



Iowa City High quarterback Curtis Steyers (12) runs the ball in for a touchdown in the second half of City High's game against Cedar Rapids Kennedy on Friday.

# City High stifles C.R. Kennedy

**By Chad Dare**  
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IOWA CITY — Iowa City High Coach Dan Sabers said earlier this week if his team was a playoff-caliber team they would bounce back from a 21-20 overtime loss last week to Dubuque Wahlert.

The Little Hawks did just that — at least in the second half.

Quarterback Curtis Steyers ran for a pair of touchdowns and threw for a third as City High shutout Cedar Rapids Kennedy, 28-0, Friday night at Bates Field in a Mississippi Valley Conference football game.

"I wasn't happy with the way we came out," Sabers said. "We were allowing Kennedy to push around in the first half and we were not playing with much emotion."

The second half was a different story.

City High held Kennedy to

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just 14 yards in the third quarter, while the Little Hawks rolled up 112.

Steyers had 110 of those 112 offensive yards for City High (2-1). The senior, who was 9-of-27 passing with one interception, had 61 yards on the ground, including a 49-yard touchdown run and a 6-yard dash around the left end.

He accounted for 210 of City High's 310 yards.

"We're getting better, but we are still not there yet," Sabers said. "Kennedy likes to put a lot of guys on the line of scrimmage and we had opportunities to hit some big pass plays on them. We just didn't connect between the quarterback and receiver. Those are some things we are going to have to work on."

"We were able to take advantage

of their aggressive style with some option runs. Curtis is a really tough runner and he made some big plays on the ground."

One point of emphasis this week for the Little Hawks was tackling and Sabers said he saw improvement in the second half.

Kennedy (0-3) was held to 207 yards of total offense as City High posted its first shutout of the season after having five last year.

The Cougars had their opportunities to score against the Little Hawks. They had the ball inside City High's 20-yard line on three different times.

Kennedy's first attempt inside City High's red zone was halted when Little Hawk defenders Zach Buxton and Tony Schutt stood up Cougar running back John Hook at the goal line.

"As a coach that is something you love to see," Sabers

said. "Our guys were presented with a challenge. They rose up and made a stand."

The Cougars next trip inside the Little Hawks' 20 resulted in a blocked 23-yard field goal attempt by Jake Settle, who was Kennedy's best offensive option with 88 yards receiving on five catches, one run for 18 yards and four punts averaging 41.3 yards.

City High preserved the shutout in the fourth quarter when Phil Kenney intercepted Kennedy quarterback Mark Patterson in the end zone.

Blake Fisher was the Cougars' leading rusher with 65 yards on 20 carries.

Next Friday, Iowa City High travels to UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls to face No. 2 Cedar Falls.

Kennedy, still searching for its first win of the year, has its third straight road contest next Friday when the Cougars are at Cedar Rapids Prairie.

# Early deficit too much for C.R. Jefferson

Tigers' Nelson tosses four TDs in first half

**By Jim Ecker**  
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CEDAR RAPIDS — Cedar Rapids Jefferson picked the wrong opponent for homecoming Friday night.

Cedar Falls jumped to a 38-0 lead in the first half and cruised past the J-Hawks, 45-14, in a Mississippi Valley Conference game at Kingston Stadium.

Cedar Falls quarterback Nick Nelson threw four touchdowns

CEDAR FALLS	45
JEFFERSON	14

passes in the first half, including a pair to future Iowa Hawkeye Jonathan Zanders, and there wasn't much suspense after Jefferson crowned its homecoming royalty at intermission.

"They're a great team," said Jefferson quarterback Cody Lakose. "Real physical. They've got some great speed. They've got a great playmaker in Zanders. I can see why they're ranked No. 2 in the state."

The first half was a complete mismatch. Cedar Falls (3-0) rolled up 285 yards and 14 first downs and scored on six of seven possessions. Jefferson (1-2) had 87 yards and four first downs in the first two quarters.

"They're pretty good," said J-Hawk Coach Jim Womochil. "We did a lot of things in the first half to make them look better. We can't put the ball on the ground. We just can't."

Jefferson committed four turnovers in the first half, including three lost fumbles, to make life easier for the Tigers.

Cedar Falls Coach Pat Mitch-

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**J-Hawk Coach Jim Womochil**

ell, in his 37th year with the Tigers, called off many of his top felines in the second half and emptied his bench. He could have gone for the jugular and aimed for the 50-point mercy rule, but instead gave everyone a chance to play.

Cedar Falls attempted one pass in the second half and collected one first down, but it hardly mattered. "The parents want to win, the alumni want to win, the coaches want to win, but the players want to win," said Mitchell, explaining why he backed off so early. "They're not going to learn sitting on the bus."

Cedar Falls tailback Derek Fournier crashed for 104 yards on 17 carries in the first half as the Tigers took command. He carried three times in the second half for six yards and had no quarrel with Mitchell clearing the bench.

"That's his call," Fournier said. "He likes to play a lot of people. I respect him for that."

Jefferson kept fighting in the second half. The J-Hawks faked a punt and ran for a first down, they recovered an on-side kick and tried their best to make it interesting. Lakose hit Jeff Foster with a pair of touchdown passes covering 36 and 15 yards to give the homecoming fans something to cheer about.

Cedar Falls has outscored its three opponents, 149-27.

"I think we can go all the way," Fournier said. "Right now I think we've proven something."

# Mustangs: Big fourth quarter

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Mount Vernon's first five possessions ended in a lost fumble on the Marion 5-yard-line, a 16-yard touchdown run by Kroul with 2:59 left in the first quarter, punts from the Marion 38 and 35, and a pass interception by the Indians' Jamie Tiernan in his end zone that he returned 57 yards to the Mount Vernon 43.

"We were clicking at times but we made some big mistakes and Coach (Jim Bellamy) let us know about it at half-time," Newmeister said. "This is the best thing there is. Mount Vernon moving up to 3A in football and getting the win — it feels great right now."

Marion killed itself with two turnovers and 65 yards of penalties.

"We beat ourselves tonight," Coach Tony Perkins said. "We fumbled the opening kickoff and had way to many penalties. Mount Vernon has a good football team, and you can't show that kind of lack of mental focus. Catching the football, that's mental focus. Not jumping offside, that's mental focus."

Tiernan's interception led to Marion's only touchdown, a 1-yard run by Wade Burrell with 23 seconds left in the first half.

The score remained 8-7 until Kroul and Newmeister led Mount Vernon to 154 yards and two TDs in the game's final

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**Nate Newmeister**

period. Both scored on 1-yard plunges — Kroul with 10:12 left and Newmeister with 4:19 left. Newmeister's sneak culminated a 10-play, 87-yard drive that ate 4:10 off the clock.

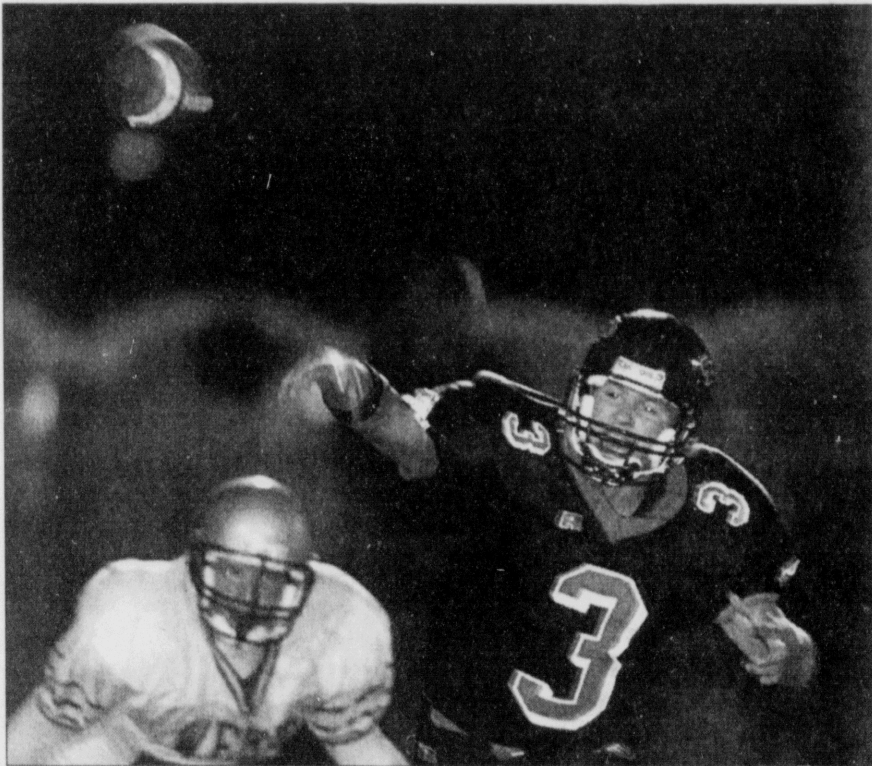
If Mount Vernon has a concern in this world of 3A football, it may be depth. The Mustangs had many more guys playing both ways than did the Indians.

"That's the way it's going to be all year," Kroul said. "We'll just have to handle it."

Marion travels to eighth-ranked South Tama and Mount Vernon hosts Maquoketa in district play next Friday night.

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Prairie quarterback Ryan Hass lets the ball fly during a game Friday with Iowa City West High School at Prairie High School in Cedar Rapids. Hass and sophomore split end Glen Fox made a big fourth-down conversion, setting up Prairie's game-winning touchdown in a 20-13 victory.



Gazette photo by Brian Ray

# Prairie: Hawks known for physical style of play

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Following an illegal procedure penalty, fullback Josh Hall scored the touchdown on a 6-yard run with 4 minutes, 33 seconds left. Hass then passed to Dan Wolfe for the two-point conversion.

Prairie improves to 2-1 in the Mississippi Valley Conference, overcoming 13 penalties for 78 yards and two lost fumbles.

West, which falls to 1-2, also lost two fumbles, while being penalized 10 times for 65 yards.

Hass and Fox hooked up three times for 44 yards.

"They've both struggled with their confidence and that makes the running game more difficult," Prairie Coach Craig Jelinek said.

Trojans tailback Greg Coleman rushed for a game-high 90 yards on 18 carries, while Hawks standout Jason Kohl had 87 yards on 26 attempts.

Prairie, known for its physical style of play, flexed its muscles with a big defensive

play on the first drive of the third quarter.

Hawk linebacker James Newcomb stripped the ball from fullback Mark Schaapveld and rambled 39 yards to the West 2.

Kohl scored on the next play, giving Prairie a 12-10 lead with 10 minutes remaining in the third.

"These are two great football teams," Jelinek said. "We had to set up our scores unconventionally. There are a lot of ways to win a football game. It doesn't make a difference how you do it."

However, the Hawks were hurt by their own aggressiveness later in the quarter when they were called for running into kicker Chris Sorrell on his missed 24-yard field goal. Given a second chance three yards closer, Sorrell converted, putting West in the lead, 13-12, at the 4:33 mark.

Prairie played giveaway in

the second quarter, losing two fumbles in its own territory, which enabled West to build a 10-0 lead.

Sophomore nose guard Alex Kanellis recovered both fumbles — one by Hass at the 44 and the other by Kohl at the 6.

Sorrell booted a 23-yard field goal with 4:40 left for the game's first points, then quarterback Aaron Vincent hit receiver Jordan Bontrager with a 5-yard scoring strike at the 3:27 mark.

West paid Prairie back with a costly turnover of its own on special teams late in the second quarter.

Bontrager fumbled a punt at midfield and Hall returned the ball 32 yards to the West 18 with 2:11 remaining.

Six plays later, Kohl bulled in from two yards out, trimming the Trojans' lead to 10-6 with 26 seconds left.

West had a chance to extend its halftime lead to seven

# MVC standings

MISS. DIV.	Conf	All
Dub. Hempstead	3-0	3-0
C.R. Prairie	2-1	2-1
Iowa City West	1-2	1-2
Linn-Mar	1-2	1-2
Waterloo West	1-2	1-2
C.R. Kennedy	0-3	0-3
Waterloo East	0-3	0-3

VALLEY DIV.	Conf.	All
Cedar Falls	3-0	3-0
C.R. Washington	3-0	3-0
Dub. Wahlert	2-1	2-1
Iowa City High	2-1	2-1
C.R. Xavier	2-1	2-1
C.R. Jefferson	1-2	1-2
Dubuque Senior	0-3	0-3

THURSDAY
Washington 35, Linn-Mar 14
Xavier 26, Dubuque Senior 13

FRIDAY
Cedar Falls 45, Jefferson 14
Wahlert 29, Waterloo West 20
Prairie 20, I.C. West 13
Hempstead 55, Waterloo East 0
City High 28, Kennedy 0

points, but Sorrell's 32-yard field goal attempt was short.

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