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WORLD SERIES

Boston celebrates with victory in 6

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BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox completed a rousing run from a last-place finish to top of the baseball universe by routing the St. Louis Cardinals, 6-1, last night in Game 6 to win the World Series.

The emphatic victory gave the Red Sox a 4-2 triumph in the best-of-seven Fall Classic for their third championship in 10 seasons, starting the surge when they ended an 86-year title drought with their 2004 sweep of the Cardinals.

Shane Victorino, back in the lineup after missing two games

with a stiff back, led the way with a three-run double in the third and a bases-loaded single in the fourth for four runs batted in.

Closer Koji Uehara retired Matt Carpenter for the final out, setting off wild celebrations on the field and in the stands for the first World Series clinched in front of the home fans at Fenway Park since their 1918 championship.

It was an emotional climax for a team that had finished last in the American League East in 2012 with a 69-93 record, and had vowed to "B strong" in solidarity with a city shaken by

deadly bomb attacks at the finish line of the Boston Marathon in April.

The Red Sox became the only team other than the 1991 Minnesota Twins to go from last place one year to World Series champion the next year.

While Victorino and the Red Sox did their damage against the Cardinals' 22-year-old rookie sensation Michael Wacha, Boston starter John Lackey held St. Louis in check. He went 6-2/3 innings, scattering nine hits.

David Ortiz, who walked four times last night, was named Series MVP.



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Boston shortstop Stephen Drew celebrates with teammates after hitting a home run against St. Louis during the fourth inning of Game 6 last night in Boston. The Red Sox wrapped up the World Series title with a 6-1 victory.

THIS WEEK'S GAME

- **Teams:** Wisconsin (5-2, 3-1) at Iowa (5-3, 2-2)
- **Place:** Kinnick Stadium, Iowa City
- **Kickoff:** 11 a.m. Saturday
- **TV:** KCRG
- **Line:** Wisconsin by 9 1/2

IOWA FOOTBALL

Numbers don't really add up

But these Hawkeyes are playing well at defensive end

By Marc Morehouse, The Gazette

IOWA CITY — Your first clue that something is "off" with Iowa defensive ends is the wide array of numbers.

Senior Dominic Alvis wears No. 79.

"He tells me he thinks they planned to switch him to O-line when he first got here, because he was young," sophomore defensive end Drew Ott said. "It turned out that he could play defensive line, so they never switched."



Drew Ott
Defensive end

There's Nate Meier, who wears No. 34. He played eight-man football at Fremont-Mills in southwest Iowa. He arrived wanting to play running back.

"Never," he said when asked if he envisioned playing at defensive end.



Nate Meier
Defensive end

Has the running back ship sailed?

"I wish there was a day," he said with a laugh. "Coaches asked me and I just took the role. They think it's my best spot and that's their job. I like it."

Going into Saturday's game against No. 23 Wisconsin, No. 79 (Alvis) is out for the second week with a back injury. Last week, Iowa contained Northwestern quarterback Kain Colter just enough with Nos. 95 (Ott) and 98 (junior Mike Hardy, who made his first start). The Hawkeyes also had a blitz package that included Nos. 34 (Meier) and, get ready for some jealousy, No. 6 (freshman Reggie Spearman).

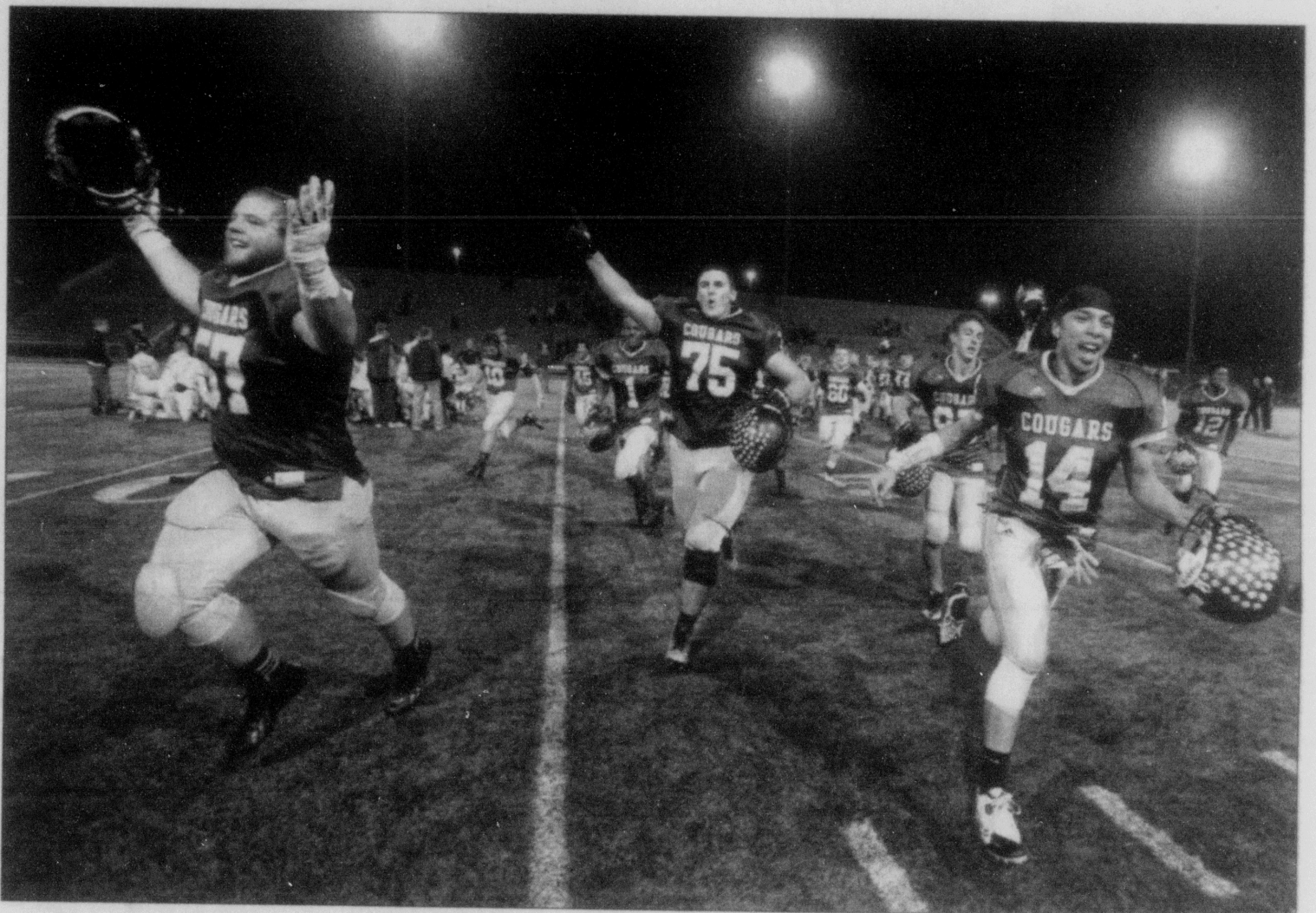
Ott wanted that single-digit number when he reported in August 2012.

"They stuck me with a big number," said Ott, who collected his first sack last week (the 6-4, 265-pounder caught Colter in the open field, not an easy feat). "I guess Nate is the lucky one, he gets to stick with his running back number."

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CLASS 4A FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

'Smashing' playoff win



Cliff Jette/The Gazette

Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Seth Gilmore (from left), Drake Zabloudil, Killian Magee and A.J. Carter celebrate a victory over Cedar Rapids Prairie last night in the first round of the Class 4A football playoffs at Kingston Stadium.

Prairie is Kennedy's victim in playoff first-round

By Jeff Linder, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — The identity of the ball carrier didn't matter. Run or pass, same success.

"Our coaches stress, just get off the ball," said Cedar Rapids Kennedy lineman Seth Gilmore. "It doesn't matter what we run. We want to get out and ground and pound. It's a lot of fun to go out there and smash heads."

Kennedy ran a lot, passed a little and did both with effectiveness in a 42-14 conquest of Cedar Rapids Prairie in a Class 4A first-round football playoff last night at

Kingston Stadium.

Miles Moa ran for two touchdowns, Derek Jacobus connected with Jacob Shannon for two more, and Logan Daughette put a cherry on it with an 80-yard interception for a score.

The Cougars (7-3) advance to face No. 7 Davenport Assumption in the second round Monday at Brady Street Stadium. Assumption (9-1) handled Davenport Central, 26-0.

It was Kennedy's second win over the Hawks (5-5) this season. In the regular season, the Cougars had to come from behind. Wednesday, they got ahead and

stayed ahead.

"It was so important to keep scoring," Jacobus said. "They knew what was coming, but this was one of the best team efforts we've had all season."

Moa rushed for 124 yards to lead a balanced attack. Jacobus ran for 79, and completed 4 of 5 passes with two touchdowns to Shannon.

Jacobus took some hard shots in a Week 8 loss to Dubuque Hempstead. He dealt with some kidney problems and was questionable for last week's game against Iowa City High.

"The doctors didn't tell me not to play, but I don't

think they wanted me to," Jacobus said. "But I wanted to."

He led the Cougars to an impressive win over the Little Hawks five days ago, then they matched it Wednesday.

"(The City High win), that was hard to top," said Kennedy Coach Tim Lewis. "But this was another overall great team effort."

Kennedy laid down the gauntlet immediately, scoring on its first two possessions. The Cougars relied primarily on their power, Stacked-I attack.

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Saints jump first hurdle with ease

By Jeremiah Davis, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — This game was over in a hurry.

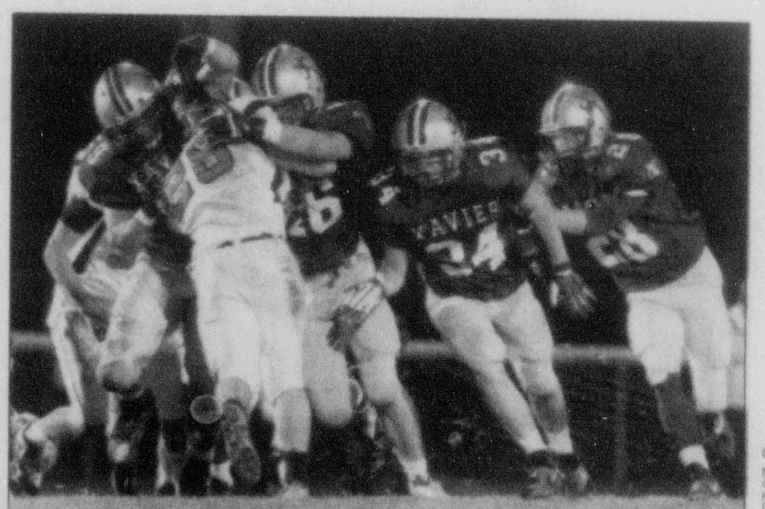
Class 4A No. 3 Cedar Rapids Xavier welcomed Clinton to Saints Field last night for a first-round state playoff game, but the Saints (9-1) weren't exactly gracious hosts while dominating the overwhelmed River Kings, 45-0.

"I think it was a little of

both (a schematic and physical advantage)," said Xavier Coach Duane Schulte. "Offensively, it boiled down to the same stuff: staying on your blocks and executing."

"We were just trying to get the win, to be honest with you. We try to get all three phases of the game going, and whatever got us the win, that's all we wanted."

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Cedar Rapids Xavier's Logan Santel (left) and Logan Clarahan (46) crunch Clinton's Dustin Caldwell while teammates swarm in to assist last night at Xavier. The Saints rolled to a first-round victory, 45-0.

BOX SCORES

Cedar Falls 27, C.R. Washington 10

AT KINGSTON STADIUM			
	CF	CRW	
First downs.....	20	17	
Rushes-yards.....	68-285	26-58	
Passing-yards.....	0	177	
Comp-att-int.....	0-1-1	11-22-2	
Punts-avg.....	3-38.7	3-39.9	
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	2-1	
Penalties-yards.....	2-20	5-30	
Cedar Falls.....	7 13 0	7-27	
C.R. Washington.....	3 0 0	7-10	
CF—Eli Berregaard 13 run (Caleb Iehl)			
CRW—Gunner Lenzen 31 FG			
CF—Iehl 27 FG			
CF—Berregaard 8 run (Iehl kick)			
CF—Berregaard 42 FG			
CF—Berregaard 3 run (Iehl kick)			
CRW—Landen Akers 74 pass from Reid Snitker (Lenzen kick)			

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing — Cedar Falls: Eli Berregaard 132-38, Ben Fienup 13-54, Denison Harrington 12-74, Trey Hansen 7-19, Durrell Jackson 2-4, Team 2-(-4); **C.R. Washington:** Reid Snitker 16-46, Johnny Dobbs 5-12, Mason Taylor 3-2, Caleb Smothers 1-2.
Passing — Cedar Falls: None.
0. C.R. Washington: Reid Snitker 11-22-2-177.
Receiving — Cedar Falls: None; **C.R. Washington:** Landen Akers 3-95, Isaiah Nimmers 5-58, Clayton Blomsten 2-19, Johnny Dobbs 1-5.

C.R. Xavier 45, Clinton 0

AT SAINTS FIELD			
	CLN	XAV	
First downs.....	4	18	
Rushes-yards.....	26-8	40-159	
Passing-yards.....	45	83	
Comp-att-int.....	5-17-2	8-9-0	
Punts-avg.....	6-15.6	2-15.5	
Fumbles-lost.....	3-0	1-0	
Penalties-yards.....	5-50	5-30	
Clinton.....	0 0 0	0-0	
C.R. Xavier.....	21 21 0	3-45	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing — Clinton: Dustin Caldwell 11-29, Alex Caldwell 5-(-7), Eric Maddason 5-(-23), Austin Peters 4-9, Isaiah Bailey 1-0; **CRX:** Brendan Miller 9-70, Quinton Scholer 3-0, Jay Kortmeyer 3-21, Bryce Schulte 3-20, Sam Tur-si 1-(-2), Chris Ball 10-33, Edward Krause 1-3, John Hovda 3-3, Andrew Steffensmeier 4-0, Adam Steffensmeier 1-1, Ryan Williams 2-10.
Passing — Clinton: Eric Maddason 5-16-2-45, Johnny Sullivan 0-1-0-0; **CRX:** Quinton Scholer 7-7-0-74, Bryce Schulte 1-1-0-9, Sam Tur-si 0-1-0-0.
Receiving — Clinton: Brady Ernst 1-16, Alex Caldwell 2-28, Zach Pope 1-5, Dustin Caldwell 1-(-4); **CRX:** Bryce Grimm 3-25, Frank Hill 2-19, Matt Nelson 2-31, Jay Kortmeyer 1-8.
IC. West 69, Dubuque Hempstead 7

AT TROJAN FIELD			
	DH	ICW	
First downs.....	2	20	
Rushes-yards.....	33-113	58-535	
Passing-yards.....	9	55	
Comp-att-int.....	2-6-0	3-6-0	
Punts-avg.....	5-45.4	0-0-0	
Fumbles-lost.....	5-1	0-0	
Penalties-yards.....	4-30	2-30	
Dubuque Hempstead.....	0 0 7	0-7	
Iowa City West.....	21 28 13	7-69	

W—Nate Boland 3 run (Connor Gordon kick)
W—Devin Raffensperger 18 run (Gordon kick)
W—Anthony Batie 68 punt return (Gordon kick)
W—Boland 38 run (Gordon kick)
W—Micah Kelsay 64 run (Gordon kick)
W—Raffensperger 1 run (Gordon kick)
W—Boland 41 run (Gordon kick)
DH—Talon Zimmerman 80 run (Chris Francis kick)
W—Clay Moel 4 run (kick blocked)
W—Michael Kruup 4 run (Zak Ranshaw kick)
W—Kruup 1 run (Ranshaw kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATS
Rushing — Hempstead: Carter Daack 5-26, Peyton Imhof 1-14, Team 4-9, Matt Zenner 3-7, Chris Tomkins 1-6, Blake Thurston 2-5, Chris Francis 1-0, Chase Bushaw 1-(-1), Bailey Paulsen 9-(-31); **West:** Nate Boland 12-191, Devin Raffensperger 12-110, Micah Kelsay 4-76, Clay Moel 8-53, Michael Kruup 5-33, Conner Greene 1-21, Mason Koch 7-21, Tyler Eads 2-19, Yeshuwa Hicks 1-8, Jacob Sanderson 1-5, McKinley Batie 2-4, Team 3-(-6).
Passing — Hempstead: Paulsen 2-5-0-9, Runde 0-1-0-0; **West:** Boland 3-6-0-55.
Receiving — Hempstead: Daack 1-5, Brad Kramer 1-4; **West:** Anthony Batie 2-44, Oliver Martin 1-11.

West Delaware 41, Marion 21

AT MANCHESTER			
	MAR	WD	
First downs.....	15	19	
Rushes-yards.....	48-246	40-252	
Passing-yards.....	74	104	
Comp-att-int.....	8-17-0	7-9-0	
Punts-avg.....	1-37.0	1-32.0	
Fumbles-lost.....	3-1	1-0	
Penalties-yards.....	13-111	6-55	
Marion.....	0 7 0	14-21	
West Delaware.....	14 14 13	0-41	

WD—Brent Lammers 1 run (Alex Reetz kick)
WD—Cov Roussell 7 run (Reetz kick)
Mar—Kory Walsh 5 run (Ben Kroemer kick)
WD—Roussell 2 run (Reetz kick)
WD—Roussell 5 run (Reetz kick)
WD—Lammers 4 run (Reetz kick)
WD—Dallyn Putz 47 run (kick failed)
Mar—Walsh 1 run (Kroemer kick)
Mar—Quinn Cannoy 21 pass from Trevor Hardman (Kroemer kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing — Marion: Kory Walsh 28-176, Logan Fuller 7-29, Trevor Hardman 6-17, Nick Kramer 5-13, Austin Brown 2-11; **W. Delaware:** Cov Roussell 18-91, Brent Lammers 10-76, Dallyn Putz 5-52, Jake Voss 4-29, Austin Bishop 4-5, Max Rideour 2-(-minus 1).
Passing — Marion: Trevor Hardman 8-17-74; **W. Delaware:** Brent Lammers 7-9-104.
Receiving — Marion: Logan Fuller 2-32, Quinn Cannoy 2-28, Austin Brown 2-4, Dalton Gardner 1-6, Nick Kramer 1-4; **W. Delaware:** Cov Roussell 2-47, Jake Voss 2-20, Mitch Demmer 1-17, Austin Bishop 1-11, Nathan Wegmann 1-9.

Iowa City Regina 46, Tipton 6

AT IOWA CITY			
	TIP	ICR	
First downs.....	8	19	
Rushes-yards.....	35-132	47-196	
Passing-yards.....	33	174	
Comp-att-int.....	5-12-1	13-19-0	
Punts-avg.....	3-41.3	0-0-0	
Fumbles-lost.....	2-1	3-1	
Penalties-yards.....	11-90	6-50	
Tipton.....	6 0 0	0-6	
Iowa City Regina.....	8 7 14	17-46	

TIP—Harden 13 run (kick failed)
ICR—Brinkman 8 run (Dixon rush)
ICR—Dixon 1 run (Jacob Adam kick)
ICR—Brinkman 14 run (J. Adam kick)
ICR—Phillos 40 pass from Cook (J. Adam kick)
ICR—Dixon 5 run (J. Adam kick)
ICR—Nate Stenger 7 run (J. Adam kick)
ICR—FG J. Adam 34

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing — Tipton: Chandler Harden 25-107, Josh Smith 4-14, Alex Wiley 2-7, Jordan Chailis 1-9, Taylor Axberg 1-5, Team 2-(-10); **Iowa City Regina:** Riley Dixon 27-139, Drew Cook 8-27, Jake Brinkman 2-22, Nate Stenger 1-7, Eric Bracken 6-6, Michael Adam 1-2, Team 2-(-7).
Passing — Tipton: Wiley 5-12-1-33; **Iowa City Regina:** Cook 13-18-0-174, Stenger 0-1-0-0.
Receiving — Tipton: Austin Howe 3-25, Harden 1-5, Smith 1-3; **Iowa City Regina:** Nick Phillips 6-84, Brvan Arnelson 1-42, Zach Fackler 3-23, Dixon 1-13, Brinkman 1-7, Adam 1-5.
C.R. Kennedy 42, C.R. Prairie 14

AT KINGSTON STADIUM			
	CRP	CRK	
First downs.....	15	21	
Rushes-yards.....	28-122	55-281	
Passing-yards.....	204	53	
Comp-att-int.....	13-26-1	4-5-0	
Punts-avg.....	1-59.0	1-58.0	
Fumbles-lost.....	2-2	1-0	
Penalties-yards.....	5-37	3-41	
C.R. Prairie.....	7 0 7	0-14	
C.R. Kennedy.....	7 7 14	14-42	

CRK—Terrance Hall 1 run (Mark Schultz kick)
CRP—Mitch Christensen 4 run (Sam Drysdale kick)

CRK—Jacob Shannon 10 pass from Derek Jacobus (Schultz kick)
CRK—Miles Moa 3 run (Schultz kick)
CRK—Shannon 24 pass from Jacobus (Schultz kick)
CRP—Mitch Dellamuth 10 pass from Trey Beckman (Drysdale kick)
CRK—Moa 2 run (Schultz kick)
CRK—Logan Draughtette 80 interception return (Schultz kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing — C.R. Prairie: Mitch Christensen 14-65, Trey Beckman 4-17, Jesse Vizzini 4-17, Dylan Kuchemann 2-14, Keegan Pinter 4-9; **CR. Kennedy:** Miles Moa 25-124, Derek Jacobus 11-79, Terrance Hall 12-62, Jay Blank 2-15, Marcus Foy 3-3.
Passing — C.R. Prairie: Beckman 10-21-114, Kuchemann 2-3-0-32, Vizzini 1-2-0-26; **C.R. Kennedy:** Jacobus 4-5-0-53.
Receiving — C.R. Prairie: Mitch Dellamuth 4-98, Vizzini 4-33, Connor Grade 2-35, Tristan Beve 2-32, Christensen 1-9; **C.R. Kennedy:** Jacob Shannon 2-34, Blank 1-14, Moa 1-5.

CLASS 4A

No repeat; West in a rout

By Jason Brummond, correspondent

IOWA CITY — Iowa City West ran wild in wet conditions.

The Class 4A fifth-ranked Trojans racked up 535 yards on the ground — 398 in the first half — in a dominating 69-7 win over Dubuque Hempstead last night in a first-round play-off game at Trojan Field.

Quarterback Nate Boland ran for 191 yards and three touchdowns for West (9-1), which will play Bettendorf next Monday in the second round.

CLASS 4A

Tigers roll on Kingston turf

By Jeff Johnson, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — The offensive play distribution last night for Cedar Falls was 98.6 percent runs and 1.4 percent passes.

It was 100 percent effective. The Tigers took ground and pound to another level in a 27-10 win over Cedar Rapids Washington in a Class 4A playoff opener at Kingston Stadium. Vince Lombardi would have watched this game and just smiled.

“We wanted to get control of that line of scrimmage,” said Cedar Falls Co-Coach Pat Mitchell, whose team plays Pleasant Valley next. “For the most part, I thought we did on both sides: offense and defense.”

In an era of highflying spread offenses, this was a throwback approach, for sure.

The Tigers (7-3) ran most plays from an unbalanced line, with 295-pound Alabama recruit Ross Pierschbacher at right tackle and 275-pound Gabe Clark next to him. That helped produce a series of runs of four to five yards that Washington (6-4) could never consistently stop.

“They’d shown that set,” said Washington Coach Paul James.

“It’s basically unbalanced, but they put the two big tackles together. We didn’t have an answer for that.”

Washington QB Reid Snitker was so good this season, but he had a poor second quarter with a fumble and two interceptions on consecutive series. CF scored 17 points off those

“Our guys up front dominated both sides,” West Coach Brian Sauser said.

Hempstead (4-6) managed two first downs in the game and only 22 yards in the first half against West’s first-team defense.

This game didn’t even remotely resemble the 39-35 win West eked out over Hempstead in the regular season. The Trojans needed a go-ahead touchdown drive in the final minute earlier this month to avoid the upset.

West’s dominance on both lines turned a could-be stress-

ful rematch into a relaxing and resounding win. The Trojans averaged 9.2 yards per carry. They had 13 runs for 10 or more yards in the first half alone.

Devin Raffensperger rushed 12 times for 110 yards and two TDs. Micah Kelsay finished with 76 yards, including a 64-yard TD in the second quarter.

West’s playoff loss to Bettendorf two years ago set the tone for this game. Sauser thought that team relied too much on outside speed and saw an opportunity when rain popped up in the forecast.

“For two years we’ve been building for a night like this,” Sauser said. “I thought this would be an interesting test for us to see if we can line up against a good team and just pound the football.”

The Trojans aced it and were equally impressive on defense. In the first half, half of Hempstead’s runs didn’t get back to the line of scrimmage. West finished with six sacks.

“We focused on getting off the ball and shooting our gaps right,” senior defensive lineman DeVaughn McCullough said.



Cliff Jette/The Gazette

Cedar Rapids Washington’s Royal Silver (top) and Connor Vincent wrap up Danny Duggan of Cedar Falls last night during a Class 4A playoff game in Cedar Rapids. Cedar Falls advanced to Monday’s quarterfinals with a 27-10 victory.

turnovers for a 20-3 halftime lead.

Snitker still accounted for 223 of his team’s 235 yards, throwing a 74-yard touchdown pass to Landen Akers in the final minute.

“I just made a couple of stu-

pid mistakes,” Snitker said. “That’s pretty much it.”

Despite the loss, this was a highly successful season for a Washington club that lost its coach last spring and its first three games this fall before rallying for six wins in a

row to end the regular season.

Snitker and Akers are just two of several juniors who played key roles and will return in 2014.

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CLASS 4A

Washpun carries the load for Little Hawks

By Ryan Pleggenkuhle, correspondent

IOWA CITY — With rain in the forecast, Iowa City High and Muscatine engaged in a ground-and-pound affair last night that City High won, 24-19, in the first round of the Class 4A playoffs.

City High running back Xavier Washpun was the workhorse, carrying the ball 40 times for 273 yards and three touchdowns. He carried the ball eight times for 82 yards on the opening drive, capping it with a 23-yard TD

run for a 7-0 lead.

Muscatine (5-5) responded with a 65-yard touchdown drive, quarterback Matt Weiskamp scoring from 1 yard out. After a missed extra point, it was 7-6.

After forcing the Little Hawks to turn the ball over on downs on their own 42-yard line, the Muskies drove in for the go-ahead score on a 2-yard run by Davonte Ellis for a 13-7 lead.

Washpun answered with a 1-yard TD run to complete a 76-yard drive on the next pos-

session. The workhorse rushed 22 times for 156 yards and two touchdowns in the first half alone, his second score giving the Little Hawks the lead again at 14-13.

“We were all slipping around a little out there, but the line kept opening great holes for me tonight and we all just kept turning our feet,” Washpun said.

City High (8-2) capped the first half scoring when senior kicker Drew Cornwell booted a 45-yard field goal right before halftime for a 17-13 lead and

padding his state kick scoring record that he’d tied last week.

The Little Hawks, who play Xavier on Monday, drove the ball 64 yards on their second drive of the second half with Washpun scoring from 9 yards out for a 24-13 lead.

“I’m glad he’s (Washpun) on our team,” City High Coach Dan Sabers said. “If you have a back like him, it fixes a lot of your ailments.”

The Little Hawks sealed the deal on their final possession, converting several third downs to run out the clock.

Xavier/Clinton no match for third-ranked Saints

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The score was lopsided enough but even that wasn’t indicative of the performance disparity.

With the starters playing only in the first half and getting some much-needed rest before a quick turnaround for the next game Monday — quarterback Quinton Scholer went 7 of 7 for 74 yards and a touchdown and running back Brendan Miller carried nine times for 70 yards and two scores — the Saints were able

to leave some in the tank and still get a big victory.

Schulte and his players wouldn’t say — and didn’t seem to care — if the victory sent a statement to the rest of the state.

Asked about it, Schulte laughed and said, “I have no idea.”

Defensive back Ben Valentine — who intercepted two passes, returning one 32 yards for a touchdown — left it up to everyone else to decide.

“If you want it to, you can make it that,” Valentine said

through a smile. “We’re just going to keep playing and keep getting after it. As long as we get the win, we don’t care (by how much). But it is nice to win by 45.”

Xavier was fully back on all cylinders and back in good health. Following a 26-10 loss Oct. 10 to Cedar Rapids Washington, the Saints slowly worked their way back to this point.

The journey back to full stride was “almost literally day by day,” according to Schulte.

“Sometimes it seems like we really are (getting better), sometimes it seems like we’re taking a step back,” Schulte said. “At this point of the season, we’re just happy to move on.”

Predictably, there was very little celebration on the Xavier sideline.

The Saints know what’s on the line, and are determined to claim what they fell just short of last year in a 23-17 championship game loss to Ankeny.

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