

# PREP FOOTBALL

## City High of present not looking like City High of old

### Little Hawks grind out 20-14 win over Rams

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IOWA CITY — These aren't your big brother's Little Hawks.

Back in the old days, last year for instance, Iowa City High would overwhelm opponents with a handful of phenomenal athletes who would break big plays seemingly at will. With players like Jess Holland, Tim Dwight, Kahlil Hill and Rob Thein on the field, the question wasn't if they'd break one, but when.

So who were those guys grinding out running yards and controlling the clock in a 20-14 win over Dubuque Senior last night? I mean, the address was right, Bates Field. And the uniforms were

red, and the helmets bore the Tiger Hawk.

But was that really City High? "Definitely a different personality," said City High lineman John Pantazis. "It's really no secret that we don't have a Jess Holland or a Tim Dwight on our team this year, but we've got a lot of real hard workers, a lot of dedicated players who believe we can run it, grind it and take control of the clock, and that's what's going to win it."

If the sixth-ranked Little Hawks are going to make a run at defending their Class 4A title in the postseason, this may be the style it will take.

City High (5-2) probably isn't going to blow away opponents as sold as Senior (4-3), as it has in years past. Its two losses were to second-ranked Iowa City West and third-ranked Cedar Rapids Prairie, but the Little Hawks hadn't beaten anyone of real stature until

taking out the Rams.

"This was a very big game," Pantazis said, who played on both sides of the line. "I didn't feel like we had beaten a really quality opponent and tonight we did, and it feels great."

The Little Hawks held a tenuous 7-6 lead at intermission but took control quickly on the first drive of the third quarter, marching 65 yards in a 12-play drive that ended in tailback T.J. Kempf's four-yard touchdown run.

"We told our offensive line at half-time that we were going to put it on their shoulders, and they responded," City High Coach Larry Brown said.

After running for just 56 yards in the first half, the Little Hawks rolled up 172 rushing yards after intermission. Of 29 carries, only six went for more than 10 yards, and none was longer than Justin Coyer's 30-yarder late in the fourth quarter.

"It wasn't the prettiest. You don't have the 60-yard TD runs," lineman Zach Butler said, "but in the end it takes care of it."

Coyer finished with 97 yards on 17 carries and Kempf gained 63 yards on nine totes, all in the third quarter prior to a vicious hit that sent him woozily to the bench for the night.

He was one of several Little Hawks who were battered by the physical Rams, including starting quarterback Nick Linder, who started the scoring with a beautiful 11-yard option run in the first quarter.

The junior injured a ligament in his left knee and could miss the rest of the regular season, if not more. He spent the second half on crutches with a brace on his left knee.

Tony Burrier, who started the season as the top QB, came on and played well. His fourth-down, 12-yard TD run

with 3:38 left in the game allowed the Little Hawks to hold off a furious late charge from the Rams.

Spurred by a 45-yard kick return from fullback Scott Boleyn, Senior pulled within six after Chris Shanahan's 25-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Ben Duve, and a two-point conversion pass from Duve to tailback Jeff Smith with 1:14 remaining.

But City High recovered a hotly contested onside kick and ran out the clock.

Until the late big plays, City High's defense was sterling, led by linebacker Derrick Henning's three sacks for losses totaling 47 yards. The Little Hawks recorded five sacks in all, with one apiece by linebacker Scott Gordon and Pantazis.

• **Next Friday:** Dubuque Wahlert at City High; Dubuque Senior at Cedar Rapids Kennedy.

## Prairie rolls past East, 35-8

Win sets up MVC showdown with No. 2 I.C. West

Cedar Rapids Prairie set up a clash of unbeaten next week with a 35-8 thrashing of Waterloo East Friday night in Mississippi Valley Conference football at Waterloo's Memorial Stadium.

Prairie, 7-0 and ranked No. 3 in Class 4A, will host No. 2 Iowa City West Friday night at John

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Wall Field. Both teams have clinched at least shares of their respective divisions.

Prairie scored on its first four possessions, each in ideal field position. The Hawks, capitalizing on turnovers, started those drives at the East 43-yard line, the East 27, the Prairie 46 and the East 24, respectively.

Ben Sanderson, who rushed 22 times for 146 yards, opened the Prairie scoring on one of his two 1-yard plunges. Wide receiver Matt Ternes caught a 22-yard scoring pass from Jeremy Snyder, then Nick Janda and Jesse Dubishar tallied on running plays.

Janda had 41 rushing yards in his first start at fullback and Dubishar, called up from the sophomore team, had 36.

East (1-6) got a consolation touchdown in the fourth period on a 7-yard run by Lance Meeks.

■ **DUBUQUE WAHLERT 21, C.R. KENNEDY 14** — Matt Seamer connected with Tony Ries on a 35-yard scoring strike with just 5.5 seconds remaining, giving the Golden Eagles (5-2) a come-from-behind win at Wahlert.

The Cougars (4-3) built a 14-6 halftime lead behind a J.C. Steinburg run and a 47-yard pass from Kyle Bassett to Ryan Pauley.

After a scoreless third quarter, Wahlert began the comeback with a 32-yard pass from Seamer to Andy Burbach. Seamer found Ries in the waning seconds to complete the rally.

Steinburg led the Kennedy ground attack with 126 yards rushing.

■ **STARMONT 29, CENTER POINT-URBANA 28** — Chris Funk's PAT run with 26 seconds left lifted the Stars in a Class 2A District 4 game outside Strawberry Point.

Derek Adams totaled 168 yards on 27 carries and scored on a three-yard run to set up Funk's PAT. Adams also scored on a 54-yard run and a 1-yard dive.

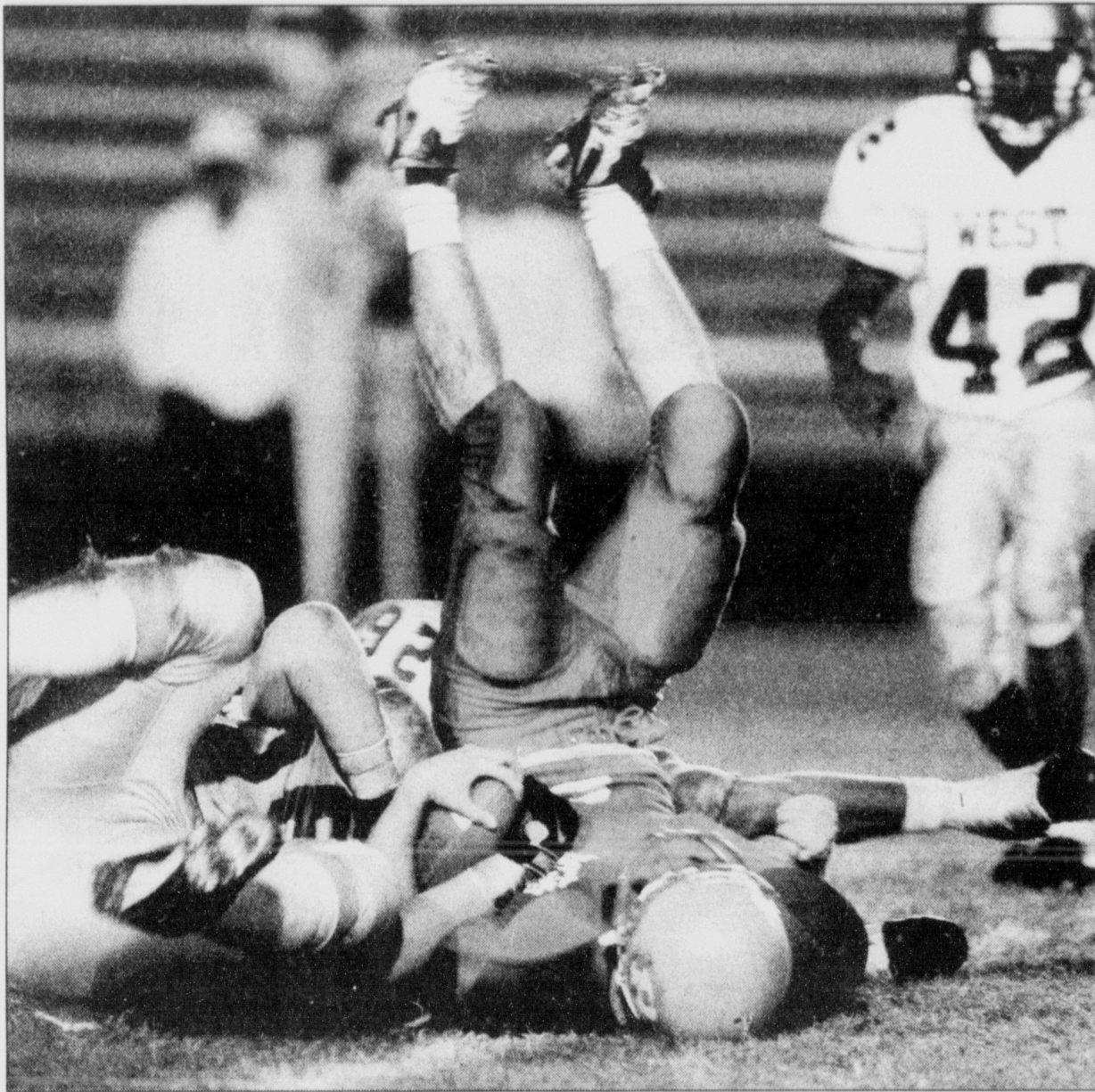
Center Point-Urbana attempted a 43-yard field goal as time ran out, but it fell short.

Chris Tritle scored three times for the Stormin' Pointers, twice on passes from Derrick Schantz and also on a 75-yard kickoff return. Schantz also ran for one TD.

■ **PRESTON 43, I.C. REGINA 0** — Trojan quarterback Ron Nolting completed 15 of 21 passes for 244 yards and three touchdowns as host Preston rolled.

■ **LISBON 34, EAST CENTRAL 17** — Todd Phillips rushed for 96 yards and two scores and Quinn Stamp connected with Tyler Jones on a 25-yard touchdown pass as the Lions (4-1, 6-1) rolled in Class A District 8 play at Highland.

■ **WEST CENTRAL 62, CLARKSVILLE 12** — Jake Munger hit 5 of 5 passes for 133 yards and three TDs, intercepted a pass for a score and returned a kick 87 yards for another score at Maynard.



Iowa City West's Ryan Piper (56) and Matt Weldon (26) turn Cedar Rapids Regis running back Ryan Brady upside down on a play Friday at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. No. 2 West won, 28-7.

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## Mustangs: Rout Solon in 2A showdown

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92 yards for a TD.

Mount Vernon exploded for 19 second-quarter points to make it 25-0 at the half.

The first two scores were pass plays from Roloff to end Nick Nissen — the first a 21-yarder, the second a 32-yarder. Morf ran up the middle 3 yards for the final touchdown of the half.

A pair of Roloff option runs in the third quarter — one from 11 yards, the other from 42 — added insult to injury.

"Overall, I don't really think I had a very good game," said Roloff, who accounted for 185 total yards, 117 rushing. "If it wasn't for our defense, we

wouldn't have won this game."

"We had a nice first drive, we didn't get it in the end zone and they go 92 yards on their first play," Solon Coach Ed Hansen said. "I think that took a little of the wind out of our sails. But we turned it over a few times tonight (four), and you don't turn it over against a team like that and stay in the game very long. I think they're a fine football team."

Mount Vernon rushed for 243 yards, including 123 from Morf. The Mustang defense did a stupendous job holding a usually potent Solon ground game to just 90 yards on 44 attempts.

The Spartans had only 132 total yards.

With the win, Mount Vernon takes complete control in the District 5 race. With two weeks left in the regular season, the Mustangs — ranked 10th in 2A — are 5-0 in the loop and 6-1 overall.

Solon (5-2, 4-1) is still in the playoff hunt despite the loss.

"We played well tonight, and we had to play well against Solon because they're a fine football team and we knew we'd be in for a tough go," Bellamy said. "Our kids played hard, and it just worked out for us tonight."

## LaSalle: Never gave up hope

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eating rushing attack, rolled to a 22-0 halftime lead and seemed well on its way to victory.

But with Grobstich leading the way, the Lancers rallied.

They didn't get on the board until the 1:44 mark of the third quarter when he connected with Mike Kouri for a 3-yard touchdown. LaSalle struck again two possessions later, moving 69 yards on 11 plays, capped by a 1-yard TD run by freshman Matt Grobstich with 2:03 left in the game.

The Lancers then recovered the ensuing on-side kick with 2:01 left and a facemask penalty moved to the ball to the Rebel 33-yard line. On the next play, Craig Grobstich found Miller with a pass and while Miller was heading for the end zone, he had the ball ripped from his hands.

First-and-10 Northeast on its own 12.

But the LaSalle defense held, forcing a punt. Hoffman fielded it and returned it 21 yards to the Northeast 26. A 20-yard completion from Grob-

stich to Dan Corbett moved the ball to the 6, where Grobstich and Hoffman hooked up for a TD that knotted the score at 22.

That led to Miller's winning PAT.

"After I fumbled that ball, I was wishing I was anywhere else but here," Miller said. "Then I got the chance to kick the extra point. I don't know if it looked like it from the stands, but I felt like I was shaking pretty bad. And when I kicked it, I really didn't think it was going to go in."

Hoffman said the Lancers never gave up hope.

"Coach told us to believe the whole time," he said. "We weren't negative when (Miller) fumbled the ball because we knew our defense was strong enough to come back. Chris has a pretty good foot . . . and we put the faith in him and he did the job."

• **Next week:** LaSalle at Bellevue; Northeast at Midland

### PREP FOOTBALL

#### Friday

##### METRO

Cedar Falls 19, Linn-Mar 7

Dubuque Wahlert 21, Kennedy

14 Iowa City West 28, Regis 7

LaSalle 23, Northeast 22

Marion 31, South Tama 26

Prairie 35, Waterloo East 8

Sophomores

Iowa City West 42, Regis 6

Kennedy 21, Dubuque Wahlert

20 South Tama 12, Marion 6

Waterloo East 14, Prairie 6

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Cedar Falls 19, Linn-Mar 7

C.R. Prairie 35, Waterloo East

8 Dub. Wahlert 21, C.R. Kennedy

14

I.C. West 28, C.R. Regis 7

I.C. High 20, Dubuque Senior 14

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 3

Crestwood 40, Waukon 18

Decorah 49, Waterloo Colum-

bus 0

Independence 21, Osceola 12

(207)

New Hampton 20, Waverly-SR

16

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 4

Benton Comm. 28, DeWitt Cent-

ral 7

Marion 31, South Tama 26

West Delaware 42, Vinton-

Shel 15

Western Dub. 28, Maquoketa

27

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 5

Centerville 15, Fairfield 12

14

Keokuk 41, Davis County 20

Mount Pleasant 55, Albia 0

Washington (Iowa) 42, Ft. Mad-

ison 6

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 6

Charlton 42, Clarke 6

Grinnell 50, Winterset 12

Oskaloosa 21, Norwalk 12

Pella 45, Knoxville 12

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 7

Denver 50, St. Ansgar 14

MFL MarMac 19, S. Winn-

eshiek 9

North Fayette 49, Elk. Cent-

Garn 8

Osage 26, Nashua-Plainfield 6

CLASS 2A DISTRICT 4

Cascade 17, Central City-

Spring 16

Dyers, Beckman 28, Union 22

Maquoketa Valley 34, Jesup 6

CLASS 2A DISTRICT 5

Centerville 15, Fairfield 12

CLASS 2A DISTRICT 6

Highland-LT 27, West Branch

CLASS 2A DISTRICT 7

Columbus Jct. 58, Edoville-

BKSBrg 0

Mediapolis 31, Central Lee 0

N.L.-Danville 49, Harmony-

Marquette 8

Sigourney-Keola 56, West

leaves 6

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 5

Hudson 54, Dunkerton 20

North Tama 8, Sumner 7

Turkey Valley 18, Riceville 7

Wassie Valley 42, C.F. NU

High 0

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 6

Alburnett 20, Ed-Co 0

Bellevue 13, Midland 6

C.R. LaSalle 23, Northeast 22

Postville 34, Guttenberg 12

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 7

Belle Plaine 48, BGM 0

Iowa Valley 6, North Mahaska

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 8

Pekin 61, Montezuma 7

Wapello 14, Van Buren 8

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 9

Lynville-Sully 13, English Val-

leys 6

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 10

Hudson 54, Dunkerton 20

North Tama 8, Sumner 7

Turkey Valley 18, Riceville 7

Wassie Valley 42, C.F. NU

High 0

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 11

Alburnett 20, Ed-Co 0

Bellevue 13, Midland 6

C.R. LaSalle 23, Northeast 22

Postville 34, Guttenberg 12

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 12

Belle Plaine 48, BGM 0

Iowa Valley 6, North Mahaska

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 13

Pekin 61, Montezuma 7

Wapello 14, Van Buren 8

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 14

Lynville-Sully 13, English Val-

leys 6

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 15

Hudson 54, Dunkerton 20

North Tama 8, Sumner 7

Turkey Valley 18, Riceville 7

Wassie Valley 42, C.F. NU

High 0

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 16

Alburnett 20, Ed-Co 0

Bellevue 13, Midland 6

C.R. LaSalle 23, Northeast 22

Postville 34, Guttenberg 12

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 17

Belle Plaine 48, BGM 0

Iowa Valley 6, North Mahaska

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 18

Pekin 61, Montezuma 7

Wapello 14, Van Buren 8

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 19

Lynville-Sully 13, English Val-

leys 6

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 20

Hudson 54, Dunkerton 20

North Tama 8, Sumner 7

Turkey Valley 18, Riceville 7

Wassie Valley 42, C.F. NU

High 0

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 21

Alburnett 20, Ed-Co 0

Bellevue 13, Midland 6

C.R. LaSalle 23, Northeast 22



