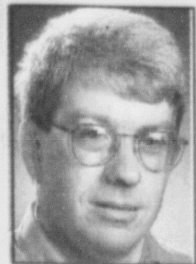


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Gazette
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columnist

A good bye for Hawks?

Iowa's football team has what is known in the NFL as a bye week. The Hawkeyes and six NFL clubs are taking the weekend off to watch others either run up the score, get the score run up on them or lose key players to artificial turf-induced injuries.

The bye-weeks don't seem to come at good times for any of the aforementioned. NFL teams could use a break further down the schedule, not in September. And Iowa would have been better off with two weeks to devote to Penn State rather than New Mexico State.

But the Hawks can't grumble too much about their schedule. After all, New Mexico State is on it.

While Iowa's coaches spend today in their laboratory, the rest of us can look around the state and nation and see if there's anything we like.

First of all, UNLV is at Iowa State. The Cyclones are fortunate UNLV is a basketball school. But so is ISU.

The oddsmakers have made Iowa State a 14-point favorite today, and Dan McCarney would probably take that and smile. Style points don't count for much yet in the Cyclone program. Any win, no matter where, how, or against whom, is perfectly acceptable.

UNLV won the Big West Conference title last year, but did so with a senior-laden squad. This year's Runnin' Rebels are a mid-pack Big West squad, much like the New Mexico State team headed this way in a week.

The Troy Davis Meter should be running today. A hundred yards, 200 . . .

It would be fascinating to hear the sales pitch McCarney uses on senior running back Darren Davis of Southridge High School in Miami. That Davis happens to be the younger brother of Troy. He also happens to have 620 rushing yards in three games.

Darren spent three weeks in Ames this summer with his brother. He has to like the way McCarney uses Troy, which is constantly. But how do you convince little brother that he can find some playing time anytime soon when the nation's leading rusher will be in ISU's backfield for two more years?

Other than brotherly love, is there a good reason Troy would want some prep phenom waiting to grab playing time from him?

You know McCarney has answers to give the Davises. But wouldn't you like to know what they are?

Of course, the major powers never seem to have a problem convincing elite high school players to come to their schools though there are stacks of former prep all-Americans already in place. So it isn't like McCarney has to solve the mysteries of the universe.

ELSEWHERE IN THIS great land, the game of the day is in Boulder, Colo., as the host Colorado Buffaloes welcome Texas A&M.

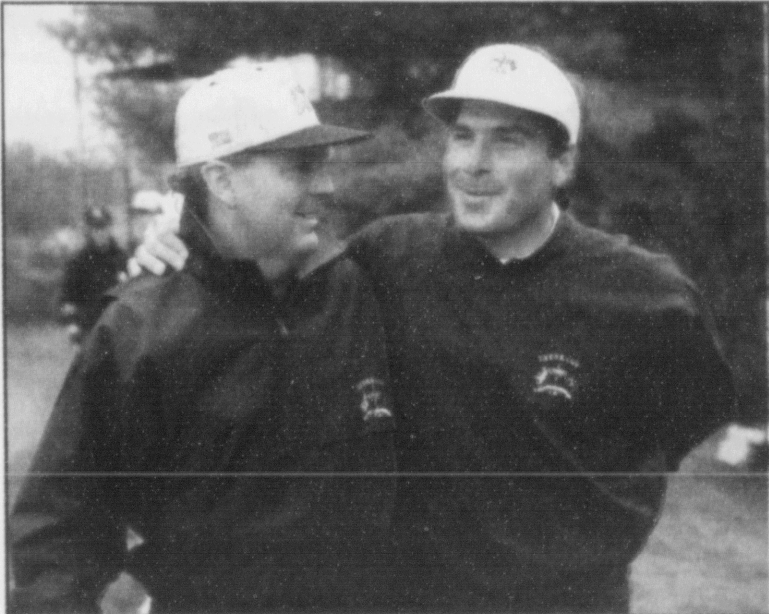
It's an elimination bout in the national championship tournament, and both contenders are worthy. The Aggies handled LSU, which bounced Auburn from title consideration a week ago. Colorado mauled Wisconsin in Madison a few weeks ago.

Hating to predict such unpredictable games, I again turn to the writings of 16th Century physician, astrologer and Mary Hart's original co-host on "Entertainment Tonight," Hlastradamus.

Hlastradamus says in close matchups between strong teams, take the one that is at home. Hlastradamus wasn't noted for his courage. He does think you should take A&M and the four points, however. Leeland McElroy won't win the Heisman, he says, but the Aggie running back can stampee over CU's mammoth mascot, Ralphie the Buffalo.

Also, take Northwestern and three points at home against Air Force, Wisconsin giving 20 at home against SMU, and Purdue giving 3½ at home against Michigan State. Most importantly, take Pacific and the 52 at Nebraska.

Hlastradamus says coaches will be keenly aware of not running up scores this week. But only this week.



AP photo

United States captain Lanny Wadkins (left) congratulates Fred Couples after Couples and Davis Love III beat Nick Faldo and Colin Montgomerie of Europe on Friday in the Ryder Cup.

Steinberg proves he belongs

Sophomore back gains 216 yards in Kennedy's win

By Jeff Johnson
Gazette sportswriter

There have been times this football season when J.C. Steinberg has felt like an outsider.

After all, he's a sophomore playing for the Cedar Rapids Kennedy varsity and hasn't had a whole lot of success running the ball, partly because of an injured ankle.

But the quick and elusive

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rookie proved to his teammates, coaches and just about everyone else at Kingston Stadium Friday night that he is indeed a varsity player.

And a darn good one at that. Steinberg racked up 216 yards on only 15 carries, scoring on a 63-yard touchdown, as Kennedy dropped Cedar Rapids Jefferson, 30-8.

"I got off to a slow start this year," Steinberg said. "I wanted to prove myself because I didn't think everybody around here thought that I had the talent to play varsity. I just wanted to come out and have a good game."

No problem there.

Steinberg lost two yards on his first carry before busting loose for 55 on his second attempt. His fourth carry — like most of his others, a delayed handoff — was the 63-yard scoring effort late in the first quarter that gave Kennedy a 10-0 lead.

Ryan Ray had opened the

■ Turn to 3C: **Cougars**



Photo by Elli Gurfinkel, Gazette intern

Linn-Mar running back Roger Abel (right) follows the block of Mike Hungate against Washington defender Izaah Knox during their game Friday at Linn-Mar. The Lions won, 21-19.

Lions stop Warriors at goal

Lesmeister's 2-point effort short, 21-19

By Jeff Dahn
Gazette sportswriter

Prep football is supposed to be all about drama and daring-do, gut-checks and goal-line stands.

Friday night's Mississippi Valley Conference showdown between Linn-Mar and

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Cedar Rapids Washington had it all.

Linn-Mar's Neil Nelsen stopped Washington quarterback Keith Lesmeister short of the goal line on a two-point conversion attempt with 30 seconds left in

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the game, to preserve a 21-19 Linn-Mar victory at Armstrong Field.

Washington (2-2) moved within two points by driving 80 yards on just three plays for a touchdown as the closing seconds ticked off.

Lesmeister began the drive by passing 10 yards to Mike Zybarth, who pitched to Jason Daugherty, who in turn ran 24 yards to the Linn-Mar 46. Lesmeister completed a 45-yard pass to Scott Cornish on the next play, moving the ball to the 1-yard line.

Casey Prince, the Warriors' workhorse tailback who finished with 125 yards on 21 carries, went the final yard for the

score. That led to the thwarted two-point attempt.

But the Warriors weren't finished. They recovered a fumble on their ensuing on-side kick attempt, and took over on their own 47. A 31-yard pass from Lesmeister to Scott Cornish got Washington deep into Linn-Mar territory before time ran out and Linn-Mar prevailed.

Linn-Mar (2-2) won the game behind the strength of its outstanding running game.

The Lions finished with 277 yards on the ground even after losing leading rusher Drew Porter to a minor head injury on their first offensive possession of the game.

■ Turn to 3C: **Lions**

As yards pile up, Davis challenging ISU marks

Star back on pace for many records

By Mike Koolbeck
Gazette sportswriter

Tim Sanders cast his eyes downward and grudgingly admitted Iowa junior Sedrick Shaw, who just slashed his way to 178 yards through Iowa State's defense, was "a good back."

"He's fast and he runs hard," Sanders said, raising his head to face re-

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porters. "But I see a great back everyday in practice. That's somebody that's hard to tackle."

"That somebody" is sophomore

FASTEST TO 1,000

(All after 5 games)

Marcus Allen (USC, '81).....	1,136
Ernest Anderson (Okla. St. '82)....	1,042
Ed Marinaro (Cornell '71).....	1,026
Ricky Bell (USC '76).....	1,008
Barry Sanders (Okla. St. '88).....	1,002

(Through 3 games)

Troy Davis (ISU '95).....	610
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Troy Davis, who may not be the best running back to play football at Iowa State — but he's getting there by leaps and bounds.

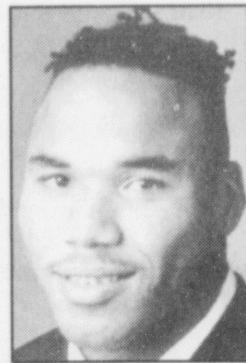
Davis, who leads the country with a 203.3 rushing yards per game, is seeking his fourth straight 100-yard rushing game today when Iowa State

hosts UNLV. Kickoff is 1 p.m. at Cyclone Stadium in Ames.

"There's a great sense of pride," Iowa State Coach Dan McCarney said of Davis' lofty national status.

"There's a lot of running backs playing college football and there's one at the top right now and that's Troy Davis.

"We're going to build on that, take great pride in it. We're excited about it and we're going to do all we can to



Troy Davis
Sophomore

keep him there."

If Davis does stay there, he'll be the first Cyclone to win a national rushing championship. The best finish by an Iowa State player was second by Tom Watkins in 1959, when he totaled 843 yards. Dwight Nichols was third that year with 746 yards and finished third the previous year with 815 yards.

The most recent Cyclone to rank among the nation's top five was Blaise Bryant, who finished fourth in 1989 with 1,516 yards, the best single-season total by an Iowa State back.

Davis played sparingly as a freshman despite glowing prep credentials. He was the USA Today prep football player of the year in Florida after

■ Turn to 5C: **Davis**

Chevy sponsors event

IOWA CITY — The annual Iowa men's basketball tournament now will be called the Super Chevy Shootout.

The tournament will be sponsored by the Heartland of America Chevy/Geo dealers, which includes 39 dealers in Eastern Iowa and 50 in Central Iowa.

The 1995 Super Chevy Shootout is Dec. 1-2 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Iowa meets East Tennessee State and Colgate plays Mississippi in first-round games.

The two-day tournament began in 1982 as the Amana-Hawkeye Classic, sponsored by the university and Amana Refrigeration Inc. The last three years, the tournament has been called the Hawkeye Invitational.

TODAY'S TIPOFF

TELEVISION

■ **College football** — Minnesota at Syracuse, 11 a.m., KGAN; Air Force at Northwestern, 11:30 a.m., ESPN; Ohio State at Pittsburgh, 2:30 p.m., ABC; Penn State at Rutgers, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

■ **Baseball** — Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago Cubs, 1 p.m., WGN.

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EVENTS IN THE AREA

■ **College football** — UNLV at Iowa State, 1 p.m.; Lawrence at Cornell, 1:30 p.m.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

■ *"I've been on a winning, losing and tying team — and to tell you the truth, I didn't have fun on any of them."*

— Mark O'Meara on the pressure of the Ryder Cup.

TRIVIA QUESTION

■ Where did Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Randall Cunningham go to college?

Answer in Fine Print

Unser Jr. wins appeal

DETROIT (AP) — Al Unser Jr., deprived of a victory at Portland, Ore., when his car was ruled to be in technical violation of road-clearance requirements, had the win returned to him on Friday by an IndyCar appeals panel.

The three-member panel headed by appeals court judge Philip C. Elliott sided with Penske Racing, which had argued that a different inspection procedure was used for its car than for others in the race.

Unser dominated the Portland race, only to have the victory set aside when the car was found to be in violation of the 2-inch clearance requirement between the bottom of the sidepods and the bottom of the car. Runner-up Jimmy Vasser was awarded the victory.

Estling lifts Pointers to 32-6 win

Center Point-Urbana quarterback Casey Estling rushed for 132 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Stormin' Pointers to a 32-6 win over visiting Cedar Rapids LaSalle Friday night.

Estling had a 63-yard touchdown run and added 82 passing yards as the Pointers improved to 3-1 overall, 1-1 in Class 1A, District 6. LaSalle (1-3, 0-2) got on the board in the fourth quarter on Eric Hovan's 11-yard touchdown run.

■ SOLON 35, NORTH CEDAR 24 — In a penalty-marred contest in Solon, the Spartans tallied 376 yards rushing and regained the lead late in the game to win in Class 2A, District 6 action.

Solon was whistled 10 times for 115 yards and North Cedar 11 for 84½, but each team's

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offense overcame the penalty problems.

The Spartans led, 21-12, at halftime but North Cedar took the lead on Brad Dierks' second 1-yard touchdown run of the second half.

Ryan Schneider rushed for 111 yards and a touchdown to lead Solon (2-2, 2-0). He also was perfect on five PATs. Todd Bevans rushed for 108 yards and the go-ahead score with 9:47 remaining in the fourth. Cory Connell rushed for 96 yards and two touchdowns.

Dierks rushed 18 times for 131 yards for North Cedar (2-2, 0-2). He scored three touchdowns. Kyle Koth was 18-of-34 for 283 yards passing. Nick Beck caught eight passes for 93 yards.

■ IOWA CITY HIGH 47, WATERLOO EAST 0 — Senior running back Mike Richards ran for 118 yards and two touchdowns as the top-ranked Little Hawks romped at Iowa City.

Richards touched the ball only nine times, running for a 67-yard TD run on City High's first play from scrimmage. He also added two-point conversion.

Quarterback Mitch Price hit 6 of 8 passes for 107 yards and a

touchdown, and Kahlil Hill ran a punt return 63 yards for a score.

■ MOUNT VERNON 47, CENTRAL CITY-SPRINGVILLE 0 — Matt Meyer ran for 165 yards and four touchdowns as the fourth-ranked Mustangs stayed unbeaten in a Class 2A, District 6 battle at Central City.

Ryan Weiseler added 99 yards on 7 carries, including two touchdown runs, for the Mustangs, who are 4-0 overall, 2-0 in the district. Josh Kreinbrink threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to B.J. Leeper for the other score.

The Mustangs rushed for 317 yards on 44 plays. It was the second shutout for the Mustang defense, which has given up just 18 points this season.

■ LISBON 17, IOWA VALLEY 12 — Eric Phillips scored two touchdowns and kicker Rhett Bennett-Taylor scored five crucial points as the host Lions improved to 3-1.

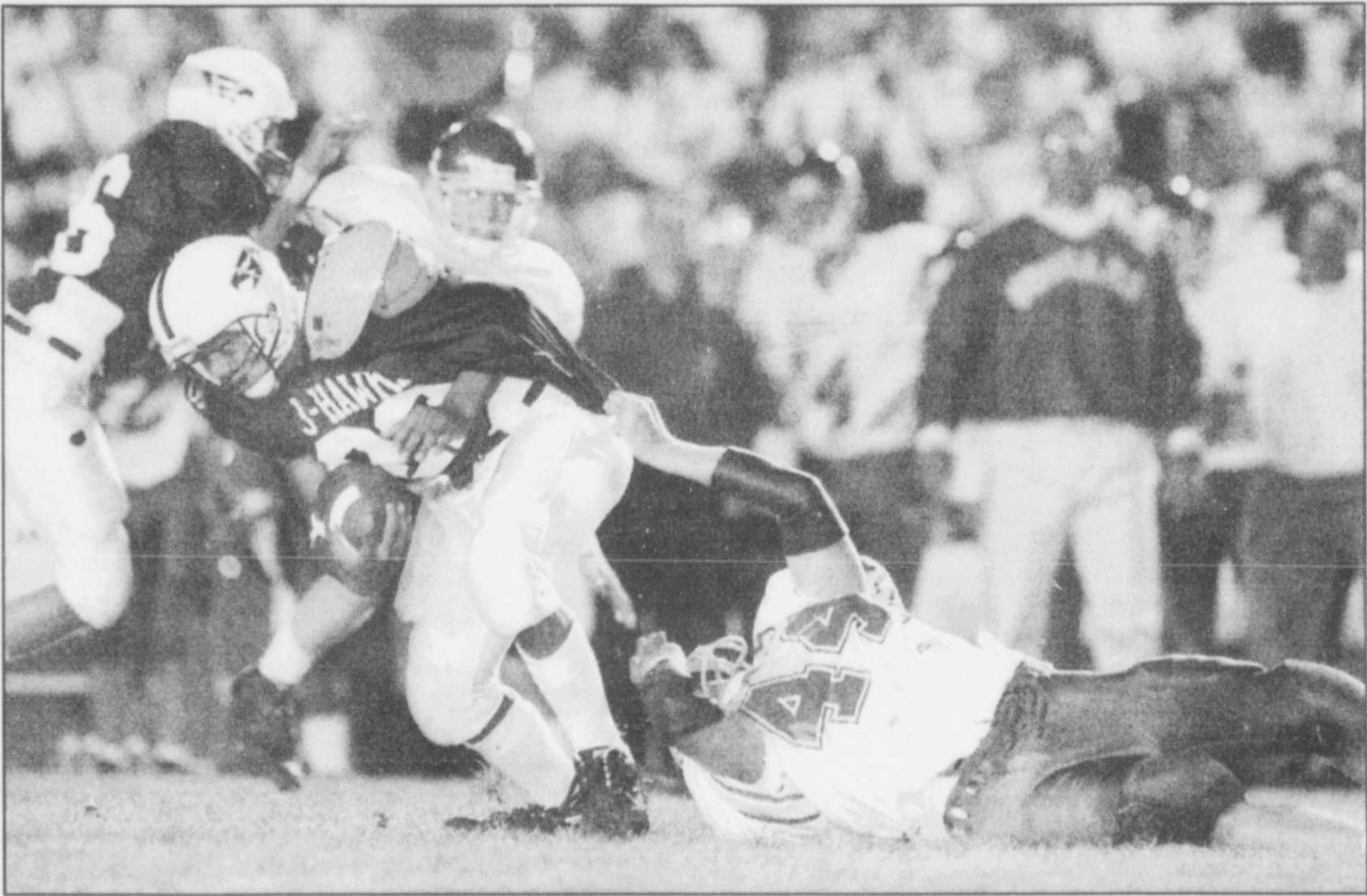
Phillips scored on a 4-yard run and a 77-yard punt return. Bennett-Taylor kicked a 34-yard field goal and added a pair of PAT kicks.

■ NORTH LINN 34, ALBURNETT 12 — Luke Haughenbury threw two touchdowns on halfback passes, returned an interception for a touchdown and rushed for 96 yards on 23 carries as the Lynx (4-0, 2-0) won a Class 1A, District 6 matchup at Alburnett. Darren Wilson scored two touchdowns on seven-yard runs for the Pirates (2-2, 1-1).

■ WESTERN DUBUQUE 21, MARION 0 — Josh Frommelt rushed for 88 yards and three touchdowns as the Bobcats evened their Class 3A District 5 mark at 1-1 with a win in Epworth.

Frommelt scored on runs of 2, 2 and 1 yards to lead Western Dubuque (3-1). Eben Baumhover passed for 109 yards, completing five of 13 passes and Eric Griffin caught two passes for 52 yards.

Marion fell to 1-1, 2-2.



Gazette photo by Linda Kahlbaugh

Jefferson's Aaron Kingsbury (22) gets pulled back by Kennedy defender Jason Goede (44), during their game Friday at Kingston Stadium. A good gain was called back on a penalty, and Kennedy went on to win, 30-8.

Cougars: Depth too much

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scoring with a 22-yard field goal.

"At first, I didn't think there was going to be a big hole because I didn't see it," Steinberg said. "Then I saw my line-man going through the hole. I followed him in and cut off his block."

"There's some programs where they move sophomores up, but we've always had the philosophy where we are not going to do that," Kennedy Coach Don Knock said. "But in this situation, where we were at in terms of depth at that position and his ability, we felt it was important that we do it."

"He's been hobbled by this ankle injury all year. I think you're finally seeing what he is capable of doing."

Despite Steinberg's heroics, Kennedy needed a fourth-quarter push to put the game out of reach.

Scott Mohwinkle's 4-yard TD run gave the Cougars a comfortable 16-0 lead early in the third, but a short time later, Jefferson defensive end Kris Kimm picked off an attempted screen pass from Kennedy quarterback Quinn Andrew and rumbled 28 yards untouched for a score that brought Jefferson back in it.

Unfortunately for the J-Hawks, quarterback Dave DeSmidt injured his collarbone running for the two-point conversion. Jefferson's offense sputtered the rest of the way, and Kennedy scored twice in the

fourth — on a Mike J. Johnson 4-yard run and a 47-yard pass from Andrew to receiver B.J. Hammes — to ice things.

"I just think we got wore down by their size," said Jefferson Coach Jim Dostal, whose club dropped its 17th straight game, four this year. "It's like fighting against Mike Tyson and being a little guy. Sooner or later, you're going to get caught."

"We were gambling, putting a lot of guys on the line of scrimmage. But that's what we had to do. We couldn't go head to head with them."

Kennedy, which evened its record at 2-2, piled up 266 yards on the ground and had another 98 passing. Andrew, filling in for injured regular Cory Hannen, performed admirably, completing 5 of 11 throws.

The Cougar defense allowed Jefferson only 112 yards, 92 rushing. Ryan Poindexter led Kennedy with 13 tackles from his linebacker spot.

Corey Young had 67 yards rushing on nine carries for Jefferson.

Lions: Ground game shines

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"I really want to compliment the way we came out and moved the ball on the ground," Linn-Mar Coach Greg Purnell said. "Our kids really improved their blocking and they've just kept getting better every day. Wash is really a good football team ... and they should be real proud of their effort tonight."

The Lions' running attack was four-pronged. Nate Hansen and Roger Abel each finished with 76 yards, Dave McEowen had 71 and Nick Burgmeier carried the ball once for 53 yards.

"We lost an outstanding football player early in the game ... and Dave McEowen just stepped up and played a heck of a game," Purnell said. "Nate Hansen is very elusive and Roger Abel really did a nice job, too."

Linn-Mar controlled play in the first half, running 41 offensive plays for 225 yards while Washington ran just 24 plays for 138. A 5-yard touchdown pass from Jared Morris to Mike Hunge in the first quarter and a 9-yard Abel touchdown run in

the second staked the Lions to a 14-0 lead.

Washington moved within 14-6 when Lesmeister hooked up with Ross Meyeraan from 31 yards out with 2:38 left in the first half.

Linn-Mar went up 21-6 50 seconds into the fourth quarter when Abel swept to the right and scored on a 21-yard run. It capped a six-play, 92-yard drive that featured Burgmeier's 53-yard dash.

Washington Coach Paul James was proud of the way his team battled back, especially after losing three fumbles.

"They showed us in the last half, and especially in the last quarter, that they can do it," he said. "I really don't think that Linn-Mar stopped us. I thought we stopped ourselves. I'm sure they had something to do with it at times, but a lot of the time, we were stopping ourselves."

Lesmeister, the leading passer in the MVC, completed 14 of 28 passes for 242 yards and a TD. Cornish caught three of those for 90 yards.

KGAN to air City High, West game next Friday

Back in 1992, Iowa City West's football team was in the grips of a 35-game losing streak, had never been to the playoffs and drew little to no fan interest outside of the school itself.

Now the Trojans have helped draw enough fan interest to get one of their regular-season games televised.

KGAN Channel 2 announced Friday it will televise the much-anticipated football game between Iowa City West and crosstown rival Iowa City High Sept. 29.

Game time is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at City High's Bates Field.

The two unbeaten teams will meet with the state's No. 1 ranking on the line. Defending champion City High (4-0) has been top ranked since the season's first poll, with Iowa City West (4-0) right behind at No. 2.

The two teams last met at Iowa City West in the Trojans' first-ever playoff appearance, with City High winning, 26-21, on the way to its second straight Class 4A title.

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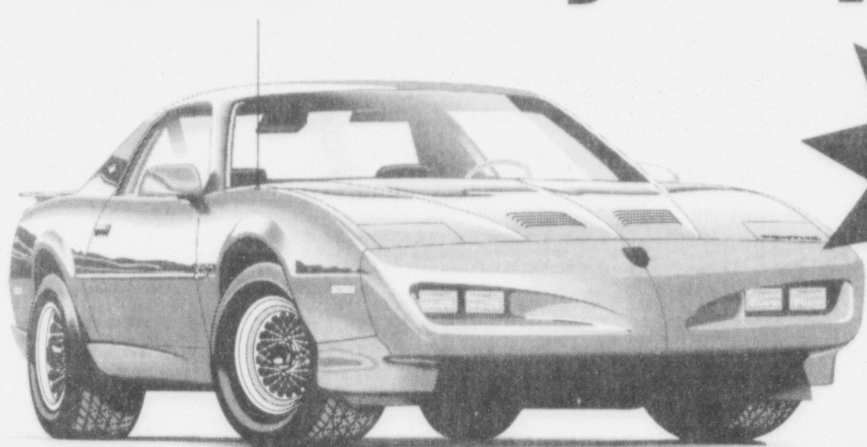
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