

A ring-necked pheasant flushes Wednesday from a Conservation Reserve Program grass field at Safari Iowa, a private hunt club near Parnell in southern Iowa County. With Iowa's wild pheasant population down 35 percent statewide, Safari Iowa proprietor Larry Statler anticipates an increase in business this fall.



Gazette photo by Orlan Love

## Pheasants thinning

Lack of nesting cover, poor spring weather major factors

By Orlan Love  
Gazette outdoor editor

For every three pheasants Iowans saw last year, they will see but two this year.

The loss of grassland habitat, coupled with spring weather too wet and cold for successful nesting in many parts of Iowa, has resulted in a 35 percent statewide decline in the pheasant population, according to Todd Bogenschutz, the Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologist who manages the state's pheasants and other upland game.

### OUTDOOR

The daily bag limit will remain at three roosters, but hunters will have to work harder and shoot better to get one.

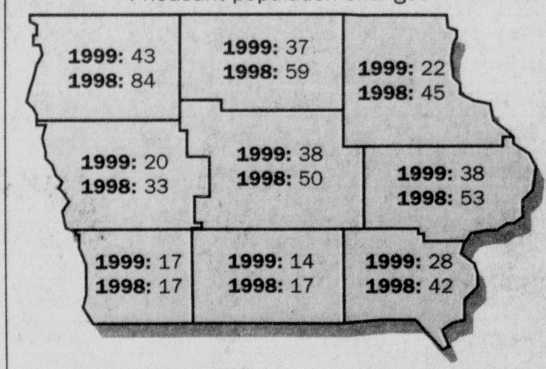
"We got the double whammy this year," said Bogenschutz. "We have been steadily losing nesting cover for the past several years, but favorable spring weather has enabled us to maintain most of our pheasants until this year."

Bogenschutz said excessive rain in April and May washed away the nests of many pheasants forced to build them in field waterways and roadside ditches.

■ Turn to 7C: Pheasants

## 1999 AUGUST ROADSIDE SURVEY

Pheasant population changes



Source: Department of Natural Resources

The mean number of pheasants observed per 30-mile route during August roadside counts decreased dramatically in many parts of Iowa.

## Team banned, owner baffled

Seger calls charges of rough driving, threats 'craziness'

By Jeff Dahn  
Gazette sportswriter

A couple of on-track altercations that led to a post-race incident have resulted in the indefinite suspension of a race team that runs weekly at Hawkeye Downs Speedway, and has put a pall over tonight's Powerade Super Series Season Championships.

Gerald Seger, who owns the No. 69 Late Model driven by Dave Naylor of Scotch Grove and the No. 9 Modified driven

### HAWKEYE DOWNS

by Scott Wennermark of Cedar Rapids, has been suspended from the track indefinitely, according to a release from Hawkeye Downs Director of Racing Jim Amstutz.

The release said Seger and members of his crew "accosted and threatened" race officials and were "observed vandalizing Hawkeye Downs property."

Seger denies the charges. "This whole deal is a bunch of fabricated lies," said Seger, the owner of Seger Automotive Engineering in Cedar Rapids. "It's gotten so out of hand. It's craziness."

Amstutz is standing behind the decision to ban Seger and his team and suspend drivers Naylor, Johnny Spaw of Cedar Rapids and Aaron Warwick of Oskaloosa because of what track officials viewed as rough and over-aggressive driving during last Friday's features.

Wennermark has not been suspended, but will not be allowed to drive a Seger-owned car. Seger said Wennermark would not be racing tonight.

"The races (last Friday) started late for the first time this season for something other than a weather-related problem because we had a long drivers' race."

■ Turn to 5C: Suspensions

Cedar Rapids Prairie's Chigozie Ejiasi (21) tries to bring down Cedar Rapids Kennedy running back Derek Kielkopf during their football game Thursday night at Kingston Stadium. Ejiasi tripped up Kielkopf on this play, but the Kennedy back was a terror all night, rushing for 218 yards and returning a kickoff 91 yards for a score in the Cougars' 42-12 win.



Gazette photo by Miranda Meyer

## Kielkopf runs over Prairie

Back scores 3 times as Cougars rebound nicely

By Jeff Dahn  
Gazette sportswriter

The Cedar Rapids Kennedy football team so highly touted during the preseason finally showed up at Kingston Stadium Thursday night, only about a week behind schedule.

Six days after losing their season opener to Cedar Falls with a largely lackluster effort, the Cougars came out with all guns blazing and whipped Cedar Rapids Prairie, 42-12, in Mississippi Valley Confer-

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| KENNEDY | 42 |
| PRAIRIE | 12 |

ence play at Kingston.

"We spent a lot of time this week working on some basic stuff and I think you could tell that by watching us," Kennedy Coach Don Knock said. "We were running some basic offense and defense and our kids really performed pretty well."

The win was highlighted by the churning legs of running back Derek Kielkopf and a stellar defensive effort that held the Prairie offense scoreless.

Kielkopf, a 6-foot, 190-pound senior, carried 27 times for 218 yards and pair of 1-yard touchdowns, and also returned a kickoff 91 yards for a touchdown.

"I thought Derek came to run a little harder tonight and I think our offensive line did a nice job of blocking," Knock said.

Kielkopf's kickoff return came in a wild stretch in the second quarter when the two teams scored five touchdowns in 4 minutes, 13 seconds.

It started when Kennedy's Tom Shedeck caught a 17-yard touchdown pass from Phillip Coonrod at the 5:34 mark and

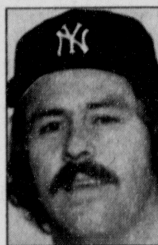
■ Turn to 5C: Cougars

## Catfish Hunter dies of Lou Gehrig's disease

Associated Press

Pitcher Jim "Catfish" Hunter, the model of control in a 15-year Hall of Fame career, died Thursday of Lou Gehrig's disease, which left him unable to grip a baseball at the end of his life. He was 53.

Hunter, baseball's first big money free agent, died at his home in Hertford, N.C., where he fell Aug. 8 and hit his head on some concrete steps. He was unconscious for several days in the hospital, but improved and was sent home to his Perqui-



Hunter  
1975 photo

to become one of the game's most dominant pitchers.

As the centerpiece of pitching staffs, first with the Oakland

mans County farm on Saturday in fair condition, according to Rev. Keith Vaughan, a family spokesman.

Hertford was the same country town where Hunter grew up.

■ Sosa pops No. 59, Page 2C

Athletics and then with the New York Yankees, Hunter won 224 games, produced five straight 20-victory seasons, a perfect game and a Cy Young Award.

It was at home in Hertford, however, that he returned each winter to enjoy the hunting and fishing of the small North Carolina town and where friends and family always called him "Jim" or "Jimmy," but never

"Catfish."

That was where Athletics owner Charles O. Finley found Hunter, one of the first building blocks in a dynasty team that won three straight World Series from 1972-74.

Finley pinned the nickname "Catfish" on the pitcher, and Hunter went along with it. He loved a joke and when the owner decided his players should all have mustaches, Hunter was one of the first to

■ Turn to 2C: Hunter

## The road to an NFL starting job begins in Cedar Rapids

There is a not-so-small segment of football fans in Eastern Iowa who consider Sunday the biggest day of this weekend.

The Iowa-Iowa State game Saturday night? Yeah, they'll watch it. But Sunday is what stirs their souls and puts foam rubber cheese on their heads. It's time for the NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Unlike in baseball, the Midwest has potential league champions. They are Green Bay and Minnesota. Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City will lag, but two out of five isn't bad when you compare that to baseball's wretched Cubs, White Sox, Twins, Brewers, Cardinals and Royals.

For those around here who prefer college football over the pros, there are plenty of Iowans



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of note in the NFL. Many play for contenders.

Tim Dwight will try to help Atlanta return to the Super Bowl. Ross Verba will attempt to do likewise for the Packers. Detric Ward is a starting receiver for the New York Jets. Tavian Banks should be useful to Jacksonville's offense. Chad Hennings is a mainstay of the once-mighty Dallas Cowboys.

Dwight was our best local

NFL story last year. He may repeat this time around, especially since he is slotted to get more time at receiver in addition to his kick-returning. But at the beginning of this season, we'll keep our eyes on the southeast Cedar Rapids duo of quarterback Kurt Warner and wide receiver Detric Ward.

The starting St. Louis Rams quarterback is Warner of Regis High. A starting New York Jets receiver is Ward of Washington High. A starting NFL quarterback and a starting NFL receiver are from the University of Northern Iowa. A starting NFL quarterback is from the Iowa Barnstormers.

Does anyone else find this just a bit remarkable? Cedar Rapids isn't exactly the center of the high school football universe. Cedar Rapids-Marion

hasn't had a state champion since Linn-Mar in 1990. The last Cedar Rapids school to accomplish it was LaSalle in 1983.

Warner couldn't be a much better story, having gone from UNI to Arena Football to NFL Europe to St. Louis. Ward took a more conventional route, getting drafted by the Jets in 1997. He's only a wee bit bigger than Dwight, yet both have found the end zone for two of the league's best teams.

OK, so what about the Packers and the Vikings? First off, the NFC champion is coming from the Central Division. The Packers have Brett Favre



Kurt Warner  
On big stage

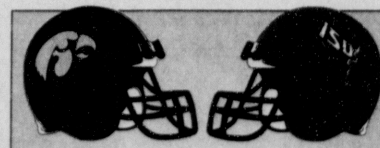
and no one else in the league does. That's good for starters. If their squadron of rookie defensive backs yields a couple of gems, and if their offensive line rounds into shape, the Pack may be back.

But Ray Rhodes is no Mike Holmgren as a coach, and is Bill Schroeder really Green Bay's second receiver?

Minnesota has Dennis Green as its coach. He's no Holmgren, either. With Green remaining and former offensive coordinator/genius Brian Billick off to Baltimore, the Vikings have double trouble.

To get as close to the Super Bowl as Minnesota did last year and then blow it is something you don't recover from. The Vikings know this. They are coming back to earth.

So who's this NFC champ



- THE TEAMS: Iowa (0-1) at Iowa State (1-0)
- PLACE: Jack Trice Stadium, Ames
- KICKOFF: 6:05 p.m. Saturday
- TV: Fox Sports Net (Cable channel 44 in Cedar Rapids)
- GO! GazetteOnline for more Iowa-ISU football coverage at <http://www.GazetteOnline.com>

from the Central? The Chicago Bears? Maybe sometime in the 21st Century. No, the answer is Tampa Bay, bay-bee. Buccaneers starting free safety Damien Robinson of Iowa will blast a bunch of receivers and cash in big-time.

Hey, you might as well make some crazy picks since the Denver Broncos are coming down without John Elway at quarterback. So let's make another in the AFC. Forget the Broncos, Jets or Jacksonville Jaguars.

We'll make it a Florida Super Bowl in the Georgia Dome, with the Miami Dolphins beating the Bucs. Dan Marino will go out on top just like Elway, and like Elway, can then flood the airwaves with beer commercials.

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## GAME DAY Preps

### C.R. JEFFERSON vs. C.R. WASHINGTON

■ **SITE:** Kingston Stadium (Washington is the home team and its fans are asked to sit on the pressbox side)  
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ **RADIO:** KCRG-AM (1600), tape-delayed at the completion of Hawkeye Downs Speedway racing.  
 ■ **RECORDS:** Jefferson 1-0, Washington 0-1  
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** This is the longest running rivalry in the Metro area, and is always an important game on both sides. Washington leads the series, 26-16-2. It's especially important to the Warriors because they don't want to start the season 0-2. The J-Hawks opened the season with a 19-13 overtime win over Cedar Rapids Prairie and are hoping to carry the momentum of that win into tonight's contest. Blake Tiedtke rushed for 93 yards in that win. Washington lost to Class 4A top-ranked Iowa City West in its opener, 24-7, but outscored the powerful Trojans, 7-0, in the second half. The Warriors' defense looked especially sharp and their offense was impressive during a clock-eating, 80-yard scoring drive in the third quarter. Tailback/linebacker Michael Milam is a force on both sides.

### IOWA CITY WEST at LINN-MAR

■ **SITE:** Armstrong Field  
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ **RECORDS:** West 1-0, Linn-Mar 1-0  
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** Class 4A No. 1-ranked West piled up 24 first-half points in its 24-7 win over Washington last week, then had to hold on for its life to pull out the win. The Trojans are big and talented and quarterback Kevin Long looked good in passing for 133 yards and a touchdown in that win. Linn-Mar beat Dubuque Senior, 28-27 in overtime at Dubuque in its opener, and its defense will have to plug some holes against a very good West offensive unit if it hopes to win at home tonight. Two of the league's top quarterbacks will be on the field in Long and Linn-Mar's Ryan Drew (153 yards, 2 TDs).

### C.R. XAVIER at IOWA CITY HIGH

■ **SITE:** Bates Field  
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ **RADIO:** KMRY-AM (1450), KCJJ-AM (1630)  
 ■ **RECORDS:** Xavier 1-0, City High 1-0  
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** Xavier traveled to Dubuque last week and man-handled Hempstead, 25-0, with 10 players going both ways. The Saints proved their toughness, but that toughness will be put to the test against the third-ranked Little Hawks. City High quarterback Skyler Moss passed for 142 yards and rushed for another 139 in City High's 33-7 pasting of Waterloo West and Xavier's Taylor Michalec rushed for 126 yards in the Saints' win. Is Xavier for real? Can it compete for a divisional title in the rough and tumble Mississippi Valley Conference? Those questions could be answered tonight.

### STARMONT AT MARION

■ **SITE:** Thomas Park Field  
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ **RECORDS:** Starmont 1-0, Marion 1-0  
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** Marion brought in the Tony Perkins era in a big way with rugged running back Matt Wycoff rushing for 195 yards and five touchdowns in the Class 3A Indians' 45-14 win over 2A Monticello. Starmont's Clint Miller rushed for 149 yards on 19 carries in the Stars' 16-9 win over East Buchanan and fans will be seeing two of the best running backs/linebackers in the state in Wycoff and Miller. The Stars ambushed the Indians, 28-0, last year, but Starmont Coach Dave Barclay doesn't expect a repeat. "They were coming off a big win last year and since we're a 2A school I think they might have overlooked us," he said. "They won't do that again this year."

### WEST LIBERTY at MOUNT VERNON

■ **SITE:** Mount Vernon  
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ **RADIO:** WMT-AM (600)  
 ■ **RECORDS:** West Liberty 0-1, Mount Vernon 0-1  
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** These teams came into tonight's game stinging from one-sided defeats in their openers. Mount Vernon fell hard to Solon, 53-14, and West Liberty fell hard to Tipton, 37-16. The Mustangs did show an uncharacteristic ability to pass the ball in its loss with quarterback Kyle Nelson passing for 133 yards and a touchdown. The highlight of West Liberty's offensive production against Tipton was a 44-yard field goal from Justin Wainwright to open the scoring.

### LISBON at MIDLAND

■ **SITE:** Wyoming  
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ **RECORDS:** Lisbon 0-1, Midland 1-0  
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** Strange things keep happening at Lisbon. Gary Stamp stepped aside as coach just as preseason practice got under way, and Kent Allison took over. Then the Lions were forced to forfeit their 44-20 season-opening win over Tri-County because an ineligible player was used. Midland, meanwhile, is riding high. The Eagles snapped a 26-game losing streak with their 50-0 mugging of Olin in which Mark Buresh passed for 224 yards and four touchdowns.

### EAST BUCHANAN at CENTER PT.-URBANA

■ **SITE:** Center Point  
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ **RECORDS:** East Buchanan 0-1, Center Pt.-Urbana 1-0  
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** Class 1A East Buchanan never shies away from a challenge in the non-district portion of its schedule and tonight's game will be challenge. The Bucs lost Class 2A Starmont, 16-9, in their opener and now face a Center Point-Urbana team that escaped highly regarded West Branch, 16-8, in its opener. East Buchanan running back Matt Loughren rushed for 145 yards in the loss to Starmont, and will be a handful for the Stormin' Pointers. Chris Tritle showed he's ready for a super senior season for CP-U with two long touchdowns on a punt return and passing play in the in over West Branch.

### NORTH LINN at MAQUOKETA VALLEY

■ **SITE:** Delhi  
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ **RADIO:** KMCH-FM (94.7), tape-delayed at completion of West Delaware-Oelwein game.  
 ■ **RECORDS:** North Linn 1-0, Maquoketa Valley 1-0  
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** Class 4A fourth-ranked North Linn isn't afraid of the big boys and is proving it again tonight. The Lynx beat Class 2A Central City-Springville, 54-8, in their opener and travel to face Class 2A Maquoketa Valley tonight. Those two non-district games should leave North Linn well-prepared for what lies ahead in Class A District 6. Nick Hampton rushed for 171 yards and six TDs in the Lynx big win last week. Maquoketa Valley opened with a 20-0 shutout of Alburnett, so the Wildcats' defense was obviously ready to go. So was their offense. Quarterback Keith Zetlow passed for 142 yards and Kelly Petska rushed for another 134 against the Pirates.

### SOLO at TIPTON

■ **SITE:** Tipton  
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ **RECORDS:** Solon 1-0, Tipton 1-0  
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** Both of these teams are coming off eye-popping wins in their openers. The Class 2A seventh-ranked Spartans totally dismantled arch-rival Mount Vernon, 53-14, and the Tigers whipped West Liberty 37-16. Both teams feature outstanding rushing attacks. Solon backs Ryan Hanes and Brad Hodapp rushed for just more than 300 yards in the win over Mount Vernon, and Tipton's Brian Schultz — a 1,200-yard rusher in 1998 — scored three TDs in the Tigers' win over West Liberty.

### WEST DELAWARE at OELWEIN

■ **SITE:** Oelwein  
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ **RADIO:** KMCH-FM (94.7)  
 ■ **RECORDS:** West Delaware 1-0, Oelwein 0-1  
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** Class 3A fourth-ranked West Delaware got to use a lot of players in its 29-14 season-opening win over Independence, which suits Coach Sam Anderson just fine. West Delaware has one of the most successful programs in the state in the 1990s, and establishing depth before district play begins has always been a priority. Matt Carpenter rushed for 143 yards in the Hawks' win and Ryan Peyton added another 106. Oelwein struggled offensively in its 20-6 loss to Vinton-Shellsburg and will have to try to generate more yardage if it hopes to get the win at home.

### IOWA CITY REGINA at C.C.-AMANA

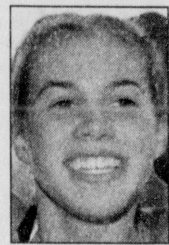
■ **SITE:** Tiffin  
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
 ■ **RADIO:** KXIC-AM (800)  
 ■ **RECORDS:** Regina 0-1, Clear Creek-Amana 1-0  
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** The Regina offense sputtered in its 12-6 loss to Mid-Prairie last week with only 151 total yards. On the flip-side, its defense allowed only 123, so if the offense can step up, the Runnin' Regals could be OK. There was nothing wrong with Clear Creek-Amana's offense in its 10-9 win over Iowa Valley, with quarterback Michael Pitlick passing for 123 yards.

## Lilienthal out-paces golf cart

By Jeff Linder  
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Forget about human competition. Michelle Lilienthal is chasing motorized equipment.

And, sometimes, passing it. Lilienthal, a senior at Iowa City High, was her same old brilliant self at the Cedar Rapids Invitational cross country meet Thursday at Jones Park. Not only did she leave 118



Lilienthal  
"Something to chase"

varsity runners far behind, she overtook the pace car — a golf cart, actually, — for a while.

"People were cracking jokes about it," Lilienthal said after cruising through the hilly 2-mile race in 11:17, 37 seconds ahead of the next finisher. "Having that cart up there helped a little bit. It gave me something to chase."

City High swept the individual titles and, shockingly, the team crowns.

The Little Hawks, led by winner Bob Moreno, eased to the boys' championship, handling runner-up Ames by 66 points. No surprise there.

City High's girls shocked two-time defending state champion Iowa City West. Both teams scored 39 points, but the Little Hawks prevailed in the tie-breaker. Big surprise there.

"To be honest, no, I didn't think we could beat them," Lilienthal said. "Not yet, anyway."

West's foursome of Jeni Frudden, Lesley Smith, Lauren Levy and Brittany Keith finished 3-4-5-6, but City High still pre-



Gazette photo by Miranda Meyer

Varsity cross country runners start their race Thursday at Jones Park in Cedar Rapids.

ailed. Molly Meng, Karen Johnson and freshman Ali Kirsch were right behind the West quartet. City High had a solid effort from 14th-place Kristy Moreno, and No. 6 runner Michelle Lake finished well ahead of West's fifth and sixth girls.

"I wasn't keeping track of the points," said City High Coach Tom Mittman. "I was too busy cheering for the girls."

"I knew we would be better, but this was very pleasing. But, still, it's just one meet and we've got to keep getting better."

West Coach Mike Parker was extremely disappointed by the loss.

"You can't run poorly and expect to beat anybody, let alone a team as good as City," he said. "Even if we'd won, I'd have been disappointed. We had seven girls that underachieved today."

Unlike Lilienthal, who took control about 200 meters into the race, Moreno had to go to the wire to win.

Tim Hibbing of Ames passed Moreno on the race's final hill,

with about a quarter-mile to go, but once the slope turned level, Moreno kicked it into high gear and prevailed in 17:26, a second ahead of Hibbing.

"He probably went too hard in passing me, and I knew I still had something left," Moreno said. "But, really, I probably would have done the same thing if I was him."

Hibbing led most of the race, but Moreno took the lead for the first time at about 2 miles, and stretched it to 10 meters at the 2½-mile mark before Hibbing made his final bid.

Three City High runners finished in the top 10. Eric Mittman was third and Paul Kresowik was 10th.

"We expected to be strong again this year," said City High boys' coach Jayme Skay. "Our workout plan hasn't changed much since Bud Williams was the coach here. These guys are unbelievably committed to having a successful season."

Cedar Rapids Jefferson's girls enjoyed the Metro's best finish, placing seventh.

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## Cougars

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Prairie's T.J. Klith returned the ensuing kickoff 93 yards for touchdown.

Kennedy (1-1) went on a nine-play, 78-yard drive capped by a 1-yard Kielkopf TD dive at the 1:58 mark, and then Klith grabbed the spotlight again. This time he took the kickoff 89 yards for a TD with 1:44 remaining.

Not to be outdone, Kielkopf took a handoff from Josh Zaruba on Prairie's ensuing kickoff and scooted 91 yards down the left sideline for another touchdown at the 1:26 mark.

"That was wild," Kielkopf said. "We let them return two in a row, and after the second one I figured it was time for me to return one. I saw where I wanted to run and I just ran there."

A couple of defining moments came very early in the game.

Kennedy went 68 yards on just three plays — including a 62-yard run from Kielkopf — to score on its first possession of the game and grab an early 7-0 lead. Prairie started its next possession on its own 20, and nine plays later was looking at a first-and-goal from the Cougar seven-yard line.

Klith picked up five of those yards on the very next play, but three subsequent carries failed to find the end zone. The Cougar defense had held.

"Those things are going to happen in a ballgame where you're going to have an opportunity to step it up and really show what you can do," Knock said. "I was really proud of our defense down there inside the 1-yard line."

Coonrod and back-up quarterback Steve Breen complemented Kielkopf well by combining to complete 6-of-8 passes for 148 yards and a touchdown apiece. Bryan Rempt caught four of those passes for 80 yards.

Prairie (0-2) had just 140 yards of total offense.

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## Raveling collapses, hospitalized

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Former Iowa coach George Raveling was hospitalized in Thursday after passing out while putting the Nike NBA All-Star team through a workout.

Doctors at the Asepeyo clinic at Sant Cugat, just outside Barcelona, said Raveling would be kept overnight for observation. He was said to be in stable condition.

At first, it was feared Raveling had suffered a heart attack, but doctors ruled that out and said the illness was more likely due to something the coach had eaten.

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**Festival of Races** - Raising funds for Cedar Rapids YWCA  
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## Suspensions

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meeting" to inform the drivers there would be a "zero tolerance" policy on rough or aggressive driving, Amstutz said.

"All the race officials, we had a little pow-wow by ourselves in Victory Lane (after the races) and discussed it," Amstutz said. "When you have a guy battling for the points, you hate to throw him out, but he did the same thing we've thrown four other guys out for this year. You have to be consistent."

The decision may have cost Naylor the Aggregates Late Model track championship. He has been running neck-and-neck in points all season long with Larry Kelley of Cedar Rapids, but because he won't be able to race tonight, the title will go to Kelley.

Mike Schulte already has wrapped up the Miller Time Modified track championship and Martin Ballard of Marengo is the Old Milwaukee Hobby Stock champ. The Budweiser Sportsman title is still up for grabs, with Johnny Mudd of Cedar Rapids holding a 12-point lead over Tom Burke of Nevada.

Last Friday's on-track incidents took place in the Modified and Late Model features:

- Wennermark crossed the finish line in first place in the special 50-lap Modified feature, but was moved back to second because of what track officials viewed as rough driving. They said Wennermark, who was running second behind the No. 99 car of Schulte, "rammed" Schulte, who then bobbed and lost the lead to Wennermark.

"On the next yellow flag, or at the conclusion of the race, the No. 9 Modified (Wennermark) would be penalized one position for over aggressive driving," Amstutz said his statement. "There was not another yellow flag, so the penalty was enforced at the finish."

Seeger said he did not dispute the call although he was disappointed the win was taken away from Wennermark.

- In the Late Model feature, the No. 1 car of Spaw and the No. 69 car of Naylor were disqualified because of "over aggressive driving on the last lap of the feature," according to Amstutz. Both drivers are accused of ramming one another at the conclusion of the race and were suspended from competition for two weeks.

- Also in the Late Model feature, Warwick stands accused of "repeatedly ramming" the No. 45 car driven by front-running Curt Martin of Independence.

Amstutz said race officials told Warwick's spotter, Rick Bennett, four times to instruct his driver to quit ramming Martin. Bennett allegedly refused to pass the order along to Warwick. Warwick has been suspended for the rest of the season and Bennett has been suspended indefinitely.

The incident involving Seeger took place at the conclusion of the race program after Amstutz and his officials had huddled to try to make some sense out of the mess.

"Gerald Seeger threatened to beat up a couple of us," Amstutz said. Seeger denies that, saying the only threat he made was to hire a lawyer.

"I'm going to voice my opinion," Seeger said. "So far, it's been all one-sided. It's a whole lot of accusations without any proof."

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## SPORTSDAY

## EVENTS OF AREA INTEREST

## Prep football

- Xavier at Iowa City High, 7:30 p.m.
- Iowa City West at Linn-Mar, 7:30 p.m.
- Jefferson vs. Washington at Kingston Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
- Stamont at Marion, 7:30 p.m.
- Iowa City Regina at Clear Creek-Amana

## Cross country

- Marion at Monticello Invitational

## Men's cross country

- Iowa at Illinois State Invitational

## Women's cross country

- Iowa at ISU Open, 5 p.m.

## Women's tennis

- Simpson at Upper Iowa, 3:30 p.m.
- Luther at Wisconsin-LaCrosse Invitational

## College volleyball

- U.S. Professional Volleyball "Dream Team" at Iowa (exhibition), 7 p.m.
- Cornell at Coe's Mabel Lee/Kohawk Invitational
- Iowa Western at Kirkwood, 7 p.m.
- Northern Iowa at Illinois State
- Mount Mercy at Wisconsin-LaCrosse tournament

## Women's soccer

- DePaul at Iowa, 4 p.m.
- Minnesota at Iowa State, 4 p.m.

## ON TELEVISION

(Live and first-run events only)

## Pro golf

- British Masters, Second Round, 9 a.m. GOLF
- Senior Comfort Classic, First Round, 1 p.m. ESPN

## ESPN

- LPGA Samsung World Championship, Second Round, 2 a.m. GOLF
- Canadian Open, Second Round, 3 p.m. ESPN

## U.S. Open tennis

- Men's Doubles Final and Women's Semifinals, 10 a.m. KGAN
- Men's Doubles Final and Women's Semifinals, 11:30 a.m. KGAN

## Major League baseball

- Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox, 7 p.m. FSC
- Chicago Cubs at Houston Astros, 7 p.m. WGN

## Auto racing

- NASCAR Winston Cup Exide NASCAR Select Batteries 400, Qualifying, 4:30 p.m. ESPN2
- NASCAR Grand National Autolite Platinum 250, 6:30 p.m. ESPN

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## BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

## Thursday

## CEDAR RAPIDS INVITATIONAL

At Jones Park

Teams — 1. Iowa City High 42, 2. Ames 108, 3. Bettendorf 136, 4. Dubuque Valley 174, 5. Clinton 194, 6. Davenport Central 196, 7. Iowa City West 207, 8. C. Xavier 227, 9. Linn-Mar 227, 10. Clear Creek-Amana 235, 11. Muscatine 245, 12. Pleasant Valley 259, 13. North Scott 277, 14. C.R. Jefferson 355, 15. C.R. Kennedy 357, 16. Cedar Rapids 358, 17. C.R. Prairie 448, 18. Davenport West 470.

Individuals — 1. Bob Harman (ICH), 16:26, 2. Tim Hibbing (AI), 16:27, 3. Eric Miltman (ICH), 16:35, 4. Ben Lovel (DC), 16:36, 5. Chris Jones (ICW), 16:39, 6. Nick Roberts (AI), 16:45, 7. Ben Schultman (B), 16:48, 8. Eric Goff (B), 16:47, 9. Kyle Messmer (B), 16:51, 10. Paul Kreswick (ICH), 17:01.

Iowa City High — 1. Moreno, 3. Miltman, 10. Kreswick, 12. Jeff Smith, 17:18, 16. Quincy Ely-Calk, 17:22.

Iowa City West — 5. Jones, 24. Tyler Stetselaar, 17:53, 49. Noah Shen, 18:39, 54. Chuck Jones, 18:45, 75. Matt Clancy, 19:10.

C.R. Xavier — 30. Tim Marich, 18:07, 35. Steven Lucas, 18:17, 38. Martin Roth, 18:18, 42. Blake Crutcher, 18:26, 52. Joel Walters, 19:23.

Linn-Mar — 28. David Miller, 17:59, 33. Ryan French, 18:11, 53. Nick Lindsey, 18:43, 56. Dan Logan, 18:48, 57. Justin Hahn, 18:51.

C.R. Washington — 23. Eric Barada, 17:52, 26. Quinton McClain, 17:56, 47. Scott Monroe, 18:35, 63. Joshua Ginn, 18:57, 76. Lucas Woodward, 19:10.

C.R. Jefferson — 50. Mike Pendergast, 18:41, 51. Aaron Brandt, 18:42, 60. Andy Brimver, 18:55, 64. Robert Fox, 18:59, 80. Nick Lanz, 19:18.

C.R. Kennedy — 29. Matt Balvanz, 18:02, 45. Bruce Trillo, 19:00, 74. Aaron Shore, 19:10, 78. Dave Johnson, 19:14, 79. Ryan Fisher, 20:21, 109. Andy Benish, 20:34, 113. Devon Walter, 20:47.

EAST CENTRAL INVITATIONAL

At Ames

Teams — 1. Calamus-Wheatland 54, 2. North Cedar 60, 3. Bellevue Marquette 63, 4. Andrew 80, 5. Clinton-Maleo 83, 6. East Central-Preston 164, 7. NE Goose Lake 167.

Individuals — 1. Nick Rubel (AB) 17:22, 2. Aaron Alvar (B) 17:43, 3. Brad Boeser (NC) 17:46, 4. David Brant (CW) 18:02, 5. Ryan Kedey (NC) 18:08.

Cedar Rapids — 0 3 2 5

Green Bay — 0 1 3 4

Saves — Cedar Rapids 15, 17-21

Green Bay 15, 16-12

Shots on goal — Cedar Rapids 34, Green Bay 21.

## JUNIOR HOCKEY

## Thursday

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At Jones Park

Teams — 1. Iowa City High 39, 2. Iowa City West 39, 3. Dubuque Valley 107, 4. Davenport Central 112, 5. Pleasant Valley 147, 6. Bettendorf 200, 7. C.R. Jefferson 249, 8. Ames 250, 9. Davenport West 280, 10. Muscatine 288, 11. C.R. Washington 307, 12. Clinton 312, 13. C.R. Xavier 314, 14. C.R. Prairie 362, 15. North Scott 448, 16. Linn-Mar 470, 17. C.R. Kennedy 495.

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C.R. Prairie — 25. Masumi Fotral, 13:13, 71. Naomi Fotral, 14:25, 79. Sondra Vassak, 14:37, 85. Michelle Keliaga, 14:45, 102. Jess Khoule, 15:02.

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## PREP FOOTBALL

## Thursday

## METRO MVC

C.R. Kennedy 42, C.R. Prairie 12

Cedar Falls 35, Dubuque West 7

## Friday

## METRO IC

Iowa City West at Linn-Mar

Jesse vs. Washington at Kingston Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Stamont at Marion, 7:30 p.m.

Xavier at Iowa City High

## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

C.R. Jefferson at C.R. Washington

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Dubuque at Cedar Falls

Dubuque Senior at Dubuque

Iowa City West at Linn-Mar

Waterloo East at Waterloo West

## AREA NON-DISTRICT

Albia at Charleston

Apoling-Parkersburg at Iowa Falls

Bele Plaine at English Valley

Benton Comm. at Independence

BGM at HILV

Cardinal at New London

CC-Springville at Albion

Clarksville at Valley CEW

Colo-Nesco at Denver

Columbus Jct. at Louisa-Muscatine

Creston at Winterset

Creswood at Osage

DeWitt Central at Camanche

Dike-New Hartford at Grundy Center

Durant-Bennett at West Branch

East Buchanan at Center Pt.-Urbana

East Central at Northeast

Ed-Co at MFL MarMac

Edgelyville-Blairstown at Davis County

Elora-New Providence at Hudson

Fredericksburg at Lansing Lee

GMC at Gladbrook-Reinbeck

Grinnell at Adel-Desoto-Minburn

Guttenberg at Ott

Hambill, Mo. at Mt. Pleasant

Harmony-Farmington at Central Lee

Iowa City Regina at C.C.-Amana

Iowa Valley at Williamsburg

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Knoxville at Centerville

Lisbon at Midland

Maquoketa at Monticello

Montezuma at Lymington-Sully

New Hampton at Charles City

North Linn at Maquoketa Valley

North Mahaska at Taylor County

North Tama at NU High

Norwalk at Perry

Osceola Clark at Fairfield

Oskaloosa at Waverly-Slick Rock

Peshawar at Highland-Lone Tree

Peshawar at South Winneshiek

Preston at Bellevue

Riceville at Nashua-Plainfield

Saginaw at North Cedar

Salon at Tipton

South Tama at Waterloo Columbus

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Turkey Valley at North Fayette

Twin Cedars at Moravia

Van Meter at Melcher-Dallas

Vinton-Shellsburg at Union

We. Dubuque at Dyersville Beckman

Wassila Valley at Mason City

Washington (Ia.) at Princeton, Ill.

Waukon at Saint Ansgar

W. Central at Elkader Central-Garn.

West Delaware at Oelwein

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## Saturday

## AREA NON-DISTRICT

Decorah at Pella

## C.R. Kennedy 42

## C.R. Prairie 12

## AT KINGSTON STADIUM

CRP CRK

First downs 38 21

Rushes-yards 33-47 53-68

Passing yards 84 148

Comp-attempt 3-7-0 6-8-0

Punts-avg. 6-34.3 1-44.0

Fumbles-lost 2-1-1 2-2-0

Penalties-yards 3-15 4-50

C.R. Prairie 0 12 0 0-12

C.R. Kennedy 7 21 14 0-42

CRK—Phillip Conrod 5 run (Brad Fowler kick)

CRK—Tom Shedd 17 pass from Conrod (Fowler kick)

CRP—T.J. Kilth 93 kickoff return (kick failed)

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