
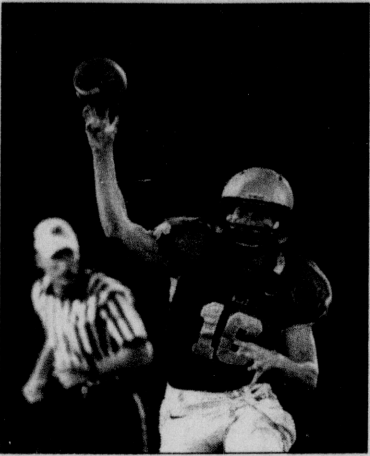


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THROUGH THE AIR



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Iowa City West's Nate Boland tosses a pass during the first half last night against Linn-Mar in Iowa City. Story, 5B

SIDELINE

MIDWEST LEAGUE BASEBALL

3 Kernels named to All-Star team

CEDAR RAPIDS — Kernels outfielder Adam Brett Walker and two former teammates earned spots on the Post Season All-Star Roster in the Midwest League.

Walker was joined on the team by outfielder Byron Buxton and infielder Dalton Hicks.

The Kernels play Quad Cities in a best-of-three playoff series, beginning Wednesday in Davenport.

IOWA FOOTBALL

McGrath named honorary captain

IOWA CITY — Former Hawkeye linebacker Gavin McGrath will serve as Iowa's honorary captain today when Iowa Iowa hosts Northern Illinois (2:42 p.m., BTN) in Kinick Stadium to open the 2013 season.

McGrath is a former Cedar Rapids Washington prep who joined the Iowa program as a walk-on in 2004. After a red-shirt season, he earned letters in 2007 and 2008. McGrath played primarily on special teams throughout his career.

HONORS

Iowa wins Spirit Cup competition

ATLANTA, Ga. — The University of Iowa won the second annual College Colors Day Spirit Cup and earned \$10,000 toward the university's general scholarship fund.

To celebrate the excitement and energy surrounding the kickoff of the 2013 college football season, Collegiate Licensing Company and NCAA Football launched the College Colors Day Spirit Cup, a web-based rivalry competition featuring 165 colleges and universities.

Iowa garnered the most pledges to beat Penn State, Alabama, Clemson, and TCU.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

K-State shocked in renovated stadium

MANHATTAN — The day began in celebration, with hundreds of Kansas State fans cheering the unveiling of a Bill Snyder statue and a renovated stadium.

It ended in disbelief, with the second-largest crowd in Snyder Family Stadium history watching the Wildcats open their season with a 24-21 loss to North Dakota State.

Last night's result was shocking considering K-State is coming off a Big 12 championship and North Dakota State, though top-ranked, is a member of the Football Championship Subdivision.

Iowa plays North Dakota State of the Missouri Valley Football Conference in 2016.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: CLASS 2A

Sluggish start, then Regals roll

Regina stretches streak to 43 victories with 42-14 trouncing of West Liberty

By K.J. Pilcher, The Gazette

IOWA CITY — Talk about your ironic starts. Iowa City Regina needed time to warm up on a day when the temperatures peaked during a hot week.

After a slow start, the Class 1A Regals scorched West Liberty, 42-14, in a non-district game last night at

Regina. The Regals extended their winning streak to 43 games.

Regina didn't score on its first three possessions, punting twice and getting stuffed on a fourth-and-1 run attempt at the Regals' 44. Regina exploded for 21 points in the second quarter and 28 in a stretch of about 14:30.

"They came out and gave us everything we wanted early on," Regina Coach Marv Cook said. "We made

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Adam Wesley/The Gazette

Iowa City Regina's Nick Phillips cuts down West Liberty's Noel Palma last night in a high-school football opener in Iowa City. Regina won its 43rd straight, 42-14.

CLASS 4A

'D' carries Cougars



Stephen Mally/Freelance

Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Miles Moa tries to get around Cedar Rapids Washington's Clayton Bjornsen last night during a Mississippi Valley Conference opener at Kingston Stadium.

Kennedy blanks Wash in second half to win season opener, 14-10

By Jeff Johnson, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — A team desperate to finally start a season plus one was able to do so last night, thanks to a defense that threw up a second-half zero and an offense that could best be described as, well, antique-ish.

Cedar Rapids Kennedy won its opening game for the first time since 2008, scoring a touchdown on the initial possession of the second half and stifling Cedar Rapids Washington the rest of the way in a 14-10 win at steamy Kingston Stadium.

It ruined the re-debut of Washington Coach Paul James, back in charge after a seven-year hiatus. His Warriors blew a 10-point lead late in the first half and were limited to 87 second-

half yards by an aggressive Kennedy defense.

In an era when everyone at every level of football is running the shotgun spread, Kennedy was a square peg in a round hole, so to speak. How curious it must have been for the Nintendo players out there to see the Cougars run the vast majority of their plays from the Stacked-I formation, with two tight ends and no wide receivers.

Whatever works, and Kennedy got the go-ahead score

on the opening possession of the third quarter by using it to literally power the football down field. A 66-yard drive of six Stacked-I runs was culminated by a Logan Wedo 3-yard touchdown run and Mark Schulz extra point.

Those were the final points of the game.

Washington has the same uniforms as in the Lombardi era but discarded the white numerals on its red helmets,

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CLASS 2A/3A

Black makes his mark early for Solon

By Jeff Linder, The Gazette

MOUNT VERNON — Jacob Black has joined the Highway 1 fray.

Let's just say he made an immediate impact.

A senior transfer, Black made big plays galore through air and by foot in the first half, and Solon extended its supremacy of archrival Mount Vernon, 31-8, in a non-district football game last night at Mustang Field.

In what figured to be a coinflip game, Solon (1-0) broke it open with three second-quarter touchdowns and defeated the Mustangs for the 11th straight year.

MORE ONLINE

- Because of late start to some high school football games last night, box scores and enhanced game stories may be found at www.iowaprepsports.com along with photo galleries and video.
- See Sunday's Gazette for box scores and a story wrapping up the first full weekend of high school football.

Black, who toiled last year at Monticello, had a role in all three of them.

With the Spartans holding a 3-0 lead and facing third-and-16 from their own 15-yard line, Black connected on a hitch pattern with Con-

nor Ham, and the speedster broke a tackle and was off to the races, turning a possession reception into an 85-yard touchdown.

Black followed with touchdown runs of 27 and 37 yards on the next two possessions, and Solon took a 23-0 lead into the locker room.

Numerically, Black looks a little ill-suited for his position (he wears No. 20). But make no mistake, he's a quarterback through and through.

He finished the first half with 109 rushing yards on eight carries and completed 3 of 6 passes for 140 yards.

The Spartans racked up

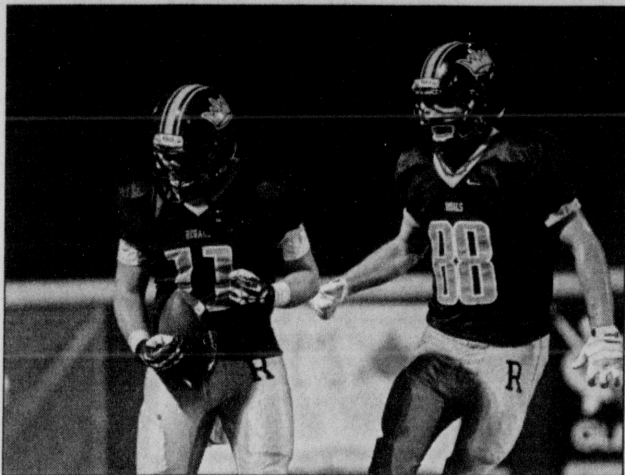
225 yards of offense in the second quarter.

Mount Vernon (0-1) had hopes of getting its first victory over Solon since 2002. The Mustangs came relatively close last year, leading at halftime before falling, 21-11. This wasn't as close.

The Mustangs drove to the Solon 17 before turning the ball over on downs. A personal foul on the next drive extended it, then Jackson Rushek capped it with a 28-yard field goal.

Solon hosts Class 1A No. 1 Iowa City Regina next week; Mount Vernon is at West Liberty.

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Iowa City Regina's Riley Dixon (left) and Payton Raso celebrate a touchdown for the Regals last night against West Liberty in Iowa City.

Regina/Pick sparks Regals

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a couple big plays that helped us and got us some breathing room. It was everything I thought it would be.”

The Regals capitalized on a mistake late in the first quarter when Adam Ries picked off West Liberty quarterback Brett Becker, giving the Regals the ball at the Comets’ 46.

Regina rode running back Riley Dixon to its first touchdown. Dixon ran three straight times, including a 30-yard jaunt, and capped a three-play, 46-yard drive with a 10-yard score.

“After the first time we scored,” Dixon said, “we knew we were going to score a lot more than one time.”

Dixon was also on the receiving end of a Drew Cook 10-yard TD pass over the middle for a 14-0

lead before the halfway mark of the second quarter.

After settling down, the Regals scored on five straight possessions from the end of the first to the start of the third quarter.

“Our kids are smart kids,” Marv Cook said. “They made adjustments. They cleaned things up. We all understand we have to get better every snap and that’s what we try to do.”

Drew Cook threw for 167 yards and two TDs, rushing for 48 yards. He is a first-year full-time starter and he took command of the offense, analyzing the defense and making the proper decisions.

“He does a great job leading the offense,” Dixon said.

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Derek Jacobus of Cedar Rapids Kennedy prepares to stiff-arm Cedar Rapids Washington's Kyle Malcolm while darting for yardage last night at Kingston Stadium.

Kennedy/Runs a stacked-I

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replacing those with a school logo on one side only.

Those weren’t the only changes.

The Warriors ran multiple formations, but the vast majority came with the quarterback taking snaps directly under center. Washington had 162 first-half yards to Kennedy’s 149, with 70 of the Cougars’ total coming on two huge plays that gave it a crucial touchdown in the dying seconds of the half.

Quarterback Derek Jacobus rolled right on an intended run and sprinted 45 yards on a first-down play from its own 23 that put Kennedy into scoring territory. On a third-and-15 play, Jacobus spun away from two oncoming Wash line-man, rolled to his left and found running back Miles Moa wide, wide open for a 25-yard touchdown that brought the Cougars within 10-7 with 15.4 seconds to go.

Washington took a 10-0 lead on a Johnny Dobbs 3-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and Joe Lenzen 25-yard field goal in the second. Kennedy’s first play



Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Miles Moa hits a wall of Cedar Rapids Washington defenders last night in a season opener at Kingston Stadium.

from scrimmage of 2013 was disastrous, as Terrence Hall was stuffed in the middle of the line and fumbled at his own 3. Dobbs scored on the next play.

Washington drove to the Kennedy 20 early in the second quarter, but running back Mason Taylor was stopped for a loss of two yards on a 4th-and-3 play by blitzing

linebacker Triston Christopher. Kennedy went three-and-out after the big stop, with an 18-yard punt setting up the Warriors at the Kennedy 44.

Wash actually had a 1st-and-goal from the 7 after quarterback Reid Snitker completed a 19-yard pass to Clayton Bjornsen and ran a shotgun keeper another 15 yards. But Dobbs was

stuffed for a loss of three on a third-down carry from the 5, and Lenzen had to come on for his field goal.

That would be the sophomore’s final carry of the game, as he spent the second half mostly on a training table on the sideline injured.

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Adam Wesley/The Gazette

West Liberty quarterback Brett Becker is swarmed by Iowa City Regina defenders last night at Regina.

CLASS 4A

Cedar Falls has City High's number

By Jason Brummond, correspondent

IOWA CITY — Cedar Falls hung around and hung around. Then the ninth-ranked Tigers made two huge plays when they absolutely needed them.

Cedar Falls got a stop inside their 10-yard line and Denison Harrington ripped off a 24-yard fourth-quarter touchdown run in a thrilling 14-13 win over Iowa City High last night at Bates Field.

Eli Berregaard and Harrington ran behind All-American left tackle Ross Pierschbacher all night.

Cedar Falls (1-0) trailed 13-7 midway through the fourth quarter after holding the Little Hawks to a field goal from inside the 10-yard line to stay down only one score.

The Tigers responded with a seven-play, 80-yard drive in only two minutes. Harrington broke through a couple of tackles and sprinted 24 yards for the touchdown and a 14-13 lead.

City (0-1) had two possessions to take the

lead, but came up short. The Little Hawks even marched from their own 9-yard line to the Cedar Falls 39 in the final minute. Quarterback Mitch Wieland’s last-second heave fell incomplete.

The Little Hawks led most of the game thanks to Xavier Washpun’s impressive 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown midway through the first quarter.

City is coming off its first losing season since 1987. It has lost three straight to Cedar Falls, including a 28-14 loss to open last season.

Cedar Falls fumbled on its first play of the season to give City a short field. The Little Hawks drove down to the 5-yard line but settled for a 21-yard field goal from Drew Cornwell for a 3-0 lead.

The Tigers lost another fumble two plays later, but wiped the mistake with an interception.

Cedar Falls followed the turnover with a 58-yard drive exclusively featuring Berregaard and Harrington. Berregaard capped off the series with a 5-yard touchdown.

CEDAR RAPIDS ROUNDUP

Scholer puts on show, lifts Xavier over Hempstead

DUBUQUE — Cedar Rapids Xavier turned the first half of last night’s game into the Quinton Scholer Show.

The Saints’ 6-foot-3, 205-pound quarterback threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more in a dynamic first-half performance, leading Xavier to a 35-7 victory over Dubuque Hempstead at Dalzell Field.

“We just wanted to find some rhythm and we

found that tonight,” said the 6-foot-3, 205-pound senior.

Scholer ran for a 44-yard score in the first quarter, then put the Mustangs into a deep hole with a 32-yard strike to Bryce Grimm and a 30-yard score to Colin O’Connell sandwiched around a 35-yard TD run.

Scholer couldn’t be stopped in the opening half, completing 7 of 8 passes for 105 yards, and running eight times for

99 yards. He played just one series in the second half before giving way to backup Sam Tursi as the Saints worked a running clock.

“The game plan was just to try and get first downs and some early touchdowns, and however we could figure out how to do it was what we were trying to do,” Xavier Coach Duane Schulte. “We didn’t set it up for it to be anybody’s plan in particular, we just

wanted to win the game. To Quinton’s credit, he did his job.”

Scholer finished with 112 passing yards and 99 on the ground.

— Tim O’Neill, Dubuque Telegraph Herald

HLV 70, CEDAR VALLEY CHRISTIAN 6 — The Warriors evened their record at 1-1 with a game ended at halftime because heat and humidity.

It was the season opener for the Huskies.