

CLASS 4A PLAYOFFS

Cougars cruise, 59-0



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Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Austin Coates (center) is congratulated for his pick-six by Johnson Mator (left) and Nolan Hromidko during the first half of a Class 4A playoff game against Clinton last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids.

Dralle breaks school single-season rushing record

By Jeff Johnson, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — The best season in the history of Cedar Rapids Kennedy football will see at least an 11th game. Probably more, if this was any indication.

The third-ranked Cougars did whatever they pleased offensively, got a Pick-6 on defense, a rushing record for Tyler Dralle and steam-rolled Clinton, 59-0, in a Class 4A first-round playoff opener last night at blustery Kingston Stadium.

Kennedy is 10-0, with a second-rounder Monday night at home against an undetermined opponent. Poor Clinton now has seen its season end at Kingston Stadium two years in a row in lopsided fashion.

The River Kings dropped those two postseason games by a combined 137-13 margin. They lost last season to Cedar Rapids Washington in the first round, 78-13.

"We've got to get better," said Kennedy Coach Brian White, being a typical coach and lamenting three missed extra-point attempts. That was the only thing the Cougars didn't do well.

"It sounds stupid saying it, but we've got to get better on offense," White said. "We've got to get better on defense, we've got to get better on special teams. We've just got to improve every day in practice, and that's what I just told the kids. You can't be satisfied with anything."

This mismatch essentially was decided in a matter of about 10 seconds. That's

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Cedar Rapids Kennedy quarterback Nicholas Dehr throws during the first quarter of their playoff game against Clinton at Kingston Stadium last night in Cedar Rapids.

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approximately the time it took tight end Shaun Beyer to run a drag route, take a pass from quarterback Nick Duehr and outrace every defender down the sideline and to the end zone for a 76-yard touchdown.

Dralle ran for a 3-yard TD and a 13-0 lead. Cornerback Austin Coates intercepted a wobbling pass from Clinton QB Johnny Sullivan and ran it back 52 yards for a touchdown that made it 20-0 after a quarter.

Beyer had another touchdown catch and Chase Baker two before Kennedy's starters called it a night late in the third quarter. Beyer finished with 120 receiving yards on five catches.

Duehr was 10-for-10

for 226 yards and four TDs. Hard to top that.

"Nope, can't beat (10-for-10)," Duehr said with a smile. "Me and Coach White talked before the game that the flat route to the fullback would be open, so that's what we basically did. Then it's just throw the ball up to Beyer."

Kennedy finished with a whopping 560 yards of offense, and that was with a continuous clock most of the second half.

"That's insane," Duehr said. "I don't know what Dralle had."

That number was 223 yards rushing on 21 carries, including two touchdowns. That took his season total to 1,677 yards, a Kennedy record.

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C.R. Kennedy 59**Clinton 0****AT KINGSTON STADIUM**

	CLIN	CRK
First downs.....	10	27
Rushes-yards.....	29-60	39 - 343
Passing-yards.....	77	226
Comp-att-int.....	10-24-2	10-10-0
Punts-avg.....	5-33.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-lost.....	2-0	1-1
Penalties-yards.....	4-35	1-5
Clinton	0 0 0	0-0
C.R. Kennedy	20 12 14	13-59
CRK —Shaun Beyer 74 pass from Nick Duehr (Alex Stone kick)		
CRK —Tyler Dralle 3 run (kick failed)		
CRK —Austin Coates 52 interception return (Stone kick)		
CRK —Beyer 7 pass from Duehr (kick failed)		
CRK —Chase Baker 26 pass from Duehr (run failed)		
CRK —Baker 43 pass from Duehr (Stone kick)		
CRK —Dralle 42 run (Stone kick)		
CRK —Tyler Jacobs 12 run (Stone kick)		

CRK—Gause 20 run (run failed)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — Clinton: Gage Harris 23-52, Walker Chapman 1-7, Johnny Sullivan 5-1; **C.R. Kennedy:** Tyler Dralle 21-223, Shaun Beyer 3-37, Ahmad Eveland-Gause 6-36, Tyler Jacobs 2-29, Lucas Berry 3-19, Zach DeMaris 1-11, Nick Duehr 1-9, Tyler Kadolph 1-7, Nathan Worstold 1-3.

Passing — Clinton: Johnny Sullivan 10-24-2-77; **C.R. Kennedy:** Nick Duehr 10-10-0-226,

Receiving — Clinton: Theodore Harris 6-47, Derrick Howard 2-26, Ty Wenzel 1-2, Gage Harris 1-2; **C.R. Kennedy:** Shaun Beyer 5-120, Chase Baker 2-69, Zach DeMaris 3-37.