, which

appeared imminent after three quarters. Jefferson scored 19 points in the fourth quarter on a 2-yard run by Josh Lathrop with 9:36 to play, and scoring passes of 6 and 16 yards by backup quarterback Dan Kluth to senior Rahmal Gibson.

The last J-Hawk score came when Linn-Mar's Aaron Van Milligan bobbled the kickoff and J-Hawk Rob Williams recovered at the Lion 16.

Linn-Mar finished with 356 total yards to Jefferson's 189. The J-Hawks had no first downs in the first half and 31 net yards.

Linn-Mar's 33-0 halftime lead was fueled by two J-Hawk fumbles and an interception by Lion defensive back Chad Rubenow.

Rubenow preceded his theft by

diving to nab an 11-yard scoring pass from Driscoll with 6:51 left in the first half.

Linn-Mar's Jason Maloy, the Valley's No. 1 scorer, ran 23 yards for a TD, and led his team on the ground with 76 yards on 12 carries.

Mick Mulherin finished with 166 all-purpose yards. He rushed for 67 yards, caught two passes for 46 yards and returned the opening kickoff 53 yards to begin the rout.

The Lion reserves closed out the Linn-Mar juggernaut on a 33-yard pass from junior quarterback Matt Mitchell to junior tight end Jason Feddersen with 4:23 left to play.

Washington falls to Dubuque Wahlert

DUBUQUE — Eric Bausch rushed for 140 of Dubuque Wahlert's 237 yards as the Golden Eagles downed Cedar Rapids Washington, 28-6, in Mississippi Valley Conference football action Friday night.

Bausch scored one of Wahlert's first-half touchdowns on a 15-yard run as the Golden Eagles grabbed a 14-0 lead at halftime.

Brian Howes, Eric Metz and Marc Louis also scored on runs for Wahlert.

Washington's lone touchdown came on a 4-yard run by Dan Johnson.

The Warriors were limited to just 96 rushing yards. Quarterback Derek Fulton passed for 176 yards, but completed just 14 of 37 attempts and was intercepted five times.

Others

■ At Winthrop, Dale Van Gorder rushed for 91 yards, scored one touchdown and kicked a field

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goal and Jason Short scored twice as East Buchanan blanked Center Point-Urbana, 24-0.

■ At Miles, East Central piled up 527 rushing yards, including 224 on 11 carries from Chad Miller, and downed Lisbon, 48-21, in the Mid-East Conference.

Miller also scored twice and teammate Troy Franzen added three TDs and 158 yards on 14 rushes.

Lisbon's Tait Stamp passed for 118 yards and two TDs, completing 8 of 12 passes. He was intercepted three times.

■ At Central City, Greg Thode rushed for two touchdowns and 158 yards and J.J. Bockendstedt returned a kickoff 86 yards for a TD as Starmont nipped Central

City-Springville, 22-12, in the Tri-Rivers Conference.

Brett Pflughaupt caught seven passes for 140 yards for Central City-Springville.

■ At Alburnett, Mark Wilson scored his second touchdown of the game in the third quarter as Maquoketa Valley (5-1, 6-1) came from behind to win a Tri-Rivers contest over the host Pirates, 15-14. Carl Soppe's extra point kick gave the Wildcats the edge.

The Pirates (4-3, 4-4) got on the board in the second quarter on Jason Martin's 55-yard scoring run, but a two-point pass failed.

Tim Lamb added a 1-yard run in the third quarter and Martin was successful on a conversion run as Alburnett went up, 14-8.

Mark Dutra's conversion run followed Wilson's first touchdown in the second quarter.

Vincent wants to nix DH

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Commissioner Fay Vincent said Friday he's in favor of eliminating the designated hitter rule and is working behind the scenes to make it happen.

"It would take a vote of the American League owners, but a significant number have told me they're in favor of changing the rule," Vincent said prior to Game 3 of the World Series between Cincinnati and Oakland.

The commissioner did not know a timetable for the change or when the issue might be discussed next.

"We hope to do it over the

course of time," Vincent said. "I want to give those who don't like the rule some hope."

The American League first used the DH in 1973 and it has caused problems in the World Series.

"It seems to me Oakland is a better team with Harold Baines and it's unfair they wouldn't have him for four games in this series," Vincent said.

Baines was the DH for Oakland on Friday and hit a two-run homer in the second inning to give the A's the lead.

The first year of the DH in the World Series was 1976.

Fuller shines, but 'D' is key

Marion earns win over Mustangs

By Jeff Johnson
Gazette sportswriter

Travis Fuller had his usual excellent game, Brent Conway also was stellar, but the much-maligned Marion defense led the way to a 27-13 victory over Independence Friday night at Thomas Park Field.

Fuller completed 17 of 27 passes for 279 yards and four touchdowns, going past the 2,000 yard passing mark on a 9-yard pass to Tim Frake in the second quarter. He has 2,215 yards for the season.

Teammate Conway caught seven Fuller aeriels for 192 yards and a pair of touchdowns, including a magnificent 48-yard TD effort that salted the game away early in the fourth quarter.

But the Marion defense virtually won the game with three defensive stands in the third quarter. With Marion ahead 20-13, Independence took the second half kickoff and drove from its own 30-yard line to Marion's 30. But the Indian defense stopped further penetration there, forcing the ball back over on downs.

A botched reverse play on Marion's offensive possession gave the ball back to the Mustangs on a fumble at Marion's 28. But once again the defense held, keyed by a Jason Jorgensen fourth-down sack of Indy quarterback Chad Beatty.

With 3½ minutes left in the quarter, Indy's Dan Sperry intercepted a tipped Fuller pass, giving the Mustangs the ball on the Marion 21. But once again, Marion's defense did the trick, moving Independence back to near midfield, where they were forced to punt.

"We're real happy with the victory," Marion Coach Dave Messerli said. "We had to play an awful lot of defense. Our defense sure made some big stands. If we would have given them one more score, who knows what would have happened."

Independence Coach Tom Sheets agreed the third quarter was the key to the ballgame.

"Offensively, we just couldn't take advantage of the turnovers," Sheets said. "Our inability to punch it in really hurt us."

"I want to give Marion a lot of credit. Dave Messerli's done an excellent job of switching offensive philosophies. That Fuller kid's a nice one."

Fuller threw a 9-yard scoring pass to Brad DeWoody on a third-



Travis Fuller

and-goal play to give Marion a 6-0 first quarter advantage. Marion took the opening kickoff and drove down the field on an impressive five and a half minute drive.

Independence had a nice drive of its own towards the end of the first quarter, with halfback Bob Beatty finishing things off with a 3-yard touchdown run on a fourth down play that ended the first period. Beatty carried the ball 32 times for 162 yards in the game. Rod Pierce's extra point gave the Mustangs a 7-6 lead.

Marion took the kickoff to start the second quarter and drove down the field, on a 78-yard drive that ended on an 8-yard touchdown pass from Fuller to running back Andy Ehresman. Fuller drifted towards the left on the play and threw a perfect touch pass over the Independence defender for the score. The two-point conversion try failed.

After Independence turned the ball over on downs, Marion took just six plays to go 80 yards for another score. Fuller connected with Conway on a 16-yard scoring strike and with Brad DeWoody for the two-point conversion, making the score 20-7.

Independence, however, drove down before the half and scored on a 3-yard Beatty run with 28 seconds to go in the second period. The extra point kick was wide, making it 20-13 at halftime.

Marion put the game away in the fourth quarter when the 5-foot-8 Conway grabbed a long pass away from the much taller Bob Beatty and ran in for a 48-yard score with 11 minutes to go in the game.

Conway recovered a fumble after a completed Independence pass on the Marion 30 with five minutes left to end the Mustangs last hope.

Marion improved to 6-2 overall with the win, 3-2 in the Wamac Conference. Independence dropped to 2-3 and 3-5.

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proud as hell of my kids."

Those odds got decidedly worse when Kennedy moved 71 yards in eight plays on its first possession to take a 6-0 lead. The drive saw Wiese connect with Meskimen twice for a total of 18 yards and once with D.J. Doyle for 46 before Gureno plunged in from the 1.

Prairie fumbled on its second play of its first possession and Kennedy took over on the Hawk 41. With Gureno carrying seven times during the nine-play drive, Wiese then found Meskimen with his 17-yard scoring pass.

A halfback pass from Gureno to Meskimen gave Kennedy a 14-0 lead.

Wiese said he was unaffected by the wind.

"I think throwing into the wind is pretty much of a psychological thing," he said. "You just have to go out and throw it and not worry about (the wind)."

Wiese, who entered the game with 42 completions in 78 attempts, threw his first interception of the season when Joe Reiff picked him off with 7:50 left in the second period. Wiese had completed 47 of 86 passes on the year before being intercepted.

Prairie got on the board with 6:27 left in the second quarter when junior tailback Matt Hatcher scored on a 1-yard run, culminating a four-play, 6-yard drive brought about by Reiff's interception.

The most sustained drive of the game came when the Cougars moved the ball 90 yards in 16 plays late in the second quarter. Rob Posekany dove-in from 1-yard out to give Kennedy a 20-7 halftime lead.

Prairie quarterback Mike Kleppe, who completed 11 of 23 passes for 195 yards, scored on a 1-yard run with just :07 left in the game to finish Prairie's scoring.

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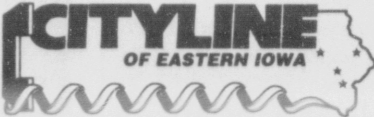
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