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## White Sox finish shocking sweep

Defending champ Red Sox ousted from postseason

BOSTON (AP) — The White Sox swept away the champion Red Sox, and now they'll try to purge the

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

memory of the notorious Black Sox.

Orlando Hernandez pitched out of a bases-loaded, none-out jam, and Paul Konerko hit a tiebreaking homer as Chicago beat Boston last night, 5-3, to sweep the defending World Series champs out of the playoffs and win a postseason se-

### Scores & More

Friday

Chicago 5, Boston 3  
**White Sox win series, 3-0**

L.A. Angels 11, N.Y. Yankees 7  
**Angels lead series, 2-1**

Today

L.A. at New York, 3:30 p.m., KFXA

Atlanta at Houston, 7:05 p.m. KFXA

St. Louis at San Diego, 10:09 p.m., ESPN

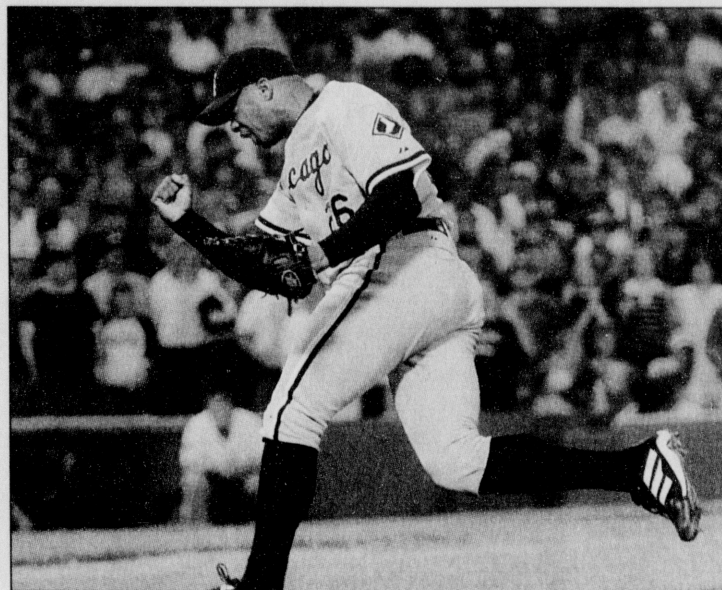
ries for the first time since Shoeless Joe Jackson's team won it all way back in 1917.

Two years later, Jackson's "Black Sox" took payoffs from gamblers to throw the Series. Eight men were out — banned from baseball for life — and every White Sox player since has lived with a longer but lesser-known "curse" than the one the Red Sox busted when they ended their 86-year drought last season.

Chicago will have home-field advantage in the AL Championship Series against the New York Yankees or Los Angeles Angels.

"We're not done. I don't think we're satisfied," Konerko said. "I think we match up well in this

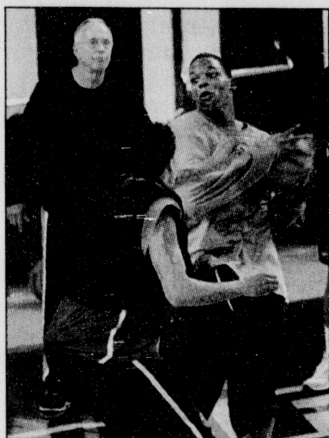
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Chicago Tribune

Chicago White Sox pitcher Orlando Hernandez reacts after striking out Boston's Johnny Damon with the bases loaded in the sixth inning Friday at Fenway Park in Boston. The White Sox held on to win, 5-3, eliminating the defending world champion Red Sox from the postseason.

## Officially a Knick



AP

Eddy Curry of the New York Knicks grabs the ball Friday during his first practice with the team in Charleston, S.C. Coach Larry Brown watches from the sidelines. Curry officially joined the New York Knicks after a team of doctors hired by the team cleared him to play.

## SIDELINE

### BOXING

### Castillo fails to make weight for rematch

LAS VEGAS — The highly anticipated rematch between Diego Corrales and Jose Luis Castillo turned ugly on Friday at the weigh-in when Castillo came in 3½ pounds overweight and his doctor was nabbed for trying to manipulate the scales.

Castillo was fined \$120,000 — 10 percent of his \$1.2 million purse — and his doctor, Armando Barak, was suspended from his corner and fined \$1,000 for tipping the scales. Corrales, who weighed the prescribed 135 pounds and will earn \$2 million, will receive \$60,000 — half of Castillo's fine — and will not have to put his WBC and WBO titles on the line. The Nevada Commission received the other \$60,000.



Jose Luis Castillo

Misses weight

## C.R. Washington logs 4 scores, forces 4 turnovers

By Jeff Dahn  
The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — It could best be described as a highly emotional victory in a sometimes heated game on a cold night at Kingston Stadium.

But if you asked the players from Cedar Rapids Washington, they would simply call it a very satisfying, very important win.

Washington's big-play offense led by senior quarterback Will Suess and senior tailback Paki O'Meara put four touchdowns on the board and the Warrior defense came up with four big turnovers as Washington turned back east side rival Kennedy, 28-21, last night in a crucial Mississippi Valley Conference showdown.

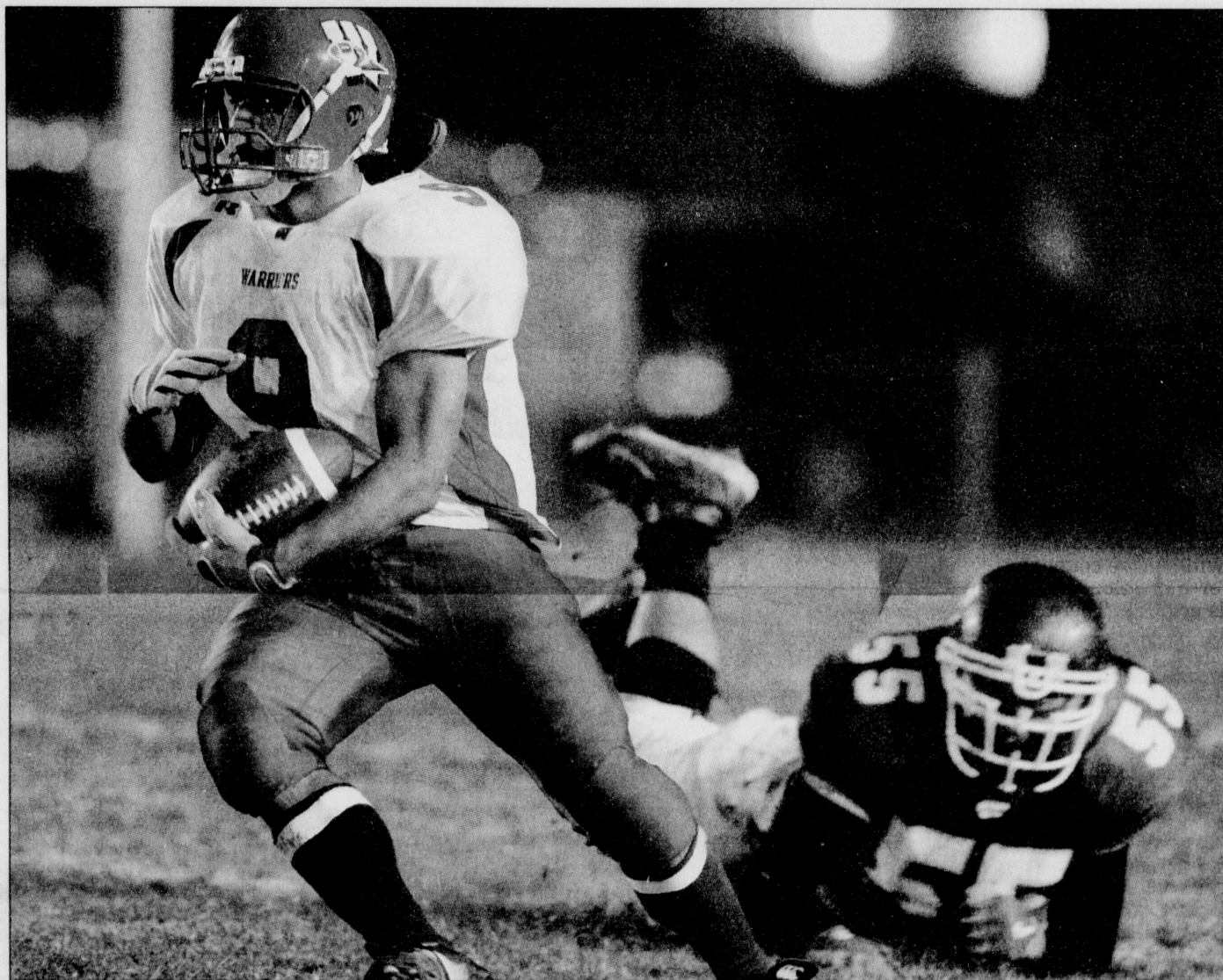
"We're 4-2 right now, and we control our own destiny," Washington Coach Paul James told his troops in a postgame gathering near the south end zone. "That was a great win."

Great because the Warriors avoided that dreaded third loss, the one that automatically puts a team on the postseason bubble. Great because the Warriors bent from time to time but never really broke when it mattered the most.

Great because it came against Kennedy, a talented team and long-time nemesis.

"The schools know each other so well," Suess said. "In my case, I went to middle school with a lot of their players."

"It's a rival game," senior lineman Adam Pinkney said. "We always get psyched up to play Kennedy. And this game was key for us if we want to make it to the playoffs and reach



Cliff Jette/The Gazette

Cedar Rapids Washington's Paki O'Meara (9) evades Freddy Ochs (55) of Cedar Rapids Kennedy on a 38-yard touchdown run on fourth down late in the first half last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Washington won, 28-21.

our goals."

The intensity reared its ugly head from time to time with five personal foul penalties. Otherwise, it was pretty good high school football.

Suess was outstanding, completing 12 of 22 passes for 184 yards and two touchdowns. O'Meara, who suffered a shoulder injury last week against Cedar Falls,

returned to rush for 111 yards on 22 carries, with touchdown runs of 27 and 38 yards.

Kennedy kept it interesting and had a chance to tie the game when it took over on the Washington 34 with 1 minute left. But the Warriors' Bryce Buchanan stepped in front of a Matt Carey pass on Kennedy's first play for his second

interception of the game to preserve the win.

A great win, by the way.

"This was a critical win for us if we had any aspirations of a winning season or getting to the playoffs," James said. "We weren't real rah-rah before the game, but the kids came out executed well."

Washington led 21-7 after a first half that featured

pin-point passing dazzling runs, botched plays, fumbles, and three unsportsmanlike conduct penalties.

Suess supplied the passing prowess, connecting on his first five passes, including a 10-yard touchdown pass to John Hart for the Warriors' second touchdown with 8:34 left in the

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### JUNIOR HOCKEY

### Riders top Black Hawks; open on home ice tonight

WATERLOO — Ted Purcell registered a goal and an assist as the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders defeated the Waterloo Black Hawks, 4-2, Friday night in United States Hockey League action.

Jacob Cepis, Nick Sellers and Dustin Cloutier also scored for the RoughRiders.

It was 2-1 RoughRiders after two periods, then Sellers and Cloutier came up with third-period goals to ice it for Cedar Rapids.

Alex Stalock picked up the victory in goal, stopping 24 of 26 shots for the RoughRiders.

Cedar Rapids (2-0) opens its home schedule tonight at 7 against Green Bay.

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Gazette staff and wire reports

## Russian RoughRider fitting in

Teammates helping Red Wings' draft pick assimilate to U.S.

By Jeff Johnson

The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — David Strathman and Sergei Kolosov car-pooled to Cedar Rapids RoughRiders practice the

### JUNIOR HOCKEY

other day, as usual. What wasn't usual was the guy doing the driving.

The rumor is a certain 19-year-old defenseman from Minsk, Belarus, was behind the wheel. That's even though he has been in this country less than a month and knows only about three or four handfuls of English words.

Don't tell the local cops about this, please.

"Good driver," Kolosov said in English after an interpreter asked him in Russian about chauffeuring Strathman around.

"No good driver," Strathman teases back.

"Good driver," Kolosov repeats.

It's been a month of adjustments for Kolosov and his RoughRiders teammates and coaches. And we're not just talking about getting used to local roads and highways.

The Detroit Red Wings, specifically two scouts and assistant general manager Jim Nill, phoned RoughRiders head coach and general manager Mark Carlson in September and wanted to

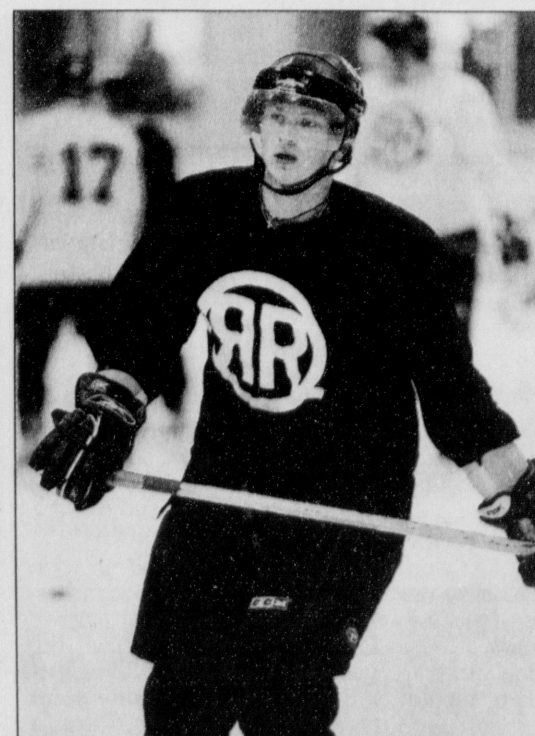
know if he had room on his roster for one of their draft picks. The 6-foot-4, 187-pound Kolosov was a fifth-round selection in the 2004 entry draft, and the team wanted him to come to the United States to get used to American culture and North American hockey.

The Wings could have picked any junior team in the U.S. or Canada. But impressed with the way Carlson and assistant coach Scott Meyer were able to develop 2005 Detroit second-round draft pick Justin Abdelkader, who's a freshman at Michigan State, the RoughRiders were the choice.

Carlson graciously accepted the Wings' offer.

"As far as the Red Wings,

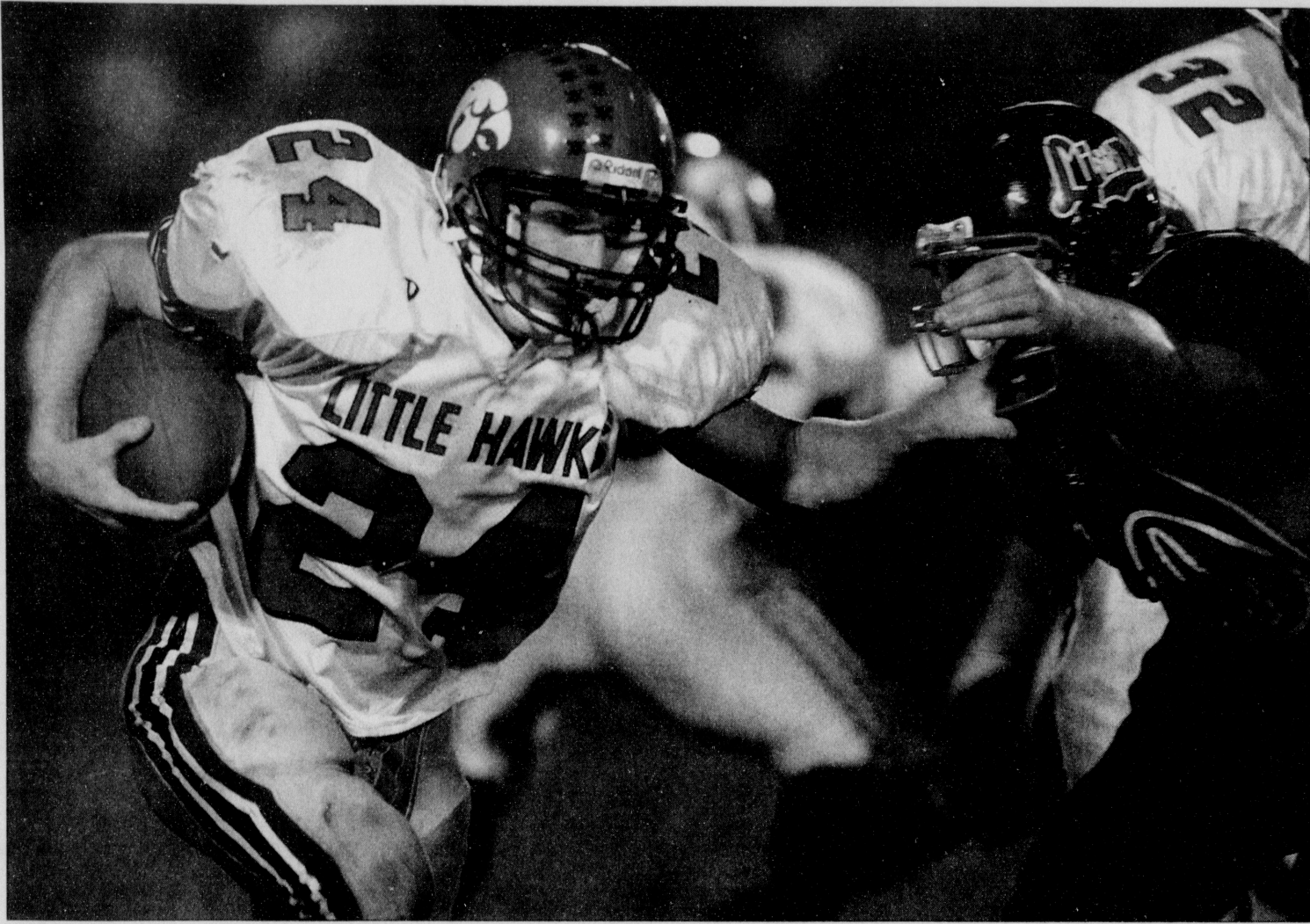
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David Wallace/The Gazette

Sergei Kolosov, 19, of Minsk, Belarus, practices Thursday with the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders at the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. Kolosov was drafted by Detroit in the fifth round of the NHL entry draft and sent to the RoughRiders to help his North America hockey development.





Laura Segall/The Gazette

Iowa City High's Travis Gobush (24) runs the ball past a Linn-Mar defender last night at Linn-Mar High School in Marion. The third-ranked Little Hawks won the game, 35-21.

# Little Hawks survive

By Jeff Johnson  
The Gazette

MARION — You've wondered how Iowa City High would respond to a fourth-quarter challenge. You got your answer last night. The Little Hawks powered their way to a pair of final-period touchdowns that held off Linn-Mar's upset challenge, 35-21, at Armstrong Field. Class 4A third-ranked City High is 6-0 but had to work to maintain its prefect record on a chilly homecoming night. "We've got respect for Linn-Mar," City High Coach Dan Sabers said. This was a 7-7 game late in the second quarter, and City High held a 14-7 halftime lead. A Linn-Mar touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter make it 21-14 Little Hawks and anyone's game.

But City High came right back with a ground-munching 69-yard drive that culminated in a Dorian Davis 4-yard touchdown run and a little more breathing room, 28-14. A turnover game the Little Hawks right back at the Linn-Mar 15, and a 7-yard TD run by Travis Gobush two plays later made it an insurmountable 35-14 lead. Linn-Mar scored in the closing seconds on a 7-yard pass from quarterback Mark Rigby to halfback Jeremy Kettering for the final margin. "They drove the field on us twice there," said Linn-Mar Coach Read. "We were trying to stunt and give them different games, some different looks defensively there. They were picking up up and knocking us back. The credit

goes to them and their offensive line." The one-two punch of tailback Gobush and fullback Davis accounted for most of the 252 rushing yards City High had. Gobush had a particularly busy night with 31 carries for 184 yards and three touchdowns. Linn-Mar (3-3) made it a tight game despite losing top running back Beau Evans, who played the first series but sat out the rest of the game after re-injuring his right ankle. Evans originally hurt the ankle in Linn-Mar's second game of the season, then sat out the last three weeks. Big fullback Hunter Smoak picked up some of the rushing slack with 55 yards, including two short touchdown runs.

Versatile wingback Blair Harris caught four passes for 95 yards, and quarterback Rigby completed 10 of 21 passes for 134 yards. There was a lengthy delay with a minute to go in the third quarter when City High defensive lineman Erik Hovenkamp was injured and had to be taken from the field by ambulance. Replays from Mediacom Cable showed Hovenkamp was in pursuit of a rolling-out Rigby near the Linn-Mar sideline when a Linn-Mar lineman hit him squarely in the chest on a blind-side block. The contact snapped Hovenkamp's head back. He got to his feet after the hit but fell back to the turf after trying to walk away.

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# Klith carries Prairie

By Jim Ecker  
The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — Craig Jelinek has a cold-blooded rule for his football players at Cedar Rapids Prairie High School: If you carry the ball or catch passes, you cannot wear long-sleeved shirts under your jersey, no matter how cold it gets. It doesn't seem to bother Jamie Klith. Klith lugged the ball 29 times for 178 yards and scored three touchdowns last night as No. 9 Prairie played keep-away and beat Waterloo West, 35-12, on a crisp homecoming night at John Wall Field. The thermometer dipped into the low 40s as Prairie raised its record to 5-1. "It felt fine," said Klith, a 5-10, 180-pound junior who has rushed for 880 yards and scored 11 times this year. "We were pumped up and really going. It felt good." Jelinek said there's a greater chance of fumbling if skill-position players wear long sleeves. "It's not that cold out here," he claimed, wearing a

jacket. "It's not like the Iditarod or anything." Prairie did not need sled dogs to beat Waterloo West (2-4), just fine blocking and strong running. The Hawks rushed 61 times for 334 yards and dominated the clock, keeping the ball for 35 minutes, 12 seconds compared to 12 minutes, 48 seconds for the visitors. The fourth quarter was totally lopsided. Prairie had the ball for 10 minutes and 32 seconds, compared to 1:28 for West. All told, the Hawks ran 70 plays from scrimmage and West had 36. Waterloo West scored on two long plays — a 97-yard run by Zach Pena in the second quarter and a 75-yard touchdown pass from Joe Horak to Scott Russell in the fourth period. Otherwise, it was all Prairie. Klith scored on a 17-yard run in the first quarter, a 4-yard scamper in the second quarter and a 1-yard plunge in the third. Prairie's other TDs came on a 15-yard pass from Nate Suchomel to Ben Reutzel and a 2-yard run by James Lee.

Klith carried the ball 20 times for 129 yards in the first half alone. He said he enjoys carrying the load, especially when the offensive line is doing its job and opening the holes. "It's fun," he said. "It's nice having the weight on your back." Prairie has put itself in position to make a run for the Class 4A playoffs, but it gets extremely tough from here. The Hawks visit No. 3 Iowa City High next Friday, travel to Cedar Rapids Xavier Oct. 21 and host No. 2 Cedar Falls in the regular-season finale Oct. 28. "We try to look at the season in thirds," said Jelinek, noting his team went 2-1 during the first third of the season and 3-0 in the middle third. "We have to win the last third to make the playoffs. However it shakes out, we've got to win that last third." A 6-3 record is usually good enough to make the playoffs, but a 7-2 mark would be safer. And if the Hawks finish 8-1, they'll be in a great shape.

# No. 7 Lisbon crushes East Central

Trent Rasmussen passed for 176 yards and three touchdowns as Class A seventh-ranked Lisbon downed East Central, 51-6, last night in a District 4 prep football game at Lisbon. Rasmussen hooked up with Eric Benyshek twice as the Lions improved to 6-0 overall, 5-0 in district play. East Central is 1-5, 1-5.

**VERNON 13** — Dusty Schirm rushed for 147 yards and two touchdowns for Vinton-Shellsburg (5-1, 3-1). Ross Timmermans was perfect in passing for the Vikings, hitting 7 of 7 for 110 yards and two touchdowns. **BELLEVUE 41, NORTH-LINN 8** — Dillon Budde had 10 carries for 99 yards and three touchdowns to lead Bellevue at home. Budde scored on runs of 15 and 12 yards then added a

14-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Chase Medinger for Bellevue. Nick LeClere had a 1-yard run for North Linn. **EDGEWOOD-COLESBURG 39, CENTRAL CITY 10** — Chase Forkenbrock rushed for 246 yards and five touchdowns as Ed-Co (5-1) won at home. Lance Lake also scored a touchdown for the Vikings. Central City falls to 1-5. **OLIN 54, SPRINGVILLE 0** — Colton Hansen completed 25

of 38 passes for 457 yards and seven touchdowns for the Fighting Lions at home. Justin Rix caught 10 passes for 102 yards and three touchdowns and Kasey Bean added four catches for 115 yards and two touchdowns for Olin (4-2, 4-2). **CENTER POINT-URBANA 48, CAMANCHE 6** — The seventh-ranked Stormin' Pointers improved to 6-0 overall, 4-0 in Class 2A-4 win a rout on the road.

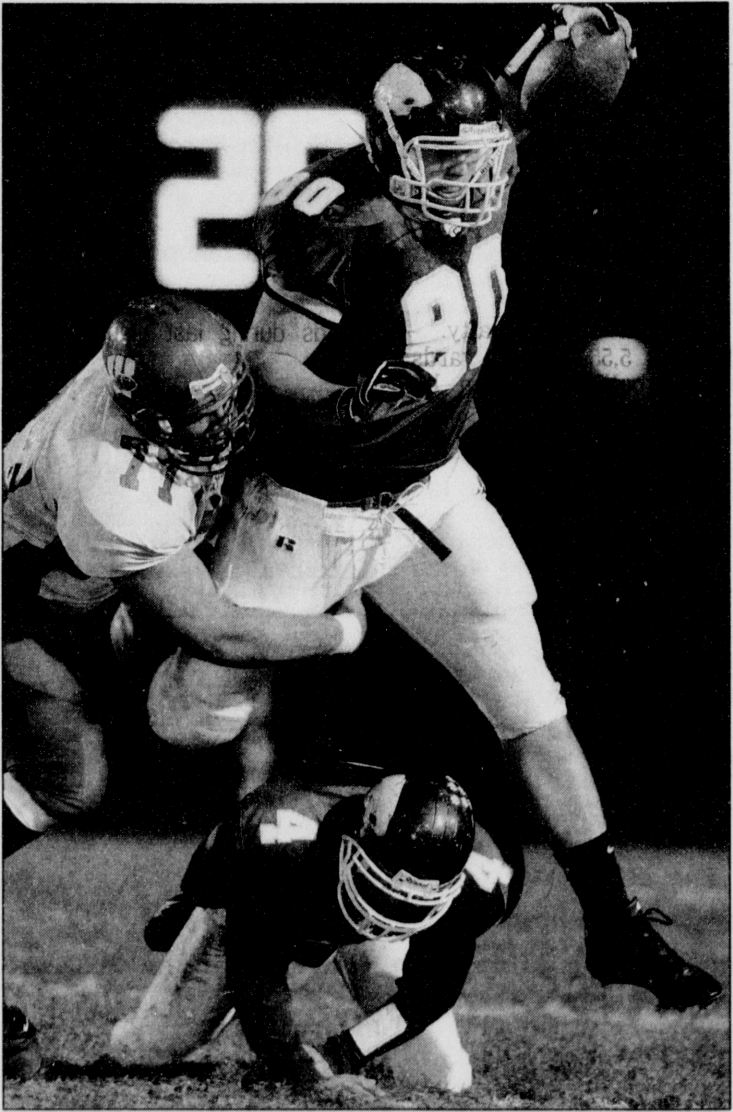
# I.C. West outlasts Dubuque Wahlert

By John Riehl  
The Gazette

IOWA CITY — The Iowa City West football team played a great game of keep-away in the fourth quarter to pick up a long overdue victory last night against Dubuque Wahlert. Looking for their first win in a month, the Trojans held the ball for the final 6 minutes, 47 seconds following a Golden Eagle touchdown to hold on for a 26-20 Mississippi Valley Conference homecoming victory at Trojan Field. On the final drive, junior fullback James Teel had eight carries for 32 yards and junior tailback Will Windauer added four rushes for 20 yards. "We kept thinking, 'Hang onto the ball.' We just kept pounding it out," said Windauer, who finished with 93 yards on 16 carries, including a 14-yard touchdown scamper with 5:08 remaining in the third quarter to put West ahead, 26-14. Statistically, West (2-4), which won for the first time since the season opener against Waterloo West, dominated the game, outgaining Wahlert (1-5), 442 total yards to 175. But the Trojans couldn't relax until the scoreboard clock read all zeroes. Teel, who had a game-high 103 yards on 22 carries, had touchdowns runs of 6 and 1 yards in the first half, and senior end Victor Hall scored a touchdown on a 62-yard reverse. But the Trojans led only 19-14 at halftime, despite lead-

ing the total yardage battle, 303-62. Wahlert had an 11-yard touchdown drive in the first quarter, which was set up by a long kickoff return, and a 53-yard fumble return for a score by defensive back Dustin Uhlik in the second. Despite holding a precarious halftime lead, West players said they weren't worried about letting this victory slip away down the stretch. "I thought we could do it again in the second half. I thought we could control the game in both halves," Windauer said. The victory was especially gratifying for the Trojans, who have been plagued by injuries and suffered through a four-game losing streak, with three of the losses coming against ranked opponents. "We have a lot of guys who have been hurt," Hall said. "Guys are stepping up big time and that's what we need. We call each other brothers. We're one family. When someone is down, we pick them up."

West quarterback Matt Hartman completed 11 of 21 passes for 148 yards. Wahlert running back Bobby Avenarius gained 86 yards on 10 carries, including a 41-yard scoring run with 6:52 remaining that pulled the Golden Eagles within 26-20. But Wahlert never got the ball back. West will look to start a winning streak next Friday at Cedar Rapids Kennedy. ■ Contact the writer: (319) 339-3177 or john.riehl@gazettecommunications.com



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Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Ben Lamaak (80) leaps over quarterback Matt Carey (4) as Adam Pickney (77) of Cedar Rapids Washington attempts to tackle him during the first quarter Friday at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Washington won, 28-21.

# Warriors/O'Meara dominates again

► FROM PAGE 1C second quarter. He added a 25-yard TD pass to Dylan Hines at the 5:25 mark of the third period that proved to be the game-winner. O'Meara provided the running highlights, scoring Washington's first touchdown on a 27-yard run in the first quarter and its second on a 38-yard scamper in the second. The second TD was especially entertaining as O'Meara — who is the Warriors' punter — hauled in a high snap on a punt attempt, ran to his right, broke a couple of tackles while cutting back across the field and raced into the end zone with 1:31 left in the half.

Kennedy's first-half touchdown came at the 10:25 mark of the second quarter after a 26-yard drive set up by a Washington fumble and capped by an 8-yard run off left tackle by Luke Dolan. Kennedy (4-2) got a pair of 3-yard touchdown runs from Carey — one in each of the third and fourth periods — to complete its scoring. Carey completed 12 of 26 passes for 128 yards and rushed for another 49. The Cougars mixed up their offensive formations brilliantly and finished with 324 yards. Washington hosts Linn-Mar Thursday night and Kennedy hosts Iowa City West Friday night, both back at Kingston. ■ Contact the writer: (319) 368-8841 or jeff.dahn@gazettecommunications.com

## Mississippi Valley Conference standings

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

THURSDAY
C.R. Xavier 35, C.R. Jefferson 21
FRIDAY
C.R. Washington 28, C.R. Kennedy 21
Cedar Falls 40, Waterloo East 0
Dub. Senior 28, Dub. Hempstead 17
Iowa City West 26, Dub. Wahlert 20
Iowa City High 35, Linn-Mar 21
C.R. Prairie 35, Waterloo West 12

"We're going to focus on City High first and try to come at them hard," said Klith. ■ Contact the writer: (319) 368-8697 or jim.ecker@gazettecommunications.com



