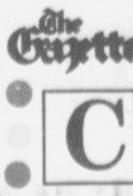


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SPORTS



Simple formula for a little playing time at QB — quit playing

By Jim Ecker
 Gazette sportswriter

Bart Geiser loves the game of college football, but after three shoulder operations and four years of mounting frustrations he succumbed to the obvious: He'd never be the quarterback at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

He quit as an active player, his dream over, but returned this season as a student assistant coach, just to stay involved with the Huskies and help the younger quarterbacks improve.

That's what he did for the first seven games. He was a coach, not a player, wearing civvies Saturday afternoons instead of shoulder pads, a fifth-year senior staying active

and counting the days until graduation in December.

Then it happened. Geiser calls it a miracle, something out of a Hollywood script, something he still has trouble believing as he prepares to face Iowa Saturday as Northern's starting quarterback.

Scott Crabtree, NIU's top QB, separated his shoulder in the homecoming game against University of the Pacific Oct. 16, and the next day Coach Charlie Sadler found Geiser and popped the question.

"On Sunday Coach Sadler asked me what I felt about coming back," Geiser told The Gazette Wednesday in a telephone interview. "He kind of had a smile on his face, and I said, 'That's not funny. Don't be kidding

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around about things like that.' He said he was dead serious. That's how it all started."

Northern Illinois had a backup quarterback in Ron Reichert, but Sadler wants to red-shirt his other QBs and save a year of their eligibility. This late in the season, he didn't want them to play and waste a year.

The thinking was this: Activate Geiser and let him be the No. 2 quarterback behind Reichert, in case of emergency. He wouldn't have to play much, just practice with the club and be there. That was the theory.

Geiser got in for the last two plays Oct. 23 in a 33-19 loss at Southwestern Louisiana

and completed the first pass of his college career. He was happy with that.

Then last week in practice he got the stunning news: He would start on Saturday against Louisiana Tech.

"I was elated," said Geiser. "I was so fired up. I was so nervous Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, by the time Saturday rolled around my nerves were pretty much shot. I couldn't be more nervous, so I think I settled down a little bit and just went out and had a great time."

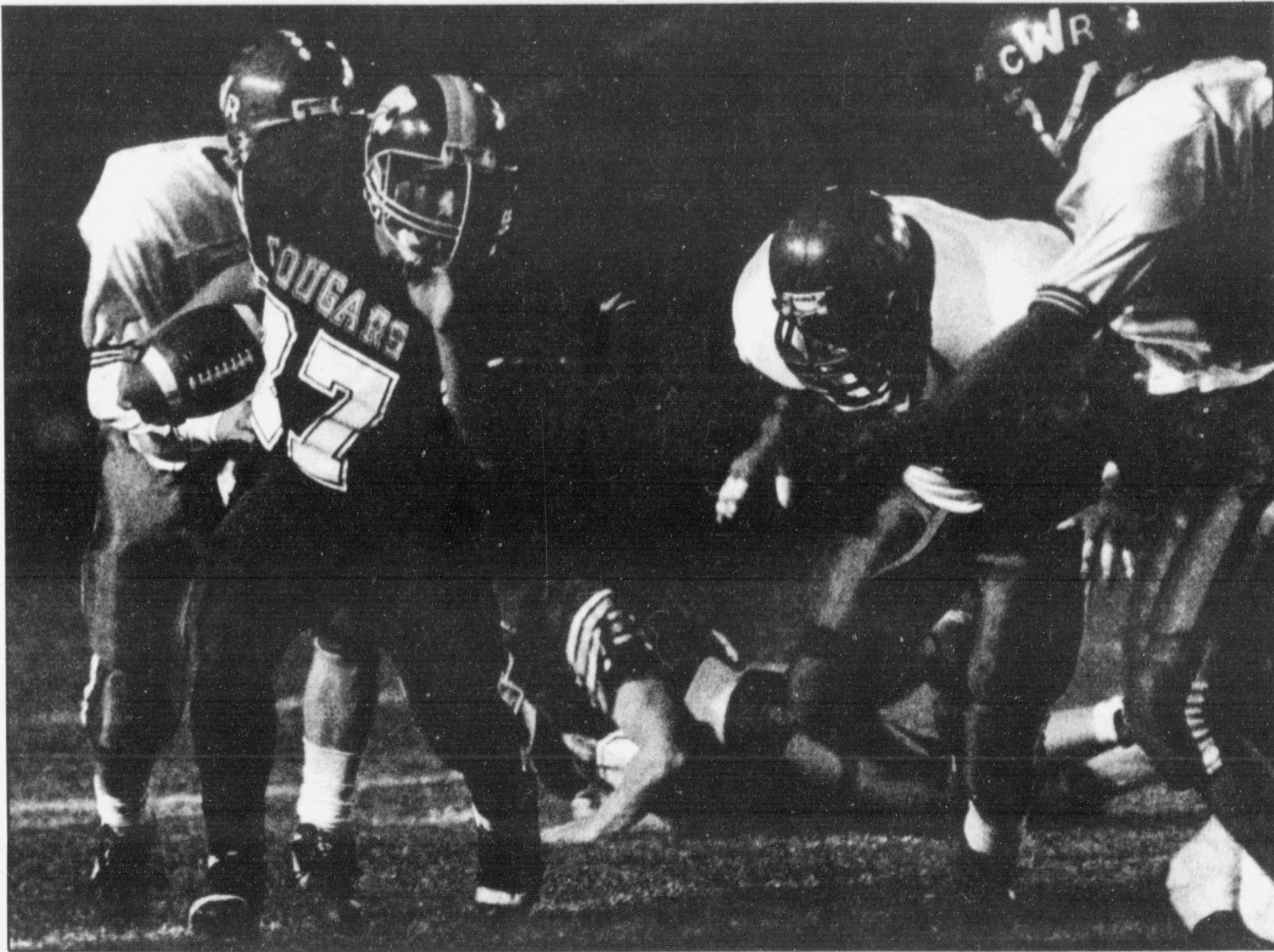
So Bart Geiser, relegated to the scrap heap with a sore arm, is finally the starting quarterback for Northern Illinois. All he had to



Bart Geiser
 Northern Illinois QB

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS



Gazette photo by L.W. Ward

Jimmy Bassett of Cedar Rapids Kennedy churns out some yardage against Cedar Rapids Washington in a first-round playoff game in Class 4A at Kingston Stadium last night. The Cougars defeated Washington, 27-10, and advance to play Linn-Mar Monday night.

Knock's 100th a sweet victory

By Mike Hlas
 Gazette staff writer

Don Knock was given a cake at Kingston Stadium Wednesday night, but what happened earlier on the stadium's turf was sweeter to him.

Knock's Cedar Rapids Kennedy's football team knocked Cedar Rapids Washington off the ball all night in posting a 27-10 Class 4A first-round playoff football win over the Warriors.

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Knock got his 100th win as a prep head coach in the bargain. He has been at Kennedy the last seven of his 16 years of coaching.

The Cougars (7-3) travel to Linn-Mar Monday night for a 4A quarterfinal. Wash finished 7-3.

Last Friday night, the prospect of a Kennedy playoff win didn't look good. Starting senior quarterback Scott O'Shea suffered torn knee ligaments in the Cougars' 13-3 regular-season finale loss to Cedar Rapids Regis.

"We had an awful lot of dobers dragging Saturday morning in our locker room before practice," Knock said.

Junior Brad Kellogg stepped up to replace O'Shea. Kellogg's

Mustangs corral Rogers

By Jeff Johnson
 Gazette sportswriter

CENTER POINT — Mount Vernon accomplished something no other team was able to this season and advanced to the next round of the Class 2A football playoffs because of it.

The ninth-ranked Mustangs held Center Point-Urbana all-state running back Joel Rogers to 83 yards rushing on 26 carries and romped to a 27-0 first-round victory Wednesday night.

Mount Vernon takes a 9-1 record into a quarterfinal game at 7:30 Monday night at home against Sigourney-Keota. Center Point-Urbana ends the season 7-3.

"We knew he was a good back, and we respected him,"

teammates stepped up alongside Kellogg.

On Kennedy's first play from scrimmage, from the Washington 37, Kellogg surprisingly dropped back and fired a long pass. Shane Brekke reeled it in down the right sideline and

CLASS 2A

Mount Vernon Coach Jim Bellamy said of Rogers, who came into the game with 1,819 yards rushing and an average of 200 a game. "We just wanted to play team defense, technique defense."

The first series decided the outcome.

Center Point-Urbana took the opening kickoff and used a steady diet of short Rogers' runs to drive the ball to the Mount Vernon 35. Rogers then was forced to leave the lineup with a mild knee sprain, Center Point-Urbana failed to move the ball any farther and never threatened

■ Please turn to 3C: Mustangs

er in the quarter when senior quarterback Jeff Shaw eluded tacklers in the backfield and streaked down the left sideline for a 72-yard TD. But Kennedy dominated after that.

"They just beat us up pretty good," Warriors Coach Wally Sheets said. "They're good and big and strong up front."

Touchdown runs of 48 yards by Donnie Karr and 10 yards by Travis Johnson sandwiched a 28-yard field goal by Washington's Jeremy McMurrin, and the Cougars led 21-10 at halftime. Kennedy amassed 272 of its 383 total yards in the half. Jimmy Bassett led a stalwart Cougar rushing game with 92 yards on 18 carries.

The second-half score came late in the third quarter when the Cougars faced a third-and-goal at the Wash 33. A harried Kellogg flung the ball to the end zone. Senior tight end/linebacker/punter Shane Gladwin made a one-handed catch in traffic that could best be described as . . .

"One of the greatest catches I've ever seen in high school football," said Knock. Or . . .

"Awesome," said Kellogg. "Brad threw it pretty deep," Gladwin said. "I'd had a really bad game, so I figured I'd do

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scored. Kennedy had a 7-0 lead 1:37 into the game.

"Coach just thought we should open it up on the first play since they might be thinking I wouldn't pass on the first play of my first start," Kellogg said.

Washington tied the game lat-

Linn-Mar exacts revenge

By Mark Dukes
 Gazette sports editor

With a strong wind at its back in the third quarter, Linn-Mar blew open a close game and sailed past Cedar Rapids Prairie Wednesday night.

The Lions scored 20 third-period points and dominated the second half in a 34-10 triumph at John Wall Field in a Class 4A first-round high school football playoff game.

Linn-Mar (7-3) earned a

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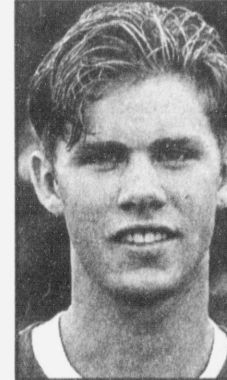
rematch with Cedar Rapids Kennedy in Monday's quarterfinals at Linn-Mar's Armstrong Field. The Lions won a regular-season meeting in September, 21-10.

Prairie, playing its first playoff game since 1988, finished 7-3.

"We got pretty explosive in the third quarter," said Linn-Mar Coach Greg Purnell, who is 8-2 in first-round playoff games and 18-6 overall. "I'm so happy for our kids. They battled back after a tough time in the middle of the season."

After a 4-1 start Linn-Mar lost to Cedar Rapids Washington, 9-7, and to Prairie, 17-14.

Prairie led at halftime, 10-7, on



Jamie Hubler
 138 passing yards

Blayne Fielder's 1-yard run and Brock Boettcher's 34-yard field goal. The Hawks chose to have the wind in the fourth period instead of the third. Linn-Mar scored on its first possession of the third, then later buried the Hawks with three touchdowns in 3 minutes, 19 seconds.

"We thought that with the lead, we'd wait and take the wind in the fourth quarter," Prairie Coach Craig Jelinek said. "I can't say that was a major factor, though. What we've done has taken so much emotion this year. We ran out of gas."

"Linn-Mar found our weaknesses. They did a great job of getting to the outside. Maybe if we get to the playoffs enough, we won't just be happy to make it and we'll go to the next level."

Quarterback Jamie Hubler was sharp, the running tandem of Matt Pelusi and Andy Maloney was effective and Linn-Mar's defense was stout. In the second half, the Lions outgained Prairie 213-52 and had 13 first downs to

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A 2nd Cy Young for Maddux

NEW YORK (AP) — Greg Maddux won his second straight Cy Young Award Wednesday, joining Sandy Koufax as the only National League pitchers to win it in successive seasons.



Greg Maddux

Maddux was 20-10 with a major league-leading 2.36 ERA in his first season for Atlanta, and became the first pitcher to win the award in consecutive years with different teams, last year with Chicago.

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TODAY'S TIPOFF

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- **College Football** — Texas at Houston, 7 p.m., ESPN
- **Golf** — Kapalua International, first round, 3 p.m., ESPN
- **Running** — Philadelphia Distance Classic (tape), noon, ESPN
- **Tennis** — Paris Open Indoors, (tape), 1 p.m., ESPN

Complete listing in Fine Print

QUOTE OF THE DAY

■ "I was out of shape. It felt good, but I didn't miss it."

— **Michael Jordan**, after practicing Monday with the Chicago Bulls

EVENTS IN THE AREA

- **Prep Volleyball** — Regional tournaments

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

- **1960** — Wilt Chamberlain of Philadelphia scores 44 points and sets an NBA record by missing all 10 of his free throws as the Warriors beat the Detroit Pistons, 136-121.
- **1976** — Major league baseball holds first free agent draft involving 24 players from 13 clubs. Reggie Jackson signs most lucrative contract, \$2.9 million for five years with the Yankees.

TRIVIA QUESTION

■ Florida State's Charlie Ward is favored to win the Heisman Trophy this season. How many players from Florida have won the award?

Answer in Fine Print

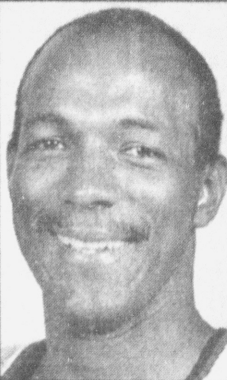
Blazers set starting lineup

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Portland Trail Blazers Coach Rick Adelman finally revealed his season-opening starting lineup Wednesday.

Jerome Kersey won the battle at small forward. He'll join longtime teammates Clyde Drexler and Terry Porter, who open at guard, and power forward Buck Williams.

The only newcomer is center Chris Dudley.

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Clyde Drexler

City High sets up the showdown with Bulldogs

By Jeff Dahn
Gazette sportswriter

IOWA CITY — The Iowa City High Little Hawks tamed one pack of Bulldogs Wednesday night. A more ferocious pack of 'Dogs awaits.

Second-ranked City High welcomed Ottumwa to play in Class 4A by whipping the Bulldogs, 35-14, in a first-round playoff game before an estimated 5,500 fans at Bates Field.

City High (10-0) will face the top-ranked Bettendorf Bulldogs (10-0) in a Class 4A quarterfinal game Monday night at Bettendorf. Bettendorf advanced to the quarterfinals with a 21-18 win over Davenport Assumption Wednesday. City High and Bettendorf also met in the quarterfinals a year ago.

Ottumwa played an all-3A regular-season schedule and this was its first game against a 4A foe since it lost in to Newton in the first round of last year's playoffs.

City High built a 35-0 lead before letting Ottumwa on the board late in the game. The Bulldogs actually out-gained the Little Hawks, 355-341, but

254 of Ottumwa's yards came in the second half — mostly against Little Hawk reserves.

"It was a very physical ballgame, but it was a win," City High Coach Larry Brown said. "They have a real good football team. They have good running backs, and we knew they'd come out and run the ball. They were ready to play."

City High was ready, too, most noticeably stand-out back Tim Dwight.

Dwight carried 19 times for 213 yards in just under three quarters of play. He scored three touchdowns.

His runs from scrimmage included scampers of 11, 13, 16, 17, 24, 29 and 53 yards.

He also had two pass interceptions from his spot in the defensive backfield.

"The line did a hell of a job tonight," Dwight said, repeating a familiar refrain. "They were opening some big holes. (Ottumwa) has a good team. They really gave us a run for our money."

The Bulldogs were led by tailback Shane Hamersley, who carried 29 times for 214 yards. He gained 130 of those in the second half and scored a fourth

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quarter TD on a 7-yard run.

Dwight's touchdown runs covered 6, 53 and 24 yards.

City High took a 6-0 first quarter lead when Corey Honore capped a seven-play, 40-yard drive with a 4-yard run straight ahead with 6:40 left.

The Little Hawks and Dwight then put the Bulldogs away with 22 second quarter points, and led at halftime, 28-0.

Their only sustained drive went 73 yards on 10 plays and ended with Brad Seaton catching an 11-yard pass from Zach Grabinski with 11:25 left in the half. Brad Seaton caught a 2-point conversion pass from Grabinski, and it was 14-0.

Ottumwa fumbled the ensuing kickoff and City High took over on its own 6. Dwight covered those 6 yards on a sweep right on the first play and the first of three Matt Gabel PATs made it 21-0 with 10:55 left.

Dwight intercepted his first pass of the half on

his own 30 on the Bulldogs' next possession, but the Little Hawks' drive stalled on the Bulldog 35.

Following a 17-yard Ottumwa punt, Dwight broke through the middle and found open field along the right sideline, covering 53 yards for a TD with 4:33 left.

Ottumwa moved the ball well on its next possession, but again Dwight brought it to an end. He intercepted a Mark Ellison pass on his own 10 and returned it 38 yards before being dragged down.

Only 17 seconds remained at that point, however, and City High couldn't score.

Dwight's 24-yard run with 2:55 left in the third quarter completed City High's scoring.

Ottumwa got on the board with 7 seconds left in the third when quarterback Mark Ellison and receiver Matt Untrauer hooked up on a 20-yard TD pass. Hamersley's touchdown run capped an 18-play, 99-yard drive with 4:07 left in the game.

City High did suffer some injuries, including one to starting linebacker Andy Johnson. His status was not immediately known.

Mustangs

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the rest of the game.

"I thought the key to the game was when Joel hurt his knee," said Center Point-Urbana Coach Ted Rogers, Joel's father. "He was just never able to cut after that. When he went out, we just lost the snap in the team, and we were never able to recover it."

Rogers returned to the lineup in the second quarter and showed no limp.

Mount Vernon got on the scoreboard early in the second quarter. The Mustangs took the ball on the CPU 43 and needed only four plays to score, fullback Danny Studt scooting around left end for a 14-yard touchdown.

Luke McDermott's interception of a Rogers halfback pass took the ball to the CPU 23 just before the end of the half, and running back Jared Pospisil scored six plays later for Mount Vernon on a 12-yard option run.

The Mustangs salted things on the opening possession of the second half, taking five plays to go 57 yards for a touchdown. Studt galloped 32 yards for the drive's largest play and scored on a 2-yard burst to give Mount Vernon a 20-0 edge.

Pospisil scored the game's final points on an 84-yard gallop around left end with 1:10 left in the third quarter.

"When we got the momentum (toward the end of the first half), we just decided we had to keep it going," Bellamy said.

"We tried to do a few new things offensively tonight that we only had until after last Friday to practice, so some of our players were confused at times. We got things straightened out at halftime."

Pospisil led Mount Vernon with 121 yards on seven carries.

"We knew they were a good ballclub," Rogers said of Mount Vernon. "We knew we had to play an error-free, solid game to win, and we didn't."

"But I'm extremely proud of these kids. After about the fourth game of the season, nobody would have told you we would be here."

Rogers retiring

■ Wednesday night's Class 2A playoff loss to Mount Vernon ended the brilliant coaching career of Center Point-Urbana's Ted Rogers.

Rogers, who took Center Point and Center Point-Urbana to the playoffs 11 times, said he had resigned.

"I've know it was time since the beginning of the season," Rogers said. "I've just decided enough is enough. It was definitely a tough decision. I love the kids. But I sure don't have the energy level like I used to."

In his 21 years, Rogers compiled a 160-42 record and led his 1985 team to the Class 1A state championship, following a runner-up finish in 1984.

Kennedy

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something. (Aaron) Burrell, the free safety, got a hold of my left shoulder so I reached with my right hand and caught it. I didn't want to let go. It meant too much."

Gladwin on Kellogg's first start: "The only thing I was worried about was us worrying about it."

Using crutches, O'Shea joined his fellow captains at midfield before the game, then passed the torch to Kellogg.

"Scotty O'Shea's such a great kid and a heck of a leader," Knock said. "He wasn't out there physically tonight, but he was out there."

Washington was 0-2 against Kennedy, 7-1 versus everyone else.

"It was a great season," Sheets said. "This is a tough one for us to take, but I couldn't be more proud of this group of young people who played football for the Warriors in 1993."



Gazette photo by Linda Kahibaugh

Sean O'Neil of West Branch dashes for good yardage during the first half of a Class 1A playoff game Wednesday night against North Linn at Coggon. West Branch, the two-time defending state champions, advanced to the quarterfinals with a 27-7 victory over North Linn.

O'Neil leads West Branch charge

By Mike Koolbeck
Gazette sportswriter

COGGON — Sean O'Neil ran for 192 yards and scored two touchdowns and Ryan Gordon added 98 yards and two scores to lead second-ranked West Branch past No. 9 North Linn, 27-7, Wednesday night in the first round of the Class 1A state football playoffs.

Two-time defending champion West Branch (10-0), which notched its 36th straight win, plays Columbus Junction, a winner over Pekin, in a quarterfinal game Monday.

North Linn, which lost to the Bears in last year's quarterfinals, 27-0, bowed out 8-2.

Trailing by only 14-7 early in the third quarter, North Linn marched to the West Branch 10. But on fourth-and-1, fullback Ryan Rozek was stacked up for no gain and the ball went over to the Bears.

O'Neil picked up 5 yards in two carries before blasting off right tackle for 22. A facemask penalty added 15 more yards onto the play and set up quarterback Gordon's 48-yard rollout keeper for a touchdown. Brad Yanacek's PAT kick put West Branch up, 21-7, with 7:00 left in the third quarter.

After forcing North Linn to punt on its next possession, West Branch took 15 plays and 7½

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minutes off the scoreboard before turning the ball over on downs at the North Linn 5 with 8:57 remaining.

North Linn again was forced to punt and this time the Bears put the game away, driving 61 yards in seven plays. Gordon, who had runs of 17 and 22 yards in the drive, sneaked in from the 1 for a 27-7 lead with 2:41 left.

West Branch dominated the game offensively, rolling up 371 yards rushing and 82 more passing.

North Linn managed 204 total yards, getting 102 on the ground and 102 passing. The Lynx's leading rusher, junior Gabe Robinson, was held to 49 yards on 14 carries.

He gained more than 1,400 yards during the regular season.

After totaling only four yards on its first two possessions, North Linn finally got untracked after West Branch's second score.

John Flanagan's 39-yard touchdown pass to Mike Fruechte capped a nine-play, 74-yard drive and pulled North Linn within 14-7 with 11:24 left in the half.

2 close calls

Associated Press

Defending Class 3A champion Waverly-Shell Rock and 1992 2A runner-up Solon bowed out in the first round of the Iowa prep football playoffs Wednesday night, but the three other defending champions advanced, although Bettendorf in 4A and Bedford in Class A both had close calls.

Top-ranked Bettendorf, winner of the last two 4A state titles, ran its winning streak to 30 with a 21-18 victory over No. 3 Davenport Assumption.

It was the third straight year Assumption has lost to Bettendorf in the first round of the playoffs after also losing to the Bulldogs in the regular season. Those are Assumption's only losses in the last three seasons.

Bedford, also ranked No. 1, edged Hamburg Southwest 13-6.

The other top-ranked teams won handily. Mount Pleasant whipped Benton Community, 41-6 in 3A and Aplington-Parkersburg rolled past Mason City Newman, 40-0, in 1A.

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Solon out in Round 1

SIGOURNEY — Sigourney-Keota's only pass completion of the game took top-ranked Solon out of the Class 2A prep football playoff in the first round Wednesday night, 15-14.

The unranked Savages play at Mount Vernon in the quarterfinals Monday night at 7:30.

Sigourney-Keota, beaten by Solon in another outstanding playoff matchup here a year ago, scored its game-winner in this one after Ryan Clarahan recovered a Spartan fumble at the Sigourney-Keota 30.

Two plays later, Chad Sheetz hit Josh Willhower on a 65-yard scoring pass play that cut Solon's lead to 14-13. With 4:14 left, Heath Lyle drove in for the two extra points.

Tim Flynn's two interceptions thwarted the Spartans down the stretch.

West Delaware 24 Waverly-Shell Rock 13

■ **CEDAR FALLS** — Mark Weaver completed 19 of 30 passes for 232 yards and four touchdowns as the Hawks turned back stubborn Waverly-Shell Rock in a Class 3A first-round playoff game at the UNI-Dome.

The Hawks host Maquoketa (7-3) Monday night.

Weaver hit Torey Foster and Randy Salow with 10-yard scoring passes in the first half as West Delaware forged a 12-7 lead at halftime.

Waverly-Shell Rock manufactured a long drive near the end of the third quarter, one capped by a 1-yard run by Andy Paulsen, to take a 13-12 lead.

West Delaware (9-1) answered on the first play of the fourth quarter when Weaver hit Greg Ortberg with a 70-yard scoring pass.

The Hawks added an insurance score later when Weaver hit Foster with a 5-yard TD pass.

Maquoketa 28 New Hampton 20

■ **CEDAR FALLS** — Sam Rieghard and Mark Steffen each rushed for short scores in the

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second half as Maquoketa won its sixth straight game and upset seventh-ranked New Hampton in a Class 3A game at the UNI-Dome.

The Cardinals (7-3) opened the game with an on-sides kick. Steffen zipped 47 yards on the first play from scrimmage and Reighard went 3 yards for the score on the next.

New Hampton (7-2) tied the game at 14 at halftime, but it self-destructed with an interception and two fumbles in the second half.

Mount Pleasant 41 Benton Community 6

■ **MOUNT PLEASANT** — Doug Miller rushed for 97 yards and scored two touchdowns as Class 3A top-ranked Mount Pleasant (10-0) ended Benton Community's season.

Miller scored on a 1-yard run and caught a 43-yard scoring pass from Chris Heaton to help Mount Pleasant forge a 28-0 lead at halftime.

Ryan Boese scored on runs of 1 and 2 yards for Mount Pleasant.

Wapsie Valley 7 Starmont 0

■ ■ **FAIRBANK** — Leon Costello connected with Chris Maricle on a 43-yard first-period touchdown pass play and Class 2A fourth-ranked host Wapsie Valley (10-0) held on for the victory over unranked Starmont (7-3).

The Warriors outgained the Stars, 225-165.

Class A

■ At Maynard, Casey Christensen rushed for 140 yards and a touchdown on 29 carries as fifth-ranked Riceville (10-0) hammered host No. 10 West Central, 35-6. The Blue Devils bowed out at 8-2.

At Stanwood, third-ranked Winfield-Mount Union downed Lincoln/Clarence-Lowden, 43-19. The Rebels finish the year 6-4.

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