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Brown, Yankees push Twins to brink

New York can put
wrap on series today

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin Brown already apologized to the New York Yankees for his foolish injury. This was an even better way to make up for it.

Backed by Derek Jeter's three RBIs and a relentless

AL PLAYOFFS

offense, Brown threw six strong innings to lead the Yankees past the frustrated Minnesota Twins, 8-4, last night for a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five AL playoff series.

Hoping to save Minnesota's season, ace Johan Santana will start on three days' rest today against Javier Vazquez. Bernie Williams extended a

major league record by hitting his 20th postseason homer, a two-run shot off Carlos Silva that put the Yankees up 5-1 in the sixth.

Jeter went 3-for-5 and Hideki Matsui also homered for New York — now just one win away from a bitter rematch with the rival Boston Red Sox in the AL championship series.

The 39-year-old Brown's first season in New York has been tainted by an ailing back and an embarrassing tantrum in which he punched a clubhouse wall and broke his non-throwing hand. That was on Sept. 3, and Brown pitched just twice more after that.

The Yankees were angry about his outburst, but he cleared the air by apologizing

Inside

Ortiz's homer in the bottom of the 10th lets Boston finish sweep of Anaheim, 2C

a few days later. And because of his intensity and experience, Brown's teammates were plenty confident when he took the mound for this ultra-important game.

Brown showed no signs of health problems. Against 23 batters, he threw 22 balls and didn't walk anyone. A first-inning home run by Jacques Jones was the only one of eight hits allowed that did any damage.

The Yankees showed they can do more than hit the long ball.

Jorge Posada, John Olerud, Miguel Cairo, Kenny Lofton and Jeter hit consecutive two-out singles in the second inning, putting the Yankees in front 3-1.

Silva failed to get an out in the sixth, allowing 10 hits and six runs.

Jeter bounced a single to center off rookie Jesse Crain with two outs in the sixth to drive in Posada and Olerud and make it 7-1.

Minnesota scored three times in the ninth, but Mariano Rivera got three straight outs after entering with the bases loaded.

The Twins had their chances against Brown, but Michael Cuddyer left four runners on base in his first two at-bats and Jones grounded into a double play in the

Major League Baseball playoffs

National League (Best-of-5) Today

Atlanta (Thomson 14-8) at Houston (Backe 5-3), 12:09 p.m. (ESPN2)

St. Louis (Morris 15-10) at Los Angeles (Lima 13-5), 7:10 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday

Atlanta (Wright 15-8) at Houston (Clemens 18-4), 12:09 p.m. (ESPN)

St. Louis (Suppan 16-9) at Los Angeles (Perez 7-6), 3:09 p.m. (ESPN2) (if necessary)

Monday (If necessary)

Houston at Atlanta, 3:19 p.m.

third.

Then they got desperate in the sixth. Torii Hunter tried to stretch a leadoff double when Matsui fumbled the ball

(Fox)
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 7:19 p.m. (Fox)

American League (Best-of-5)

Friday

Boston 8, Anaheim 6 (10), Boston wins series, 3-0

New York 8, Minnesota 4, New York leads series, 2-1

Today
New York (Vazquez 14-10) at Minnesota (Santana 20-6), 3:25 p.m. (Fox)

Sunday (If necessary)

Minnesota at New York, 7:10 p.m. (Fox)

in left, but he was easily thrown out. Corey Koskie ended the inning by getting tagged out at second when he tried to stretch a single.

'Rough' shot



David Wallace/The Gazette

Cedar Rapids Washington senior Nick Miller digs up some grass as he hits a shot out of the rough Friday in the first round of the Class 4A boys' state golf tournament at Hunter's Ridge Golf Course in Marion. Miller shot a 78. Story, 6C.

SIDELINE

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

See Sunday's Gazette for 75 years of Kinnick

Gazette sports staffers Mike Weiler and Sam Paxton are observing the 75th anniversary of Kinnick Stadium by compiling a list of the most memorable University of Iowa football games played there.

Look for their report, including game summaries and photographs, in Sunday's sports section.

FIGURE SKATING

Final session today for regional event in C.R.

CEDAR RAPIDS — The final session of the Upper Great Lakes Regionals figure skating championships at the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena is today from 7:50 a.m. to 8:50 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and available at the door.

Qualifiers from today's finals move on to a sectional event in North Dakota where qualifiers for the U.S. championships will be determined.

JUNIOR HOCKEY

RoughRiders beaten in a USHL shootout

LINCOLN, Neb. — John Swanson of Lincoln scored a shootout goal last night to give the Stars a 5-4 victory over the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders in a United States Hockey League game at Lincoln Icebox Arena.

Cedar Rapids took a 3-1 lead with second-period goals by Greg Collins, Erik Felde and Brandon Svendsen, then led 4-2 on a third-period goal by Justin Abdelkader. But Lincoln scored twice to tie it, then won in the shootout.

The Riders skate next in their home opener next Saturday against Waterloo. Gazette staff and wire reports

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Marion has control

Indians roll past
Anamosa, take lead
in district standings

By Jeff Dahn
The Gazette

MARION — The fact the Marion football team now controls its own destiny over the final three weeks of the regular season wasn't lost on the happy band of Indians last night.

"The district title is in our hands," junior Ben Messerli said.

"This is just one more step toward the promised land," junior Nick Cannavo echoed.

Positive thoughts always come out of big victories, and the Indians certainly got one at jam-packed Thomas Park.

Marion, held scoreless and limited to 71 total yards in the first half, came out and smoked Anamosa with 27 unanswered points in the second half, and beat the Class 3A fifth-ranked Raiders, 27-10, in front of a throng estimated at 4,000 fans.

Marion improved to 5-1 overall with its fourth straight win, but more importantly, the Indians moved to 4-0 in 3A District 4 and are the only remaining unbeaten team. Anamosa dipped to 5-1, 3-1.

"This is a great win over a good football team," Marion Coach Tony Perkins said. "I think we had a wake-up call at halftime. We put it on the backs of our offensive linemen to come out and dominate (Anamosa's) defensive line, and they did that."

Anamosa led 3-0 at half-



Cliff Jette/The Gazette

Marion's Ben Messerli struggles to maintain control of the ball as he gains some yardage in the first quarter of last night's game with Anamosa at Thomas Park in Marion. Marion defeated Anamosa, 27-10.

time thanks to 32-yard field goal by Noah Worcester at the 3:59 mark of the second quarter. Marion did absolutely nothing offensively,

with four possessions ending in punts and another on a lost fumble.

The second half was a totally different animal, led

by Bryan Clark, who gained 75 of his 104 rushing yards and scored touchdowns on runs of 2 and 9

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Warriors have many happy returns in win

Rhone, O'Meara
take kicks back
for scores in victory

By Jeff Johnson
The Gazette

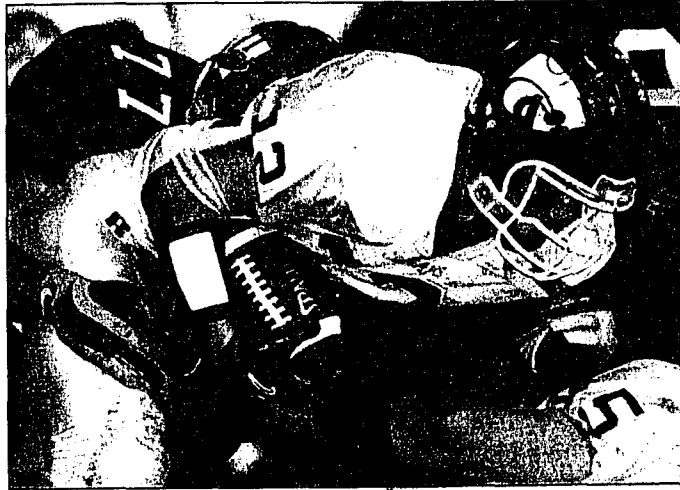
CEDAR RAPIDS — If Cedar Rapids Kennedy's football team wouldn't have had to kick off, maybe it would have beaten Cedar Rapids Washington last night. But the Cougars did, and as a result they didn't.

Travis Rhone took back a first-half kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown, and Paki O'Meara began a 25-point second-half rally with a 95-yard kickoff return for a score as Washington literal-

ly ran past its eastside rival, 32-17, on a picture-perfect fall evening at Kingston Stadium.

You can talk about Washington's stout second-half defense — it allowed 58 yards — and its potent second-half offense — it produced 200 yards. But Kennedy Coach Tim Lewis pointed right at the Warriors' two return touchdowns as the biggest keys to the game.

"Big plays," Lewis said. "It was one of those deals where we told our kids all week that we did not want to let the ball get into the hands of Rhone or O'Meara. Those returns are two plays, just two plays. But



Liz Condo/The Gazette

Cedar Rapids Washington's Adam Pinckney (left) tackles Cedar Rapids Kennedy running back Curtis Meier in the first half of the Warriors' 32-17 win last night at Kingston Stadium.

that's momentum.

"They got it, and we lost it, and that was the difference."

Kennedy (3-3) owned

most of the first half, opening a 17-7 halftime advantage on a 27-yard Alex Butters field goal, an 8-yard

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UNI ATHLETICS

Ceremony for new UNI arena is today

Groundbreaking for
McLeod Center has
finally arrived

By Jim Ecker
The Gazette

It's taken a long time, but they'll finally stick a shovel in the ground today and start building an arena at the University of Northern Iowa.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the McLeod Center is at 2:15 p.m. in the south parking lot next to the UNI-Dome, where the arena will be built.

"It's a pretty exciting time," said Rick Hartzell, UNI's director of athletics. "I think it's one of the biggest days in the history of Division I athletics at UNI. It will be fun."

The McLeod Center, tentatively scheduled to open in the fall of 2006, will become the Panthers' home for men's and women's basketball, volleyball and wrestling. It also will host concerts, shows and special events.

The price tag is \$23.1 million, according to Hartzell, but could change pending final decisions on a Hall of Fame area, plaza and kitchen. The school has raised about \$21 million, with a lead gift of \$4 million from Clark and Mary McLeod of rural Cedar Rapids.

The arena will have 6,300 permanent seats, with total capacity at 7,000 to 7,100 with temporary bleachers, suites and standing room.

The men's basketball team has played in the UNI-Dome since it opened in 1976, but the cavernous structure has not been a cozy environment for fans or a particularly hostile environment for opponents.

"The UNI-Dome is a fabulous facility for football and track, but it's not such a fabulous facility for basketball," Hartzell said. "Basketball was kind of an afterthought in the UNI-Dome."

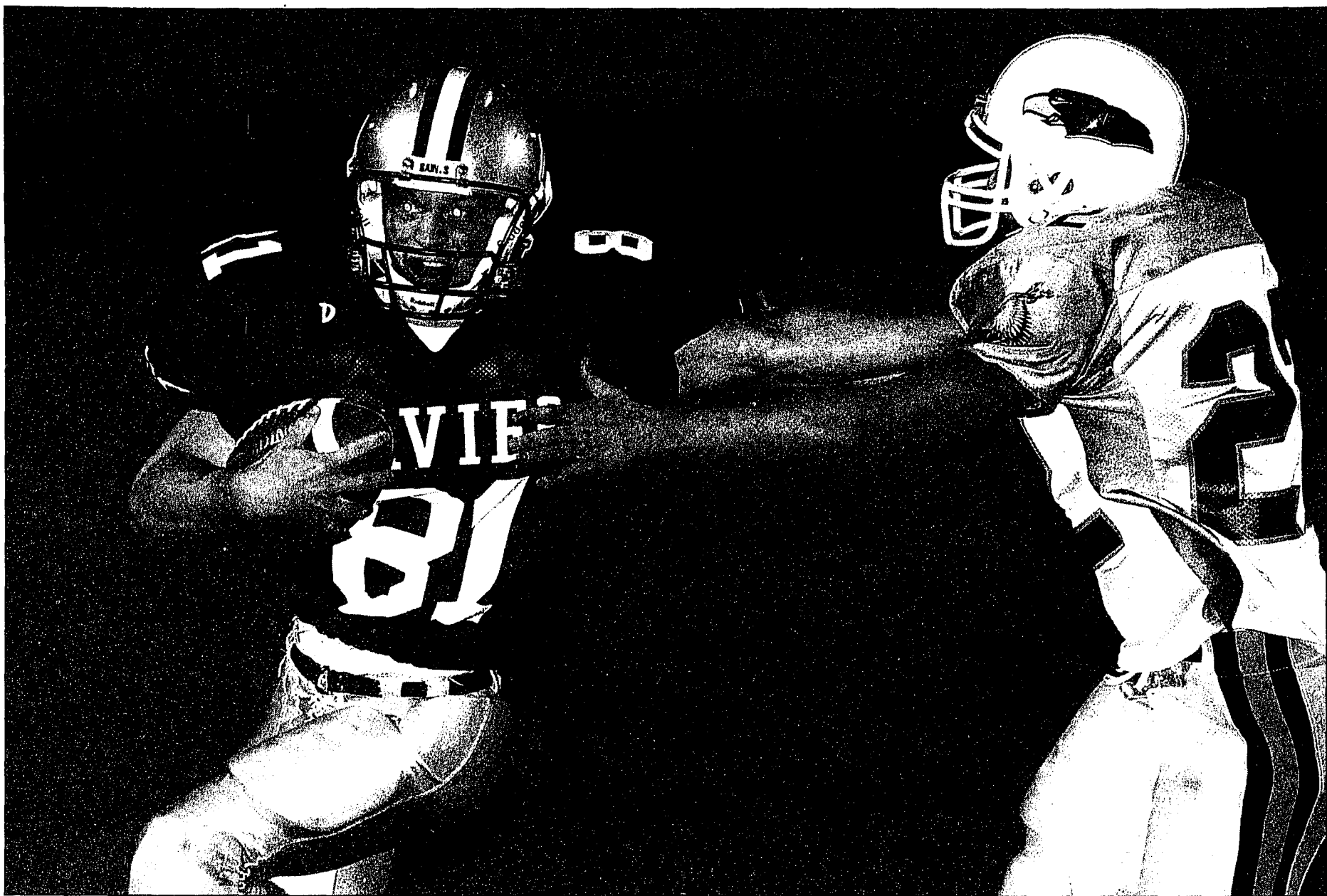
The women's basketball, volleyball and wrestling teams have held most events in the West Gym, an old, cramped facility on campus that holds a few thousand fans. The men's basketball team has played there at times, too.

In two more years, all of those teams can say good-bye to the West Gym and UNI-Dome and say hello to a

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Rick Hartzell
Northern Iowa
director
of athletics



Greg Undeen/The Gazette

Cedar Rapids Xavier's Tommy Breitbach (left) holds off Cedar Rapids Jefferson Sam Crosby in the first quarter of last night's Mississippi Valley Conference game at Saints Field in Cedar Rapids. Xavier downed the J-Hawks, 38-0.

Big first half effort carries Xavier

Saints even record at 3-3 by blanking Jefferson, 38-0

By Jim Ecker
The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — You can't spell Xavier without an "I," but you'll never hear the Saints bragging about themselves after a high school football game.

It's not their style.

Xavier stuffed Cedar Rapids Jefferson, 38-0, at Saints Field last night, then tripped over themselves as they thanked the scout team, the assistant coaches, the weight-room guy and everyone else.

"It's a total team effort," Coach Duane Schulte said after the Saints squared their record at 3-3.

The first half was the entire story in this game.

Xavier rolled up 298 yards in the first two quarters, held Jefferson to minus-two yards and led 38-0 at intermission.

The Saints were nearly perfect during that span.

"Can't complain about tonight," grinned fullback Pete Zach, who bulled for 109 yards and two TDs in the first half.

Tailback Jon Geppert raced for 131 yards and a touchdown in the first half, giving the Saints two players over the century mark by intermission.

"It really wasn't about us, though," said Zach. "The line made the holes and it was easy to run."

Jefferson (0-6) collected 383 yards and 26 first downs in a 47-29 loss at Linn-Mar last week, but the J-Hawks spun their wheels against the Saints. Their longest play in the first half went for four yards.

"Well, it's all Coach (Jim) O'Con-

nell," said linebacker Keane McCarthy, saluting Xavier's defensive coordinator. "He prepares us every week."

Schulte quickly cleared his bench. Nobody in his starting backfield took a snap in the second half, and his top defenders played only one series in the third quarter.

The second half went quickly with the running clock, which goes into effect with a 35-point lead. The J-Hawks collected 79 yards in the third and fourth periods to finish with 77 yards for the game.

Jefferson had only one first down in the first half. It came on a 15-yard penalty against Xavier for pass interference.

Taylor Lynch, an all-state soccer player, gave Xavier a 17-0 lead in the first quarter when he blasted a 48-yard field goal, setting a school record. Typically, Lynch credited the snapper, Andy Knapp, and his holder,

Scott Schemmel, for making it happen, and thanked the coaches for calling his number.

"They just wanted to give me a shot, I guess," he said.

"He's not an all-state soccer player for nothing," Schulte said.

Iowa State could use a place-kicker like Lynch, but he's leaning toward playing soccer in college and apparently is not interested in kicking a football before big crowds.

"I'm more of a small-town type of person," he said. "That wouldn't go real well, with thousands of people. I'd rather know everyone's name."

The Saints will have to run the table against Dubuque Senior, Prairie and Iowa City West to keep their playoff hopes alive.

"You've got to believe," Schulte said. "That's why you're in it."

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Warriors/Players challenged at half

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Curtis Meier run and a 25-yard pass from Tyler Thompson to tight end Ben Lamaak.

The Cougars finished the first 24 minutes with 196 total yards to Washington's 38. Kennedy had 123 rushing yards to Washington's 10 and had eight first downs to Washington's two. Senior running back Meier had 100 first-half yards. Meanwhile, Rhone was limited to 28 yards on seven carries.

But the second half started with O'Meara's kickoff return, in which he bobbled the ball at the 5, picked it, broke containment and burst free to the sideline, getting a huge block from running-mate Rhone to spring him the distance.

The extra-point kick failed, making it a 17-13 Kennedy lead. Make that a short-lived 17-13 lead.

Rhone burst through the middle on a carry on Washington's next possession, then sprinted to the sideline past every Cougar defender for a 52-yard touchdown run that gave Washington a 19-17 lead. His 70-yard touchdown run early in the fourth was a thing of beauty, as he ran through the middle, broke some tackles, cut back right and ran to the end zone, giving Washington a 25-17 edge with 11:13 to go.

Rhone, who finished with 234 yards rushing

on 23 carries, broke loose one last time late in the fourth quarter for a 27-yard run that gave Washington (3-3) a 1st-and-goal at the Kennedy 1. Quarterback Will Suess, who split time with Chase Hennessey, sneaked over from there for the final margin.

"We went into the locker room at halftime, and the coaches told us we were a family and we had to come out a lot harder," Rhone said. "They said the person who came out the hardest in the second half was going to win."

"There was a tremendous difference in the second half," said Washington Coach Paul James. "We challenged them at halftime, defensively and offensively. The coaches made some great adjustments, but I thought the way we played, a lot of credit has to go to how hard the kids played."

Kennedy was limited to three first downs in the second half, and Meier was held to 51 second-half rushing yards. Washington linebackers Bryce Buchanan and Justin Reed each came up with late fourth-quarter interceptions of Thompson passes to cement the victory.

"We came out defensively in the second half like a family. We came out here strong and we stayed together," Reed said.

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Friday night scoreboard

METRO/IOWA CITY

City High 28, Linn-Mar 21
Iowa City Regina 34, Wapello 0
Marion 27, Anamosa 10
Prairie 37, Waterloo West 0
Washington 32, Kennedy 17
Xavier 38, Jefferson 0

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 3

Decorah 43, Independence 0
Oelwein 41, Crestwood 28
Waukon 20, Charles City 7
Waverly-SR 17, N. Hampton 14

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 4

DeWitt Cent. 17, W. Del. 13
Maquoketa 28, W. Dubuque 13
Marion 27, Anamosa 10
V-Shillsbg 34, Mt.Vernon 27(40T)

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 5

C'ville 31, Washington (Iowa) 28
Chariton 43, Fairfield 0
Mt. Pleasant 34, Ft. Madison 0
Oskaloosa 41, Keokuk 6

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 6

Benton Comm. 33, W'burg 22
Grinnell 47, Knoxville 21
Pella 21, Clear Creek Amana 8
South Tama 28, Carlisle 6

CLASS 2A DISTRICT 3

Clarion-Goldfield 21, Osage 20
Garner-Hayfld 35, South Winn 14
Union 23, Sumner-Fred'burg 7
Wat. Col. 49, N. Fayette 41

CLASS 2A DISTRICT 4

Center Pt.-Ur. 36, Camanche 0
D'ville Beckman 36, Cascade 20

Maquoketa Valley 42, Solon 20
Monticello 31, MFL MarMac 20

CLASS 2A DISTRICT 5

Columbus 21, Highland-LT6
Mid-Prairie 21, Durant-Bennett 0
W. Liberty 28, Lou-Muscatine 6
Wilton 35, Mediapolis 0

CLASS 2A DISTRICT 6

Davis Co. 47, Ed'ville-Blakesbg 0
NL-Darville 35, Van Buren 18
Sigourney-Keota 46, Albia 0
W. Burlington-ND 28, C. Lee 0

CLASS 1A DISTRICT 4

Dike-New Hartford 50, Hudson 0
Gladbrook-Rein. 42, Denver 7
Tur. Valley 27, Nashua-Plainfld 6
Wapsie Valley 13, Jesup 6

Reutzel held down, but Prairie rolls

Cooper's passing key as Hawks blank Waterloo West

Waterloo Courier

WATERLOO — Fifth-ranked Cedar Rapids Prairie showed it was more than the Adam Reutzel show here last night.

Reutzel, the third-leading rusher in the Mississippi Valley Conference, was held to 105 yards under his average, but Joe Cooper passed for a season-high 122 yards as the Hawks rolled to 6-0 with a 37-0 whitewashing of Waterloo West at Memorial Stadium.

Showing no signs it was looking ahead to a showdown with 5-1 Iowa City High next Friday at home, Cooper threw for 101 first-half yards as the Hawks built a 21-0 halftime lead.

"It is awful difficult when you have your sights when you have your sights set ahead and still have to play a team like Waterloo West," said Prairie Coach Craig Jelinek. "Because West is a team that can beat anybody it plays. It was a real concern to come up here. So were happy to get in and get out with a

win.

Reutzel entered the contest averaging 170 per game, but was held to 65 yards on 14 carries and a pair of short touchdown runs.

But the Hawks didn't need Reutzel to carry the load as Cooper picked apart West's secondary, connecting on 10 of 13 passes. He was 8 of 9 in the first half. Spencer Stumpff caught five passes for 67 yards.

Drew Blahnik and Cooper scored on short runs in the first quarter to give Prairie a 14-0 lead, and Reutzel scored from 17 out with 1:31 left in the second quarter following a seven-play, 83-yard drive. Cooper completed three passes for 38 yards on the drive.

"What teams try to do to us is take away Adam (Reutzel)," Jelinek said. "But we still have Joe Cooper at quarterback, two excellent wide receivers in Glen Fox and Spencer Stumpff and a solid tight end in Jake Stratton.

"There are things we can do if people want to take away the run and tonight we showed it."

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Evans' 2 TD catches propel City High

Little Hawks edge Lions on homecoming

By Barry Pump
News correspondent

IOWA CITY — Ben Evans had two 30-plus-yard catches last night for back-to-back touchdowns as Iowa City High pulled out a 28-21 homecoming football victory over Mississippi Valley Conference rival Linn-Mar at Frank Banks field.

"It makes my job easier when I have a receiver like Ben Evans," said Little Hawks quarterback D.P. Eymann. "He deserves a lot of kudos for those catches. He made some great plays."

Eymann was 9 of 15 for 163 yards and had a hand in all the scoring for City High. He had an 8-yard run to even the score at 14 to end the third quarter before he really took matters into his own hands in the fourth with the two TDs to Evans.

"I'm really fortunate to have such good weapons," City High Coach Dan Sabers said. "D.P. can do it all. He can change plays if he needs to and he has good feet too."

The game was evenly matched through the first half. City High struck first with 11:52 in the second half on a 15-yard pass from Eymann to Dorian Davis.

The even matchup continued on the next drive when Blake Zundel connected with Nick Erdman for a 16-yard pass to tie the game 7-7 at the half.

For Linn-Mar, Beau Evans had 24 carries for 132 yards, continuing to lead the best offense in the MVP. Jeremy Tipton and Jack Dugger each added 46 yards and Matt Greer had 53 on the night.

Linn-Mar quarterback Blake Zundel went 19-for-21 with a last-minute interception that sealed the Lions' fate.

Phil Kenney led City High's running attack with 21 carries for 132 yards. Eymann had 80 yards on the ground. Kenney also led the passing attack with three receptions for 43 yards.

Considering the Little Hawks' first loss of the season came last week, Eymann and Sabers agreed this game was an important confidence boost.

"This was a big game for us," Eymann said. "We knew it was going to be close."

City High (5-1) travels Prairie next week. Linn-Mar (3-3) hosts C.R. Washington.

MVC standings

Miss. Division	Conf	All
Iowa City High	5-1	5-1
Linn-Mar	3-3	3-3
C.R. Xavier	3-3	3-3
Dub. Hempstead	3-3	3-3
Dubuque Senior	1-5	1-5
C.R. Jefferson	0-6	0-6
Waterloo East	0-6	0-6
Valley Division	Conf.	All
C.R. Prairie	6-0	6-0
Cedar Falls	6-0	6-0
Dub. Wahlert	4-2	4-2
C.R. Kennedy	3-3	3-3
Iowa City West	3-3	3-3
C.R. Washington	3-3	3-3
Waterloo West	2-4	2-4

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Cedar Falls 35, Waterloo East 6

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