

# No letdown for Cougars

## Kennedy blasts North Scott, 42-0

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CEDAR RAPIDS — Trap game? Ummm, no.

Not here anyway for Cedar Rapids Kennedy.

Newbies to the Class 4A state rankings and coming off a pair of emotional and close victories to begin the prep football season, the Cougars had zero letdown last night, blasting North Scott, 42-0, at Kingston Stadium.

Throw in the normal chaos of homecoming and the arrest Wednesday of a freshman student for first-degree murder, and that's a lot of possible pitfalls Kennedy leapt over. It's 3-0 and rated sixth.

"We just kept focused the whole week," Kennedy's Shaun Beyer said. "We didn't let those distractions get to us. We knew they were out there ... But we went out and knew what we had to do tonight, and did it."

"I really didn't think there was going to be an emotional letdown," Kennedy Coach Brian White said. "I was more concerned that I didn't think North Scott was an 0-2 team more than I was concerned about our kids having a letdown."

North Scott (0-3) was

limited to 144 yards, with the Cougars forcing four turnovers.

Austin Coates was responsible for three of them, with two interceptions and a fumble recovery in which he took the ball away from a North Scott receiver after a catch. Throw in also catching a touch-down pass, and this was a great all-around ball-game for the senior.

"I had a feeling I was going to have a good night," he said. "Things just kept happening."

Junior quarterback Nick Duehr threw three TD passes in the first half and four overall for Kennedy. He completed 11 of 16 throws for 194 yards.

Tight end/receiver Beyer is 6-foot-5 and quick. The North Dakota State commit caught seven passes for 120 yards and three scores, ran for 32 yards as a quarterback and completed both of his pass attempts for 15 more.

Running back Tyler Dralle added 132 yards rushing on 25 carries. Kennedy finished with 441 overall yards, and that's with a running clock.

Backup fullback Todd Gusta caught a 6-yard TD pass from backup QB Tyler Kadolph late to provide the final margin.

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**C.R. Kennedy 42****North Scott 0****AT KINGSTON STADIUM**

|                                                                  | NS           | CRK     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| First downs.....                                                 | 7            | 26      |
| Rushes-yards.....                                                | 23-116       | 56-226  |
| Passing-yards.....                                               | 28           | 215     |
| Comp-att-int.....                                                | 6-16-2       | 14-19-0 |
| Punts-avg.....                                                   | 2-45.0       | 0-0.0   |
| Fumbles-lost.....                                                | 3-2          | 5-0     |
| Penalties-yards.....                                             | 5-45         | 4-35    |
| North Scott .....                                                | 0 0 0 0—0    |         |
| C.R. Kennedy .....                                               | 0 21 14 7—42 |         |
| CRK—Austin Coates 13 pass from Nick Duehr (Alexander Stone kick) |              |         |
| CRK—Shaun Beyer 13 pass from Duehr (Stone kick)                  |              |         |
| CRK—Beyer 27 pass from Duehr (Stone kick)                        |              |         |
| CRK—Tyler Dralle 3 run (Stone kick)                              |              |         |
| CRK—Beyer 18 pass from Duehr (Stone kick)                        |              |         |
| CRK—Todd Gusta 6 pass from Tyler Kadolph (Stone kick)            |              |         |

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—NS:** Kiel Brown 13-77, Kier Brown 7-43, Matthew Wedemeyer 2-0, Ryan Rivard 1-(-4); **CRK:** Tyler Dralle 25-132, Shaun Beyer 4-32, Tyler Jacobs 9-30, Nick Duehr 7-13, Ahmad Eveland-Gause 4-13, Payton McCarty 2-10, Raymond Dorsey 2-3, Dalles Jacobus 1-0, Todd Gusta 1-0.

**Passing—NS:** Kier Brown 6-16-2-28; **CRK:** Nick Duehr 11-16-0-194, Shaun Beyer 2-2-0-15, Tyler Kadolph 1-1-0-6.

**Receiving—NS:** Parker Kearney 3-16, Trevor Kuehl 2-6, Tevin Meier 1-6; **CRK:** Shaun Beyer 7-120, Matthew Gardner 1-23, Chase Baker 1-22, Tyler Dralle 1-16, Austin Bailey 2-15, Austin Coates 1-13, Todd Gusta 1-6.