

DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL

Mustangs can't put Wilton away

Up 2 games, match, season slip away

By Jeff Linder
The Gazette

MOUNT VERNON — Her team a game away from tournament elimination, Wilton Coach Brenda Grunder changed the rotation and offered a history lesson.

Then the Beavers repeated history.

Fifth-ranked Wilton battled back from a two-game deficit to oust Mount Vernon, 17-25, 17-25, 25-19, 25-23, 15-12, in a Class 2A regional semifinal volleyball match Thursday at Mount Vernon High School.

"We gave them everything we could," said Wilton's Lindsey Lyon, who recorded a match-high 19 kills. "We knew we could do it."

They knew because they had done it before. The last time Wilton rallied from a two-game deficit was last year. At Mount Vernon.

"In the locker room, down two games, I reminded the kids of that," Grunder said. "Darn right I did."

Wilton (27-5) will face Dyersville Beckman in a regional final at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Marion High School. Beckman (27-15) defeated Camanche in four games Thursday. The winner advances to the state tournament Nov. 12-15 at the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar

Rapids.

Mount Vernon, a state qualifier last year, retired at 25-8. The Mustangs never got themselves in a position to wrap up the match.

"Their guns just came alive," said Mustangs Coach Shirley Ryan. "They came on, and we couldn't stop them at the net."

Grunder fiddled with the Beavers' rotation after the second game, and the complexion of the match changed. Wilton, which didn't lead in either of the first two games, held the upper hand throughout the next two.

"I wanted to change the tempo of the game a little," Grunder said. "I wanted our hitters to go against different blockers, change things around."

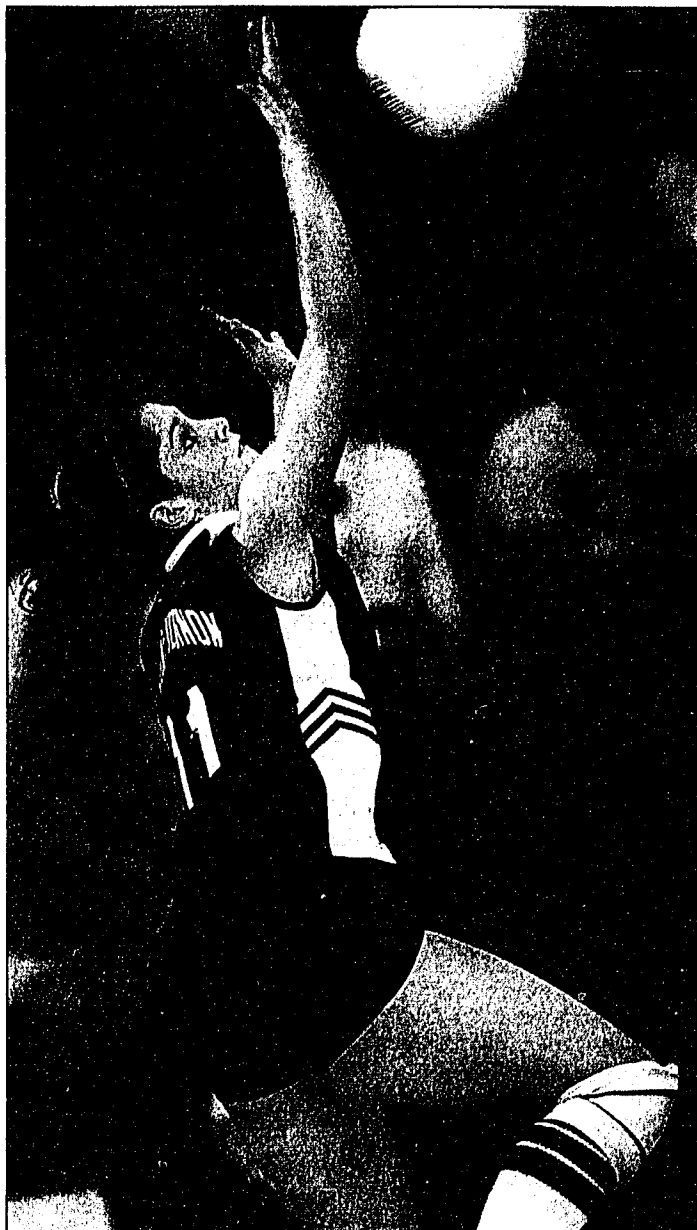
The Mustangs battled back from an early seven-point deficit to take a 16-15 lead in Game 4, but couldn't continue the surge.

Tied at 21-21, Mount Vernon gave Wilton three of its last four points on attacking errors.

In the finale, Wilton enjoyed an 11-7 advantage before Mount Vernon stormed back to tie it, 12-12.

Wilton reclaimed the lead on a kill by Peggy Riessen, got to match point on a kill by setter Kayla Grunder and won it on another Riessen kill.

When the ball hit the



David Wallace/The Gazette

Brittany Corkin, a senior at Mount Vernon, serves the ball in the second game of the Class 2A district semifinal volleyball match against Wilton at Mount Vernon on Thursday.

ground, a huge contingent of blue-faced Wilton students stormed the floor. One of them must have made contact with Lyon, because she left the floor with blue paint mixed with sweat on her face.

Amy Kleinsmith paced

Mount Vernon with 18 kills. Brittany Corkin added 12 kills and four blocks. Caitlin Wieseler dished out 41 assists.

"We really blocked well early," Ryan said. "When we stopped blocking, the momentum swung."

Big second half lets Kennedy crush East

By Jeff Dahn
The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — After sleep-walking through the first half, Cedar Rapids Kennedy woke up with a roar in the second half.

The Cougars shook off a sluggish first half by scoring 28 points in the third period and 42 in the second half to bury outmanned Waterloo East, 52-20, in a wild Mississippi Valley Conference regular-season finale Thursday at Kingston Stadium.

Unofficially, senior quarterback Mark Paterson completed 17 of 29 passes for 199 yards and three touchdowns, all in the second half. Paterson finished with 1,596 yards, which would be a Kennedy school record.

"It's great," Paterson said after a lengthy postgame team gathering. "I have to give all the props to my teammates. It's tough to end the season even on a good note."

Senior Derek Hinke (unofficially) caught 11 passes for 100 yards and a touchdown. If those stats hold up, Hinke's 51 receptions for the season are a school record.

Kennedy outgained East, 371-359, in total yards.

The Cougars won for the fourth time in their last five games to finish 4-5 in Coach Tim Lewis' fourth season. Kennedy is 14-22 during his tenure.

But the future looks bright. The Cougars return outstanding underclassmen in juniors Curtis Meier — leading rush-

er this season with an unofficial 679 yards — Grant Cornish, Ryan Lavin, Ben Parker and Matt Dolter, and super sophomore Luke Dolan.

Also, the Kennedy sophomore team completed a 7-1-1 season with a win over East last night.

"After the Prairie game (a 24-21 loss Sept. 25 that left Kennedy 0-4) our goal was to go 5-0, and we knew that was going to be tough because we had to play a very good Iowa City West team," Lewis said, noting last week's 38-14 loss to West.

"But 4-1 is definitely something to build on (and) our schedule gets shuffled around next year. We have some teams on there that we haven't played for a while and that kind of gives kids a little motivation."

Lewis is going to have replace "a great group of seniors," including the prolific pass-and-catch tandem of Paterson and Hinke, and two-way starters Hinke, Brett Schultz, Blake Fisher, Nick Dolan and Jordan Goettsche.

"I've been doing this 12 years and I've never had a group of seniors who are as close as this group and lead like this group," Lewis said. "Hopefully, the juniors were able to pick up on some of that and carry that over."

Mike Russell scored two of Kennedy's six second-half touchdowns.

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Hempstead slips past Linn-Mar, 28-24

DUBUQUE — Dubuque Hempstead defeated Linn-Mar in a high school football game Thursday night, 28-24, at Daltzell Field to wrap up a 7-2 regular season and earn a berth in the Class 4A postseason playoffs that begin next

Wednesday.

Linn-Mar, which rallied from a 28-7 deficit in the fourth quarter, closed the season with a 2-7 record.

Lions quarterback Blake Zundel threw for 265 yards and a touchdown.

Lichty aims to finish on his feet

Runner ready to emerge from lore of the helping hand

By Jeff Linder
The Gazette

A year has passed since Conrad Lichty's body shut down on the grass at Lakeside Golf Course.

His memory didn't go with it.

"Oh, yeah, I remember all of it," Lichty said this week. "My body completely gave out, but I was coherent and conscious the whole time."

The story of Lichty, a junior at Mount Vernon High School, and former teammate

Chris Legore has been told over and over throughout the state and beyond.

"They received a lot of attention, within the state and nationally," said Roger Johanson, the cross country coach at Mount Vernon-Lisbon. "It's a good lesson in sportsmanship and humanity."

Legore has graduated and attends Iowa State University.

But Lichty returns to Lakeside, near Fort Dodge, Saturday for the state championships. The event begins at 11 a.m.

He wants to finish on his feet. And quite a bit more. He's ranked fourth in the final Class 3A individual rankings.

"I really want to make all-state," he said, referring to a top-10 finish.

Lichty was on his way last year. Running the race of his life, he was in second place in the 2A boys' race with about 100 yards to go.

He was feeling fine, he said.

"It all hit me at once," Lichty said. "Suddenly my muscles started to give out."

Oxygen debt can do that. Lichty stumbled, staggered, then collapsed.

Meanwhile, Legore — who was running eighth — watched from behind. When Legore caught up with Lichty, he helped him to his feet.

They continued before Lichty went down again. Legore picked him up again. They finished, arms locked, in 15th and 16th place.

Had the places held, the Mustangs would have won the team title. But physically aiding a runner is illegal, and Legore and Lichty were disqualified. Mount Vernon-Lisbon settled for seventh place.

Johanson had just gotten to the finish line from another point on the course as Legore

State cross country: A closer look

(Saturday, Lakeside Golf Course, Fort Dodge)

CLASS 4A GIRLS

■ **Time:** 11 a.m.

■ **Individual race:** Iowa City High senior duo **Nelle Trefz** and **Jennie Funk** have run basically side by side all fall, and should battle for top honors. Trefz and Funk finished fourth and fifth last year; Funk was a runner-up in 2000 and 2001. Trefz won the Pleasant Valley district in 14:33, 8 seconds ahead of her teammate. **Sarah Wickman** of Iowa City West is the best in a strong class of freshmen. She won the Cedar Rapids district by 35 seconds.

■ **Team race:** More of the same. **Iowa City High** is the defending champion; **Iowa City West** has won four of the last six titles. The Women of Troy have beaten the Little Hawks in two close races, with West's depth offsetting City's 1-2 punch of Trefz and Funk. Once again, there will be little room for error for either team. Several teams, like **Cedar Falls** and **West Des Moines Valley**, have closed the gap a little, but expect another 1-2 finish for the Iowa City schools.

■ **Gazette projections:** 1. Iowa City West, 2. Iowa City High, 3. West Des Moines Valley, 4. Cedar Falls, 5. Des Moines Roosevelt.

CLASS 3A GIRLS

■ **Time:** Noon

■ **Individual race:** Barring a health issue, **Sara Fassblinder** of Dubuque Wahlert should dominate. Fassblinder has toyed with the competition, much of it Class 4A, all year. The 2002 3A state runner-up won the Waverly district in 14:11, beating the field by 43 seconds. **Jessica Pape** of Sioux City Heelan triumphed at the Algona district, beating **Caedryn Schunk** of Spirit Lake Park, the 2A third-place finisher last year. Independence freshman **Kristin Hood** ran second to Fassblinder at Waverly, and **Erin Pentecoff** of Cedar Rapids Xavier was the champion at Fairfield.

■ **Team race:** After finishing fifth in the big-school class last year, **Cedar Rapids Xavier** moves into 3A and enjoys the role of favorite. The Saints had three runners in the top 10 at Fairfield, and have the best depth in the 3A field. **Waukon** has beaten Xavier once this season and beat **Dubuque Wahlert** for the Waverly district title quite handily. **Denison-Schleswig**, 18th at state in 3A last year, has been highly rated this year and could be a sleeper.

■ **Gazette projections:** 1. Cedar Rapids Xavier, 2. Waukon, 3. Dubuque Wahlert, 4. Denison-Schleswig, 5. Ballard.

CLASS 2A GIRLS

■ **Time:** 1 p.m.

■ **Individual race:** Two defending champions go head-to-head. Both of them won easily last year, with **Megan Winkelmann** of Nodaway Valley winning the 1A title by 26 seconds and **Marcy Rahn** of Clear Creek Amana taking the 2A race by 27. The top-ranked Winkelmann cruised to a district title at Greenfield while Rahn, apparently beginning to hit her stride after a slow start, prevailed at Mount Pleasant. **Terran Wertz** of Williamsburg was the 2A runner-up last year. Freshman **Ashley Miller** of Tipton has handled both Rahn and Wertz all year and won

aided Lichty.

"I heard somebody say something about a disqualification," Johanson said. "I was more worried about getting Conrad to the medical shed."

"Nobody was the least bit bitter with what happened."

Lichty couldn't even speak for a few minutes after the incident. His first words were to his father, Lyle: "Go find Legore and tell him thanks."

the Monticello district in 15:08.

■ **Team race:** Freshman-dominated **Tipton** has destroyed all the teams its size all fall, though **Monticello** ran within 13 points of the Tigers at districts. **Nodaway Valley** had the top three runners at the Greenfield district, scoring 28 points. **Clear Creek Amana** has been a surprise this season, and should push for a top-three spot.

■ **Gazette projections:** 1. Tipton, 2. Monticello, 3. Nodaway Valley, 4. Clear Creek Amana, 5. Sheldon.

CLASS 1A GIRLS

■ **Time:** 2 p.m.

■ **Individual race:** After winning six state track titles, junior **Ellen Ries** of North Linn goes after her first cross country crown. Last year's runner-up Ries is undefeated this fall and won a star-studded Arlington district title by 25 seconds. Several other top runners — **Dacia Bushman** of Valley Community, **Jessa Schweitzer** of East Buchanan and **Casey Huber** of Denver — also came out of that district.

■ **Team race:** After finishing third last year, **West Sioux** is a slight favorite, though the Falcons don't really have a frontrunner. **Valley Community** does though, in Bushman, and has good depth behind her. **LeMars Gehlen** ran close behind West Sioux at districts, and **Iowa City Regina** steamrolled a weak field at Sully. Whichever team gets hot Saturday will win it.

■ **Gazette projections:** 1. West Sioux, 2. Valley Community, 3. Iowa City Regina, 4. LeMars Gehlen, 5. Iowa Mennonite.

CLASS 4A BOYS

■ **Time:** 11:30 a.m.

■ **Individual race:** Five of the top seven finishers from last year's 3A race are here, including defending champion **Ryan McCumlin** of Mason City. McCumlin finished in 15:21 last year, beating Clinton's **Joe Morgan**, who also returns, by 6 seconds. A trio of runners from Des Moines Roosevelt — **Jon Thomas**, **Austin Williamson** and **Kiel Uhl** — are ranked in the top six, and Uhl won the Indianapolis district.

■ **Team race:** Of the eight races contested Saturday, this one looks like the biggest lock. **Des Moines Roosevelt** goes for its third straight title, and returns three runners that finished in the top 10 a year ago. The Roughriders finished 1-2-3-4 at the Indianapolis district. **Iowa City High**, a disappointing fourth last year, presents the strongest challenge with a solid top four. **Linn-Mar** also goes four deep very well and should secure the Metro's best finish by a boys' team in years.

■ **Gazette projections:** 1. Des Moines Roosevelt, 2. Iowa City High, 3. Linn-Mar, 4. Ames, 5. Ankeny.

CLASS 3A BOYS

■ **Time:** 12:30 p.m.

■ **Individual race:** Davenport Assumption's **Brett Adams**, the 2002 2A runner-up, heads this class. Adams ran 15:53 at state last year, and won the Fairfield district by 18 seconds last week. **Ben Grant** of Western Dubuque was 10th in 3A last year and won the Waverly district. **Heath Moenck** of Webster City is ranked second behind Adams. **Waukon's Junior Swart** and **Andy Schon** were third and

Despite the departure of Legore and David Schroeder, who also graduated, the Mustangs again are title contenders.

The 3A race looks like a six-team jumble consisting of Mount Vernon-Lisbon, Dubuque Wahlert, Waukon, Webster City, Williamsburg and Davenport Assumption.

Lichty's father created a spread sheet with several scenarios, based on strength of district courses. Almost every scenario has a different winner.

fourth at state last year.

■ **Team race:** This is more than a flip of the coin. This is a roll of the dice, because six teams are packed tightly. **Dubuque Wahlert**, **Mount Vernon-Lisbon** and defending state champ **Waukon** were separated by just nine points at the Waverly district. **Webster City** edged **Williamsburg** by one point at Norwalk. And **Davenport Assumption** was impressive in winning at Fairfield. Any of them could win it. But because of its strong trio up front, and because of tradition, we'll go with Waukon to win its seventh title in nine years.

■ **Gazette projections:** 1. Waukon, 2. Dubuque Wahlert, 3. Mount Vernon-Lisbon, 4. Webster City, 5. Davenport Assumption.

CLASS 2A BOYS

■ **Time:** 1:30 p.m.

■ **Individual race:** A year after his surprising runner-up finish in 1A last year as a freshman, **Dan Mayer** of West Central Valley hopes to climb one more notch. Mayer won the Greenfield district in 17:03, 33 seconds better than his closest pursuer. **Darren Hein** of Okoboji is the top-ranked runner in this class after finishing 21st in 2A last year. **Justin Bader** of Monticello, out for the first time after playing football throughout high school, has to be considered a threat after winning a district crown.

■ **Team race:** Last year's 1A champion, **Nodaway Valley** returns five runners, including four seniors. The Wolverines had three runners in the top five in winning a district title on their home course, scoring 31 points. **Monticello** and **Tipton** waged a stirring battle at Monticello, with the Panthers — the 2A runners-up last year — prevailing by 10 points. Both are among the hopefuls to unseat the Wolverines. So is **Western Christian**, which dominated the Sheldon district.

■ **Gazette projections:** 1. Nodaway Valley, 2. Monticello, 3. Western Christian, 4. Tipton, 5. Clarinda.

CLASS 1A BOYS

■ **Time:** 2:30 p.m.

■ **Individual race:** **Tim McKenna** of Cedar Falls NU High is ranked No. 1, and strengthened his hold as the favorite by winning the Arlington district by 27 seconds. McKenna, a junior, was third at state last year. **Eric Sink** of Coming was sixth last year, and had the fastest 1A district time, running 16:00 at Avoca. **Phil Ryan** of LeMars Gehlen is ranked second behind McKenna and prevailed comfortably at the Holstein district.

■ **Team race:** With Nodaway Valley up a class, 2002 runner-up **Bellevue Marquette** is a solid favorite. The Mohawks have five runners back, including frontrunners Nathan Petesch and Ales Eischeid. **Midland**, which ran second to Marquette at the Iowa City district, has a good threesome up front. **Iowa City Regina** has tradition and always runs well at state. The Regals are gunning for their 11th straight top-four finish. Western Iowa power **Coming** had four top-10 runners at districts.

■ **Gazette projections:** 1. Bellevue Marquette, 2. Midland, 3. Iowa City Regina, 4. Coming, 5. South Winneshiek.

— Compiled by Jeff Linder

"It's going to be a great race," Lichty said. "Whoever shows up and runs well is probably going to win it."

That could be one of several teams. Could be the Mustangs.

"It's going to be competitive," Johanson said. "We're not willing to concede the race to anybody."

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Area slate

Friday

PREPS

Football — Iowa City West vs. Jefferson at Kingston Stadium, 7:30 p.m.; Prairie at City High, 7:30 p.m.; Maquoketa at Marion, 7:30 p.m.; Cedar Rapids at Xavier, 7:30 p.m.; WACO at Regina, 7 p.m.; Washington at Dubuque Wahlert.

AREA COLLEGES

Volleyball — Mount Mercy at Luther North (Invitational, 4 p.m.); Northern Iowa at Drake, Kirkwood in regional championships at Fort Dodge.

Cross country — Mount Mercy hosting Midwest Classic Conference championships at Jones Park, 9 a.m.; Iowa State at Big 12 Championships in Spicewood, Texas.

Women's soccer — Northern Iowa at Iowa, 7 p.m.

Field hockey — Indiana at Iowa, 2:30 p.m.

OTHERS

Junior hockey — Cedar Rapids Roughriders at Green Bay.

TV slate

Today

Rugby — 2003 World Cup: Japan vs. United States. (10p) Neon FSC.

PGA golf — Chrysler Championship: Second Round, 3 p.m. USA.

College Football — Cincinnati at South Florida, 6:30 p.m. ESPN.

NBA Basketball — Minnesota Timberwolves at New Jersey Nets, 7 p.m. ESPN.

NBA Basketball — Philadelphia 76ers at Sacramento Kings, 9:30 p.m. ESPN.

Boxing — Friday Night Fights: Gary Ballew vs. Goyo Vargas, lightweight, 9:30 p.m. ESPN2.

Auto racing

Thursday

NASCAR BUSCH SERIES

BASHAR SUPERMARKET 200

QUALIFYING RESULTS

1. (21) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 132.930 mph.

2. (7) Greg Bille, Chevrolet, 132.071.

3. (12) David Strickler, Chevrolet, 132.049.

4. (25) Bobby Hamilton Jr., Ford, 132.042.

5. (37) David Green, Pontiac, 131.931.

6. (13) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 131.892.

7. (23) Scott Wimmer, Chevrolet, 131.762.

8. (20) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 131.545.

9. (38) Casey Mears, Dodge, 131.431.

10. (19) Casey Mears, Dodge, 131.186.

11. (14) Casey Atwood, Chevrolet, 131.119.

12. (10) Scott Riggs, Ford, 131.043.

13. (39) Stacy Compton, Chevrolet, 130.828.

14. (12) Tim Fedeaux, Chevrolet, 130.724.

15. (2) Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 130.600.

16. (43) Johnny Sauter, Chevrolet, 130.572.

17. (32) Mike Garvey, Chevrolet, 130.440.

18. (33) Tony Ruesch, Chevrolet, 130.406.

19. (46) Ashton Lewis Jr., Chevrolet, 130.377.

20. (87) Joe Nemecek, Chevrolet, 130.194.

21. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 130.147.

22. (57) Jason Keller, Ford, 129.922.

23. (4) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 129.894.

24. (20) Jason Leffler, Chevrolet, 129.720.

25. (82) Randy LaJode, Chevrolet, 129.706.

26. (26) Kevin Grubb, Dodge, 129.600.

27. (91) Stanton Barrell, Pontiac, 129.572.

28. (55) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 128.778.

29. (89) Walley Dallenbach Jr., Ford, 128.397.

30. (9) Morgan Shepherd, Ford, 128.301.

31. (14) Rick Bickle, Chevrolet, 127.791.

32. (30) Billy Balle, Dodge, 127.737.

33. (48) Terry Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 127.627.

34. (44) Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, 127.267.

35. (61) Justin Ashburn, Chevrolet, 127.062.

36. (52) Bruce Bechler, Ford, 126.921.

37. (10) Gus Gibbs, Chevrolet, provisional.

38. (17) Chase Montgomerie, Pontiac, provisional.

39. (77) Brad Teague, Ford, provisional.

40. (49) Tammy Jo Kirk, Ford, provisional.

41. (16) Larry Gunselman, Chevrolet, provisional.

42. (10) Gus Wasson, Chevrolet, provisional.

43. (22) Jerry Reear, Chevrolet, provisional.

FAILED TO QUALIFY

44. (51) Stan Bock, Chevrolet, 126.832.

45. (39) Blake Mallory, Ford, 126.805.

46. (67) John Richey, Ford, 126.285.

47. (97) Jeff Fuller, Chevrolet, 126.196.

48. (72) Randy MacDonell, Chevrolet, 126.002.

49. (85) John Haydon, Chevrolet, 125.747.

50. (73) Alfredo Tate Jr., Ford, 125.453.

51. (83) Jeff Streett, Chevrolet, 125.422.

52. (90) Clint VanHouten, Ford, no speed.

Men's basketball

Preseason Poll

(First-place votes in parentheses)

USA Today/ESPN

1. Connecticut (25) 22-10 742 11

2. Duke (3) 22-7 697 9

3. Michigan State (1) 22-13 677 18

4. Arizona 22-4 638 5

5. Kansas 22-4 589 2

6. Missouri 22-11 560 22

7. Syracuse (1) 22-5 533 1

8. Florida 22-5 507 16

9. Kentucky 22-7 491 19

10. North Carolina 19-13 493 3

11. Texas 22-7 463 3

12. Gonzaga 22-7 463 3

13. Illinois 22-7 399 13

14. Wisconsin 22-7 392 13

15. Oklahoma 22-7 353 7

16. Louisville 22-7 291 19

17. Stanford 22-7 258 20

18. St. Joseph's 22-7 244 4

19. Notre Dame 22-7 225 15

20. Wake Forest 22-6 216 12

21. Pittsburgh 22-6 148 8

22. Marquette 22-6 78 6

23. Oklahoma State 22-6 61 2

24. Maryland 22-6 40 10

Others receiving votes: Oregon 33; N.C. State 30; Xavier 30; Utah 29; Colorado 25; Auburn 23; BYU 20; Tennessee 19; Purdue 16; Texas Tech 12; Arizona 10; Memphis 10; Ohio State 10; Dayton 8; Charlotte 6; Providence 5; Creighton 4; LSU 4; Akron 3; Colorado St. 3; Louisville 3; Belmont 3; Seton Hall 3; Bowling Green 2; Temple 2; Tennessee 2; Utah State 2; Wichita State 2; Ill.-Chicago 1; Indiana 1; Manhattan 1; Minnesota 1; UNLV 1.

Transactions

Thursday

BASEBALL

American League

Chicago White Sox—Announced DH-IB Frank Thomas has exercised his 2004 option.

Detroit Tigers—Named Matt Walbeck manager and Tony La Russa coach for West Michigan in the Midwest League.

Seattle Mariners—Named Paul Molitor batting coach, agreeing on a one-year contract.

Tampa Bay Devil Rays—Declined to exercise their 2004 option on the contract of IB Travis Lee.

Texas Rangers—Agreed to terms with RHP Carlos Almanzar on a minor league contract.

National League

Chicago Cubs—Declined to exercise their 2004 option on the contract of RHP Mark Guthrie.

Los Angeles Dodgers—Announced RHP Paul Quantrill exercised his right to hold the final year of his contract and filed for free agency.

Montreal Expos—Purchased the contracts of LHP Chad Beusler, RHP Shawn Hill and OF Brandon Wilson from Harrisburg of the Eastern League.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

Jacksonville Jaguars—Placed S James Trapen on injured reserve. Signed DT Matt Leonard from the practice squad. Signed S Perryman to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

Buffalo Sabres—Activated LW Eric Boulton from injured reserve. Assigned D J. J. D'Amico to Rochester of the AHL.

Dallas Stars—Reassigned D Trevor Day to Utah of the AHL.

Edmonton Oilers—Recalled RW Tony Salmela from Toronto of the AHL.

Los Angeles Kings—Activated D Mattias Norstrom, D Aaron Miller and C Michael Cammalleri from injured reserve. Retrospectively to Oct. 26, Suspended D Joe Corvo for three games for pleading guilty to assault and battery charges.

New Jersey Devils—Activated RW Turner Stevenson from injured reserve. Placed D David Hale on injured reserve.

Vancouver Canucks—Traded F Zdenek Komarnicki to Columbus for St. Louis forward and assigned Promer to Manitoba of the AHL.

Prep volleyball

Thursday

CLASS 2A REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

Region 5

North Fayette def. Stormont, 25-21, 25-18, 25-10

Dike-North Harford def. Jesup, 25-13, 25-11, 25-21

Region 7

Iowa City Regina def. Edwille-Blakesburg, 25-13, 25-16, 25-19

Mid-Prairie def. Central Lee, 25-21, 25-17, 24-18, 25-10

Region 8

Dyersville Beckman def. Camanche, 25-13, 25-25, 25-20, 25-18

Wilton def. Mount Vernon, 17-25, 17-25, 25-23, 25-12

State

Adlington-Parkersburg def. Lake Mills, 25-15, 25-11

Collins-Walwell-Baxler def. South Hamilton, 25-19, 16-25, 19-25, 25-21, 15-11

Grundy Central def. Iowa Falls, 25-14, 25-15, 25-18, 15-10

Manson-NW Webster def. Belmond-Klemme, 17-25, 25-15, 21-25, 25-12, 20-18

Nodaway Valley def. Interstate 35, 25-14, 25-15, 25-11

Pella Christian def. Bondurant-Farrar, 25-16, 25-18, 25-13

Tri-Center def. Clarinda, 21-25, 23-25, 25-16, 25-18, 15-10

Underwood def. West Monona, 25-17, 25-18, 25-19

Union Christian def. Baltic Creek-Iowa Grove, 24-26, 25-17, 25-19, 25-20

Western Christian def. Sioux Center, 25-17, 25-23, 25-13

CLASS 1A REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

Region 8

Keola def. Iowa Menonite, 25-23, 27-25, 25-12

West Point Marquette def. Fort Madison Aquinas, 25-15, 14-25, 23-25, 25-14

State

Allison-Bristow def. Mason City Newman, 25-14, 25-14, 25-11

Ar-Kee-Ve def. Boone Valley, 25-23, 25-21, 22-25, 10-25, 15-10

Bellevue Marquette def. East Central, 25-18, 25-19, 25-14

At-Avondale, Ar-Kee-Ve NU High def. Sheffield SCMT, 25-15, 21-25, 25-10, 25-16

Exira def. Adair-Casey, 26-24, 25-22, 25-16

Glenn-Holstein def. Hinton, 20-25, 25-15, 25-18, 17-25, 15-11

Lynnville-Sully def. Seymour, 25-21, 25-18, 25-15

Naturgy def. Stanton, 25-21, 25-18, 19-25, 23-25, 15-6

North Kossuth def. West Bend-Mallard, 25-23, 25-19, 27-25

North Mahaska def. Twin Cedars, 25-22, 25-19, 25-7

Rock Valley def. Clay Central-Everly, 25-25, 25-19, 25-17

Schaller-Crestland def. Lake View WLVA, 25-18, 25-21, 25-20

Treyvor def. Farragut, 25-16, 25-14, 25-18

Trippel def. Janesville, 25-9, 25-14, 25-12

AT MOUNT VERNON

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28. (55) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 128.778.

29. (89) Walley Dallenbach Jr., Ford, 128.397.

30. (9) Morgan Shepherd, Ford, 128.301.

31. (14) Rick Bickle, Chevrolet, 127.791.

32. (30) Billy Balle, Dodge, 127.737.

33. (48) Terry Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 127.627.

34. (44) Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, 127.267.

35. (61) Justin Ashburn, Chevrolet, 127.062.

36. (52) Bruce Bechler, Ford, 126.921.

37. (10) Gus Gibbs, Chevrolet, provisional.

38. (17) Chase Montgomerie, Pontiac, provisional.

39. (77) Brad Teague, Ford, provisional.

40. (49) Tammy Jo Kirk, Ford, provisional.

41. (16) Larry Gunselman, Chevrolet, provisional.

42. (10) Gus Wasson, Chevrolet, provisional.

43. (22) Jerry Reear, Chevrolet, provisional.

College volleyball

Thursday

IOWA COLLEGES

Cornell def. Grinnell, 30-16, 25-30, 30-21, 30-22

William Penn def. Culver-Stockton, 30-25, 30-28, 24-30, 28-30, 15-12

Pro golf

Thursday

CHRYSLER CHAMPIONSHIP

At Palm Harbor, Fla. (Westin Innisbrook, par-71)

FIRST ROUND RESULTS

Charles Howell III 33-33 66

Jon Forsman 34-31 65

Robert Gomez 34-34 68

Jerry Kelly 34-34 68

Joe Caceres 34-34 68

Chad Campbell 33-38 71

J.J. Henry 34-33 67

Arnoldus 34-34 68

David Love II 33-34 67

Relief Goosen 34-35 69

Steve Lowery 34-34 68

Chris Oakley 34-34 68

Pai Perez 34-34 68

John Rollins 34-34 68

Vilay Singh 33-35 68

Mark Brooks 34-34 68

Ernie Els 34-34 68

Tom Byrum 34-34 68

Jeff Magner 33-35 68

Silly Mayrall 34-34 68

Len Matlack 34-34 68

Craig Perks 33-35 68

David Hammond 34-34 68

Jason Gore 34-34 68

Geoff Ogilvy 33-34 67

Tim Petrovic 33-35 68

Loren Roberts 33-35 68

Bernhard Langer 34-34 68

Corey Pavin 34-35 69

Jeff Sluman 34-34 68

J.J. Choi 34-34 68

Brandi Jobe 34-35 69

Peter Lonard 34-35 69

Anthony Palmer 34-34 68

Mark Kuehne 34-35 69

Aaron Barber 34-35 69

Aaron Baddeley 34-34 68

Chris Barlow 34-34 68

Brett Quilley 34-34 68

Robert Damron 34-35 69

Mike Weir 33-35 68

David Howell 34-34 68

Chris Riley 34-35 69

John Huston 34-35 69

Steve Flesch 35-37 72

Silly Mayrall 34-34 68

Jim Carter 34-34 68

David Peoples 34-34 68

Mike Grob 34-34 68

Neal Lancaster 34-34 68

Briny Baird 34-34 68

Bob Estes 34-35 69

Brad Faxon 35-37 72

Colin McRoy 34-35 69

David Gossell 41-31 72

Mark Calcavecchia 34-36 72

Jonathan Byrd 34-36 72

Richard S. Johnson 35-37 72

Stewart Cink 35-37 72

Jeff Brehaut 35-37 72

Brandi Paves 34-35 69

Mark Wilson 35-37 72

Ten Leggett 35-37 72

Kenny Perry 34-35 69

John Mahan 34-35 69

Justin Leonard 34-35 69

Dean Wilson 34-35 69

Greg Kraft 34-35 69

Patrick Sheehan 40-33 73

Joey Sindler 34-35 69

Pati Atzinger 34-37 73

Bob Burns 34-37 73

Brian Bateman 34-37 73

Kenich Kuboye 34-37 73

Stephen Ames 35-39 74

Per-Ulrik Johansson 36-38 74

Mathew Goplin 35-39 74

Jeff Williamson 36-39 74

Oliver Browne 35-39 74

Dicky Price 37-37 74

Kevin Parry 37-37 74

Justin Lewis 38-36 74

John Cook 38-36 74

John Hualuk 38-36 74

Paul Cook 38-36 74

Daryl Sutherland 39-37 74

Rory Sabbatini 39-37 74

Lee Johnson 38-36 74

Neelaj Begam III 38-36 74

Steve Pate 40-34 74

John Dawson 38-36 74

Robert Sillies 39-37 74

Tim Herron 38-37 73

Esteban Toledo 38-37 73

Frank Lickliter II 36-39 75

Shawn Miller 36-39 75

Woody Austin 40-35 75

Michael Clark II 36-39 75

Tom Gilis 39-36 75

Tim Clark 38-37 75

Men's basketball

Preseason Poll

(First-place votes in parentheses)

USA Today/ESPN

1. Connecticut (25) 22-10 742 11

2. Duke (3) 22-7 697 9

3. Michigan State (1) 22-13 677 18

4. Arizona 22-4 638 5

5. Kansas 22-4 589 2

6. Missouri 22-11 560 22

7. Syracuse (1) 22-5 533 1

8. Florida 22-5 507 16

9. Kentucky 22-7 491 19

10. North Carolina 19-13 493 3

11. Texas 22-7 463 3

12. Gonzaga 22-7 463 3

13. Illinois 22-7 399 13

14. Wisconsin 22-7 392 13

15. Oklahoma 22-7 353 7

16. Louisville 22-7 291 19

17. Stanford 22-7 258 20

18. St. Joseph's 22-7 244 4

19. Notre Dame 22-7 225 15

20. Wake Forest 22-6 216 12

21. Pittsburgh 22-6 148 8

22. Marquette 22-6 78 6

23. Oklahoma State 22-6 61 2

24. Maryland 22-6 40 10

Others receiving votes: Oregon 33; N.C. State 30; Xavier 30; Utah 29; Colorado 25; Auburn 23; BYU 20; Tennessee 19; Purdue 16; Texas Tech 12; Arizona 10; Memphis 10; Ohio State 10; Dayton 8; Charlotte 6; Providence 5; Creighton 4; LSU 4; Akron 3; Colorado St. 3; Louisville 3; Belmont 3; Seton Hall 3; Bowling Green 2; Temple 2; Tennessee 2; Utah State 2; Wichita State 2; Ill.-Chicago 1; Indiana 1; Manhattan 1; Minnesota 1; UNLV 1.

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Prep football

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METRO/MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

C.R. Kennedy 52, Waterloo East 20

Dubuque West 28, Linn-Mar 24

Sophomores

Kennedy 39, Waterloo East 6

Linn-Mar 18, Dubuque Hempstead 13

CLASS A DISTRICT 5

(At UNI-Dome)

Valley Comm. vs. Sumner, no report

V. Central vs. Frederickburg, no report

STATE

Kingsley-Pierston 54, Roman-Union 0

Muscatine 49, Davenport West 22

Sioux City Heelan 27, Sioux City East 0

C.R. Kennedy 52

Waterloo East 20

AT KINGSTON STADIUM

First downs 13 19

Rushes-yards 40-119 28-172

Passing yards 240 99

Completions 11-19-2 17-29-1

Punts-avg. 4-31.0 2-38.0

Fumbles-lost 0-0 1-1

Penalties-yds 2-15 4-25

Waterloo East 7 0 7 6-20

C.R. Kennedy 10 0 28 14-52

CRK—Curlls Meier 88 kickoff return (Alex Bullocks kick)

WE—Travis Ferguson 8 pass from Josh Way (Jordan DeSerano kick)

CRK—Butlers 27 FG

CRK—Brad Christianson 30 pass from Mark Peterson (Butlers kick)

WE—Mark Crawford 71 pass from Ricky Robinson (DeSerano kick)

CRK—Brell Schultz 21 pass from Peterson (kick failed)

CRK—Blake Fisher 60 punt return (Derke Hinkle pass from Peterson)

CRK—Mike Russell 21 run (Butlers kick)

CRK—Hinkle 15 pass from Peterson (Butlers kick)

WE—Crawford 32 pass from Way (pass failed)

CRK—Russell 41 run (Butlers kick)

Tonight

METRO/IOWA CITY

Iowa City West vs. Jefferson

Maquoketa at Marion

Prairie at City High

Northern Iowa at Drake

WACO at Regina

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Cedar Falls at C.R. Xavier

C.R. Prairie at Iowa City High

C.R. Washington at Dubuque Wahlert

Sioux City Heelan at Waterloo East

Iowa City West vs. Jefferson

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 3

Crestwood at West Delaware

Decorah at Waupun

Independence at Oelwein

Western Dubuque at Union

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 4

Benton County at DeWitt Central

Grinnell at Mount Vernon

Maquoketa at Marion

South Tama at Clinton-Shellsburg

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 5

Fort Madison at Fairfield

Fort Madison at Mount Pleasant

Oskaloosa at Centerville

Washington (Iowa) at Central Lee

CLASS 2A DISTRICT 4

Dyersville Beckman at Clayton Ridge

Hudson at NFL MarMac

Jesup at North Fayette

Stormont at Sioux Winneshiek

CLASS 2A DISTRICT 5

Center Point-Urbana at North Cedar