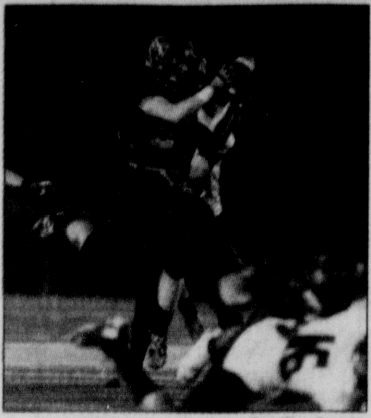


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PICKING OFF A VICTORY



Brian Ray/The Gazette

Solon's Jordan Wymer leaps to intercept a pass from West Delaware quarterback Max Ridenour during the first half last night at Solon. The Spartans advanced in the Class 3A playoffs, 49-20. Story, 3B

SIDELINE

VOLLEYBALL

Another honor for ISU's Hahn

AMES — For the second week in a row and the record 17th time in her career, Iowa State's Kristen Hahn is the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week.

This is Hahn's fifth player of the week honor this season and, once again, was a crucial element to Iowa State's two victories last week against Texas Tech and Baylor.

Against the Red Raiders, the former Cedar Rapids Kennedy prep led all players with 28 digs. In Waco, she put up one of the top defensive performances of her career with 26 digs in the Cyclones' sweep of Baylor.

FOOTBALL

Titans' Stoute gets extension

CEDAR RAPIDS — Coming off a 9-5 season and trip to the United Conference Championship game, the Cedar Rapids Titans have given Coach Mark Stoute a two-year contract extension.

Stoute, the 2013 Indoor Football League Coach of the Year, directed the Titans to their first postseason appearance while also handling the defensive play calling.

This season, Stoute will move over to the offensive side of the ball. Veteran IFL linebacker Ameer Ismail will serve as the team's defensive coordinator.

The Titans kick off their third IFL season Feb. 15 at the U.S. Cellular Center against the Bemidji (Minn.) Axemen.

Bears whip Packers, tied atop NFC North

GREEN BAY — Backup Josh McCown threw for 272 yards and two touchdowns as visiting Chicago knocked out Aaron Rodgers and snapped Green Bay's four-game winning streak, 27-20, last night.

Matt Forte rushed for 125 yards and a touchdown and Brandon Marshall and Alshon Jeffery each caught a scoring pass for the Bears (5-3), who ended a six-game losing streak to the Packers (5-3) and moved into a three-way tie atop the NFC North.

BASEBALL

Kernels' Walker wins league award

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Cedar Rapids Kernels outfielder Adam Brett Walker won the George M. Trautman award as the Topps/Midwest League Player of the Year.

Walker led the Midwest League with 27 home runs and 109 RBIs in 129 games.

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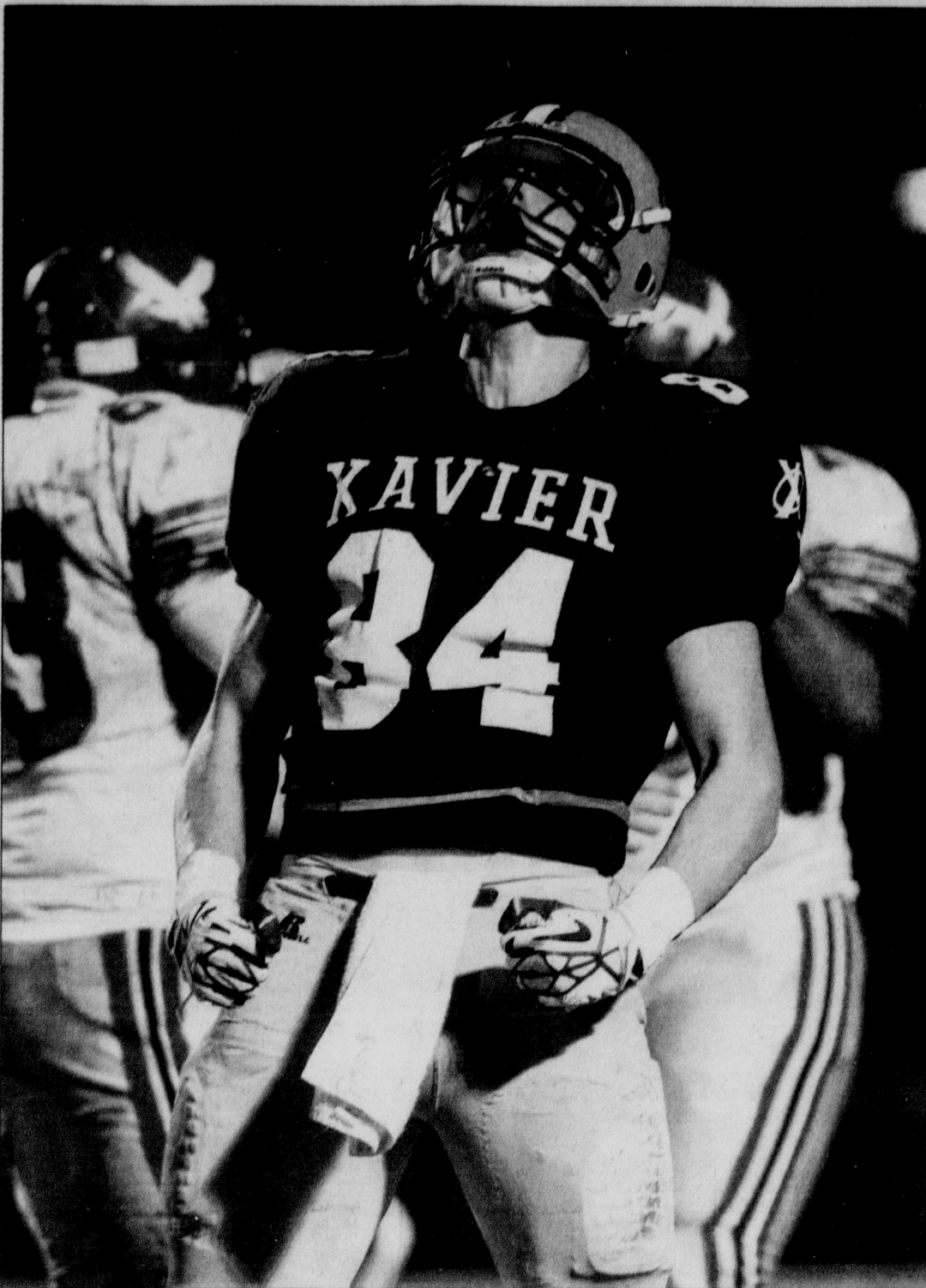
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

42nd Street rematch



Cliff Jette/The Gazette

Cedar Rapids Xavier's Matt Nelson celebrates his sack of Iowa City High quarterback Mitch Wieland last night during a second-round Class 4A playoff game at Xavier. The third-ranked Saints advanced with a 34-0 victory.

Xavier blanks City; Kennedy next

By Jeff Linder, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — Dan Sabers has seen a lot as a high school football coach at Iowa City High. A lot of wins. A handful of losses.

But he's never seen a defense like this.

"It's the best I've ever gone against," Sabers said after third-ranked Cedar Rapids Xavier made the Little Hawks its seventh shutout victim of the season, 34-0, in a Class 4A second-round playoff football game last night at Saints Field.

"They're tough, they're well-coached and they're disciplined. If you get behind them, you're in trouble. They're a superb team, and they're going to be really tough to beat."

For Xavier (10-1), the win sets up a 42nd Street quarterfinal showdown Friday at home against Cedar Rapids Kennedy (8-3).

"They're a really tough team. They're playing really well right now," said Matt Nelson, the anchor to that dynamite defense. "We've got to get back to work (Tuesday)."

Xavier beat Kennedy, 24-0, Sept. 27 at Kingston Stadium.

Even for the always-stingy Saints, this was a special defensive effort. City High's Xavier Washpun entered the game as the second-leading rusher in 4A with 1,775 yards. He managed 21 yards on 15 carries.

"(Defensive coordinator Jim) O'Connell watches so much film. He gets us in position to make plays," said Nelson, who posted a pair of wicked sacks on quarterback

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Kennedy gets shot No. 2 at Xavier

By Jeff Johnson, The Gazette

DAVENPORT — They've been known as slow starters and fast finishers these past few years.

That first part changed some this season. The second part hasn't.

There's little question Cedar Rapids Kennedy is playing its best football late in the season again, with more evidence being last night's 35-12 victory over Davenport Assumption in a Class 4A playoff second-rounder at Brady Street Stadium.

Quarterback Derek Jacobus ran for three touchdowns, and Miles Moa had 184 yards rushing and a TD to lift Kennedy (8-3) to its second postseason win in six days. The Cougars face Cedar Rapids Xavier (10-1) in a Friday night quarterfinal at Xavier.

This is a different Kennedy club from the one that lost to Xavier, 24-0, in late September.

"Our confidence level is way higher than it was then," Moa said. "There's no fear. We have no fear."

Kennedy's ground-and-pound offense was too much for Assumption (9-2). The Cougars scored on their first three possessions to build a 21-12 halftime edge, kept moving the football in the second half and stepped up their defense to win rather comfortably.

Not that Kennedy's Tim Lewis ever would admit being comfortable. He's a head coach, after all.

"I don't think 35-12 was indicative of what I thought was a battle," Lewis said. "Whenever that quarterback of theirs has the ball in his hands, he's a threat. There was not one moment that entire night that I ever felt comfortable, knowing he still

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IOWA FOOTBALL

Purdue in search of identity

Young Boilermakers struggling this season

By Marc Morehouse, The Gazette

When Purdue traveled to East Lansing, Mich., for its game against Michigan State on Oct. 19, 34 of the 70 Boilermakers who made the trip were freshmen.

These are the first stages of a rebuild for first-year Purdue coach Darrell Hazell. It's a very public and painful process, but it's one that is necessary.

"You have to keep evaluating what you're doing and who's doing it," Hazell said. "You have to be very critical of yourself, as a staff, as a team and try to find ways to improve what we're doing right now."

THIS WEEK'S GAME

- **Teams:** Iowa (5-4, 2-3) at Purdue (1-7, 0-4)
- **Place:** Ross-Ade Stadium, West Lafayette, Ind.
- **Kickoff:** 11 a.m. Saturday
- **TV:** BTN
- **Line:** Iowa by 14 1/2

Right now, the Boilermakers (1-7, 0-4 Big Ten) are going nowhere on offense. Quite literally. Purdue hasn't run a play inside an opponent's 20-yard line since Sept. 28 against Northern Illinois. That's a span of 181 plays. Meanwhile, opponents are 23 of 23 in red zone opportunities over the last five games.

It's a team in the early stages of building an identity

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Columbus Dispatch

Purdue quarterback Danny Etling is swarmed by Ohio State's Noah Spence (left) and linebacker Curtis Grant during Saturday's game at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Ind. The young Boilermakers are looking for something to hang their hat on this season.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

BOX SCORES

C.R. Kennedy 35			
Davenport Assumption 12			
AT DAVENPORT			
	CRK	DA	
First downs.....	21	13	
Rushes-yards.....	30-283	33-179	
Passing-yards.....	59	103	
Comp-att-int.....	4-7-0	6-15-1	
Punts-avg.....	2-38.0	0-0.0	
Fumbles-lost.....	2-0	1-1	
Penalties-yards.....	8-71	8-36	
C.R. Kennedy.....	14	7	0 14-35
Davenport Assumption.....	6	6	0 0-12
DA — James Hua 7 run (kick blocked)			
CRK — Derek Jacobus 2 run (Mark Schulz kick)			
DA — Ryan Coughlin 16 pass from Jake Gervase (kick blocked)			
CRK — Miles Moe 6 run (Schulz kick)			
CRK — Sammy Lizarraga 1 run (Schulz kick)			
CRK — Jacobus 1 run (Schulz kick)			
CRK — Jacobus 24 run (Schulz kick)			
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
Rushing — C.R. Kennedy: Miles Moe 30-184, Derek Jacobus 9-59, Terrance Hall 6-41, Sammy Lizarraga 1-1, Team 4-(minus 2); Davenport Assumption: Jake Gervase 14-88, James Hua 15-77, Kolton O'Day 3-12, Chase Hager 1-4.			
Passing — C.R. Kennedy: Derek Jacobus 4-7-0-59; Davenport Assumption: Jake Gervase 6-15-1-103.			
Receiving — C.R. Kennedy: Famiek Cook 2-32, Jay Blank 2-27; Davenport Assumption: Ryan Coughlin 3-39, James Hua 1-28, Kolton O'Day 1-24, Roman Youngblunt 1-12.			

C.R. Xavier 34			
Iowa City High 0			
AT SAINTS FIELD			
	ICH	CRX	
First downs.....	7	14	
Rushes-yards.....	30-35	43-200	
Passing-yards.....	90	72	
Comp-att-int.....	6-18-0	7-11-0	
Punts-avg.....	5-25.4	2-30.0	
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-0	
Penalties-yards.....	3-30	7-51	
City High.....	0	0	0 0-0
C.R. Xavier.....	0	10	14 10-34
CRX — Wes Gardner 14 pass from Quinton Scholer (Ryan Persick kick)			
CRX — FG Persick 29			
CRX — Brendan Miller 1 run (Persick kick)			
CRX — Frank Hill 9 pass from Scholer (Persick kick)			
CRX — FG Persick 25			
CRX — Christopher Ball 4 run (Persick kick)			
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
Rushing — Iowa City High: Xavier Washpun 15-21, Bryson Runge 3-17, Bryce Frantz 3-11; C.R. Xavier: Brendan Miller 28-133, Jay Kortmeyer 5-28, Christopher Ball 4-20, Quinton Scholer 4-17, Wes Gardner 1-3.			
Passing — Iowa City High: Mitch Wieland 6-18-0-90; C.R. Xavier: Scholer 7-11-0-72.			
Receiving — Iowa City High: Jason Jones 3-76, Ivan Diaz 1-8, Runge 1-3, Washpun 1-3; C.R. Xavier: Bryce Grimm 2-33, Frank Hill 2-21, Gardner 2-12, Kortmeyer 1-6.			

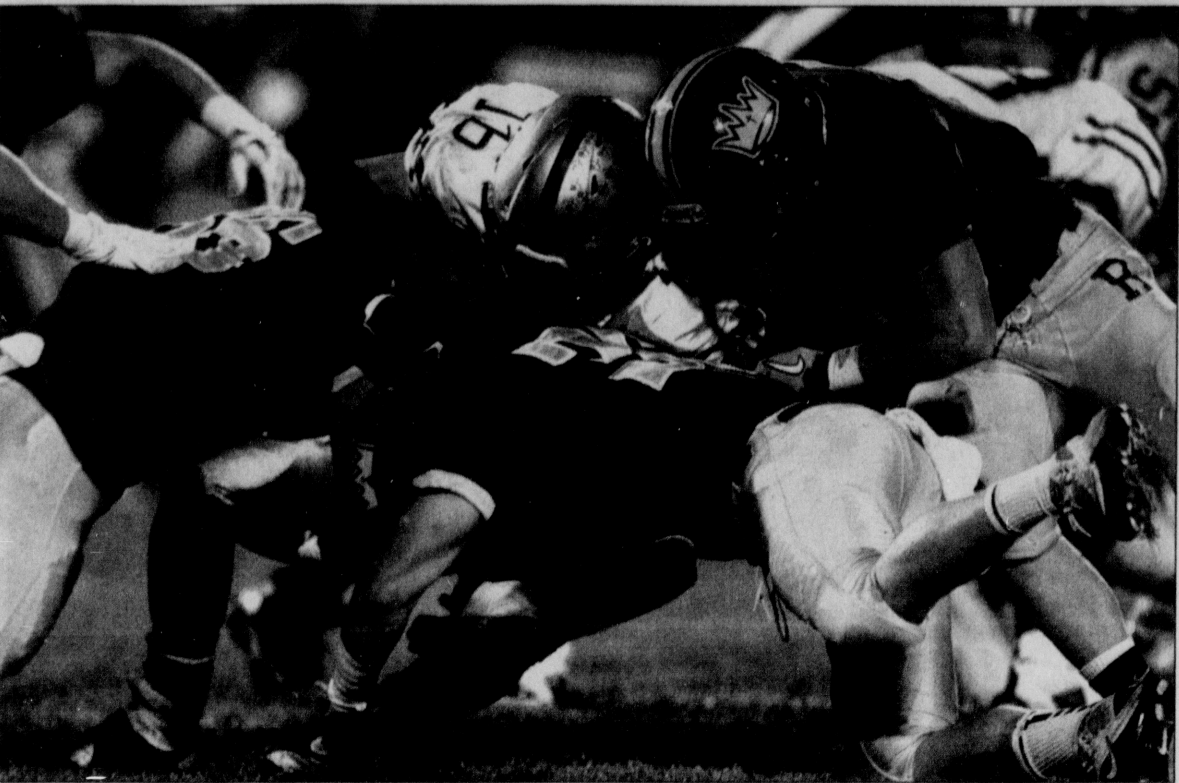
Bettendorf 27			
Iowa City West 24 (OT)			
AT TROJAN FIELD			
	BETT	ICW	
First downs.....	6	20	
Rushes-yards.....	19-83	49-130	
Passing-yards.....	195	252	
Comp-att-int.....	13-23-0	16-24-0	
Punts-avg.....	5-41.6	4-34.0	
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-1	
Penalties-yards.....	4-35	7-65	
Bettendorf.....	0	7	14 0 6-49
Iowa City West.....	0	7	7 3-12
W — Micah Kelsay 9 run (Connor Gordon kick)			
B — Cyle Cox 15 run (Charlie Cox kick)			
B — Tyler Scheib 66 pass from Cv. Cox (Ch. Cox kick)			
B — Mark Wells 36 pass from Cv. Cox (Ch. Cox kick)			
W — Kelsay 17 run (Gordon kick)			
W — Tyler Eads 41 pass from Nate Boland (Gordon kick)			
W — Gordon 25 FG			
W — Scheib 9 pass from Cv. Cox			
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
Rushing — Bettendorf: Cyle Cox 7-49, John McLaughlin 12-34; Iowa City West: Nate Boland 24-44, Micah Kelsay 15-69, Devin Raffensperger 9-13, Tyler Eads 1-4.			
Passing — Bettendorf: Cox 13-23-0-195; Iowa City West: Boland 16-24-0-252.			
Receiving — Bettendorf: Mark Wells 7-81, Tyler Scheib 2-75, Matt Penrose 3-23, McLaughlin 1-16; Iowa City West: Anthony Balie 6-110, Tyler Eads 2-64, Kelsay 3-35, Raffensperger 2-30, Oliver Martin 1-13.			

Solon 49			
West Delaware 20			
AT SOLON			
	WD	SOL	
First downs.....	10	4	
Rushes-yards.....	41-242	35-194	
Passing-yards.....	9	148	
Comp-att-int.....	1-8-2	3-4-0	
Punts-avg.....	6-28.8	2-35.5	
Fumbles-lost.....	2-0	1-1	
Penalties-yards.....	2-15	2-15	
West Delaware.....	0	0	0 20-20
Solon.....	20	15	7 7-49
S — Jacob Black 1 run (Jackson Rushek kick)			
S — Black 79 run (Rushek kick)			
S — Black 2 run (kick failed)			
S — Black 32 run (Rushek kick)			
S — Jordan Wymer 5 run (Black pass to Hawkins)			
S — Black 4 run (Rushek kick)			
WD — Coy Russell 33 run (Alex Reetz kick)			
WD — Tim Tutton 32 run (Reetz kick)			
WD — Jake Voss 6 run (kick missed)			
S — Jacob Gibbs 65 pass from Brandon Childs (Rushek kick)			
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
Rushing — West Delaware: Coy Russell 17-132, Tim Tutton 9-88, Jake Voss 3-17, Max Ridenour 8-28, Brent Lammers 2-4, Team 2-(minus 27); Solon: Jacob Black 13-48, Jordan Wymer 7-22, Brandon Kramer 6-21, Colton Hansel 5-10, Jackson Rushek 1-0, Brandon Childs 3-(minus 7).			
Passing — West Delaware: Brent Lammers 0-0-0-0, Max Ridenour 1-8-2-9, Solon: Black 2-3-0-83, Brandon Childs 1-1-0-65.			
Receiving — West Delaware: Jake Voss 1-9, Solon: Nathan Hawkins 1-78, Jacob Gibbs 1-65, Jordan Wymer 1-5.			

Dyersville Beckman 48			
Waukon 14			
AT DYERSVILLE			
	DB	WAU	
First downs.....	14	18	
Rushes-yards.....	32-86	37-346	
Passing-yards.....	146	175	
Comp-att-int.....	12-27-3	6-6-0	
Punts-avg.....	6-36.2	4-35.5	
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-0	
Penalties-yards.....	3-15	7-47	
Waukon.....	14	12	14 8-14
Beckman.....	7	0	0 7-48
DB — Grant Hammann 30 pass to Mitch Steger (Jared Lueken kick)			
WAU — Parker Hesse 23 pass to Marcus Weymiller (Giyeb Ewing kick)			
WAU — Hesse 17 pass to Weymiller (Ewing kick)			
WAU — Weymiller 5 run (Ewing kick blocked)			
WAU — Weymiller 6 run (run failed)			
WAU — Hesse 15 run (run failed)			
WAU — Hesse 50 run (Weymiller run)			
DB — Hammann 11 run (Lueken kick)			
WAU — Hesse 54 pass to Weymiller (Hesse run)			
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
Rushing — Waukon: Marcus Weymiller 16-166, Parker Hesse 14-152, Jacob Ronan 1-9, Adam Benzing 2-7, Travis Herman 1-0, Austin Hogan 3-12; Dyersville Beckman: Mitch Steger 14-67, Grant Hammann 5-(minus 11), Tyler Hirsch 11-37, Hunter Sabers 1-2, Jake Grover 1-(minus 9).			
Passing — Waukon: Parker Hesse 5-5-0-124, Marcus Weymiller 1-1-0-51; Dyersville Beckman: Grant Hammann 12-26-3-146, Mitch Steger 0-1-0-0.			
Receiving — Waukon: Marcus Weymiller 5-124, Jacob Ronan 1-51; Dyersville Beckman: Mitch Steger 6-67, Tony Anstoetter 4-71, Hunter Sabers 1-4, Tyler Hirsch 1-3.			

CLASS 1A

Streak grows to 53



Adam Wesley photos/The Gazette

A trio of Iowa City Regina defenders put a crunching hit on Clayton Ridge's Trey Roehl last night in Iowa City. Top-ranked Regina won its 53rd straight game and continued its quest for a fourth straight state title, 35-3.

Regina takes control in second half, routs Clayton Ridge, 35-3

By K.J. Pilcher, The Gazette

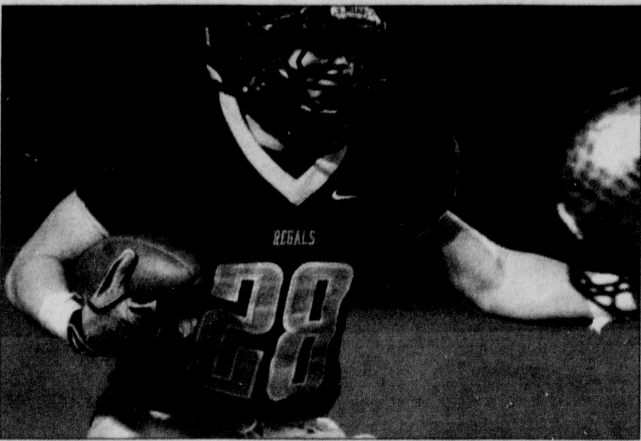
IOWA CITY — Iowa City Regina's winning streak started the when these seniors stepped on the field as freshmen. That group received a perfect send off last night, walking off the Regina turf for the final time without having experienced defeat.

Top-ranked Regina broke open the game with 21 second-half points to beat 10th-ranked Clayton Ridge, 35-3, in a Class 1A second-round playoff game. The Regals (11-0) face No. 4 Maquoketa Valley (11-0) at Delhi this Friday night in a state quarterfinal rematch from a year ago.

The Regals won their 53rd straight game to move within two wins of Waterloo East's record winning streak and three from the Trojans' state record 56 unbeaten streak.

"We wish we had one more home game, but it is the way it is," Regina Coach Marv Cook said. "It was a great gutsy effort by our whole group."

Regina seemed to survive the first half behind a shifty, hard-nosed defense and a scrambling



Iowa City Regina's Jake Brinkman gains yardage last night against Clayton Ridge. The Regals play Friday at Maquoketa Valley in Delhi.

quarterback that gave the Regals fits at times.

The Regals led 14-3 at the break with a Jake Brinkman 25-yard TD run on the game's opening drive and Drew Cook catching a 21-yard pass from Nate Stenger.

The Regals didn't take control until late in the third after a first half filled with missed opportunities.

"A ball goes off a fingertip, we get hit with one of our guys on a screen and can't quite make the completion and some of the longer passes we were taking shots with were outside the reach," Cook said. "It's a game of inches. We said if we can close the gap on those and clean those up, which we did in the second half, then we'd play better."

The Regals didn't get to

breathe easily until the final minute of the third quarter when Riley Dixon rushed for the first of two second-half touchdowns. He scored on a 12-yard run up the middle for a 21-3 lead with 44 seconds left in the third.

The Eagles had stifled the Regals passing attack most of the first half, holding them to two completions for 21 yards. Drew Cook got in a rhythm in the second half with some short routes, going 9 of 12 for 148 yards.

"We got off to a slow start," said Drew Cook, who rushed for 62 yards.

"At halftime, the coaches got a good game plan going and we were able to accomplish it."

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Kennedy/Easy victory over Assumption

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had the opportunity to make plays."

"That quarterback" was Assumption's Jake Gervase, and his running and passing abilities helped give Assumption a 12-6 lead late in the first quarter. But a 16-yard scoring pass to Ryan Coughlin was the Knights' final points.

The extra-point attempts after both Assumption's TDs were blocked. A Terrance Hall fumble recovery and Jordan Lunsford interception early in the fourth led to two touchdown runs from Jacobus that put this game away.

"The defense really started to hunker down in the second quarter and throughout the rest of the game," Jacobus said.

"We tried to give them a little breathing room."

Kennedy rushed for 283 yards.

The Cougars' offense has come alive the second half of the season, averaging 37 points over the last six ballgames.

"Big shout out to the o-line again," Moa said.

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Xavier/Little Hawks bow out with an 8-3 record

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Mitch Wieland. City High (8-3) tried a fake punt in the first half and an onside kick to start the second. Both worked but very little did on offense.

Burdened with poor field position all night, the Little Hawks' farthest advancement was to the Xavier 28 on their second possession. That ended with a missed 45-yard field goal attempt by Drew Cornwell, the most prolific scoring kicker in state history.

They didn't get close again. After a scoreless first quarter, the Saints embarked on the first successful drive on their second possession. Xavier marched 80 yards in 12 plays, with Quinton Scholer connecting with Wes Gardner for a 14-yard touchdown pass with 8:17

left in the half.

Ryan Persick converted on a 29-yard field goal at the 2:49 mark, and Xavier took a 10-0 lead to the locker room.

"After the first drive we were kind of able to get a feel for their defense," Scholer said. "We got some great blocks up front to get our running game going, and then that opened up the pass."

Brendan Miller ran for 133 yards on 28 carries, and Scholer completed 7 of 11 passes for 72 yards.

It was an impressive team performance. But, according to Xavier Coach Duane Schulte, imperfect.

"The coaches will find some things we need to work on," he said.

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CLASS 4A

Trojans' season ends with OT loss

By Jason Brummond, correspondent

IOWA CITY — Iowa City West rallied again in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to knock out Bettendorf.

Bettendorf quarterback Cyle Cox's 9-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Scheib in overtime gave the 10th-ranked Bulldogs a thrilling 27-24 win over No. 5 Iowa City West last night in a Class 4A second round playoff game at Trojan Field.

The Trojans (9-2) rallied from a 14-point deficit in the second half to force overtime.

"It's tough to put it into words because you're talking about the end of careers," West Coach Brian Sauser said. "As a coach, you feel terrible. You wish you could have done more for your seniors."

Cox threw for a season-high 195 yards and three touchdowns. Bettendorf (9-2) will play Pleasant Valley in a quarterfinal Friday.

West trailed 21-14 with two minutes left and faced an improbable fourth-and-24 with its season on the line. Quarterback Nate Boland heaved a 41-yard pass to Tyler Eads in the end zone — somehow sneaking the ball past two Bettendorf defensive backs.

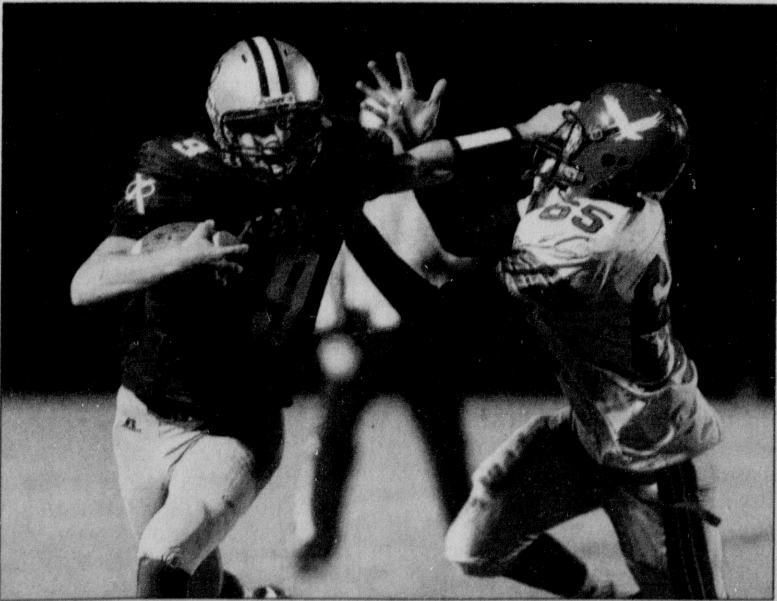
The Trojans got the ball back at midfield with a minute left, but Connor Gordon's 40-yard field missed as time expired.

Gordon came back in overtime to boot a 25-yard field goal, but the Trojans couldn't get a stop on Bettendorf's possession.

"It's hard when careers come down to one or two plays here or there," Sauser said. "They're a great group of kids that kept coming back and coming back and had an opportunity to win the game. Unfortunately, they finished a play short."

Bettendorf's big break came at the end of the first half when the Bulldogs recovered a muffed punt at the West 15-yard line. Cox ran for a touchdown on the next play — a turning point for an offense that had struggled to find yards until that point.

The momentum carried into the second half. Cox connected with Scheib for a 66-yard touchdown on the very first play of the third quarter. Cox threw a 36-yard TD to Mark Well on the Bulldogs' next possession for 21 unanswered points.



Cliff Jette/The Gazette

Cedar Rapids Xavier's Quinton Scholer stiff-arms Ryan Cox of Iowa City High during a second-round Class 4A playoff game last night at Xavier.