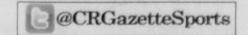
## SPORTS



#### OFF TO THE RACES



Iowa City Regina's Nick Phillips outruns an Eldon Cardinal defender after a pass reception last night in Iowa City.

#### SIDELINE

JUNIOR HOCKEY

#### RoughRiders open with a 6-3 victory

LINCOLN, Neb. - Judd Peterson scored two goals last night as the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders defeated Lincoln, 6-3, to open the USHL regular season at the Icebox Arena.

The riders also got goals from Jason Kalinowski, Andrew Oglevie, Nick Master and an empty-netter by Dylan Steman at the 19:59 mark of the third period

Chris Birdsall got the win in goal, saving 30 of 33 shots.

SWIMMING

#### Olympian on hand for pool dedication

DECORAH - Olympic medalist Christine Magnuson will be at Luther College at 5 p.m. next Friday for the dedication and official opening of the school's aquatic center.

The two-mile swimming medalist (100 fly, 400 medley) will speak to the swimming team and be on hand at 11:30 a.m. a week from today for an alumni swimming meet.

The 17,700-square foot facility features an eight-lane 25-yard pool, a 13-foot diving well, state of the art timing equipment, a large LED scoreboard and seating for 280. A shallow pool area is available for lessons, physical education classes and water aerobics.

BASEBALL

#### **Ex-Prairie standout** Schebler honored

LOS ANGELES — Former Cedar Rapids Prairie standout Scott Schebler was named the Branch Rickey Minor League Player of the Year by the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Schebler, ranked 16th among Dodgers prospects, led Class A Rancho Cucamonga with a .296 batting average and finished second in the California League with 27 homers. He had 91 RBIs.

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JUNIOR HOCKEY

#### Meet the RoughRiders

- Name: Nathan Widman • Number: 5
- Position: Defense
- Age: 20
  - Ht/Wt: 6 foot, 207



Hometown:

Naperville, III. Noteworthy: Physical stay-at-home D-man returns to RoughRiders after a year at Brown

University, where he

played in only three games partially because of injury. Began USHL career in 2010-11 with the Omaha Lancers. Was acquired by Cedar Rapids in a trade early in the 2011-12 season. Had two goals and

six assists in 52 games. The Gazette JUNIOR HOCKEY

## A refresher course for 15th season

By Jeff Johnson, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS Who are the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders? Where do their players come from? Do they get paid? What are the rules of the game?

Just a few of the questions still asked at times, even though this is the 15th season of hockey in the City of Five Seasons. The RoughRiders opened the United States Hockey League season last night at Lincoln, and the home opener is tonight at 7 against Sioux Falls in the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena.

A loyal fan base loves to ring cowbells and get postgame autographs of their young heroes. But casual rooters may not know a lot about them or their game.

TONIGHT'S GAME

. Who: Sioux Falls vs. Cedar Rapids

• Where: Cedar Rapids Ice

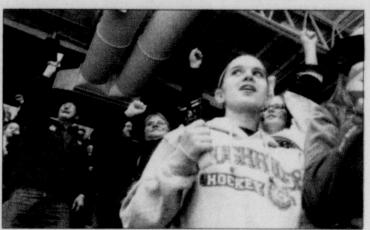
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• When: 7:05 tonight • Tickets: \$12.75 to \$22.75

Well, we're here to inform, so let's take it away.

Q: Who are the RoughRid-

A: The junior hockey club moved here from Mason City for the 1999 2000 season, when construction of the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena was approved. There have been four owners of the franchise, including current ownership group Newco Riders LLC: Jeff Jauch (also team Chief Executive Officer), Tony Sdao, Mark Carlson (also head coach/ general manager) and their wives.



Cedar Rapids RoughRiders fans - some with cowbells - celebrate after a goal last season at the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. The Riders opened their 15th season last night at Lincoln, Neb., and play their home opener tonight.

Jauch moved to Cedar Rapids from Madison, Wis., where he was in business. He is the son of former University of Iowa football player and ► RIDERS, PAGE 7B

assistant coach Ray Jauch. Sdao is a businessman from Colorado.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Saints keep marching



Cedar Rapids Xavier's Matt Nelson stretches out and dives in for a touchdown on a 29-yard pass reception as Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Triston Christopher hits the turf and watches last night at Kingston Stadium. Top-ranked Xavier won, 24-0.

By Jeff Johnson, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — He was taken aback some by the question. Perhaps he honestly doesn't know. He definitely doesn't want to tip off any opponent.

So, Duane Schulte, how would you go about attacking your defense? How would you try and score points against it?

"That's a great question," the Cedar Rapids Xavier head coach said after his team's 24-0 smackdown of Cedar Rapids Kennedy before 6,000 fans last night at Kingston Stadium. "I don't know if I can answer that one. They've been scored upon. It's been done. Just trying to stay humble and get better.'

What a scary thought it

is to think they can get better after posting a fourth consecutive shutout, a third straight shutout of Kennedy.

We can get a lot better than this," insisted defensive end Matt Nelson. "Just in effort and everything like that. Coverages, reading plays, all that stuff."

You wondered how Kennedy's run-dominated Stacked-I formation would

fare against perhaps the state's best defense, and the final numbers told you everything you needed to know. In short, not well.

Kennedy (3-2) was held to 74 total yards, 56 on the ground. The Cougars never crossed into Xavier territory until the third quarter. and that came only because

► XAVIER, PAGE 4B

## J-Hawks topple East, snap losing streak

Sullivan rushes, passes Jefferson to 37-20 MVC win in Waterloo

By Jim Sullivan, Waterloo Courier

WATERLOO — Layne Sullivan provided the punch on the ground and the lift for the air game as Cedar Rapids Jefferson snapped a 10-game losing streak with a 37-20 Mississippi Valley Conference football win over Waterloo East, 37-20, last night at Memorial Sta-

Sullivan, the J-Hawk quarterback, rushed for 159 yards and threw for 167. He hooked up with Chaney Floyd on a quick slant pattern that turned into an 86-yard touchdown play.

The Jefferson quarterback also reeled off an 83-yard touchdown run and sneaked a yard for a score.

"You know, I'm happy for our seniors but this is not our ultimate goal at Jefferson — to win one game," Jefferson Coach Brian Webb said. "We have the kids and the coaches to win more than one. It's good to kind of get that losing streak of this season over with. Our kids played hard. We're looking for more. Our kids can't be satisfied with just a single-victory season.'



Cedar Rapids Jefferson's Cameron Frazier tries to turn upfield past Waterloo East's Darren Scott last night during the first half in Waterloo. Jefferson won, 37-20, to snap a 10-game losing streak.

Nicholas Rocha added three field goals, among them a school-record 46-yarder that opened the scoring.

"We've come so far ... our commitment, dedication and our execution, Webb said. "It was much better today."

#### **BOX SCORES**

Iowa City West 32 Dubuque Senior 20 AT DUBUQUE

ICW		DS
First downs14		10
Rushes-yards 49-205		28-115
Passing135		81
Comp-Att-Int11-16-0		7-15-1
Punts-Avg2-42		2-30
Fumbles-lost0-0		0-0
Penalties-Yards5-35		1-5
lowa City West 8 8	7	10-32
Dubuque Senior 0 6	7	7-20

ICW - Anthony Batie 34 pass from Nate Boland (Boland run) ICW — Micah Kelsay 20 run (Connor Gordon kick) DS — Sam Jaeger 90 kickoff return (run

alled)
DS — Tyler George 12 pass from Austin
DS — Tyler George 12 pass from Austin
Icemens (John Kloft kick)
ICW — Kelsay 11 run (Gordon kick)
DS — Parker Hammel 26 run (Kloft kick)
ICW — Gordon 34 FG
ICW — Kelsay 1 run (Gordon kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS Rushing — ICW: Kelsay 22-132. Boland 14-31, Devin Raffensperger 8-21, Batie 1-10, Kevin Dowell 1-6, Tvler Eads 1-5, Conner Greene 1-0; DS: Hammel 17-90, Lee Bonifas 4-25, Clemens 3-(-12), Michael Williams (2-(-7), Nick Hoffender 1-19. Passing — ICW: Boland 11-16-0-135; DS: Austin Clemens 7-15-1-81.

Receiving — ICW: Batie 4-66, Olliver Mar-tin 4-44, Kelsay 3-25; **DS**: Tyler George 3-48, Sam Jaeger 2-15, Hammel 1-13, Hoftender

#### C.R. Prairie 27 Dubuque Wahlert 0

AT JOHN WALL F	IEL	U	
DI	N		CRP
First downs	10		21
Rushes-yards34-9	71		49-309
Passing	75		79
Comp-Att-Int7-19-	-0		7-12-1
Total Yards16	66		388
Punts-Avg7-3	36		2-31.5
Fumbles-lost1-	-0		1-1
Penalties-Yards3-2	20		1-15
Dubuque Wahlert0	0	0	0-0
C.R. Prairie14	0	7	6-27

CRP - Mitch Christensen 1 run (Sam CRP — Mitch Christensen I run (Sam Drysdale kick) CRP — Christensen I run (Drysdale kick) CRP — Kentrel Smith 10 pass from Trey Beckman (Drysdale kick) CRP — Christensen 6 run (kick failed)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS Rushing — Wahlert: Riley Hasken 16-91, Colin Smith 9-15; Prairie: Mitch Christensen 29-229, Keagan Pinter 9-61, Trey Beckman

9-24.

Passing — Wahlert: Daniel Broderick 7-190-75; Prairie: Beckman 7-12-1-79
Receiving — Wahlert: Nathan Kroeger
4-51, Hasken 2-13, Smith 1-11; Prairie: Dylan Kuchemann 2-41, Connor Grade 2-12, Kentrel Smith 1-10, Jo Jo Simpson 1-9, Pinter 1-7.

#### Iowa City High 28 **Dubuque Hempstead 24** AT BATES FIELD

L	H		ICH
First downs	11		21
Rushes-yards30-1	09		52-313
Passing1	56		105
Comp-Att-Int7-11	-0		9-17-1
Punts-Avg3-	36		1-38
Fumbles-lost1	-1		1-0
Penalties-Yards4-	35		1-5
Dubuque Hempstead 3	7	14	0-24
lowa City High6	15	0	7—28
ICH Mitch Wieland 12 ru	ın (k	ick	failed)

DH - Chris Francis 40 FG DH — Chris Francis 40 FG
ICH — Washpun 20 run (Washpun run)
ICH — Matt Zenner 11 run (Francis kick)
ICH — Washpun 35 fumble return (Drew
Cornwell kick)
DH — Jacob Hodge 53 pass from Julian
Rundle (Francis kick)
DH — Carter Daack 1 run (Francis kick)
ICH — Washpun 2 run (kick blocked)

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — Hempstead: Matt Zenner 17-71, Jacob Harrison 3-29, Carter Daack 5-19, Jacob Hodge 2-13, Julian Rundle 3-(-23); City High: Xavier Washpun 33-211, Mitch Wieland 13-64, Bryson Runge 3-23, Jake Leohr 3-23, Ivan Diaz 1-1, Team 1-(-1). Passing — Hempstead: Rundle 7-11-0-156; City High: Wieland 9-17-1-105. Receiving — Hempstead: Hodge 3-102, Zenner 3-42, Daack 1-12; City High: Leohr 2-35, Runge 4-34, Diaz 1-17, Cory Lindsey 1-14, Jason Jones 1-5.

#### C.R. Xavier 24 C.R. Kennedy O AT KINGSTON STADIUM

	CRX	CRK
First downs	16	4
Rushes-yards	44-205	28-56
Passing	99	18
Comp-Att-Int	9-12-0	2-13-0
Total Yards	304	74
Punts-Avg	4-40.3	10-36.7
Fumbles-lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-75	6-48
C.R. Xavier	7 3	0 14-24
C D Konnady	0 0	0 0 0

CRX-Matt Nelson 29 pass from Quinton Scholer (Ryan Persick kick) CRX—Persick 29 FG CRX—Brendan Miller 24 run (Persick

kick) CRX—Scholer 2 run (Persick kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS Rushing — Xavier: Brendan Miller 28-154, uinton Scholer 11-56, Jay Kortemeyer 3-1, eam 2-(-4); Kennedy: Miles Moa 17-39, erek Jacobus 4-14, Logan Wedo 4-2, Ter-

Derek Jacobus 1-1, Jacobus 2-1, Passing — Xavier: Quinton Scholer 9-12-0-99; Kennedy: Derek Jacobus 2-13-0-18. Receiving — Xavier: Frank Hill 4-44, Matt Nelson 1-29, Bryce Grimm 2-13, Brendan Miller 1-11, Jay Kortemeyer 1-2.

#### Iowa City Regina 51 Eldon Cardinal 0

7110	ARW CIII		
	EC	ICR	
First downs	22	4	
Rushes-yards	27-25	35-266	
Passing	36	142	
Comp-Att-Int	4-16-0	11-16-0	
Total Yards	61	408	
Punts-Avg	6-36.6	1-34	
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-2	
Penalties-Yards	1-5	4-30	
Eldon Cardinal	0 0	0 0-0	
Janua City Bonins	21 24	0 / 11	

ICR - Cook 9 run (Jacob Adam kick) ICR — Payton Raso 16 pass from Cook (J.

dam kick) ICR — Brinkman 21 run (J. Adam kick) ICR — Amelon 6 pass from Cook (J. Adam

kick)
ICR — Halsch 11 run (J. Adam kick)
ICR — FG J. Adam 37
ICR — Bracken 5 run (J. Adam kick)
ICR — Wagner 1 run (kick failed)



Adam Wesley/The Gazette

Iowa City Regina's Bryan Amelon doesn't come up with a pass in the end zone last night against Eldon Cardinal in Iowa



Stephen Mally photos/Freelance

Miles Moa of Cedar Rapids Kennedy is hit behind the line of scrimmage by Cedar Rapids Xavier's Andrew Khairallah for a 3-yard

## Xavier/Washington up next

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lineman Killian Magee picked up a fumble by Saints quarterback Quinton Scholer and returned it to the 46.

A pass interference penalty took the football to the Xavier 31, but quarterback Derek Jacobus was stopped a yard short of first down on a fourth-and-8 scramble to end Kennedy's only chance at scoring.

"Everybody that came back from last year (nine starters), that a score and threw for helps with the overall experience," said defensive lineman Daniel Vega. "We've all grown up together, known each other since kindergarten. That definitely helps. (Four straight

shutouts) is pretty awesome. Hopefully, we can make it five next week.'

Cedar Rapids Washington gets the unenviable task of facing probably the state's best defense next week. The Warriors will have to contend with a Saints offense that moved the football well at times against Kennedy.

Brendan Miller ran for 154 yards on 28 carries, including a 24-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. Scholer ran for one, a 29-yarder to tight end Matt Nelson that got the scoring started late in the first quarter.

Ryan Persick added a 29-yard field goal. Kennedy forced a pair of Xavier turnovers and



Famiek Cook of Cedar Rapids Kennedy powers into a tackle by Cedar Rapids Xavier's Dylan Eller and Wesley Gardner (right) in a Mississippi Valley Conference game last night at Kingston

generally played a stout • Comments: (319) 398-8259; jeff.johnson@sourcemedia.net

#### MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONFERENCE

### Prairie returns to the win column

By Jeff Linder. The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS They had dropped three straight games. Two, they could have won.

"Definitely some learning moments,' said running back Mitch Christensen.

This time, it was Cedar Rapids Prairie that provided the lesson.

The Hawks ruled from the very first snap and manhandled Dubuque Wahlert, 27-0, in an MVC Valley Division football game last night at John Wall Field.

Christensen rushed for a career-high 229 yards and three touchdowns as Prairie improved to 2-3 overall, 1-1 in the division.

"I'm really proud of these guys," said Prairie Coach Mike Morrissey. 'They worked really hard all week, and we had good effort tonight."

The Hawks were coming off back-to-backto-back defeats against Cedar Rapids Kennedy, No. 1 Cedar Rapids Xavier and No. 3 Iowa City West. In the Kennedy and West games, they led late.

"Coach just kept telling us to keep our heads up. We came out tonight fired up, ready to win,' said linebacker Jo Jo Simpson.

It was Simpson that fired the first salvo of the night, sacking Wahlert quarterback Daniel Broderick on the game's first play from scrimmage

"It was a big momentum play for us."



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Kathy Wimer, PEC Director

Mitchell Christensen of Cedar Rapids Prairie bursts for yardage last night against Dubuque Wahlert in a Mississippi Valley Conference game at Prairie.

Simpson said. "I pushed another stop. They got the tackle to the ground, and the quarterback came right to me.'

Prairie ruled both sides of the ball, outgaining the Golden Eagles (2-3, 0-2) by a yardage margin of 388-166.

Christensen highlighted a 309-yard rushing night by the hosts.

The first quarter was methodical near-perfection for the Hawks. They got a stop. They

got a score. They got

another score.

Simpson's sack — a 14-yarder — wrecked Wahlert's first possession, leading to a threeand-out. After a punt gave the

Hawks the ball at their 46-yard line, they drove 54 yards in 10 plays, none longer than 13 yards. Christensen barreled in from the 1 to put the Hawks in front.

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#### **MVC STANDINGS**

School

Mississippi Divisi	ion	
Iowa City West	3-0	5-0
Iowa City High	3-0	4-1
Dubuque Hempstead	2-1	3-2
Cedar Rapids Kennedy	1-1	3-2
Cedar Rapids Jefferson	1-2	1-4
Dubuque Senior	0-2	1-4
Waterloo East	0-3	0-5
Valley Division		
Cedar Rapids Xavier	3-0	5-0
C.R. Washington	2-1	2-3
Cedar Falls	2-1	4-1
Waterloo West	1-2	2-3
Cedar Rapids Prairie	1-2	2-3
Linn-Mar	1-2	1-4

Thursday Valley Division Washington 28, Wat. West 27

**Dubuque Wahlert** 

0-2 2-3

Friday Mississippi Division Jefferson 37, Waterloo East 20 City High 27, Hempstead 24 I.C. West 32, Senior 20 \*Xavier 24, Kennedy 0 Valley Division Prairie 27, Wahlert 0 Cedar Falls 56, Linn-Mar 28 \*Non-division

### Classic MVC battle to City

By Jason Brummond, correspondent

IOWA CITY - Whew! Incredible drive. Unbelievable game. This one was an instant clas-

Iowa City High finished a long go-ahead drive with Xavier Washpun's 2-yard touchdown run with 49 seconds left in a thrilling 27-24 comeback win over Dubuque Hempstead last night in a Mississippi Valley Conference football game at Bates Field.

"We have a lot of spirit," senior lineman Joel Reynolds said. "We rally around each other and help each up when we need it. When someone makes a mistake, we help them through it and get it on the next play."

Washpun finished with 211 rushing yards and three touchdowns for the Little Hawks (4-1), which gave up two TDs and their halftime lead in the third quarter.

Hempstead (3-2) had a shot late after a blocked extra-point and big kickoff return.

Chris Francis just missed a 45-yard field goal wide right that would have likely sent the game to overtime.

The Little Hawks grinded out an 11-play, 76-yard drive in the final six minutes. Every play was a run - nine of them to Washpun. The senior finished with 33 carries.

"I was just going off adrenaline," Washpun said. "After the third quar-

ter, I was gassed.'

The City defense forced a three-and-out just before the go-ahead touchdown drive.

"We kept our head up and we kept battling,' City Coach Dan Saber said. "Every coach loves to see that.

"We felt confident if we could get the ball back that we could drive

The Mustangs took a 24-21 lead after a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter.

Quarterback Julian Rundle hit Jacob Hodge for a deep 53-yard touchdown pass midway through the quarter.

After City missed a field goal, Carter Daack punched in a 1-yard touchdown run.

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