

Final feature victory gives Bohnsack first points title

By Douglas Miles

The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — After 13 weeks, it boiled down to 20 laps.

Deadlocked atop the

HAWKEYE DOWNS

points standings entering the final hornets feature at Hawkeye Downs Speedway last night, Cedar Rapids native Shane Hanson took advantage

of his prime starting position to easily distance himself from runner-up Kurt Bohnsack and clinch his first points title.

"I wanted it bad, really bad," Hanson said. "It feels good, feels really good."

Bohnsack's win the previous week forged the tie. But the win and Hanson's eighth-place finish meant Bohnsack started the finale from the rear,

giving Hanson a clear strategy for his row-three starting position.

"Get out front," Hanson said.

That he did, cruising for his fourth feature win this season.

In his first full season of racing after a six-year hiatus, Hawkeye Downs Wall of Famer Kevin Korsmo celebrated his Legends division debut season with a points

championship, his first since capturing the sportsman division championship in 2005.

"This one has been just a blast this season running with these guys," Korsmo said. "I'll tell you what, it's been one of my favorite seasons."

Matt Petrzalka punctuated his defense of his 2011 hobby stock championship with his ninth feature win of the season.

"It's been a good year for me," Petrzalka said.

Sportsman division winner Dave McCalla credits his crew for a dominant season in which he won 11 of 14 features to earn his first points championship since winning three straight (2006-08).

"It feels really good, I asked a lot of them this year and they really stepped up," McCalla

said. "It's been a good year that we can actually reward them with a championship."

Late model racer Thor Anderson clinched his first points championship over Brad Osborn, and Brian Gibson rebounded from a second-place finish in 2011 to win the modified division points title from runner-up and defending champion Ryan Leudtke.

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Mitch Blades of Cedar Rapids Washington charges out of a tackle attempt by Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Jacob Shannon last night during a season opener at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Washington won the Mississippi Valley game, 17-6.

Quick start to Wash

Warriors drop Cougars in Valley opener at Kingston

By Jeff Johnson

The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — That thing about Cedar Rapids Washington being in a rebuilding situation? You apparently can forget that.

That thing about Cedar Rapids Kennedy getting off to a quick start to a season? Forget that, too.

It probably doesn't qualify as a shocker, but Washington's 17-6 win last night in the season opener at Kingston Stadium certainly was surprising. Mitch Bredeson rushed for 115 yards and two first-half touchdowns to get the inexperienced Warriors off to a beginning a veteran Kennedy team sorely wanted.

"I think they were expecting to win, and I think we showed that we can still play," said

Bredeson, one of very few returning players from Washington's Class 4A state playoff quarterfinal team last year. "We kept fighting and did a great job."

Kennedy has had a habit of starting seasons slowly and finishing strongly, a pattern it thought it could break considering all of its returning players, especially up front offensively. Running back Alex Hillyer rushed 19 times for 138

yards, but the Cougars could never dent the end zone, settling for a pair of Eric Bertroche field goals.

Bredeson capped an 80-yard drive on the game's initial series with a 2-yard TD run for Washington, then broke loose for a 47-yard TD on a counter play in the second quarter. Riyadh Ajram's 30-yard field goal in the third provided the

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Big receivers make mismatch strategy work

By Jeff Linder

The Gazette

MARION — The key to Iowa City West's offense, according to Coach Brian Sauser, is finding mismatches.

"Defending Dondre (Alexander) and Jeremy (Morgan), that's a mismatch for anybody," Sauser said. "If anybody tries to keep up with them one-on-one, nobody's going to keep up with them."

Individual mismatch. Collective mismatch.

Nate Boland passed for 237 yards as West ended Linn-Mar's nine-game regular-season winning streak, 49-14, in a Mississippi Valley Conference interdivisional football game last night at Linn-Mar Stadium.

West's seven touchdowns were scored by six players.

A junior, Boland proved to be a worthy successor under center to Charles Rogers, who is at Iowa State these days. He completes 14 of 22 passes, and two touchdowns.

Boland connected with six receivers, locating those mismatch guys — Alexander and

Morgan — four times apiece.

"That was a heck of a first game for (Boland)," Sauser said. "He was calm, cool and collected."

Alexander's four snags accounted for 118 yards. And Ezra Reiners ran for 118 yards and a score.

West (1-0) is ranked No. 5 in Class 4A by The Gazette/KCRG. The Associated Press' first rankings will be released Monday.

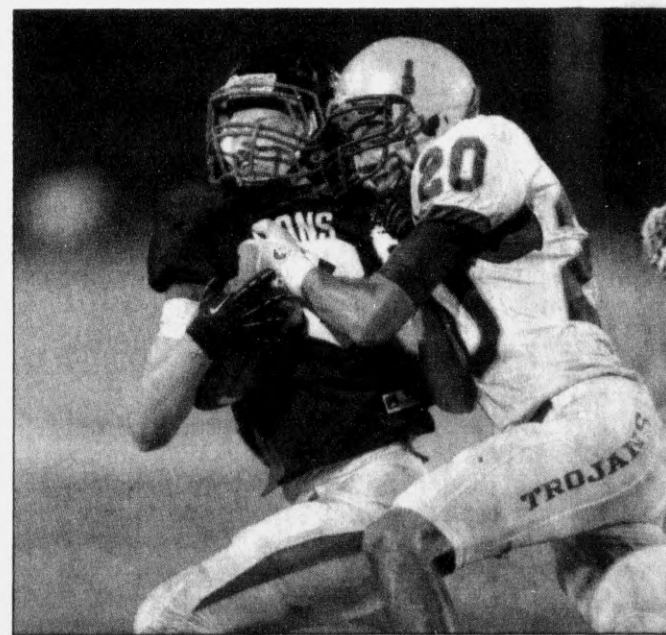
The Trojans came up empty on their first drive, then scored on their next four.

Boland connected with Morgan for a 14-yard touchdown. Fullback Colin Baker tallied from 4 yards out, Boland hooked up with Micah Kelsay for a 10-yard score, then took it in himself on fourth-and-goal from 6 yards away.

West led 28-0 at half-time, racking up 294 yards.

Linn-Mar (0-1) had one serious drive in the first half, reaching the West 20 midway through the second quarter. But the Lions went back-

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Iowa City West's Jeremy Morgan (right) wraps up Linn-Mar's Jon Schlotterback during the first half last night in Marion. West defeated Linn-Mar in the season opener for both teams, 49-14.

Regals start slowly, then score points in a flurry to bury Comets

By Jason Brummond

Correspondent

WEST LIBERTY — Iowa City Regina lost most of the key parts from last year's undefeated team, then moved down to Class 1A.

The Regals can still score points in bunches, even if it took them a little time to get going.

Third-ranked Regina

sputtered early and then scored 28 points in a 14-minute stretch in a 47-0 defeat of West Liberty last night. The two-time defending state champions won their 29th consecutive game, tied for the 15th longest active streak in the nation.

The Regals defense allowed only 37 yards and

two first downs.

"We have a lot of young guys in there, a lot of new faces and new positions," Regina Coach Marv Cook said. "For the most part, I thought they played pretty good assignment football. We played hard."

Regina (1-0) led 6-0 with less than four

minutes in the first half when a turnover and another stop translated to a pair of late scores.

After a Regals punt, West Liberty botched the return and Regina senior Matt Streb recovered it at the Comets' 26-yard line. Mike Donovan scored on a 1-yard run six plays later and the Regals made the two-

point conversion for a 14-0 lead with 1:53 left.

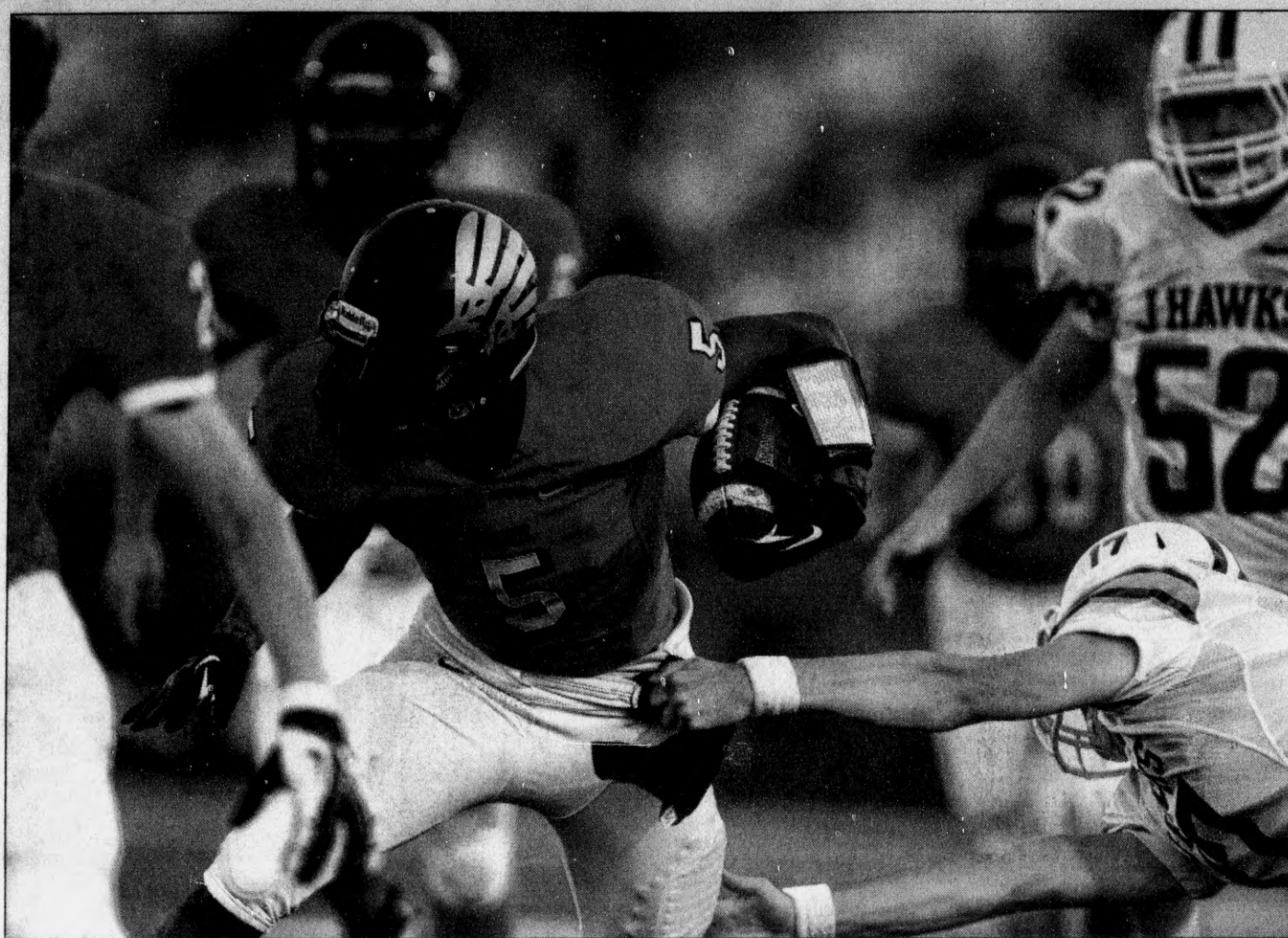
West Liberty couldn't move on the ensuing dive and Regina needed only one play to extend its lead — a 33-yard pass from quarterback Mark Ward to receiver Alex Balke.

"Definitely, (the fumble) helped us create some field position

and ultimately get some points," Cook said. "The touchdown right before the half was huge."

Balke and Ward hooked up for three scores.

Ward completed 15 of 21 for 238 yards and three touchdowns. The senior's first attempt of the season went to Balke for a 37-yard touchdown.



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Cedar Rapids Prairie's DeMetrius Harper breaks a tackle by Cedar Rapids Jefferson's Lance Scallon last night on his way to a 74-yard touchdown at Prairie. Prairie won, 28-7, handing Jefferson its 23rd straight defeat.

Prairie overwhelms Jefferson

Hanna-Edmonds duo dynamic for Hawks

By K.J. Pilcher

The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — Jace Hanna and Jarred Edmonds have a strong connection.

Long history of playing together and a lot of off-season repetitions paid dividends for the duo in Cedar Rapids Prairie's prep football opener.

Hanna connected with Edmonds for three touchdowns, powering the Hawks to a 28-7 win over Westside rival Cedar Rapids Jefferson in a Mississippi Valley Conference contest last night at John Wall Field.

Edmonds reeled in five passes for 165 yards from Hanna, who threw for 189 yards total. The pair spend a lot of time together, and are often on the same page during a game.

"We have chemistry," Hanna said. "I know

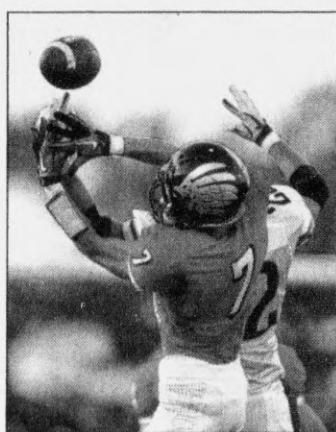
where he's going to be and I have faith in him to catch it."

They highlighted a quick-hitting offense that scored on its first possession of both halves. On their third play from scrimmage, Demetrius Harper took the ball around the left end, wove through defenders along the sideline and scampered 74 yards for the score. The run put Prairie up, 7-0, less than three minutes into the game.

Hanna and Edmonds took over, accounting for the Hawks' final three scores. Hanna hit Edmonds on a skinny post pattern on 4th and 23 for a 23-yard TD, giving the Hawks a 14-0 lead in the second quarter.

Edmonds dropped the first pass to him. He wasn't sure a good night was ahead, but it turned out well.

"Once I got that first catch, I was ready," Edmonds said about a 23-yard reception. "I wanted



Cedar Rapids Prairie's Mitchell Dellamuth (7) knocks down a pass intended for Cedar Rapids Jefferson's Peter Watson last night at Prairie.

it over and over again."

The pair teamed up again on Prairie's final possession of the first half, getting the ball on their own 37 with 1:50 left. Hanna connected with Edmonds for a 54-yard pass to the Jefferson 4. Edmonds tried to dive for the end zone, but lost his balance and stepped out before reaching the pylon. Three plays later,

C.R. Jefferson 7 C.R. Prairie 28 AT JOHN WALL FIELD			
	CRJ	CRP	
First downs	11	11	
Rushes-yards	39-96	31-213	
Passing-yards	70	189	
Comp-atl-int	6-17-0	9-20-2	
Punts-avg	4-43.0	2-24.0	
Fumbles-lost	5-3	0-0	
Penalties-yards	5-29	11-85	
C.R. Jefferson	0	0	7 0-7
C.R. Prairie	7	14	7 0-28
CRP — Harper 74 run (Sam Drysdale kick)			
CRP — Edmonds 23 pass from Hanna (Drysdale kick)			
CRP — Edmonds 62 pass from Hanna (Drysdale kick)			
CRJ — Sullivan 2 run (Reece Suckow kick)			

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing — C.R. Jefferson: Creighton Robinson 11-44, Nick O'Connell 10-38, Hunter Kloubec 3-12, Layne Sullivan 12-7, Tim Larson 1-5, Team 2-0; C.R. Prairie: Demetrius Harper 7-96, Jace Hanna 5-50, Tristan Bever 8-23, Jamarvon Simpson 3-21, Mitch Dellamuth 2-14, Trev Beckman 2-5, Trevor Northrup 4-4.
Passing — C.R. Jefferson: Sullivan 6-17-0-70; C.R. Prairie: Hanna 9-20-2-189.
Receiving — C.R. Jefferson: Blake Bernauer 1-36, Kloubec 2-17, Peter Watson 1-13, Robinson 2-4; C.R. Prairie: n/a.

Edmonds made a diving grab at the back of the end zone from three yards out. Prairie led 21-0 at halftime.

"I thought I was in definitely," Edmonds said about tiptoeing the sideline.

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Stovie, Schulte get Saints rolling in rout of Hempstead

By Michael Bonner

The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — In his final home opener of his career at Xavier High School, Saints senior Trey Sampson, attempted to lead his team into the locker room with 10 minutes left in warm-ups. Instead of a smooth jog off the field, Sampson tripped over the 40-yard line causing a few chuckles from the crowd and a log jam of Saints lightly colliding behind him.

For Xavier, on a night it honored its seniors, it was the Saints only stumble of the game. "Well they did score on us so that wasn't the only trouble," Xavier Coach Duane Schulte was quick to point out.

Make that two minor stumbles. Still, the Saints rode the running game of sure-footed Cal Stovie and the arm of Reggie Schulte. The two combined for 207 yards in a 48-7 win over Hempstead last night.

"Me and Reggie have grown up and always been together," Stovie said. "But it's everyone else too. Everyone is out there doing their job."

The teams' respective opening drives set the tone for the rest of the game. While the Mustangs went backward with their first possession, the Saints steamrolled down the field in four plays to make it 7-0. All 48 yards came from Stovie's feet or Schulte's arm.

Hempstead shoveled some coal on their offensive firepower with two quick passing strikes for 79 yards to tie the game at 7-7. But the Saints quickly extinguished any thoughts the Mustangs had of competing with 41 unanswered points.

By halftime it was 21-7 and Xavier held Hempstead to 8 second-quarter yards and 57 total in the first half. Xavier's dynamic duo alone had 178.

"Wow, I did not know that," Duane Schulte said. "Give Hempstead credit. They tried to stick with it and get after it but our defensive coaches do a great job and our kids buy into it and they did a great job."

Xavier wasted no time continuing the punishment in the second half. In the first two drives — both TDs — of the third quarter Stovie and Schulte piled up 121 yards.

The Saints' two-headed monster, for the most part, got to enjoy the rest of the game from the sideline.

"It was great," Reggie Schulte said. "That's the thing that makes football so enjoyable. When you get those guys giving you looks in practice, the scout team, when they get in, they just play their hearts out, everybody on the sideline just loves it. That was just great to see."

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Jones helps West Branch get revenge on Lisbon

— Jason Miller, correspondent

ALBURNETT 30, NORTH-LINN 29 — The Lynx (0-1) led for most of the non-district matchup, but Alburnett (1-0) went up by one with a touchdown and 2-point conversion with five minutes remaining.

A Zach Hoyle tackle on the next series forced a North-Linn fourth down and the ensuing fake field goal was stopped by Colon Martin. The Pirates' offense was led by Dylan Miller with two touchdown catches and a 90-yard kick return for a score.

SPRINGVILLE 35, ELKADER CENTRAL 26 — Elias Nissen picked up 164 yards rushing and scored four touchdowns on 20 carries and quarterback Sam Scriver threw for 99 yards a two touchdowns to lead Springville at home.

Nathan Fitzgerald and Isaiah Hopp rushed for a combined 345 yards for Central.

MVC/Washington staff praised

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game's final points.

"This surprised everyone but us," said line-backer Robert Miley. "We knew what we had to do, and we did it."

Miley was part of a defense that definitely spearheaded this victory. Kennedy didn't complete a pass until late in the fourth quarter, a one-dimensional offense that couldn't get it done.

Interceptions by Reid Snitker and Kyle Malcolm in the final five minutes cemented a game that wasn't always cleanly played. Kennedy had three turnovers to Washington's two.

"I think that's what we try to breed at Wash-

ington. Understanding the process," said Washington Coach Tony Lombardi. "By the time these kids get to be seniors, they're pretty proud of that jersey they wear. Sometimes that carries you through."

Lombardi went on and on at length about his coaching staff, which he said doesn't get enough credit for teaching the game. He spoke very highly of defensive coordinator Mo Blue in particular.

Kennedy ran the football right at Washington to win last year's game, but that didn't happen this time.

"We made some schematic changes, first of all," Lombardi said. "That was very good for us."

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MVC standings

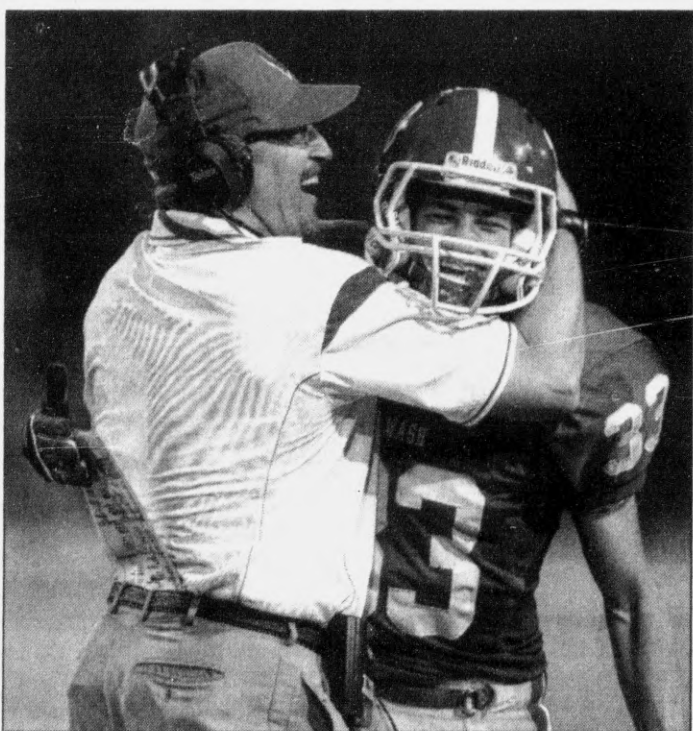
SCHOOL	DIV.	ALL
Mississippi Division		
Iowa City West	0-0	1-0
Dubuque Senior	0-0	1-0
Waterloo East	0-0	1-0
Cedar Rapids Kennedy	0-0	0-1
Cedar Rapids Jefferson	0-0	0-1
Dubuque Hempstead	0-0	0-1
Iowa City High	0-0	0-1
Valley Division		
Cedar Falls	0-0	1-0
Cedar Rapids Washington	0-0	1-0
Cedar Rapids Prairie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

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C.R. Prairie 28, C.R. Jefferson 7
C.R. Washington 17, C.R. Kennedy 6
C.R. Xavier 48, Dubuque Hempstead 7
Dub. Senior 21, Waterloo West 20 (OT)
Iowa City West 49, Linn-Mar 14
Cedar Falls 28, Iowa City High 14
Waterloo East 40, Dub. Wahlert 14

C.R. Washington 17 C.R. Kennedy 6 AT KINGSTON STADIUM			
	CRK	CRW	
First downs	17	14	
Rushes-yards	37-161	36-144	
Passing-yards	67	138	
Comp-atl-int	4-26-2	7-14-1	
Punts-avg	2-43.5	2-21.0	
Fumbles-lost	3-1	3-1	
Penalties-yards	9-59	3-15	
C.R. Kennedy	3	3	0 0-6
C.R. Washington	7	7	3 0-17
CRW — Mitch Bredeson 2 run (Rivad Airam kick)			
CRK — Eric Bertroche 38 FG			
CRW — Bredeson 47 run (Airam kick)			
CRK — Bertroche 23 FG			
CRW — Airam 30 FG			

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing — C.R. Kennedy: Alex Hillier 19-138, Seth Gilmore 2-12, Andrew Johnson 3-10, Joel Smetzer 1-4, Riley Fergus 1-3, Miles Moa 4-2, Alexander Pines 1-1, Brock Skow 1-0; C.R. Washington: Mitch Bredeson 21-115, Mitch Blades 9-46, Robert Miley 1-2, JoJo McBride 2-0, Team 2-0, Rivad Airam 1-0.
Passing — C.R. Kennedy: Joel Smetzer 4-16-2-67, Riley Fergus 0-9-0-0, Team 0-1-0-0; C.R. Washington: Mitch Blades 7-14-1-138.
Receiving — C.R. Kennedy: Jacob Frazier Flores 2-37, Donovan Kosman 2-19, Eric Bertroche 1-11; C.R. Washington: Malik Ketchens 1-48, Jason Oney 4-37, Noah Dostal 1-34, Reagan Wilson 1-19.



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Cedar Rapids Washington Coach Tony Lombardi congratulates Gus Stolba after making a play against Cedar Rapids Kennedy during the first half last night at Kingston Stadium.

West/Easy win on the road for Trojans

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ward from there, and a 51-yard field goal attempt was well short.

The margin grew to 42-0 before the Lions got on the board twice in the fourth quarter. Ross Lembeck scored on a 9-yard run; Dakota Digmann added a 2-yard tally.

Lions QB Rhys Davis accounted for 84 yards on the ground and 56 in the air.

West hosts Cedar



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Iowa City West's Ezra Reinert celebrates his fumble recovery against Linn-Mar last night in Marion.

Rapids Washington next week; Linn-Mar is at Dubuque Senior.

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Iowa City West 49 Linn-Mar 14

AT LINN-MAR STADIUM			
	ICW	LM	
First downs	22	12	
Rushes-yards	33-178	33-196	
Passing-yards	271	56	
Comp-atl-int	16-25-0	6-10-0	
Punts-avg	1-39.0	3-27.6	
Fumbles-lost	2-0	2-1	
Penalties-yards	9-85	4-44	
Iowa City West	14	14	7-49
Linn-Mar	0	0	0-14-14
ICW — Jeremy Morgan 14 pass from Nate Boland (Morgan kick)			
ICW — Colin Baker 4 run (Morgan kick)			
ICW — Micah Kelsay 10 pass from Boland (Morgan kick)			
ICW — Boland 6 run (Morgan kick)			
ICW — Ezra Reinert 45 run (Morgan kick)			
ICW — Kelsay 3 run (Morgan kick)			
LM — Ross Lembeck 9 run (Austin Wolter kick)			
ICW — Anthony Batie 25 pass from Xavier May (Morgan kick)			
LM — Dakota Digmann 2 run (Wolter kick)			

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing — Iowa City West: Ezra Reinert 11-118, Orion Phillips 4-20, Micah Kelsay 4-18, Colin Baker 4-10, Devin Raffensperger 2-7, Xavier May 2-3, Nate Boland 6-2; Linn-Mar: Rhys Davis 13-84, Ross Lembeck 9-70, Matt Meier 1-31, Nick Trabucco 9-9, Dakota Digmann 1-2.
Passing — Iowa City West: Boland 14-22-0-237, May 2-3-0-34; Linn-Mar: Davis 6-10-0-56.
Receiving — Iowa City West: Donore Alexander 4-118, Jeremy Morgan 4-50, Baker 2-27, Reinert 2-17, Anthony Batie 2-34, May 1-15, Kelsay 1-10; Linn-Mar: Jon Schlotterbeck 2-19, Meier 2-12, Trabucco 1-21, Lembeck 1-4.