

Hawkeyes still making linemen out of tight ends

Ferentz mastered the move for Iowa in '80s

By Marc Morehouse
Gazette sportswriter

IOWA CITY — Their bodies are big but not massive. Their feet are quick but not blinding. And so, the tinkering begins. They go into Dr./Coach

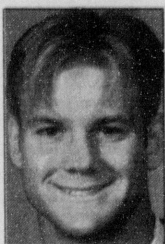
IOWA FOOTBALL

Kirk Ferentz's football laboratory as tight ends and they come out offensive linemen.

"John Alt, Dave Haight, Kelly O'Brien," said the Iowa coach,

running down the list of successful tight end transplants in Iowa football. "Big tall guys who can move. It's all about getting the best 22 on the field."

The list of the converted starts with Alt, a first-round draft pick by the Kansas City Chiefs in 1984 who enjoyed a long NFL career. It ends with Ross Verba, a first-round pick of the Green Bay Packers in 1997 who protects Brett Favre's blindside.

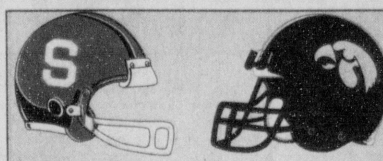


Trippeer
Buys the plan

"That's what we dream about," said Kyle Trippeer, one of three converted tight ends vying for playing time as a lineman. "Those names always come up and those guys were excellent NFL players. It really makes you excited that the opportunity is there."

The converted tight ends club includes Trippeer, tackle Bruce Nelson and guard Eric Steinbach. They've had the sit-down with Ferentz, weighed their options and decided that, yes, they can see themselves as 300-pound linemen.

"I can't really see myself at 300 pounds, but I'm sure a lot of



- **THE TEAMS:** Iowa (1-2) vs. Michigan State (4-0)
- **PLACE:** East Lansing, Mich.
- **KICKOFF:** 11:07 a.m., Saturday
- **TV:** KGAN-TV (Channel 2)
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guys say that," said Steinbach, a 6-foot-7, 255-pound reserve guard who came to Iowa as an

all-state tight end in Illinois. "By the time you're a fifth-year senior, somehow, it happens."

Maybe after six years as an offensive line coach in the NFL, Ferentz just can't help himself. He's comfortable scouting and developing offensive linemen. He sees a prospective tight end, one who might not be fast enough or have good enough hands, and the sculpting begins.

"If you want to see Coach Ferentz on the defensive side, it's not going to happen very often," said Trippeer, a junior guard who's fighting back from summer knee surgery. "If you want to see him watching wide

receivers, you won't see it. He's always over with the offensive line."

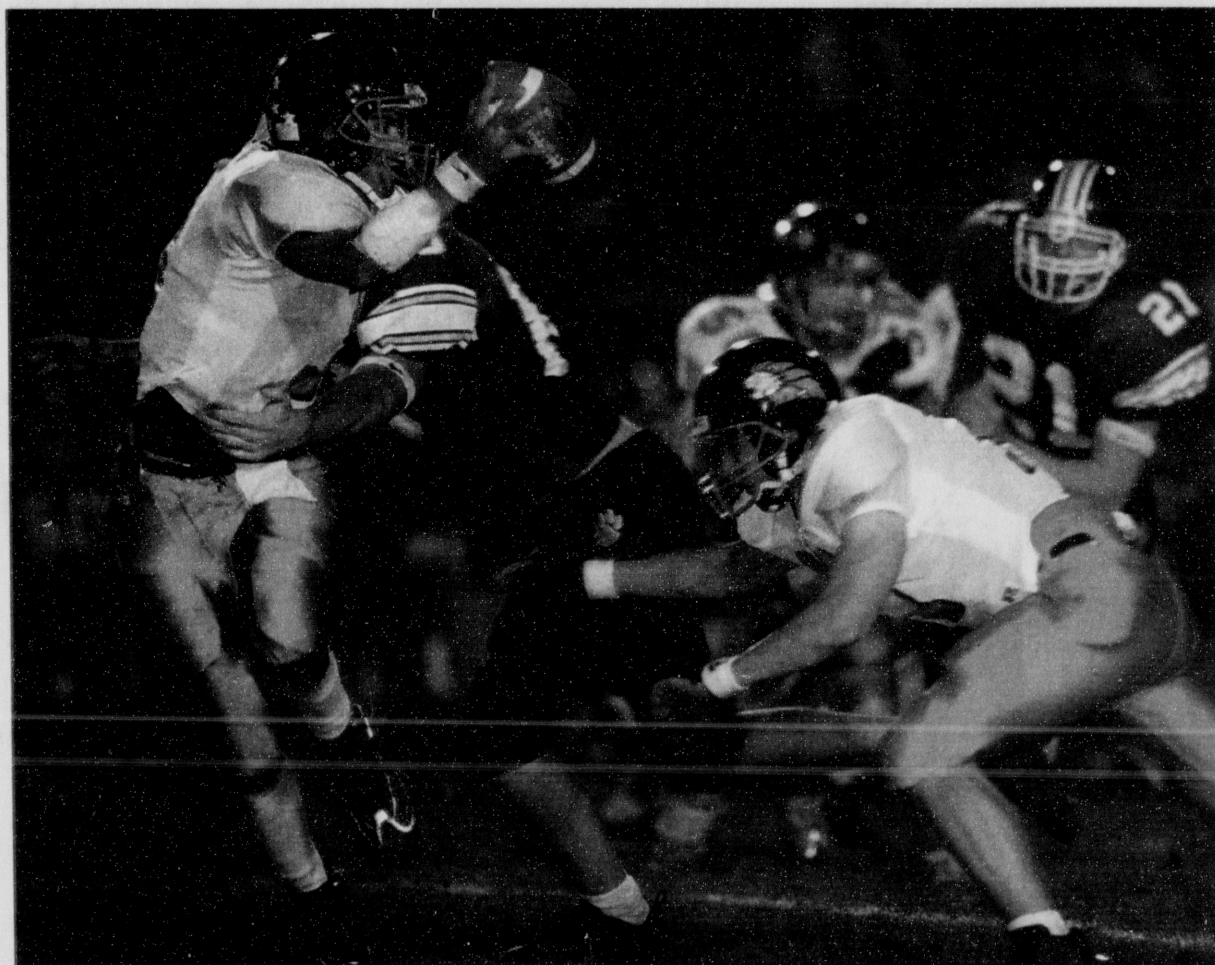
Put yourself in the young tight ends' shoes. It must be an irresistible rap.

Your head coach, a former NFL assistant, pulls you aside in practice or calls you into his office and says, "Son, I think you're an offensive lineman."

You know your coach spent six years in the NFL and nine years as offensive line coach during Iowa's heydays. You're thinking, hey, this guy must

■ Turn to 3C: **Hawks**

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Gazette photo by Dan Luedert

Linn-Mar quarterback Ryan Drew (left) tries to elude pressure from Cedar Rapids Kennedy defender Bryan Rempt as Linn-Mar's Jeff Netolicky tries to hold his block during their game Thursday at Kingston Stadium.

deal with those at all."

After reviewing the game films, you can bet Knock will eventually smile. The Cougars were pretty good Thursday night and now have a 4-1 record heading into next Friday's showdown with Cedar Rapids Washington. Linn-Mar dipped to 2-3.

Derek Kielkopf was up to his old tricks with 29 carries for 151

yards and touchdown runs of 1 and 20 yards. Quarterbacks Phillip Coonrod and Steve Breen combined to complete 7-of-11 passes for another 107 yards.

And the defense, oh my. Led by linebacker Brett Kellogg, the Kennedy "D" recorded five quarterback sacks and four other tackles for loss that resulted in minus-71 yards for the Lions.

"Our defense is always a run defense," said Kellogg, a 6-foot-3, 225-pound senior who was credited with three sacks. "We always stunt no matter what. The linemen were busting open the holes and that gave us linebackers some room to get in there. We thought we might be able to shut them down tonight."

■ Turn to 4C: **Kennedy**

Huge booty on line

By Chad Leistikow
Gazette sportswriter

IOWA CITY — The rhetoric before each Iowa City West vs. Iowa City High football game is usually pretty plain.

"We treat it like any other game."

"We just need to worry about ourselves."

"We have a lot of respect for (insert team here)."

The stakes are already high enough. There's no sense giving the opposition any bulletin board motivation.

Hail, Steve Pfaller. City High's all-state free safety finally said what everybody else is thinking.

"I'm not going to lie to you," Pfaller said. "It's the biggest week of the year."

Big, as in this will determine who is No. 1 in next week's Class 4A football poll.

Big, as in the winner gets the Boot trophy and city bragging rights.

Big, as in the Mississippi Valley Conference's Valley Division title is probably on the line.

After this, neither No. 1 West nor No. 2 City High will face a currently ranked team in the regular season.

"We get pumped up for

■ Turn to 4C: **Boot**

Kennedy overcomes turnovers

Cougars had 4, but still handle Lions

By Jeff Dahn
Gazette sportswriter

CEDAR RAPIDS — His Cedar Rapids Kennedy football team just beat Linn-Mar, 21-7, for its fourth straight win, but Coach Don Knock wasn't exactly the happiest man on the Kingston Stadium playing surface Thursday night.

Knock certainly couldn't complain about the 288 yards his

KENNEDY 21
LINN-MAR 7

team accrued on the ground or the 107 it garnered through the air. And the Cougars' defensive effort was phenomenal, limiting the Lions to 141 total yards of offense.

But if you mentioned the words "turnovers" or "penalties" to Knock, you could practically hear the hairs on the back of his neck rise in anger.

"We were way too good to them tonight," Knock said of his team's three lost fumbles, an intercepted pass and 70 yards in penalties. "(Linn-Mar) Coach (Greg) Purnell always

THE MVC

School	Conf.	All
Mississippi Division		
Cedar Falls	4-0	4-0
C.R. Kennedy	4-1	4-1
C.R. Jefferson	2-2	2-2
Dubuque Wahlert	2-2	2-2
C.R. Prairie	1-3	1-3
C.R. Xavier	1-3	1-3
Dubuque Hempstead	0-4	0-4
Valley Division		
Iowa City High	4-0	4-0
Iowa City West	4-0	4-0
C.R. Washington	2-2	2-2
Waterloo East	2-2	2-2
Linn-Mar	2-3	2-3
Waterloo West	1-3	1-3
Dubuque Senior	0-4	0-4

THURSDAY'S RESULT

Kennedy 21, Linn-Mar 7

TONIGHT'S GAMES

C.R. Jefferson at Cedar Falls
C.R. Xavier at C.R. Washington
Dubuque Hempstead at C.R. Prairie
Dubuque Wahlert at Waterloo West
Iowa City West at Iowa City High
Waterloo East at Dubuque Senior

has his troops prepared to play — especially for us — and a few of the mental breakdowns we had were uncalled for. I can't

New sponsor, new midnight tilt

By Mike Koolbeck

Gazette deputy sports editor

IOWA CITY — It was a busy day for the Iowa men's basketball program Thursday.

First, it was announced at a Carver-Hawkeye Arena press conference that the Iowa tournament has a new corporate sponsor — Gazette Communications — and name. The Gazette Hawkeye Challenge will be held Dec. 3 and 4 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Second, it was revealed plans for a midnight scrimmage to tip off the start of basketball practice have been nearly finalized.

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"Game Night" will be held Oct. 15, with the scrimmage tipping off just after midnight on the 16th.

Finally, Iowa Coach Steve Alford announced he is trading in his whistle for the lectern for one night with UI students. "Basketball 101 with Steve Alford" will be held Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. at the John Pappajohn Business Administration Building. It is limited to 400 students.

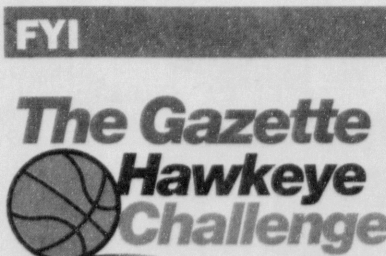
Alford said the commitment by The Gazette — \$100,000 cash

per year for three seasons — will help keep alive the Hawkeye tournament and that is essential for the success of the program. The tourney has been held 18 years and Iowa has won 17 titles.

"It gives you prestige, because you are hosting your own tournament," said Alford, in his first season at Iowa.

Alford said a new NCAA rule that starts in 2000 and limits teams to two exempt tournaments (Great Alaska Shootout and tourneys in Hawaii and

■ Turn to 3C: **Basketball**



- **WHAT:** The Gazette Hawkeye Challenge
- **WHEN:** Dec. 3-4
- **WHERE:** Carver-Hawkeye Arena, Iowa City
- **TEAMS:** Houston, Ohio, Texas Southern and the Iowa Hawkeyes.
- **SCHEDULE:** Dec. 3 — Houston vs. Ohio, 6:05 p.m.; Iowa vs. Texas Southern, 8:35 p.m.; Dec. 4 — Consolation game, 6:05 p.m.; Championship game, 8:35 p.m.

If the boot fits, a team from Cedar Rapids should wear it

Tonight is the battle for "The Boot," the Iowa City High-Iowa City West football game annually played for a bronzed football shoe and, again this year, the No. 1 ranking in Class 4A.

Enjoy it tonight, Iowa Citizens. Because up to the end of the regular season, games against City High and West will be opportunities for Cedar Rapids-Marion schools to win "The Steel Toe Boot," a boot that does some real kicking.

Before the state playoffs start, each of the six Cedar Rapids-Marion representatives in the Mississippi Valley Conference will get a shot at either top-ranked West or No. 2 City. West must play Xavier, Jefferson and Prairie. City High has games left with Linn-Mar, Ken-



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nedy and Washington.

The first of those six to defeat West or City High prior to the 1999 playoffs will win "The Steel Toe Boot," a trophy I will commission to mark the beginning of the renaissance of Cedar Rapids high school football. Hopefully.

This is being done with nothing but respect and admiration for West's Trojans and City

High's Little Hawks. The football dominance they have displayed the last several years has been remarkable. City High has three state titles and a 69-10 record since 1993. West has a 47-3 mark and two state crowns since 1995. Since '95, the two schools have lost only a total of two games to someone other than each other.

If West and City hadn't been so good for so long, putting this bounty of sorts on them wouldn't be necessary.

The last time a Cedar Rapids-Marion school defeated City High or West was Sept. 5, 1997, when Prairie toppled City High, 17-10. The Little Hawks still finished the season as the state 4A runner-up.

The last time a C.R.-Marion school won a state football title

was when Linn-Mar accomplished it in 1990.

Reasons for Iowa City's edge in high school football are obvious. Sure, it has great coaches, great athletes, great school and parental support, great middle-school programs and great tradition. That's all helpful, yes. But here's what it really boils down to:

Like most college towns, Iowa City is full of kids who grow up tougher than barbed wire. The children of university administrators and professors live hard-scrabble lives, clawing for everything they get. It makes them hard, it makes them mean. It's the law of the jungle in Iowa City. Just surviving those mean streets builds the hearts of warriors.

And yet . . .

There are five players from Cedar Rapids-Marion and Iowa City currently in the NFL.

That's where the toughest of the tough play football. Believe it or not, C.R.-Marion is responsible for three of the five.

Linebacker Marc Lillibridge (Linn-Mar) is with the New Orleans Saints. Wide receiver Detric Ward (Washington) is with the New York Jets. Quarterback Kurt Warner (Regis) is a St. Louis Ram.

Iowa City High has given the NFL receiver Tim Dwight of the Atlanta Falcons and tight end Michael Roan of the Tennessee Titans.

Dwight, Roan, Ward and Warner all scored touchdowns between Sept. 20 and Sept. 26. Lillibridge is on injured reserve all this season because of neck

surgery, but he also had a big weekend. He got married in Cedar Rapids last Saturday night.

So you see that Cedar Rapids can produce rugged, hungry football players just as well as Iowa City does. It's a matter of wanting it as much as those brawlers from Coralville, University Heights and inner city Iowa City.

That's where the "Steel Toe Boot" comes in to play. Which of you Metro teams can take that prize?

You Iowa City bad boys will slug it out tonight. Good luck to both sides. But beware. The season is far from over.

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GAME DAY Preps

C.R. XAVIER vs. C.R. WASHINGTON

■ **SITE:** Kingston Stadium
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RADIO:** KMRY-AM (1450)
 ■ **RECORDS:** Xavier 1-3, Washington 2-2
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** The Warriors have rebounded from an 0-2 start with two straight wins and come into this game with the Mississippi Valley Conference's fifth-ranked offense and defense. Xavier has struggled while losing three straight games, and it will be a tall order for the Saints to hold off Washington tonight. The Warriors boast the talents of Michael Milam, the MVC's No. 2 rusher (168.0 ypg) and No. 1 scorer (11 TDs). Quarterback Josh Steger has completed 51 percent of his passes, so the offense isn't exactly one-dimensional. Xavier has gone to the air behind quarterback Tom Eklund a lot this season, but will need to get its running game going if it hopes to be competitive.

DUBUQUE HEMPSTEAD at C.R. PRAIRIE

■ **SITE:** Wall Field
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RECORDS:** Hempstead 0-4, Prairie 1-3
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** The Hawks got back on track in a big way last week with a dominating 45-17 win over Xavier and will be looking to build on that against the winless Mustangs. With starting tailback Jesse Dufur out with an injury, junior T.J. Klith has filled in nicely and is averaging 93.8 yards rushing a game. He exploded for 198 yards and three touchdowns in the win over Xavier. As its record indicates, Hempstead has struggled. It averages only 215 yards per game while giving up 323. The Mustangs have been outscored, 108-51.

C.R. JEFFERSON at CEDAR FALLS

■ **SITE:** UNI-Dome, Cedar Falls
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RECORDS:** Jefferson 2-2, Cedar Falls 4-0
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** This is a big game for the J-Hawks against a very good team in a difficult place to play. Cedar Falls is ranked fourth in Class 4A and enters the game with the Mississippi Valley Conference's No. 2-ranked offensive and defensive units. Jefferson will need to somehow corral explosive tailback Terrance Freney, something no other team has been able to do this season. Freney leads the MVC in rushing at 222.5 yards per game and averages 8.2 yards a carry. But the UNI-Dome carpet could also work to Jefferson's favor. Swift and elusive tailback Blake Tiedke just may find the rug to his liking, and if the J-Hawks can get that running game in gear, they could give the Tigers a real cat-fight.

VINTON-SHELLSBURG at MARION

■ **SITE:** Thomas Park Field
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RADIO:** KCRG-AM (1600)
 ■ **RECORDS:** Vinton-Shellsburg 3-1, 1-1; Marion 3-1, 2-0
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** The title chase in Class 3A District 4 is up-for-grabs and these two teams are trying to grab as much of the glory as they can. Marion and DeWitt Central are the district's only two unbeaten teams just two weeks into the district slate and Vinton-Shellsburg is one of four teams with 1-1 league marks. Marion finally gets to play in front of its home crowd after posting two big district wins on the road. Vinton-Shellsburg grabbed headlines with an upset win over West Delaware to start the league campaign, but then fell to DeWitt Central last week. Both teams are capable of putting points on the board, but the Marion offense has been especially impressive with quarterback Matt Messerli, receiver Jesse Kensinger and running back Matt Wycoff leading the way.

LISBON at EAST CENTRAL

■ **SITE:** Miles
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RECORDS:** Lisbon 3-1, 2-0; East Central 2-2, 1-1
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** Class A ninth-ranked Lisbon has a big game looming with unbeaten North Linn a week from tonight, and will have to guard against looking past the Raiders. Keep in mind that Lisbon's only loss was by forfeit in the season-opener to Tri-County for using an ineligible player. The Lions' offense has been their strength, led by running backs J.J. Butteris and Nate Jones, and quarterback Shea Stamp.

NORTH LINN at PRESTON

■ **SITE:** Preston
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RECORDS:** North Linn 4-0, 2-0; Preston 1-3, 0-2
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** This game has merit because a North Linn victory could set up a battle for the district lead next week with Lisbon — if the Lions can beat East Central. North Linn has been outstanding while rolling to its 4-0 mark. The Lynx have outscored their first four foes by a combined 165-28, including last week's 61-0 triumph over winless Olin. Preston's offense could give the North Linn defense its toughest challenge to date. Quarterback Jason Pataska has passed for 563 yards and four touchdowns and loves to look for Jason Nolting and Mike Assenmacher. The Lynx counter that with a pretty good offense of their own. Nick Hampton has already rushed for 802 yards and 16 touchdowns — a pretty good full season for most backs — and sophomore quarterback Chris Nielson has kept defenses honest by passing for 243 yards.

IOWA CITY WEST at IOWA CITY HIGH

■ **SITE:** Bates Field
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RADIO:** KXIC-AM (800), KCJJ-AM (1630), WMT-AM (600)
 ■ **RECORDS:** West 4-0, City High 4-0
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** No. 1 vs. No. 2. THE game in the state tonight. The two most dominant Class 4A programs of the '90s get ready to tee it up once again. Who'll win? Who knows. Sit back and enjoy Iowa high school football at its finest with some of the best athletes around led by two hall of fame coaches. The stats are impressive but largely irrelevant. It may be wise to keep an eye on West's Nate Kaeding, however. Kaeding is one of the best kickers in the state — he had a 50-yard field goal at Kingston Stadium earlier this season — and if games of this magnitude really do come down to special teams, Kaeding could be the Trojans' trump card.

DEWITT CENTRAL at WEST DELAWARE

■ **SITE:** Manchester
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RADIO:** KMCH-FM (94.7)
 ■ **RECORDS:** Central 3-1, 2-0; West Delaware 3-1, 1-1
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** See the Vinton-Marion capsule. This is another huge showdown in Class 3A District 4 as these teams battle to stay in the upper half of the standings. Tenth-ranked DeWitt Central asserted itself with a win over Vinton-Shellsburg last week while No. 9 West Delaware regrouped from its loss to Vinton by beating Benton Community at Van Horne. The Hawks are extremely potent offensively, led by running back Matt Carpenter, quarterback Caleb Klein and receiver Matt Uthoff. Klein and Uthoff hooked up six times for 206 yards and a pair of touchdowns in last week's win over Benton.

TIPTON at NORTH CEDAR

■ **SITE:** Stanwood
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RECORDS:** Tipton 3-1, 2-0; North Cedar 3-1, 1-1
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** Fresh off a record-breaking performance in a 56-6 romp past Monticello, Tipton has positioned itself to make a run for the title in Class 2A District 6. North Cedar would love to put a knot on the Tigers' heads and make a run for the title itself. The two teams' offensive attacks are like night and day. The Tigers like to grind it out behind running backs Cody Kelley and Brian Schultz, while the Knights like to go to the air behind quarterback Randy Jarzombek.

STARMONT at CASCADE

■ **SITE:** Cascade
 ■ **GAME TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **RADIO:** KDST-FM (99.3)
 ■ **RECORDS:** Starmont 4-0, 2-0; Cascade 2-2, 1-1
 ■ **GAME NOTES:** The Stars must be wondering what the heck they have to do to get ranked. They outscored their first four opponents by a combined count of 125-39, including last week's 40-0 win over South Winneshiek. Running back Clint Miller has been superb, with 583 yards and 10 touchdowns to date. Jake Burns has added 330 yards and three TDs for the Stars. They won't be the only two prolific running backs on the field. Cascade's Ben McCarthy already has 574 yards rushing and is averaging just more than 10 yards a tote. Starmont is trying to keep pace with fellow unbeaten North Fayette in the race for the Class 2A District 5 title. The two teams meet at Starmont next Friday night.

Perkins' Indians score well on opening tests

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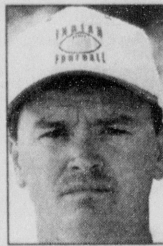
It's the first of October and the high school football season has reached its halfway point.

The Marion Indians, 3-6 in 1998, already have matched that win total in their first four games this season, including a 2-0 mark in Class 3A District 4.

As temperatures cool and the first hints of frost permeate the air, first-year Marion coach Tony Perkins harkens back to the heat of July when he's asked to assess his team's lofty stature heading into the second month of the season.

"I think one of the biggest pluses for me, I was able to get here early in July and establish a rapport with the players in the weight room," Perkins said. "I think they learned right away what my expectations were and what kind of program I thought we could have here."

Perkins, a 1980 graduate of Marion, returned to his alma mater after previous coaching stints at Floyd Valley and CAL-Latimer. He



Tony Perkins
Marion coach

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didn't exactly inherit a moribund program, since former coach Dave Messerli went 98-63 and made seven playoff appearances in 18 seasons.

But the Indians have been down the last couple of years, and Perkins obviously has given the program a much needed shot-in-the-arm. The Indians are coming off two huge road wins at Benton Community in Van Horne and South Tama in Tama.

"Going on the road and getting those two wins was big," Perkins said. "The Benton game is always big for Marion because it's such a good rivalry. That win really turned our kids on."

It doesn't get any easier, of course. Vinton-Shellsburg (3-1, 1-1) is in town tonight and games with West Delaware (3-1, 1-1), Maquoketa (3-1, 1-1), DeWitt Central (3-1, 2-0) and Western Dubuque (2-2, 1-1) lie ahead.

"The Vinton game will tell us if we really are ready to play with the big boys," Perkins said. "But I've been very pleased so far. Our athletes have responded very well and they've worked very hard to get off

to a good start. The competition is just going to keep getting better and better and they know they're going to have to play every down hard."

Several factors have figured into Marion's 3-1 start.

The seniors who were expected to perform — guys like tailback/linebacker Matt Wycoff and running back/defensive back Jesse Kensinger — are hitting on all cylinders. Wycoff has rushed for 543 yards in the Indians' first four games and has helped anchor a solid defensive unit.

Senior quarterback Matt Messerli has become more comfortable at the helm of the offense, and is coming off a 215-yard, three-touchdown passing performance in the win over South Tama.

And, according to Perkins, the line play has been outstanding.

"I think one thing that has really helped us is that we've only got one offensive lineman going both ways," Perkins said. "We're platooning up there, and that makes a big difference. We're able to stay pretty fresh heading into the fourth quarter of these games."

Big game for Regina

■ As Iowa City Regina football

coach Matt Mitchell sees things, games don't get much better bigger than this one.

Mitchell's Regals will play eighth-ranked Winfield-Mount Union in a battle of Class 1A District 5 unbeaten tonight at 7:30 in Winfield.

Regina stands at 2-2 overall and 2-0 in the district. Winfield-Mount Union, which received one first-place vote in the latest Associated Press poll, is 4-0 and 2-0.

"This is the biggest game as far as our program is concerned since I took over," said Mitchell, who's in his second season at Regina. "The way things have shaken down in the district, the winner probably will win the district championship. That's how I see it."

Regina's Ian Farrell, a senior running back, has 438 yards on 76 carries and six touchdowns. Regina's defense has allowed just nine points per game and held West Branch without a first down in the first half of its 23-3 victory two weeks ago.

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Long 17-0 as starter

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IOWA CITY — Larry Brown has seen his share of good quarterbacks in 20 years as a head football coach.

In the Iowa City High coach's opinion, none are better than Iowa City West's Kevin Long. Brown's Little Hawks (4-0) face Long-led West (4-0) tonight.

"I think he's as good as any high school quarterback I've seen in Iowa," Brown said. "I'm really impressed with all aspects of his game — the ability to throw the ball, the ability to move around, the ability to run the football (and) his leadership. I can't think of anybody that I've seen that's better."

At 6-foot-5, 200 pounds, Long is a legitimate Division-I prospect who already has received scholarship offers from Iowa, Iowa State and Kansas. He said he's received heavy attention from Kansas State in recent weeks.

Between his rushing and passing, Long has accounted for 753 yards and 11 touchdowns in four games.

Long is 17-0 as a starter. He threw for 951 yards as the quarterback for West's Class 4A championship team a year ago.

"Kevin is greatly improved over last year," West Coach Reese Morgan said. "He's still got a lot of improvement to do. He has not reached his potential."

Barry ready

■ City High's quarterback, Brian Barry, is 1-0 as a starter after last week's 22-0 victory over Waterloo East.

The 6-foot, 181-pound senior got the start for tonight's game after going 7-of-16 for 75 yards against East. Junior Skyler Moss started City High's first three games, all victories.

"People think that because we put Brian in, there was something wrong with what Skyler was doing," Brown said. "That wasn't the case."

Barry has an extra year of experience and has the stronger arm. Moss is a better runner.

"Hopefully, this will open it up more for the passing game," said Barry, who played sparingly as Nick Linder's backup last year. "I like to stay in the pocket. If I take a hit, I take a hit."

Brown said Moss may see some time in the secondary tonight. Moss also shares placekicking duties with Ryan Berry.

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Kennedy

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We were hoping to hold them to zero points, but that didn't happen."

Kennedy led, 14-0, at halftime, but you got the feeling it could have been worse. Three times the Cougars turned the ball over in the first 24 minutes, including an intercepted pass in the end zone by Linn-Mar's Chad Neleman early in the second quarter.

"Those three turnovers certainly didn't help us any," Kellogg said. "But we have a pretty good defense and that picked us up. I really believe we have one of the best defenses in the conference."

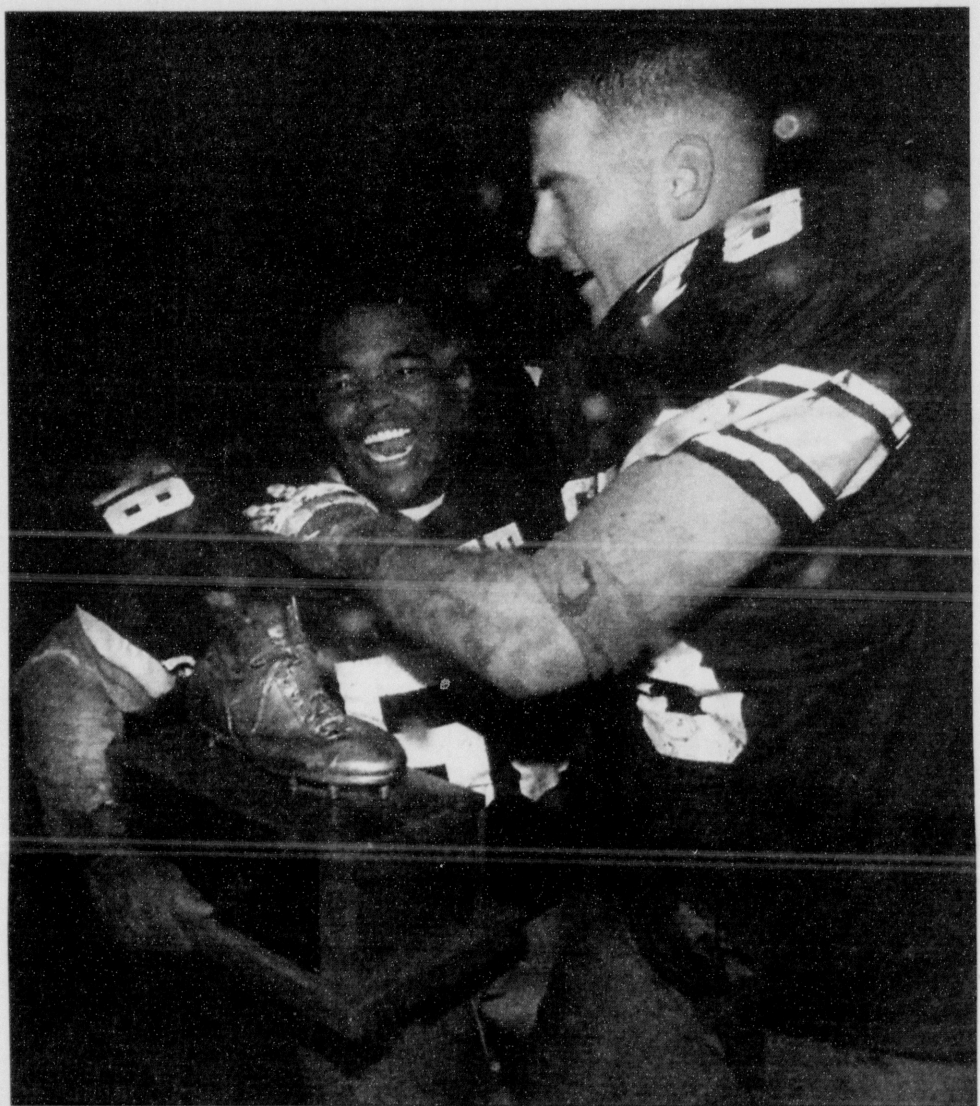
In between the miscues, Kennedy did manage to find the end zone a couple of times. Kielkopf capped a 10-play, 82-yard drive with a diving 1-yard leap for a first quarter touchdown and Coonrod scored on a 1-yard quarterback sneak in the second.

Kielkopf finished Kennedy's scoring when he sprinted in from 20 yards off a sweep to his right at the 8:15 mark of the third quarter.

Linn-Mar got on the board moments later when it used only three plays and needed just 55 seconds to move 60 yards for a touchdown. The drive included a 26-yard pass completion from Ryan Drew to Neleman and a 34-yard touchdown run by Tyler Knight.

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West High teammates Jason Brown (left) and Jeff Gordon celebrate with the Boot trophy after their 18-0 victory last year at West High.



Gazette file photo

Boot

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this game more than other games," Trojan quick guard Mat Schaapveld said. "But it doesn't end our season if we lose this game."

Schaapveld, and most who follow Iowa City football, realize that these two teams are bound to meet again in the playoffs.

That's happened the past five seasons and, if everything goes according to form, it will happen again this year.

"I think any team would give up a conference championship to do well in the playoffs," West quarterback Kevin Long said.

Still, players and coaches realize the importance of the regular season meeting.

This game serves as a gauge for where each team stands. Basically, all we know so far is that both teams are 4-0, that West has outscored opponents, 197-37, and that City High has outscored opponents, 137-17.

In five of the last six years, the winner of the Boot battle has won the 4A title.

Neither team has trailed in a



■ **THE TEAMS:** Iowa City West (4-0) at Iowa City High (4-0)
 ■ **PLACE:** Bates Field
 ■ **KICKOFF:** 7:30 p.m., Friday
 ■ **RADIO:** KCJJ (1630 AM); KXIC (800 AM); WMT (600 AM)

game this year. So whoever scores first could have an advantage.

"We realize that City is not going to give us an opportunity to come back," said West tight end Gabe Ritter, noting the Trojans' slow starts in their past two games.

City High has struggled uncharacteristically this year in several areas:

• The passing game. Quarterbacks Skyler Moss and Brian Barry have combined for seven

interceptions and one touchdown. Barry gets the start.

• Turnovers. City High's turnover margin is minus-3.

• Penalties. The Little Hawks have been flagged an average of 6.5 times per game.

• The kicking game. City High is a mediocre 67 percent on extra point kicks and averages 27.4 yards per punt.

City High yields just 4.3 points and 119 yards per game.

West, on the other hand, has a plus-6 turnover margin, an offense that generates 49.3 points per game, and super kicker Nate Kaeding on its side.

"This is going to be a test," said tailback Hakim Hill, who leads City High with eight touchdowns. "It's going to come down to who wants it most."

Gazette sportswriter John Riehl contributed to this report.

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SPORTSDAY

EVENTS OF AREA INTEREST

Prep football

- Iowa City West at Iowa City High, 7:30 p.m.
- Xavier vs. Washington at Kingston Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
- Dubuque Hempstead at Prairie, 7:30 p.m.
- Vinton-Shellsburg at Marion, 7:30 p.m.
- Jefferson at Cedar Falls, 7:30 p.m.
- Iowa City Regina at Winfield-Mount Union

Boys' golf

- Kennedy, Bettendorf at Davenport West

Junior hockey

- Cedar Rapids at Waterloo, 7:35 p.m.

Women's volleyball

- Northwestern at Iowa, 7 p.m.
- Southern Illinois at Northern Iowa, 7 p.m.
- Kirkwood at Southwestern Invitational
- Coe, Luther at Clarke Invitational
- Iowa State at Colorado

College cross country

- Mount Mercy at Upper Iowa Classic, 3 p.m.

Women's golf

- Upper Iowa, Luther, Coe, Cornell at Iowa Conference meet in Decorah

Men's golf

- Iowa at Northern Invitational

Women's tennis

- Upper Iowa at Clarke
- Cornell, Luther at Rolex ITA Regional

Women's soccer

- Iowa at Northwestern
- Iowa State at Texas

Field hockey

- Iowa at Northwestern

ON TELEVISION

(Live and first-run events only)

Pro golf

- German Masters, Second Round, 8 a.m.

GOLF

- LPGA New Albany Golf Classic, Second Round, 1:30 p.m. GOLF
- Buick Challenge, Second Round, 2 p.m. ESPN

Auto racing

- NASCAR Winston Cup NAPA AutoCare 500, Qualifying, 2 p.m. ESPN2

NHL hockey

- Pittsburgh Penguins at Dallas Stars, 6:30 p.m. ESPN

Major League Baseball

- Florida Marlins at Atlanta Braves, 6:35 p.m. TBS
- Minnesota Twins at Chicago White Sox, 7 p.m. FSC
- Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals, 7 p.m. WGN
- Teams to be announced, 10 p.m. FSC

Soccer

- Champions Cup, Game 5, 7 p.m. FSW
- Champions Cup, Game 6, 9:30 p.m. FSW

Pro boxing

- Friday Night Fights: Reggie Green vs. Mickey Ward, welterweights, 8 p.m. ESPN2

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The Gazette will publish a look at various University of Iowa's sports every Friday, looking ahead to weekend events and looking back at past results.

• **ROWING** — For the first time in school history, UI won all the races it entered last Saturday at the Head of the Des Moines Regatta.

In the Varsity 8 race, the Iowa A boat finished first out of 14 boats in 16 minutes, 11 seconds, almost a full minute faster than last year's time.

"We are better than we ever have been at this point in the year," Coach Mandi Kowal said. "We were really prepared (Saturday). Each step was executed really well and we were focused."

In the Women's Pair race, the Hawkeyes swept the top five places, with the Iowa A boat taking first in 15:59.

In the Varsity 4 race, the Iowa B boat won in 19:06.

UI next will compete in the Head of the Rock Regatta in Rockford, Ill., Oct. 10.

• **FIELD HOCKEY** — The Hawkeyes are

PREP FOOTBALL

Thursday
METHUEN
C.R. Kennedy 21, Linn-Mar 7
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Linn-Mar 7
AT KINGSTON STADIUM

First downs	8	19
Rushes-yards	32-67	55-288
Passing yards	74	107
Comp-attempt	6-20-0	7-11-1
Punts-yards	7-31-4	2-37-0
Fumbles-lost	2-0	3-3
Penalties-yards	3-20	8-70
Linn-Mar	0	0
C.R. Kennedy	7	7
Coe	0	0
Derek Kleiwick 1 run (Brad Fowler kick)		
CRK—Phillip Coonrod 1 run (Fowler kick)		
CRK—Kielwick 20 run (Nick Kick)		
L—M—Tyler Knight 34 run (Fowler kick)		
Freese kick		

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Linn-Mar 28, C.R. Kennedy 14

Tonight

METRO/IOWA CITY

Dubuque Hempstead at Prairie
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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

C.R. Jefferson at Cedar Falls
C.R. Xavier vs. C.R. Washington
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Dubuque Wahlert at Waterloo West
Iowa City West at Iowa City High
Waterloo East at Dubuque Senior

CLASS 3A

District 3

Crestwood at Waterloo Columbus
Decorah at Waukon
New Hampton at Independence
Waverly-Shell Rock at Osceola

District 4

Benton Community at Maquoketa
DeWitt Central at West Delaware
Vinton-Shellsburg at Marion
Western Dubuque at South Tama

District 5

Albia at Fort Madison
Centerville at Washington
Keokuk at Davis County
Mount Pleasant at Fairfield

District 6

Chariton at Clarke
Grinnell at Winterset
Knoxville at Pella
Norwalk at Oskaloosa

CLASS 2A

District 4

Dike-NH at Hudson-Plainfield
Jesup at Nashua
Osage at Appleton-Parkersburg
Union at Denver

District 5

Central-Garnaville at MFL Mar/Mac
Dyers, Beckman at Maquoketa Valley
North Fayette at South Winesick
Starmont at Cascade

District 6

Anamosa at Central PI-Urbana
Central City-Springville at Monticello
Mount Vernon at Camanche
Tipton at North Cedar

District 7

Louisville-Muscatine at Mediapolis
New London-Danville at Central Lee
West Liberty at Durant-Bennett
Williston at West Burlington

District 8

Clear Creek-Amana at Highland-LT
Columbus Jct. at Sigourney-Keota
Eddyville-Blakesburg at Solon
Williamsburg at Mid-Prairie

CLASS 1A

District 4

Guttenberg at Est-Co
East Buchanan at Summer
Postville at Hudson Valley
Wassie Valley at Dunkerton

District 5

Bellevue at Albion
Iowa City Regina at Winfield-Mt. Union
Wapello at Northeast
West Branch at Midland

District 6

Gladbrook-Reinbeck at Belle Plaine
Grundy Center at Iowa Valley
Montezuma at BGM
North Tama at BCL-UW

CLASS A

District 6

Lansing Koe at Clinton
Lion at East Central
North Linn at Preston
West Central at Valley CEW

District 7

English Valleys at Meicher-Dallas
Linnville-Sully at Tri-County
Twin Cedars at HLV

TRANSACTIONS

Baseball

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