

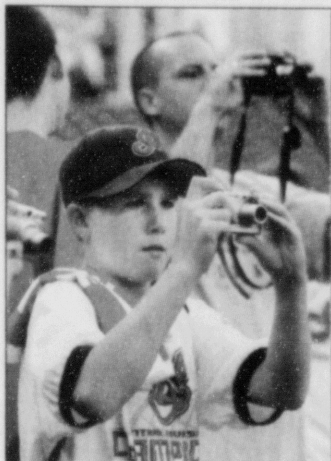
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Playoff picture



AP

Justin Webb takes pictures of the Cleveland Indians during batting practice before Game 1 of an American League Division Series against the New York Yankees on Thursday in Cleveland. **Game story, 2C**

SIDELINE

TRACK

Report: Marion Jones admitted using steroids

Marion Jones admitted using steroids before the 2000 Olympics in a recent letter to close family and friends, The Washington Post reported Thursday.



Jones, a triple gold medalist in Sydney, said she took "the clear" for two years, beginning in 1999, and that she got it from former coach Trevor Graham, the newspaper reported. Graham told her it was flaxseed oil.

Jones also said she will plead guilty today to two counts of lying to federal agents about her drug use and an unrelated financial matter, the Post reported. "I want to apologize for all of this," the newspaper reported, quoting a person who received a copy of Jones' letter and read it to the paper. "I am sorry for disappointing you all in so many ways."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Michigan won't forfeit games for ineligibility

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan won't have to forfeit any football games for using an ineligible freshman player. Michigan last month reported an administrative error involving safety Artis Chambers to the Big Ten. Chambers played in three games, including a 14-9 victory over Penn State, but wasn't eligible under conference freshman rules.

He will keep his athletics scholarship and can continue practicing with the team, but he will miss the rest of the season. The conference said Michigan will not have to forfeit games.

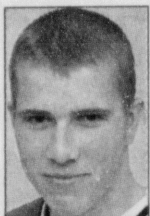
Associated Press

Meet the Riders

Introducing the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders for 2007-08:

- **Name:** Bryce Aneloski
- **Number:** 4
- **Position:** Defenseman
- **Height, weight:** 6-2, 205
- **Age:** 17
- **Hometown:** Pekin, Ill.
- **Last team:** Team Illinois (midjet)

■ **Notes:** Eighth-round draft pick of the RoughRiders in 2007 USHL Draft. Taken 81st overall ... Teammate Scott Mathis also was a graduate of the Team Illinois hockey program.



Iowa wants to regain confidence on road

By John Riehl
The Gazette

IOWA CITY — Sophomore linebacker A.J. Edds has heard the less-than-flattering talk from University of Iowa students about this season's Hawkeye football team.

The Hawkeyes have run their Big Ten losing streak to seven games, and they can't defend the spread offense, as shown by Indiana last Saturday.

But Edds isn't sweating those statements. "That's fair game. We have

to take that and not get too bogged down with that and do what we need to do," Edds said. "It's the nature of the beast at this point. It's not trying to tear anybody down. It's where we're at. That's the perception of where we're at."

While a certain faction of Hawkeye Nation is calling out the Hawkeyes (2-3 overall, 0-2 Big Ten), the players aren't pointing fingers at each other.

This is a close-knit group

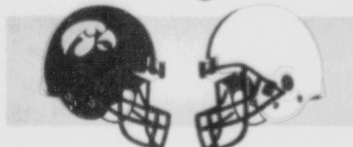


A.J. Edds
Iowa linebacker

IOWA FOOTBALL

Hawkeyes not ready to jump ship amid slide

This week's game



- **The teams:** Iowa (2-3, 0-2) at Penn State (3-2, 0-2)
- **Place:** Beaver Stadium, State College, Pa.
- **Kickoff:** 2:35 p.m. Saturday
- **TV:** KCRG
- **Online:** www.gazetteonline.com

that isn't about to jump ship after a surprisingly easy 38-20 win by Indiana on homecoming at Kinnick Stadium.

"The feeling this year compared to last year is a lot different. We're a lot closer," sophomore center Rafael Eubanks said. "We paid our dues in the off-season. It's not translating into wins, but the team is not going to back down no matter what."

The Hawkeyes can't let losses continue to pile up if they want to entertain post-season possibilities.

Iowa travels to Penn State (3-2, 0-2), another team searching for a win to quiet a grumbling fan base, for a Saturday showdown in front of 107,282 fans at Beaver Stadium.

"We'd hate to have another

loss. We just really want to get our confidence back," Eubanks said. "We've done a somewhat good job on the road. We played Wisconsin tough and this is going to be another tough environment. We just have to work on our consistency."

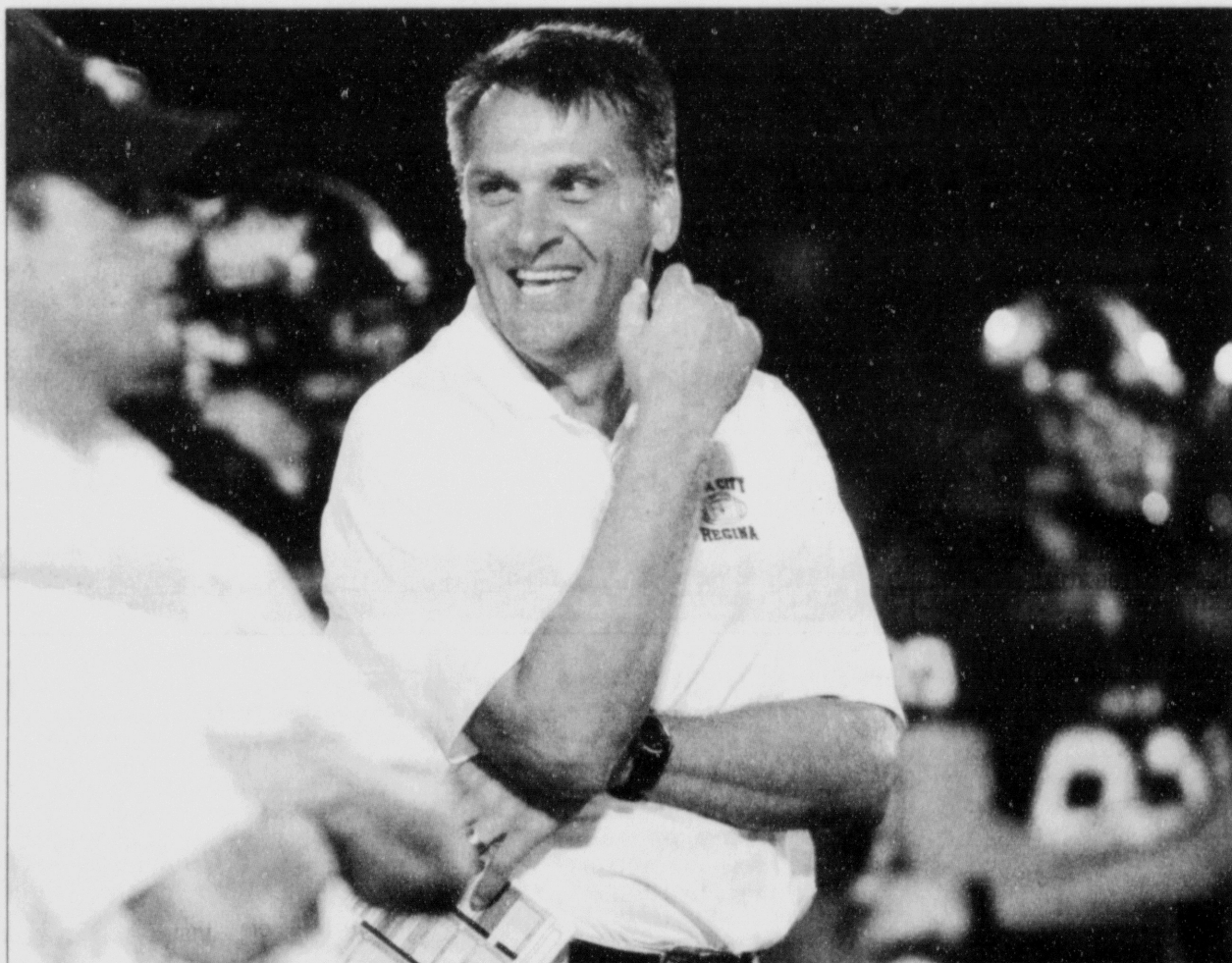
Edds doesn't think consecutive setbacks to Iowa State (15-13), Wisconsin (17-13) and Indiana has shaken his teammates' confidence.

The Greenwood, Ind., native thinks the Hawkeyes have the players to get the job done.

They've shown signs of
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PREP FOOTBALL

Rivalry from both sides



Lindsay J. Carmack/The Gazette

West Branch legend Cook leads Regina in key clash

By Jeff Dahn
The Gazette

The state's biggest Class 1A football game to date this season will be played tonight at West Branch's Little Rose Bowl.

Sixth-ranked Iowa City Regina, a program that has been to the playoffs each of the last three years and

won the state championship in 2005, will pay a visit to fifth-ranked West Branch, whose run of four straight playoff appearances was interrupted last year despite an 8-1 record.

Both teams are 5-0 overall and 3-0 in rugged 1A District 6, which also includes unbeaten and third-

ranked Pekin.

The stands will be packed as fans from both schools gather to watch what promises to be an entertaining football game while also noting the return of new Regina coach Marv Cook to his old hometown.

Cook was a two-time all-stater for West Branch

Coach Butch Pedersen in 1983 and '84 before moving on to an all-American career at Iowa and two Pro Bowl appearances in a seven-year NFL career. But now he's in his first coaching job at Regina and he's not dwelling on his first

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PREP FOOTBALL

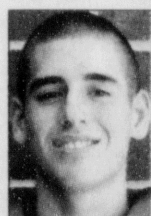
Kennedy routs Iowa City West

By Jeff Dahn
The Gazette

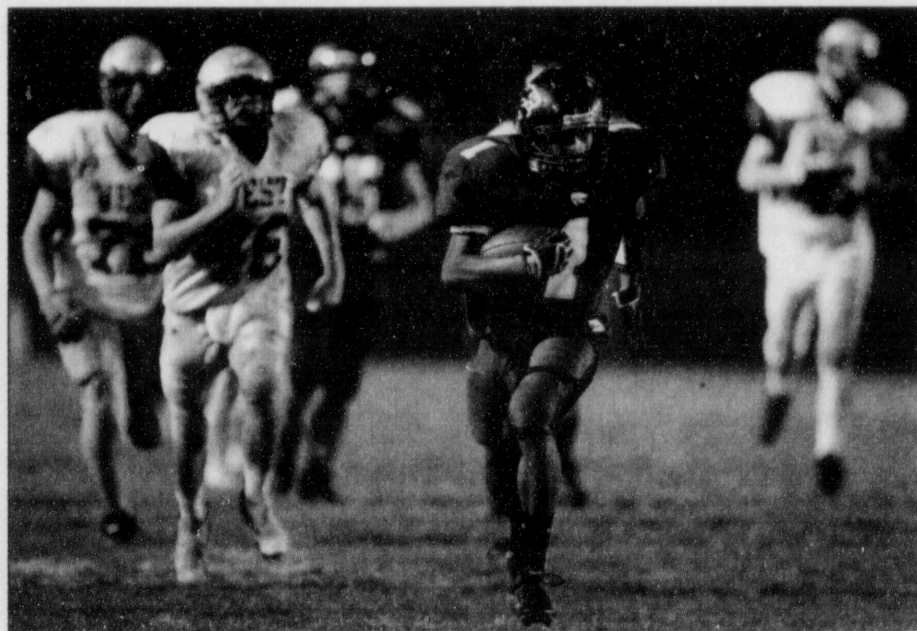
CEDAR RAPIDS — The magic of offense known as the "Guy Martino Flying Circus" was in full flight again last night, but this time it got some help from a defensive unit that had been basically missing in action.

Martino, close to perfection passing the ball, threw three touchdown passes and ran for two more — all in the first half — as Cedar Rapids Kennedy pulverized outmanned Iowa City West, 56-7, in Mississippi Valley Conference play on a warm Kennedy homecoming night at Kingston Stadium.

Kennedy's starters played only the first half after taking a 42-0 lead into



Guy Martino
Kennedy QB



Jim Slosiarek/The Gazette

Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Tim Johnson runs for a 79-yard touchdown as Iowa City West defenders trail him Thursday at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids.

halftime, which sent the continuous clock in motion for the entire second half.

He completed a breathtaking 18 of 19 passes for 256 yards with touch-

down strikes of 22 yards to Eric Schultz and 4 and 18 yards to electric Tim Johnson. Martino also scored on

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BASEBALL

Home not always so cozy

McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Listen to baseball "experts," and you'll hear a lot of talk about, well, team X and Y are pretty even, but X has been tough at home, so I'll go with them.

Pretty solid logic, right? Usually goes without much opposition.

Heck, just Tuesday, Red Sox Manager Terry Francona used that line of thinking in talking about his team's first-round series against the Angels during a news conference at Fenway Park.

"I know that at their place they have one of the best home records in baseball," he said. "So getting them here, hopefully that will mean something."

In the last five years, the team with home-field advantage has won just 13 of 35 series. Last year, the only home team to win was the Mets in a National League first-round series, and they ended up losing game seven of the NL Championship Series at Shea Stadium.

No wonder Angels Manager Mike Scioscia used the final days of the regular season to line up the pitching matchups he wanted instead of going for the AL's best record. Scioscia knows that in baseball, the pitching advantage is far more valuable than home-field advantage.

This isn't like other sports. In the NFL, home playoff teams are 32-18 the last five years. In the NBA, teams with home-court advantage have won 55 of 75 series during the same time period. You could argue the NBA numbers are a bit distorted by early mismatches, but the No. 4 seeds are 7-3 against No. 5 seeds.

Yes, being at home matters. In those other sports.

It's strange, too, because baseball is the only sport of the big three that gives the home team an actual advantage and features different playing dimensions from stadium to stadium. The home team bats last and knows its park better than anybody.

"Coming up with the Rockies, you know, people ask you about our ballpark," Rockies starter Jeff Francis said. "I guess you always kind of wait until you get there and you kind of realize that it's the same for both teams."

Those are real edges, and yet home field matters far less in baseball than it does in the NFL or NBA.

