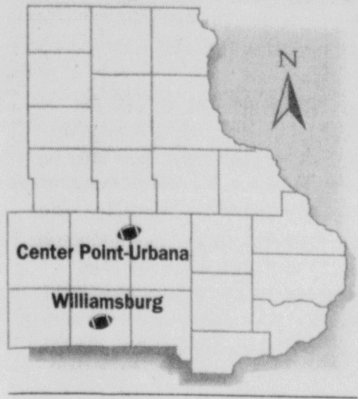


Baethke dominates CP-U

Regional game of the week



Gazette graphic

Raiders' defensive standout a force on offensive, too

By Jeff Linder
The Gazette

WILLIAMSBURG — Dustyn Baethke's combatants became his admirers.

"Tell me one thing," demanded a player from Center Point-Urbana after Friday's football game. "How do you keep from going down?"

Good question. Baethke didn't answer. He just shrugged and smiled.

Baethke rushed for 270 yards and scored two touchdowns, and Williamsburg's defense ruled throughout in a 41-7 romp at D.F. Miller Field.

WILLIAMSBURG 41
CP-U 7

A certain newspaper named Baethke its preseason Defensive Player of the Year. Obviously, his offensive skills aren't shabby, either.

"To be successful, you need to have guys that can do a lot of things on both sides of the ball," he said. "I just want to help the team as much as possible."

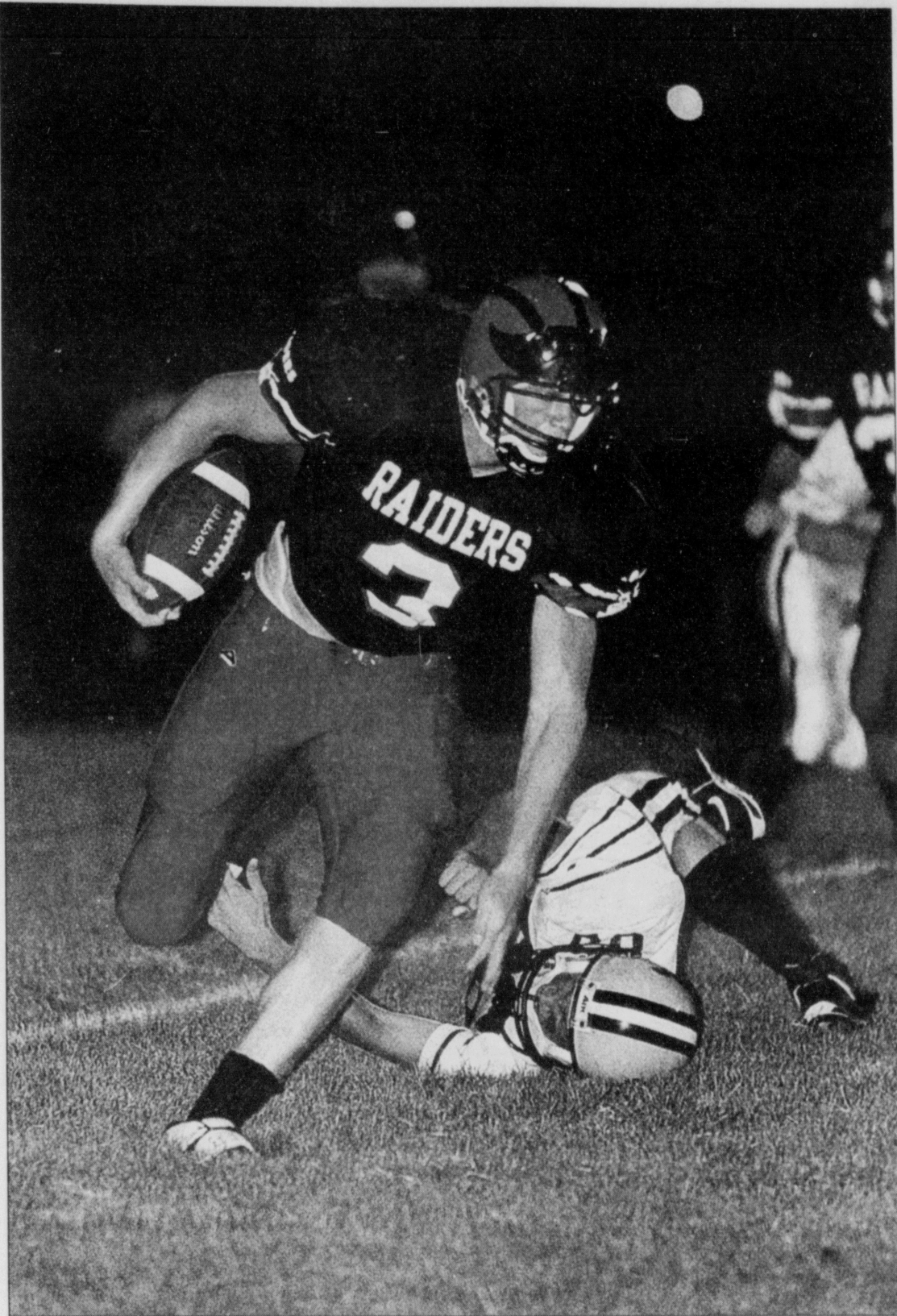
Baethke, a senior tailback, ran past and through the Stormin' Pointers as Williamsburg (1-0) won its 12th consecutive regular-season game.

The Raiders were ranked No. 2 in Class 2A by The Gazette's preseason list; the Associated Press will release its first ratings Monday.

Now, the Raiders can turn their focus to defending 2A state champion Sigourney-Keota, next week's opponent in a showdown to be played at Sigourney.

"We really hadn't talked about them until (following Friday's game)," said linebacker Jacob Spratt. "(CP-U) was the first step, Sigourney is the second step."

Judging by the apparel worn by the Williamsburg faithful, a big season is expected in this Iowa County community. Many



Gazette photo by Jason Braverman

Williamsburg senior Dustyn Baethke (3) gets past Center Point-Urbana junior Jason Kubhner (86) late in the second quarter at D.F. Miller Field in Williamsburg. Baethke rushed for 270 yards and scored two touchdowns, and Williamsburg's defense ruled throughout in a 41-7 romp.

of the home fans were adorned in shirts reading, "9 Is Not Enough," alluding to last year's record — 9-1.

"They're a very, very solid ball club," said CP-U Coach Ted Rogers. "They're solid from top to bottom."

Spratt spent much of his evening in the Stormin' Pointers' backfield, and the Raiders stymied Center Point-Urbana's attack. CP-U managed just 53 yards and two first downs before Raiders Coach Curt Ritchie started pulling his first-teamers with 10 minutes left in

the game. "Defense is the strength of the team," Ritchie said. "The kids get excited to play defense."

Baethke scored on jaunts of 33 and 80 yards and racked up 187 yards before intermission as Williamsburg took a 20-0 lead to the locker room.

The first touchdown came on a fourth-and-7 play on the Raiders' first possession. Baethke took the handoff, rambled off left tackle, then outsprinted the pursuit.

The second score was sheer speed on a sweep to the left

side. Baethke was untouched on his way to the end zone.

"I was happy with our intensity, but our tackling was poor," Rogers said. "They probably scored four or five touchdowns on plays in which we missed tackles."

Casey O'Rourke hooked up with Cody Wille for two second-half touchdown passes. O'Rourke passed for 122 yards.

The Stormin' Pointers (0-1) host Benton Community next week.

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One-man gang lifts Mustangs

By Tyler Lechtenberg
The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — Friday night was one of those nights you tell your grandkids about for B.J. Eiben.

The Dubuque Hempstead running back ran for 190 yards on just 11 carries and scored five touchdowns — four rushing and one interception return — in the Mustangs' 55-14 victory over Cedar Rapids Kennedy at Kingston Stadium.

HEMPSTEAD 55
C.R. KENNEDY 14

This was the first time Eiben had scored five times, and after the game he was still a little taken aback.

"This was a new experience for me," he said. "You always expect to win, but we didn't expect to beat them this bad."

Eiben did almost all of his damage before halftime, with only the interception return and a run for a two yard loss coming after the break. He played just one offensive series in the second half.

"My line blocked for four (touchdowns), and then I just did a little extra," Eiben said. "We've got a great line this year; they're not the biggest guys, not the fastest, but they play their hearts out. I wouldn't trade any one of them for anyone."

Eiben was part of a 425-yard rushing attack for Hempstead. For the game, Hempstead outgained Kennedy, 508-223, in total yards.

"(Eiben) is faster than any guy we can put on the field," Kennedy Coach Tim Lewis said. "We were letting him get the space he needed to run, and if you do that to a great back, he's going to cause you fits all night long, and he did."

Lewis thought this might have just been a case of his team not being ready. With just 11 seniors, Kennedy had to rely on many inexperienced players.

"We had a couple of juniors that had never played

before throwing up during lunch," he said. "Hopefully, as the year progresses, they'll be more comfortable."

Hempstead set the tone on the first drive of the game, marching 80 yards in 13 plays, capping the drive off with an Eiben's first score, a 6-yarder.

Later in the first quarter, Kennedy's Jake Settle pinned the Mustangs on their own 10-yard line, but then Eiben struck again. On the first and only play of the drive, Eiben squirted through a big hole on the left side of the line and outran everyone for a 90-yard touchdown.

Kennedy fumbled the ensuing kickoff, with Hempstead's Jake Leytem recovering on the Kennedy 25. On the second play of the drive, quarterback Matt Frommelt hit a wide open Tim Carthy for a 23-yard score. Eiben added another 36-yard touchdown with 19 seconds left in the first quarter to give the Mustangs a 28-0 lead.

"We got rolling there and it's hard to stop us when we get rolling," Hempstead Coach Mark Ehlers said.

Eiben's fourth touchdown, a 20-yarder in the second quarter, capped off a six-play drive and sent Hempstead into the break ahead, 35-0. Kennedy had just two first downs in the first half.

Quarterback Derek Thoma scored Kennedy's first touchdown on a 5-yard run with 7:21 remaining. Brady Cooley added the Cougars' second score on an 18-yard run with 2:20 left.

Hempstead's Brad Heme-sath added two more scores in the fourth quarter on runs of 37 and 80 yards.

Kennedy's focus for their next week will be toughening up the scout team, Lewis said.

"Our scout team did not do a very good job of preparing us," he said. "(The first string) got out here, and we just got overwhelmed."

Kennedy is now 0-1; Hempstead is 1-0.

Running back tandem propel Lions

Linn-Mar piles up 386 rushing yards

Gazette staff report

Adam Haedt and Andy Zeal each scored three touchdowns as Linn-Mar cruised past Waterloo East, 50-14, Friday night at Waterloo.

LINN-MAR 50
WATERLOO EAST 14

Zeal rushed for 138 yards to lead the Lions, who piled up 386 yards of offense, all on the ground. Zeal also returned the second-half opening kickoff 93

yards for another score.

"Andy really ran well for us tonight," said Linn-Mar Coach Bob Read. "He's just a great kid, a great back with great balance, and this is what we expected from him."

Haedt added 128 yards rushing on nine carries for the Lions.

"We always kid him that he doesn't have much speed, but he broke outside and had a few nice runs," Read said.

Josh Dodds converted 5-of-7 PATs and kicked a 27-yard field goal for Linn-Mar, who led at the half, 34-6.

MVC standings

MISS. DIV.	Conf	All
Dub. Hempstead	1-0	1-0
Linn-Mar	1-0	1-0
Waterloo West	1-0	1-0
C.R. Kennedy	0-1	0-1
C.R. Prairie	0-1	0-1
Iowa City West	0-1	0-1
Waterloo East	0-1	0-1

VALLEY DIV.	Conf.	All
Cedar Falls	1-0	1-0
C.R. Jefferson	1-0	1-0
C.R. Washington	1-0	1-0
Iowa City High	1-0	1-0
C.R. Xavier	0-1	0-1
Dubuque Senior	0-1	0-1
Dub. Wahlert	0-1	0-1

THURSDAY

C.R. Jefferson 23, Dub. Wahlert 20

FRIDAY

Washington 14, Prairie 0
City High 21, Xavier 13
Dub. Hempstead 55, Kennedy 14
Linn-Mar 50, Waterloo East 14
Waterloo West 33, I.C. West 30 (OT)
Cedar Falls 45, Dub. Senior 6

NEXT THURSDAY

Xavier vs. Jefferson

NEXT FRIDAY

Kennedy vs. Washington
Iowa City West at Linn-Mar
Dubuque Wahlert at City High
Prairie at Waterloo West

SEPT. 19

Linn-Mar at Washington

SEPT. 20

Cedar Falls at Jefferson
I.C. West at Prairie
Kennedy at City High
Xavier at Dubuque Senior

Lisbon defense stymies North Linn

Gazette staff report

Dan Horn returned an interception 32 yards for a touchdown and picked off two passes as Lisbon shut out North Linn, 15-0, Friday at Troy Mills.

"I just read pass and dropped back like we've been practicing," said Horn of his interception return. "I was in the right place and ran it in."

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Dan Torrence scored on a 2-yard run to give Lisbon a 13-0 second-half lead.

With 56 seconds left in the game, North Linn snapped the ball over the punter's head for a safety.

The Lisbon defense held the Lynx to four first downs.

"The defensive touchdown is what started us," Lisbon Coach Kent Allison said. "The defense really set the tone early, and that's what we've worked on for three and a half weeks."

"They beat us bad last year (42-14) and had a lot of kids back, so I was a little bit leery about that," Allison said. "Our kids sucked it up, played hard, and most importantly, tackled."

North Linn had four turnovers, Lisbon none.

"We started to play better in

the second half, but we just kept shooting ourselves in the foot," North Linn Coach A.J. Feuerbach said. "I have to give all the credit to Lisbon."

(Reported by correspondent Eric Modracek)

■ **SPRINGVILLE 26, WEST CENTRAL 18** — At Maynard, Matt Roberts rushed for 70 yards and two touchdowns to lead Springville.

Springville capitalized on four West Central turnovers and went up 20-0 on Zach Wittenburg's 31-yard touch-

down run with five minutes to go in the first half.

Derek Neegaard had 95 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns for West Central.

■ **ALBURNETT 28, CENTRAL CITY 0** — Ryan Martin rushed 17 times for 149 yards and two touchdowns and Alburnett has 290 yards on the ground as the Pirates won at home.

Austin Unertl added 87 yards on six carries and two touchdowns for Alburnett.

Dustin Port led Central City with 106 yards on 24 carries.

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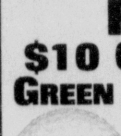
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