

West wins again

Big second half makes up for slow start in 52-14 victory

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IOWA CITY — It will appear in the record book as another decisive victory for the top-ranked Iowa City West High School football team.

But West High Coach Reese Morgan and his players know Friday's

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52-14 home win over previously undefeated Waterloo East didn't feature one of their best first halves ever.

Waterloo East, which scored the first points against West High in the first half this season, only trailed 17-6 at halftime before running out of steam in the final 24 minutes.

"We didn't come out with intensity in the first half. They came out pumped up," West High senior defensive end Tyler Luebke said. "We weren't playing with our hearts. We were thinking too much. We got down on ourselves and didn't stay positive. We were not playing with good team unity."

Defending state champion West High (3-0), which has a 16-game winning streak, turned it up in the second half and outscored Waterloo East, 35-8.

"The kids did a nice job in the



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second half," Morgan said. "Thank goodness our blocking was better in the second half."

An opportunistic West High scored on its first three possessions, taking a quick 17-0 lead late in the first quarter.

Waterloo East's mistakes fueled West High's fast start.

A 15-yard roughing the punter penalty kept West High's opening drive alive, which was capped by Ashten Richardson's seven-yard touchdown run with 7 minutes, 32 left in the first quarter.

"We really needed to pick up our intensity in the second half," Richardson said. "We had to keep tack-

ling."

After stopping Waterloo East on downs, West High (3-0) took a 10-0 on a 37-yard field goal by Nate Kaeding with 3:45 remaining. The field goal was Kaeding's fourth in as many attempts this season. Waterloo East was penalized 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct during the march.

West High quarterback Kevin Long's two-yard sneak expanded the lead to 17-0 with 1:42 left. Defensive end Rex McDonald recovered a Waterloo East fumble at the East 24-yard line to set up the touchdown.

Waterloo East had the only score in the second quarter to pull within

11 points at halftime. Eugene Thomas scored the touchdown on a two-yard run with 7:53 left.

West High added two third quarter touchdowns on a 30-yard scramble by Long and a 14-yard pass from the Trojan quarterback to Jaime Lang.

West High's Joe Walker, who missed the last six quarters with an ankle injury, returned to action in the third quarter and scored on a 13-yard run with 11:05 left.

"Joe Walker ran hard and did a super job," Morgan said.

Walker rushed for a game-high 108 yards on 10 carries. Long added 89 yards on 12 attempts.

Defense, rushing game lift Kennedy

Kielkopf runs for 180 yards in 45-14 win over Xavier

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CEAR RAPIDS — Derek Kielkopf rushed for 180 yards and two touchdowns to lead Cedar Rapids Kennedy to a 45-14 Mississippi Valley Conference win over Cedar Rapids Xavier Friday night at Saints Field.

Kielkopf, who has 407 rushing yards in the last

C.R. KENNEDY 45
C.R. XAVIER 14

two games, was one of five Cougars to score touchdowns.

Kennedy (2-1) built a 23-0 first-half lead on a 1-yard Phil Coonrod touchdown run, a safety on a Drake Busch blocked punt out of the Xavier end zone, a Kielkopf 5-yard score and Steve Breen's 37-yard touchdown pass to Bryan Rempt.

Xavier (1-2) collected itself and sliced the lead to 23-14 thanks to touchdown passes of 65 and 12 yards from Tom Ekland to Andre Hedgepeth. Playing catchup, the Saints threw 38 passes in the game, completing only nine. Six went to Hedgepeth for 169 yards.

But Kennedy ripped off the final three touchdowns of the game. First, Kielkopf rushed 23 yards for a score. Brett Kellogg then ran 19 yards for a touchdown. Breen, the backup quarterback who rushed for 64 yards, got 42 of those on the game's final touchdown run.

The bigger Cougars blasted away for 286 yards on the ground and 401 overall. At one point, they had 151 yards to minus-8 for the Saints, who have allowed 100 points in their last two games.

Xavier found rushing yards extremely hard to attain, getting just 40. So it passed and passed. Ekland was nine of 36 for 201 yards and never got intercepted.

A crowd of about 3,000 attended the matchup between the two schools from 42nd Street NE.

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Linn-Mar quarterback Ryan Drew (right) scrambles as teammate Chris Evans (42) attempts to block Jefferson's John Broghammer (89) Friday night.



Photo by Zara Tzanev, Gazette intern

Lions: Linn-Mar defense records nine sacks

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Mar, there's no doubt about it," Jefferson Coach Dave Jacobson said. "We lost this game because of our week of preparation in practice. We didn't get the things done in practice we needed to do ... and we stopped ourselves."

"We weren't ready to play football tonight, and Linn-Mar was."

The Lions went up, 13-0, in the first quarter after touchdown drives of 65 and 70 yards. The first was capped by a 1-yard sneak by quarterback Ryan Drew and the second on a 6-yard bootleg by Drew with 8 seconds left in the frame.

It was still 13-0 at halftime.

It looked like the tide might turn in the third quarter. With

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Tiedtke carrying seven times for 36 yards, the J-Hawks marched 53 yards in 10 plays, and got into the end zone when Tiedtke bowled straight ahead from four yards out at the 7:54 mark.

Jefferson got into Linn-Mar territory two more times in the

second half — once as deep as the Lion 20 — but came up empty each time.

"We should have been able to score, but we did not step up and execute and pick-up the blitz like we should have, and that's what hurt us," Jacobson said.

Linn-Mar finished the scoring with a 13-yard TD run by Evans with 56 seconds left in the game. Evans led a balanced rushing attack with 79 yards on 21 carries and Drew had 66 yards on 12 totes.

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Wycoff runs wild as Marion whips Bobcats

Matt Wycoff rushed 24 times for 143 yards as Marion defeated Benton Community, 35-17, in a Class 3A District 4 prep football game Friday night in Van Horne.

Wycoff started the scoring with a first quarter 13-yard touchdown run and then scored the conversion to give Marion (2-1, 1-0) an 8-0 lead.

Benton Community's Jason Minkle managed a 28-yard field goal to put the Bobcats on the board, 8-3.

Marion's Jesse Kensinger opened the second quarter with a 23-yard touchdown run. Wycoff converted the extra point again. Wycoff then scored his second touchdown of the night with a 2-yard run and converted his third PAT of the night.

The only third quarter action was from the Indian's Adam Shelley, who scored on a 1-yard run. Marion's kick failed.

The fourth quarter was all Benton (1-2, 0-1) as Tray Campbell scored on a 1-yard run, with Curt Miller on the conversion. Nick Bennett then completed a 5-yard touchdown pass to Derrick Kaestner to finish the scoring.

■ **TIPTON 14, MOUNT VERNON 6** — Tipton sandwiched two third-quarter touch-

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downs around one by Mount Vernon to manufacture the win in a Class 2A District 6 opener.

Tipton's Brian Schultz opened the scoring with a 23-yard run in the first minute of the period. About five minutes later Mount Vernon got on the board on Steve Peterson's 1-yard scoring run. Then late in the period, Cody Kelley took off on a 52-yard touchdown run for Tipton. Jorge Neto kicked both extra points for Tipton.

Schultz rushed for 88 yards on 17 carries, and Kelley added 83 yards on 12 rushes. Mount Vernon's Ian Dye led all rushers with 129 yards on 20 carries.

■ **VINTON-SHELLSBURG 34, WEST DELAWARE 27** — Brett Edwards connected with Justin Pladsen on a 73-yard pass late in the fourth quarter as Vinton-Shellsburg won a wild Class 3A District 4 game at Manchester.

Of the nine touchdowns in

the game, seven of them came on plays of 30 yards or longer.

Vinton-Shellsburg (3-0, 1-0) scored first when Stephen Handler caught a 75-yard pass from Edwards.

West Delaware's Caleb Klein broke loose for an 84-yard touchdown run in the second quarter to make it 7-6, West Delaware. Klein then found Matt Uthoff for a 62-yard scoring play to give the Hawks (1-2, 0-1) the halftime lead, 14-6.

The Vikings exploded for 21 third-quarter points and held West Delaware to seven to take the lead, 27-21.

Klein scored on an 11-yarder to tie the game before Edwards' late heroics.

■ **LISBON 12, LANSING KEE 6** — J.J. Butteris broke loose for a 61-yard touchdown

run with 1:07 left in the game to give Lisbon the Class A District 6 win at home.

Lansing Kee (1-2, 0-1) took a 6-0 lead on a Steve Goetzinger 3-yard plunge in the first quarter.

Lisbon (2-1, 1-0) knotted it, 6-6, on a 15-yard pass from Shae Stamp to Chris Porter in the third quarter.

Butteris finished with 72 yards on 10 carries. Goetzinger had 75 yards on 25 carries.

■ **ALBURNETT 29, MIDLAND 8** — Micky Roseberry returned a third-quarter kick 75 yards for a touchdown as Alburnett (2-1, 1-0) won a Class 1A District 5 game at Wyoming.

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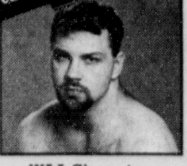
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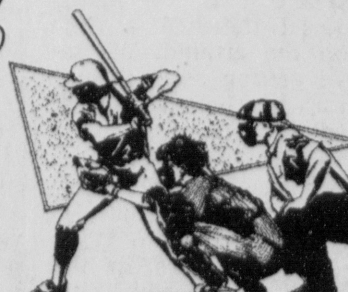
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