



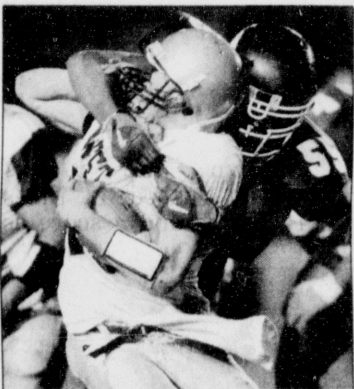
Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Mike Morio (58), Luke Dolan (39) and Freddy Ochs go for a tackle of Iowa City West's Matthew Aiken near the goal line last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Kennedy won, 40-27.

New QB leads Kennedy

Tight end Lamaak goes under center in win over West

By Jeff Dahn
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CEDAR RAPIDS — It was perhaps the strangest sight this season at Kingston Stadium, which has seen its share of the wacky through the first seven weeks of the football season.
But there he was, Cedar Rapids Kennedy's standout tight end Ben Lamaak under center as the Cougars quarterback. It's just not often you see a 6-foot-5, 250-pounder wearing uniform No. 80 taking snaps.
But it was no fluke.
Lamaak came out throwing — completing 10 of his first 11 passes for 149 yards and a touchdown — and Kennedy topped Iowa City West, 40-27, last night in a crucial Mississippi Valley Conference game at Kingston.
Working out of some power-I and some spread, Lamaak completed 16 of 26 passes for 260 yards and two touchdowns in his debut as the Cougars compiled 379 total yards of offense.
"I haven't played quarterback since flag football back when I was in fourth or fifth grade," Lamaak said. "I've been working on it for the last two or three weeks. I was

a little nervous at the start, but I had confidence in myself, and Coach called the right plays at the right time."
Kennedy Coach Tim Lewis said he made the decision to start Lamaak at QB Thursday night.
"We felt we needed to generate some offense," Lewis said. "We planned on having him start the game and then go back to our normal stuff. But he's an athlete, and he made things happen."
Junior tailback Herve Cantrell also made things happen by scoring four of the Cougars' five touchdowns. He had scoring runs of 18, 12 and 11 yards and hauled in a perfect pass from Lamaak that covered 80 yards for a score.
The Kennedy defense — led by Mike Morio, Ron McConnell and Freddy Ochs — wasn't bad either, at least for the first 2 1/2 quarters. West finished with 265 yards, but 193 of those came in the second half.
This was in essence the start of the playoffs for Kennedy, which improved to 5-2 with two games left in the regular season.
The Cougars definitely control their own postseason future. They host Dubuque Wahlert next Friday and finish the season at Linn-Mar, two teams with losing records and already eliminated from the playoffs.



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Iowa City West quarterback Matt Hartman is sacked by Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Freddy Ochs during the first half of a high school football game last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Kennedy won, 40-27.

Cedar Rapids Prairie, Washington and Xavier — teams Kennedy is contending with for a maximum of three playoff berths — have much more difficult rows to hoe.
And in one important tiebreaker, Kennedy beat Xavier and Prairie and lost to Washington.
"They're huge, and we want to win out," Lamaak said. "The seniors' goal at the beginning of the year was to make it to the playoffs."
Lewis likes the fact that no one else can determine the

Cougars' fate.
"We're in the perfect position, but we know 6-3 probably won't get us in," he said.
West's Tony Mellecker recovered a fumble on the Kennedy 15-yard line with 4:43 left in the first quarter, and one play later James Teel covered the final 3 yards to give the Trojans a 6-0 lead.
Kennedy took over after that.
The Cougars' got first half touchdowns on an 18-yard run by Cantrell in the first quarter, a 5-yard pass from Lamaak to Teddy Shonka, and a 13-yard blocked punt return by Cordale Baker in the second quarter.
The score stood 19-6 at halftime, with Kennedy out-gaining West, 194 to 72. The Trojans punted six times in the first two quarters.
Lamaak completed 10 of 15 for 149 yards in the first half alone.
Kennedy's second-half touchdowns came on Cantrell's runs of 12 and 11 yards and his pretty 80-yard reception of Lamaak's pass.
West (2-5) also scored three times in the second half on a 5-yard run from quarterback Matthew Aiken, a 2-yard plunge from Teel, and 25-yard pass from Aiken to Zach Derby.
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City/Little Hawks top C.R. Prairie

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28-3 with 8:42 left.
Suchomel connected with Dana Schmitt for a 20-yard touchdown reception with 5:28 left, but the Hawks couldn't get past City's 47 on their last drive.
"We had a solid game in the first half, and Prairie's a good team but a lot of teams don't come back from a 28-0 deficit," Gobush said. "They hit us hard . . . We got our heads unscrewed there."
Suchomel completed 10 of 21 for 105 yards, and Jamie Klith ran for 114 yards on 22 carries for Prairie.
Gobush had 144 yards on 23 carries, and City's Jon Gil-



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Cedar Rapids Prairie's Jamie Klith is tackled by Iowa City High's Ryan Alberhasky (11) and Ryan Boehm (36) last night in Iowa City.
more added 75 in the air. City now holds a 24-game advantage in the two teams' last 27 meetings.

Regina wins

Ryan Murphy rushed for 68 yards and two touchdowns as fifth-ranked Iowa City Regina METRO/IOWA CITY blanked Montezuma, 23-0, in a Class 1A District 6 prep football game last night in Montezuma.
Murphy, who carried the ball just eight times, scored on runs of 45 and 2 yards as the Regals improved to 4-1 in district play, 6-1 overall. Montezuma (3-2, 5-2) was held to 106 total yards.
Regina's Michael O'Connell rushed for 77 yards on nine carries and caught five passes for another 75 yards.
C.R. JEFFERSON 35, WATERLOO EAST 0 — The J-Hawks picked up their first win of the season, blanking East in a Mississippi Valley Conference game in Waterloo.
East fell to 0-7.

Xavier gets revenge, on Senior, Murphy

By Jeff Johnson
The Gazette
CEDAR RAPIDS — Cedar Rapids Xavier football coach Duane Schulte bristled when asked about his team's game last season against Dubuque Senior, and the punishment Senior running back Jayme Murphy inflicted on it.
"Don't put anything in the paper about last year," Schulte said, when asked how many touchdowns Murphy had. "This is about this year."
But it helps put last night's game into perspective if you take a look at last year's game, Coach. We promise it'll be a brief look.
Murphy had 380 rushing yards and seven touchdowns in a 50-30 Senior win a year ago. Last night at Saints Field, the all-state back needed 35 carries just to get 110 yards and two fourth-quarter scores in a 27-13 Xavier victory.

"The thing about Murphy that is so tough is that he's so explosive," Schulte said. "He'll break tackles, and all of a sudden he's gone. I think we've seen dart-ier guys. But he's just so powerful that if he breaks a tackle, he's gone."
"Murphy is really, really strong," said Xavier linebacker/fullback Chad Arp. "The coaches had a lot of film set up, and we watched a lot, a lot of film this week. The alumni didn't want us to get beat (again), they wanted us to get a little revenge tonight."

Xavier (5-2) did that and more. Not only did it contain Murphy, limiting him to 28 yards rushing on 15 first-half carries, but it won its fourth game in a row, clinched a winning season and moved a step closer to a Class 4A playoff berth.
The Saints have a big game at home against Cedar Rapids Prairie next week, then conclude the regular season at Iowa City West.
"This really is nice because, honestly, our senior class, no one has ever really given us much credit for what we did," Arp said. "(They were) saying we're not big, we're not fast. But our whole team worked really hard this summer. We had the best weight-room attendance we've ever had . . . It's been a great year for us to mesh (with the juniors), and we're looking to get into the playoffs."
"This senior group has stuck it out, they've hung around, they've worked hard,

Mississippi Valley Conference standings

| Miss. Division | Conf | All |
|-----------------|-------|-----|
| Iowa City High | 7-0 | 7-0 |
| C.R. Xavier | 5-2 | 5-2 |
| Linn-Mar | 3-4 | 3-4 |
| Dubuque Senior | 3-4 | 3-4 |
| Dub. Hempstead | 2-5 | 2-5 |
| C.R. Jefferson | 1-6 | 1-6 |
| Waterloo East | 0-7 | 0-7 |
| Valley Division | Conf. | All |
| Cedar Falls | 7-0 | 7-0 |
| C.R. Prairie | 5-2 | 5-2 |
| C.R. Kennedy | 5-2 | 5-2 |
| C.R. Washington | 5-2 | 5-2 |
| Waterloo West | 3-4 | 3-4 |
| Iowa City West | 2-5 | 2-5 |
| Dub. Wahlert | 1-6 | 1-6 |

| THURSDAY |
|--------------------------------|
| Washington 50, Linn-Mar 31 |
| Waterloo West 34, Hempstead 13 |
| FRIDAY |
| Jefferson 35, Waterloo East 0 |
| City High 28, Prairie 10 |
| Cedar Falls 52, Wahlert 13 |
| Xavier 27, Dubuque Senior 13 |
| Kennedy 40, I.C. West 27 |

they've done everything we've asked of them," Schulte said. "They've done a great job. But I hope they're not satisfied."
Xavier used great field position and a little trickery for a 13-0 halftime lead. The Saints started their first four possessions in Senior territory, which led to a touchdown and field goals of 41 and 42 yards by Danny Bauer.

The touchdown was a 48-yard double-pass from quarterback Matt Lukan to backup quarterback David Drahozal to Geoff Wagner. Lukan took a step back and fired a quick backward pass into the flat to Drahozal, who paused and fired to a wide-open Wagner deep for the score.
"Coach calls the plays, and we try to execute," said Wagner, who had four catches for 105 yards. "Coach just wanted to call a trick play (there), and I guess it worked."
Lukan connected with Wagner again in the third quarter on a 44-yard touchdown to make it a 20-0 Xavier lead. After a 1-yard Murphy TD run early in the fourth quarter, Will Martin took advantage of a couple of fine perimeter blocks and sprinted 47 yards on a sweep for the clinching touchdown.
Murphy scored from 2 yards out in the final minute for Senior (3-4), which was held to 220 total yards.

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Butteris scores 4 TDs as Lions top Alburnett in District 4 contest

Stephens adds 96 yards and a score for 7-0 Lisbon

Class A sixth-ranked Lisbon piled up 384 rushing yards, getting 152 from Zach Butteris, and blanked Alburnett, 41-0, last night in a District 4 prep football game at Alburnett.
Butteris scored four touchdowns.
Marquis Stephens added 96 yards and a touchdown for the Lions (7-0, 6-0), who had a 20-0 lead at the half.
CENTER POINT-URBANA 34, DYERSVILLE BECKMAN 28 — Quarterback Joey Bahnsen completed 8 of 12 passes for 124 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown pass to Dustin Comried with 2:34 remaining, as the Class 2A sixth-ranked Stormin' Pointers (7-0, 5-0) won at home.
Andy Squires rushed 22 times for 124 yards and two touchdowns for CP-U.
Rob Brown rushed for 169 yards on 31 carries and three touchdowns for the Blazers (4-3, 3-2).

EDGEWOOD-COLESBURG 48, SPRINGVILLE 7 — Chase Forkenbrock rushed for 186 yards on 13 carries, scored three rushing touchdowns, and returned a punt 60 yards for another score as the Vikings (6-1, 5-1 A-4) rolled to a 48-0 halftime lead and cruised from there at Springville.
Lance Lake caught a touchdown pass and ran for a score for Ed-Co.
Dan Malloy caught a 65-yard touchdown pass for the Orioles (0-7, 0-6).
NORTH CEDAR 49, NORTH LINN 0 — Jeremy Bower and Garrett Hepker combined for 164 yards and six touchdowns as North Cedar (3-4, 2-3) rolled in a Class 1A-5 game at Stanwood.
Bower rushed seven times for 159 yards, scoring on runs of 83, 20 and 35 yards. Hepker added 105 yards on 12 rushes, scoring on runs of 37, 8 and 6 yards.
PRESTON 26, CENTRAL CITY 6 — Preston improved to 4-3 overall, 4-2 in Class A District 4 with a win in Central City.
The Wildcats are 1-6, 1-5.

