

Harper back from injury, guides Hawks to win No. 2

By Jeff Johnson
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CEDAR RAPIDS — Welcome back to the line-up, Demetrius Harper. Welcome back to the win column, Cedar Rapids Prairie.

"Coach just said to go out there and get it done for the seniors," Harper said after his 88-yard kickoff return with 1:41 left got it done for Prairie on Senior Night, giving it a 35-28 win over Dubuque Hempstead at John Wall Field.

An explosive junior wide receiver with tons of athletic ability, Harper broke his collarbone in Prairie's second game this season. He thought he was done for the fall, although last night proved otherwise.

He scored on an 8-yard sweep midway through the fourth quarter to put Prairie up 28-21. After Hempstead tied it, Harper found a crease and sprinted past everyone down the sideline to make the Hawks (2-6) winners for a second consecutive week.

"It's been kind of tough with the injury," Harper said. "But Coach told me to keep things positive, keep my head up. ... I didn't expect to play at all. They told me I was done for the season."

Prairie Coach Mike Morrissey obviously is glad that wasn't true.

"It was just nice getting

MVC standings

SCHOOL	DIV.	ALL
Mississippi Division		
Linn-Mar	6-0	8-0
Iowa City High	4-2	6-2
Dubuque Wahlert	3-2	5-3
Cedar Rapids Kennedy	3-2	4-4
Cedar Rapids Washington	2-3	5-3
Dubuque Senior	1-5	1-7
Waterloo West	0-5	0-8
Valley Division		
Cedar Falls	5-0	8-0
Iowa City West	5-0	6-2
Cedar Rapids Xavier	4-2	5-3
Waterloo East	3-3	4-4
Cedar Rapids Prairie	2-4	2-6
Cedar Rapids Jefferson	0-5	0-8
Dubuque Hempstead	0-5	2-6

LAST NIGHT

Cedar Falls 45, Dubuque Senior 0
C.R. Xavier 37, C.R. Jefferson 10
C.R. Washington 66, Iowa City West 37
C.R. Kennedy 42, Waterloo West 19
C.R. Prairie 35, Dub. Hempstead 28
Linn-Mar 17, Iowa City High 12
Dub. Wahlert 28, Waterloo East 14

him back," Morrissey said. "I know he missed it tremendously. For him to be able to come back and make an impact right away is huge for him, as far as a confidence standpoint. Knowing that he is capable of basically doing whatever he works for."

Prairie won with sophomore Dylan Kuchemann making his varsity debut at quarterback. Kuchemann subbed for injured Jace Hanna and threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Jarred Edmonds in the first half.

The Hawks extended a 14-7 halftime lead with a Brayton Carlson 53-

Cedar Rapids Prairie 35
Dubuque Hempstead 28
AT JOHN WALL FIELD

	DH	CRP
First downs	21	15
Rushes-yards	50-138	35-218
Passing-yards	136	141
Comp.-att.-int	12-24-2	5-11-1
Punts-avg.	4-35.8	5-36.0
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	2-30	5-46
Dbu. Hemp.	7 0 7 14-28	
C.R. Prairie	7 7 7 14-35	

DH — Layton Fritsch 2 run (Chris Francis kick)

CRP — Jarred Edmonds 28 pass from Dylan Kuchemann (Austin Reutzel kick)

CRP — Austin Rathje 4 run (Reutzel kick)

CRP — Brayton Carlson 53 run (Reutzel kick)

DH — Fritsch 33 run (Francis kick)

DH — Fritsch 6 run (Francis kick)

CRP — Demetrius Harper 8 run (Reutzel kick)

DH — Fritsch 3 run (Francis kick)

CRP — Harper 88 kickoff return (Reutzel kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — Dubuque Hempstead: Layton Fritsch 23-170, Jacob Hodge 14-67, Mark Owens 4-5, Graham Houslog 1-2, Luke Poeschl 8-38. Cedar Rapids Prairie: Brayton Carlson 6-104, Zach Witte 9-36, Demetrius Harper 5-30, Cameron Rathje 8-28, Dylan Kuchemann 6-22, Austin Dellamuth 1-(-4).

Passing — Dubuque Hempstead: Luke Poeschl 12-24-2-136; Cedar Rapids Prairie: Brayton Carlson 1-1-0-71, Dylan Kuchemann 4-10-1-70.

Receiving — Dubuque Hempstead: Ben Goerdt 4-49, Alex Smith 5-43, Connor Ehlers 2-26, Layton Fritsch 1-18; Cedar Rapids Prairie: Austin Dellamuth 1-71, Jarred Edmonds 2-39, Carson Goodale 1-22, Tristan Bever 1-9.

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yard run off a motion sweep early in the third. Carlson's 71-yard wide-receiver pass to Austin Dellamuth set up a Cameron Rathje 4-yard TD run in the final minute of the first half.

Layton Frisch had four TD runs for Hempstead (2-6), three in the second half. His 3-yard blast tied things with 1:56 left.

"Austin Reutzel had one phenomenal block," Harper said. "And I just had to take the hole."

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Linn-Mar's Travis Kvach (left) spins away from Iowa City High's Ronald Thompson during the first half of a MVC divisional showdown last night in Marion. Linn-Mar won, 17-12, to capture the Mississippi division title.

Linn-Mar/Shuts down Thompson

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yards) but managed just 68 last night on 19 carries. Instead, the Little Hawks were forced to pass 10 times and punt four times — both figures are more than they would like.

"We had 11 guys to the ball," Atwater said. "We got after it."

While the Lions slowed Thompson, Linn-Mar's Mitch Wantock enjoyed a big night on the ground.

Wantock rambled for 201 yards on 26 carries.

"Our defense did a great job and gave the offense some opportunities," Wantock said. "This is incredible. Our program took a big step tonight."

City High drove inside the Linn-Mar 10 on its first two possessions, but had to settle for a pair of Drew Cornwell field goals.

"To me, that's the whole game," Forsyth said.

Atwater more than neutralized the two field goals, scoring on a 6-yard

run late in the first quarter, and the Lions took a 7-6 lead into the locker room.

After throwing an interception on the first possession of the second half, Atwater bounced right back. He drilled Andy Henry on a crossing pattern, and Henry did the rest for a 28-yard touchdown catch-and-run that made it 14-6.

Quinn Treiber connected on a 42-yard field goal into a stiff wind to extend the margin to 17-6 early in the fourth quarter. The Lions were in control, though Lavela's scamper made them sweat a bit at the end.

Lavela was bottled up at the line of scrimmage, escaped, then sprinted past the pursuit.

After a touchback gave the Lions the ball at the 20, they marched steadily downfield to chew up the remaining time. A fourth-and-8 completion from Atwater to Henry netted 13 yards and ended the Little Hawks' hopes.

Linn-Mar closes the

Linn-Mar 17
Iowa City High 12
AT LINN-MAR STADIUM

	ICH	LM
First downs	11	19
Rushes-yards	36-201	51-325
Passing-yards	63	79
Comp.-att.-int	7-10-0	5-13-1
Punts-avg.	4-29.2	2-36.0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	0-0	5-38
I.C. City High	3 3 0 6-12	
Linn-Mar	7 0 7 3-17	

ICH — Drew Cornwell FG 20

LM — Mark Atwater 6 run (Quinn Treiber kick)

ICH — Cornwell FG 23

LM — Andy Henry 28 pass from Atwater (Treiber kick)

LM — Treiber FG 42

ICH — Amos Lavela 77 run (pass failed)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — Iowa City City High: Amos Lavela 6-102, Ronald Thompson 19-68, Jasper Washington 9-25, Jeremy Johnson 2-4; Linn-Mar: Mitch Wantock 26-201, Nick Trabucco 8-70, Mark Atwater 14-49, Andy Henry 1-7, Team 2-2.

Passing — Iowa City City High: Washington 2-10-0-63; Linn-Mar: Atwater 5-13-1-79.

Receiving — Iowa City City High: Javon Duarte 1-56, Thompson 1-7; Linn-Mar: Henry 4-70, Wantock 1-9.

regular season next week at Cedar Rapids Xavier. A victory probably will mean a No. 1 seed for the playoffs.

"Tonight, it's a great win for our kids," Forsyth said. "Now, it depends ... where do we go from here?"

City High hosts Cedar Rapids Prairie next week.

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Alburnett shakes off early miscues to pound past Pekin

The Alburnett Pirates learned last night that it's not the early mistakes you make in football, it's how you atone for them over 60 minutes. They atone and then some, and the Pekin Panthers were the unfortunate recipients of that.

Mitchell Harger, the state's leading rusher going into Friday, shook off an early fumble that was returned for a touchdown and more than made up for it as he rushed for 211 and five TDs as the undefeated fourth-ranked Alburnett Pirates cruised to a 52-13 win over Pekin.

CENTER POINT-URBANA 48, ANAMOSA

6 — Brandon Roseberry scored three first-quarter touchdowns as the Stormin' Pointers downed Anamosa at home.

Roseberry finished with 83 yards on 11 rushes, scoring on runs of 16, 40 and 5 as CPU took a 34-0 first-quarter lead and was p, 48-0, at halftime.

Sawyer Henry and Brett Boddicker scored first for the Stormin' Pointers on a pair of fumble recoveries, Henry from 15 yards out and Boddicker from 21.

(From Daryl Schepanski, correspondent)

SPRINGVILLE 44,

DUNKERTON 28 — Springville Coach Joe Martin

told his Orioles "it's been three years since Senior Night has seen a win."

His words fueled a performance that led to a victory at home.

Senior Zach Scriver threw for 232 yards and three touchdowns, two fellow senior Caleb Anderson, who also played tough defense and picked up two interceptions.

Sophomore Elias Nissen scored four TDs, two on the ground and two passes from Scriver.

(From Laura Riley)

LISBON 90, NEW LONDON 0 — Lisbon took a 60-0 lead after the first quarter at home and 10 players scored TDs.

Cougars improve to 4-4 with road win

Cedar Rapids Kennedy didn't disappoint its fans last night as the Cougars rolled to a 42-19 Mississippi Valley Conference win at Waterloo West.

Cougar quarterback Jimmy Lizarraga had one passing touchdown and scored two touchdowns on the ground.

Trevor Heitland and Alex Hillyer both scored a pair of touchdowns for Kennedy.

Kennedy now is 3-2 in the Mississippi Division and is 4-4 overall.

The Cougars close out the regular season next

Friday at Kingston Stadium, hosting Dubuque Wahlert (4-2, 5-3).

UNION 45, MARION 14

— Wes Burnside rushed for 179 yards and four touchdowns on 26 carries to lift Union in LaPorte City.

Marion, needing a win to keep its playoff hopes alive, challenged Union early when running back Colton Storka found quarterback Cale Cannoy on a 68-yard touchdown play out of the wildcat formation to cut its deficit to 10-7.

Union responded on its

ensuing drive when Jay Scheel faked a pitch to Burnside and rushed 87 yards up the sideline for a score as a part of 35 unanswered Knight points.

(From Waterloo Courier)

HLV 16, MONTEZUMA 13 — Tanner DeBrower scored two touchdowns in the second quarter, one rushing and the other a 3-yard pass from Cole Lahndorf, and Matt Merical added a safety with 2:22 to play for the Warrior's final points in a win at Victor.

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