

CLASS 4A



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Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Tyler Dralle runs for the end zone during the first quarter last night against North Scott at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Dralle had four touchdowns and Kennedy won the second-round playoff game, 28-0.

Undefeated Kennedy plows past North Scott

By K.J. Pilcher, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — From the day they strapped on a helmet for Cedar Rapids Kennedy, this year's seniors have aspired to be title contenders.

The Cougars already captured a district crown and now moved a step closer to the UNI-Dome.

Third-ranked Kennedy beat North Scott for the second time this season, advancing to the Class 4A state football quarterfinals with a 49-7 win Monday night at Kingston Stadium. The Cougars reached the quarterfinals for the sixth time in school history and the fourth since 2005.

"This is what we've dreamed of," Kennedy senior Dalles Jacobus said. "We've been talking about it since freshman year. Just the fact that it's becoming a reality is great."

Despite a 3-7 record last year, the Cougars were confident they would be in this spot. The goals are still intact, awaiting their next opponent and needing a win to reach the semifinals for the first time since 1993.

"It feels great to be 11-0," Cougars running back Tyler Dralle said. "We never have done that before."

The Cougars thumped North Scott by 42 in the previous meet-



Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Todd Gusta celebrates his fumble recovery last night against North Scott at Kingston Stadium.

ing, so Kennedy Coach Brian White expected a challenge from the start. It was short-lived as the Lancers' opening drive was thwarted at the Kennedy 30 and the Cougars rolled to a 21-0 lead by 9:18 in the second quarter.

Kennedy's physical line and the legs of Dralle helped lead the way, racking up 332 rushing yards.

Dralle produced a hat trick of touchdowns by early in the second, scoring on runs of 7 and 5 in the opening quarter. He added a

3-yard run, going untouched up the middle for the three-score advantage.

Dralle also added a 6-yard TD run to open the fourth, making a 35-7 contest. He finished with 140 yards on 30 carries. Kennedy's Zach DeMaris had 66 rushing yards and Shaun Beyer added 60.

White planned to spread the ball a little and share some of Dralle's workload, but it's hard to deny him the ball.

"In the end, you have to go with what's working," White said.

The Cougars were automatic inside the 10. They received short TD runs from DeMaris (8) and Tyler Kadolph (1) in the fourth.

"Our offensive line and I take pride in punching it in around the goal line," Dralle said. "That's what we did (Monday night) and got the job done."

Nicholas Duehr was impressive, going 6 of 9 in the first half, hitting Beyer for a 22-yard scoring strike with 1:31 left before the break. Beyer had 90 receiving yards on five catches.

Kennedy's defense has been solid, allowing just 47 total points in their last nine games. They contained North Scott's offense to just over 300 total yards.

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C.R. Kennedy 49, North Scott 7**AT KINGSTON STADIUM**

	NS	CRK
First downs.....	14	23
Rushes-yards.....	28-152	54 - 332
Passing-yards.....	151	136
Comp-att-int.....	15-25-1	10-14-0
Punts-avg.....	2-29.5	1-30.0
Fumbles-lost.....	3-2	1-0
Penalties-yards.....	6-59	5-50

North Scott 0 7 0 0—7
C.R. Kennedy 14 14 0 21—49

CRK—Dralle 7 run (Alex Stone kick)

CRK—Dralle 5 run (Stone kick)

CRK—Dralle 3 run (Stone kick)

NS—Kiel Brown 5 run (Colin Fairfield kick)

CRK—Beyer 22 pass from Duehr (Stone kick)

CRK—Dralle 6 run (Stone kick)

CRK—DeMaris 8 run (Stone kick)

CRK—Kadolph 1 run (Stone kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing — North Scott: Kiel Brown 16-80, Kier Brown 12-72; **C.R. Kennedy:** Tyler Dralle 30-140, Zach DeMaris 6-66, Shaun Beyer 7-60, Tyler Jacobs 2-36, Nicholas Duehr 5-22, Dallas Jacobus 3-7, Tyler Kadolph 1-1

Passing — North Scott: Kier Brown 15-25-1-151; **C.R. Kennedy:** Duehr 9-13-0-132, Beyer 1-1-0-4

Receiving — North Scott: Justin Boer 3-43, Trevor Kuehl 2-32, Austin Simmons 3-20, Kiel Brown 3-19, Zeke Blondell 1-18, Parker Kearney 1-11, Nathan Wilkerson 2-8; **C.R. Kennedy:** Beyer 5-90, Matt Gardner 2-31, Chase Baker 1-6, DeMaris 1-5, Duehr 1-4