

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Evans busts loose for a school-record 230

By Jim Ecker

Gazette sportswriter

MARION — Mother Nature provided the lightning and Linn-Mar tailback Chris Evans supplied the thunder Friday night at Armstrong Field.

Evans rambled for a school-record 230 yards and three touchdowns as the Lions stormed by Waterloo West, 40-16, in a Mississippi Valley Conference prep football game.

Evans, a powerful 5-foot-10, 215-pound junior, snapped the old school rushing mark of 199 yards set by Andy Maloney in

1994.

"I'm pretty excited about it," said Evans, who scored from 44, 10 and 4 yards. "It's all the linemen, though.

"If they hadn't been making their calls and doing what they had to do to get me running room, none of this would have happened. It's all them."

Evans broke runs of 31, 44, 25, 18, 10, 35 and 13 yards. He collected his 230 yards on 22 carries, an average of more than 10 yards per try.

"I thought Chris ran extremely hard," said Linn-Mar Coach Greg Purnell. "He's got a low

LINN-MAR 40
WATERLOO WEST 16

center of gravity. And when he gets a little daylight, he can run."

The Lions (3-4) drenched Purnell with a bucket of water after the game on Seniors Night at Armstrong Field. It was Linn-Mar's only victory at home this year.

"It was the seniors' last (home) game and they wanted to go out in style," Evans explained. "No better way than to

get the coach wet."

The game was delayed 20 minutes at the start of the fourth period due to lightning with Linn-Mar ahead, 20-10. The Lions refreshed themselves during the delay and scored 20 more points in the final stanza, with Evans getting a pair of TDs.

Linn-Mar quarterback Ryan Drew had an efficient night, hitting six of 11 passes for 156 yards and no interceptions. He began the scoring with a 42-yard touchdown pass to Chad Neleman and later found Tyler Knight for a 75-yard score on a

screen pass.

Linn-Mar bulldozed West (1-6) for 341 yards on the ground and 497 yards all told, a goodly amount for a high school game.

Purnell praised offensive linemen Nate Rucker, Chris Watts, Ryan Nelson, Matt Nelson, Ryan Vavra and Allen Langguth for doing the dirty work. Watts subbed at center for Alex Looney, who missed the game with a knee injury.

Linn-Mar stuck to basic, old-fashioned football much of the night. Purnell had five linemen and two tight ends stacked in tight, with three running backs

on a straight, horizontal line behind Drew.

Evans got down in a three-point stance, flanked by a pair of backs who were standing up. It looked like something out of the 1950's.

"Just a Full 'T,' " chuckled Purnell. "A Full House. An old Woody Hayes special."

Josh Payton scored twice for West on 5- and 39-yard runs. Brett Walderbach had Linn-Mar's other TD on an 8-yard run.

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Hill breaks loose in rout for City High

By Chad Leistikow

Gazette sportswriter

IOWA CITY — The newest 1,000-yard rusher in Iowa City High football history extended a generous offer Friday night.

"Breakfast at my house for the whole offensive line," Hakim Hill declared after rushing for 210 yards against Dubuque Senior at Frank Bates Field. "They're the best."

The fourth-ranked Little Hawks' front five might be cashing in with pancakes and eggs, but the whole team collected an impressive

CITY HIGH 46
DUBUQUE SENIOR 0

and much-needed 46-0 victory over Senior in a lightning-shortened game.

Officials stopped the action at 9:33 p.m. because of dangerous lightning. There was 9:13 left in the contest.

Hill's career-high 210 yards came on only 18 carries. The 5-foot-11, 187-pounder now has 1,143 career yards.

"There's nothing better than having a 1,000-yard rusher," Little Hawk center Chris Campbell said.

City High Coach Larry Brown also reached a milestone Friday, collecting his 150th career victory, compared to 56 losses.

"We got him with the water pretty good," Hill said, smiling. "He takes care of us, even down to the freshmen. He's the greatest coach. He's like a father to us. We love him."

A ceremony to crown the Homecoming king and queen was planned for halftime. For a while, it didn't look like the game would last that long.

The Little Hawks (6-1) jumped all over Senior (1-6) early.

Hill's 6-yard TD run got things rolling with 7:38 remaining in the first quarter.

"It's just exciting to see the team this happy after a game," left tackle Mike Weaver said. "We've been kind of down the past few weeks. It's good to get the spirits up again."

Another plus — City High had no penalties at halftime and just two for the game.

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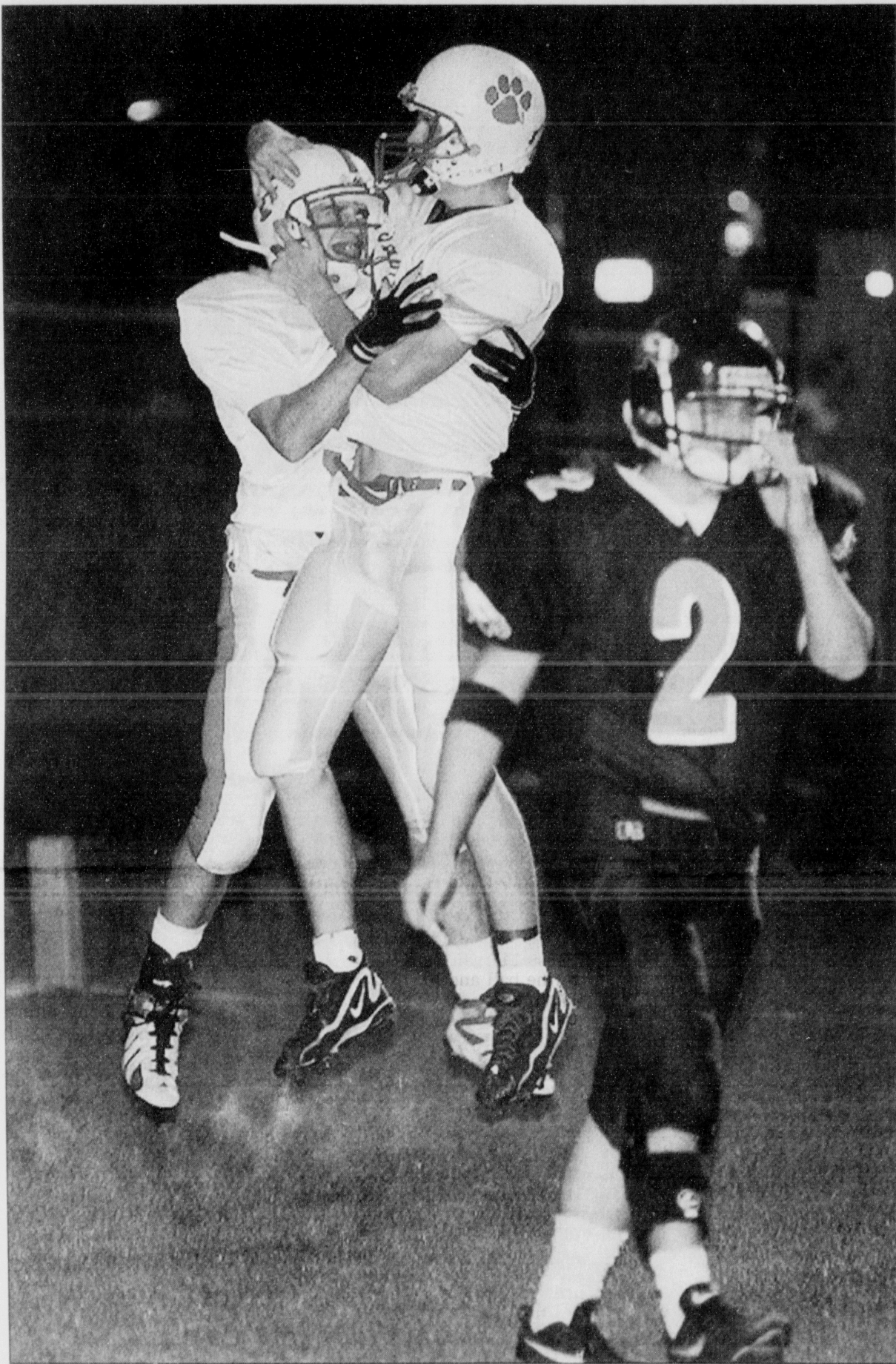


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Celebration not to his liking

Cedar Rapids Prairie's Jesse Dubishar walks away from a Cedar Falls celebration last night during a 40-7 Cedar Falls victory last night at Prairie. Jason King (left) and Zach Dietz were enjoying King's first-half score.

Prairie: Lightning ends this one early

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down tosses in the second quarter to effectively end the game even before Mother Nature did.

Denny completed eight of the nine passes he threw to six different receivers. His touchdown tosses covered 57, 10, 25, 22 and 18 yards.

Running back Terrance Freney also made a little history for himself. Freney carried 15 times for 52 yards, giving him 1,191 for the season and 2,666 for his career. That makes the junior the Cedar Falls' career

rushing leader.

As food as the Cedar Falls offense was, the defense was pretty good too. Prairie, which fell to 3-4 and had any playoff hopes dashed, finished with 95 total yards — 60 on the ground and 35 through the air.

"Cedar Falls played very well tonight," Jelinek said.

Prairie scored its only touchdown on an 8-yard pass from Darren Thoman to Chigozie Ejiasi with 11:03 left in the second period.

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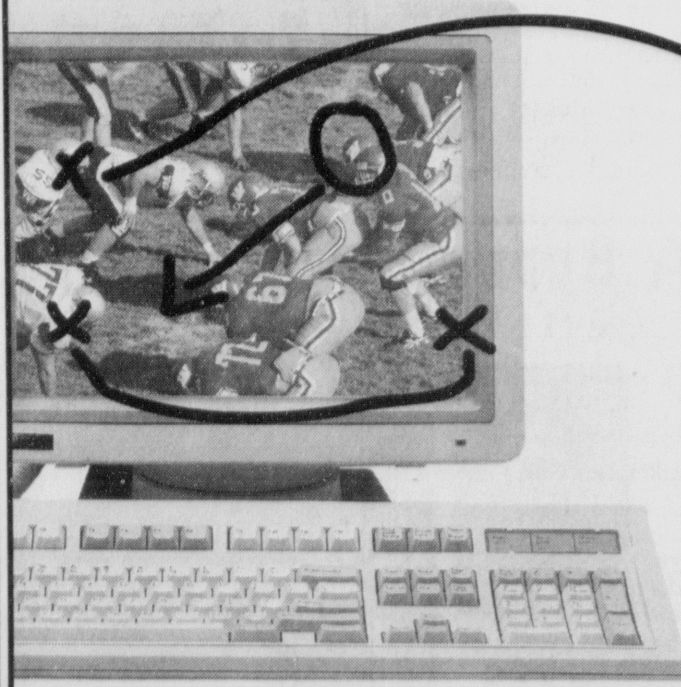
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SPORTSDAY

EVENTS OF AREA INTEREST

College cross country

- Iowa State in NCAA Pre-Meet at West Bloomington, Ind.
- Iowa (women) in Chili Pepper Classic at Fayetteville, Ark.
- Luther (women), Grinnell (men) at Wisconsin-LaCrosse Invitational

College football

- Iowa at Northwestern, 11:07 a.m.
- Iowa State at Missouri, 6:08 p.m.
- Northern Iowa at Southwest Missouri State, 1:30 p.m.
- Upper Iowa at Coe, 1:30 p.m.
- Loras at Cornell, 1:30 p.m.
- Luther at Wartburg, 1:30 p.m.
- Grinnell at Ripon

Semi-pro football

- Kansas City Jazz vs. Iowa Tractors at Center Point, 3 p.m.

Junior hockey

- C.R. RoughRiders at Fargo-Moorhead

Men's college soccer

- Buena Vista at Cornell, 3 p.m.
- Carroll at Grinnell
- Upper Iowa at Simpson
- Mount Mercy at Eureka
- Luther at Central

Women's college soccer

- Buena Vista at Cornell, 1 p.m.
- Carroll at Grinnell
- Luther at Central
- Upper Iowa at Simpson

College swimming

- Iowa (men) hosting October Shootout
- Wisconsin-Green Bay at Northern Iowa, 1 p.m.

Girls' prep swimming

- Mississippi Valley Conference Championships at Waterloo

Men's college tennis

- Iowa in Spartan Invitational at East Lansing, Mich.

Women's college tennis

- Iowa Conference Championships at Coe
- Grinnell at Midwest Conference Championships

College volleyball

- Indiana at Iowa, 7 p.m.
- Texas at Iowa State, 7 p.m.
- Northern Iowa at Creighton
- Mount Mercy in Missouri Baptist Tournament at St. Louis
- Upper Iowa at Knox triangular

Prep volleyball

- Mississippi Valley Conference Championships at Cedar Falls
- Wamac Conference Championships at Tama
- Iowa City Regina at Anamosa Invitational

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Thursday

West Delaware def. Diversville
Beckman, 8-15, 15-7, 17-19, 15-7, 15-13

All-Conference

11. Central Lee 23-3, 40-12, 13, 12, Waterloo Columbus 21-8, 59-28, 15, 13, Mount Vernon 20-8, 59-28, 14, Dallas Center-Grimes 20-4, 59-19, 19, 15, Clarinda 21-5, 51-23, 12, 16, Davis County 21-8, 57-27, 17, 17, South Winneshiek 21-4, 60-28, 16, 18, North Fayette 19-4, 49-18, 18, 19, Prairie City-Monroe 16-5, 45-16, 11, 2, Cedar Lake 13-5, 38-17, 20, Wilton 2, Central Lee 0 (ftt.)

District 8

C.C.-Amana 6, Williamsburg 25, Dub.-Prairie 21, Columbus Jct. 6, Marshalltown 23-5, 40-22, 10, 13, Solon 35, Highland-Lane Tree 0

District 9

Center Pt.-Union 32, Camanche 6, Mount Vernon 24, Monticello 6, North Cedar 47, Anamosa 0, Tipton 54, Cent. City-Springville 0

District 10

East Buchanan 48, Ed-Co 6, Postville 31, Dunkerton 0, Adel-Adm 50, Saydel 0

District 11

Alburnett 28, Northeast 12, Bellevue 26, Midland 6, Iowa City Regina 10, Wapello 6, Winfield-Mo 53, West Branch 18

District 12

BCL-UW 40, Grundy Center 0, Gladbrook-Rainbow 24, BGCA 0, Iowa Valley 30, Montezuma 2, North Tama 18, Belle Plaine 12

District 13

Lisbon 52, Olin 0, English Valleys 60, Tri-County 8, Lynnville-Sully 48, Tipton Cedar 12, WACO 50, Melcher-Dallas 0

District 14

Algonia Garrison 50, R.C.-Lynton 0, Adel-Adm 50, Saydel 0, Ames 40, Johnston 13, Anita-Cam 40, Griswold 8

District 15

Audubon 50, Bover Valley 0, Beford 21, Dav. Assumption 7, Carlisle 45, Nodaway Valley 14, Carroll 26, Perry 12

District 16

Clear Lake 51, Webster City 0, Corwith CWL 37, West Webster 26, C.B. St. Albert 54, Westwood 13, Creston 47, Carroll Kuemper 35

District 17

Dav. Central 20, Burlington 13, Dav. West 21, Pleasant Valley 7, Denison-Schleswig 55, Glenwood 0, D.M. North 42, D.M. East 0

District 18

D.M. Roosevelt 30, C.B. Jeff 20, East Marshall 41, Colo-NESCO 3, Eldora-N.P. 51, Colfax-Imperial 0, Emmetsburg 21, W. Hancock 6, Fremont-Mills 33, Essex 0

District 19

Garner 37, Belmont-Klemme 18, Graefestadt 24, North Kossuth 6, Lenoir 55, Mormon Trail 0

District 20

Harlan 35, C.B. Lewis Center 2, Hartley HMS 25, Sioux Center 9, Humboldt 25, Charles City 0, Huxley Ballard 19, Waukear 0, Indianola 14, Ottumwa 18

District 21

Iowa Falls 59, North Polk 33, Jefferson JSPC 14, Boone 7, Le Mars 44, Storm Lake 8

District 22

Adel-Adm 50, Saydel 0, Logan-Magnolia 16, Tri-County 5, Madison 59, Marietta-SJA 8, Manning 42, Golden-Railton 0, Marcus 30, Lehighs-Gelston 0

District 23

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Friday's Qualifying

NASCAR WINSTON CUP

Sunday at Talladega, Ala.

(Car numbers in parentheses)

1. (42) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 198,331

2. (10) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 198,265

3. (55) Kenny Wallace, Chevrolet, 198,015

4. (33) Ken Schrader, Chevrolet, 197,358

5. (20) Tony Stewart, Pontiac, 197,114

6. (40) Sterling Marlin, Chevrolet, 197,001

7. (25) Wally Dallenbach, Chevrolet, 196,822

8. (5) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 196,427

9. (6) Mark Martin, Ford, 196,262

10. (2) Rusty Wallace, Ford, 196,262

11. (18) Bobby Labonte, Texas, Pontiac, 196,242

12. (7) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 196,189

13. (22) Ward Burton, Pontiac, 195,932

Failed to Qualify

26. (45) David Green, Pontiac, 194,599

27. (41) Derrick Coe, Chevrolet, 194,471

28. (44) Kyle Petty, Pontiac, 194,393

29. (9) Rich Bickle, Pontiac, 194,366

30. (91) Andy Hillenburg, Chevrolet, 194,396

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31. (21) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 194,165

32. (12) Steve Park, Chevrolet, 194,157

33. (43) John Andretti, Pontiac, 194,125

34. (23) Jimmy Spencer, Ford, 193,921

35. (30) Buckshot Jones, Pontiac, 193,795

36. (11) Brett Bodine, Ford, 193,670

37. (60) Geoffrey Bodine, Chevrolet, 193,309

38. (75) Ted Musgrave, Ford, 193,427

39. (3) Dale Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 193,213

40. (58) Hut Stricklin, Ford, 192,857

41. (66) Darrell Waltrip, Chevrolet, 192,475

42. (89) Bobby Gerhart, Chevrolet, 192,467

43. (98) Rick Mast, Ford, 192,158

44. (77) Robert Pressley, Ford, 191,854

45. (94) Bill Elliott, Ford, 191,440

46. (90) Ed Kniery, Ford, 190,753

47. (31) Mike Skinner, Chevrolet, 190,753

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