

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Wash gets revenge



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Cedar Rapids Washington's Brayden Wright celebrates as he runs an interception into the end zone for a touchdown during the first half against Cedar Rapids Kennedy last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids.

No. 3 Warriors shut out Kennedy, avenging last year's season sweep

By Jeff Johnson, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — Cedar Rapids Washington got its revenge thanks to a vengeful defense.

The Class 4A third-ranked Warriors gave up only 99 yards and got a defensive touchdown to knock off Cedar Rapids Kennedy, 21-0, last night before 6,500 fans at Kingston Stadium. Kennedy handed Washington its only two losses last season, including in the quarterfinals of the playoffs.

"All week we've just been

studying the film, watching their plays from their Muscatine game last week and how they played us in the playoffs last year," said Washington linebacker Ben Nassif. "We were just study-

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ing every play they did. We came out, knew what they were going to do and stopped them.”

Sophomore defensive back Brayden Wright intercepted a Nick Duehr pass over the middle and sprinted 38 yards for a TD in the second quarter to give Washington (2-0) a two-score margin. That was more than enough cushion on this night.

Washington defensive coordinator Mo Blue implored Wright to explain how he actually “screwed up” on the telltale play, not covering the guy he was supposed to cover. Wright just smiled.

“I saw that the quarterback was rolling out and the tight end was coming over. I just jumped the route, saw his eyes look at the tight end,” Wright said. “He cocked his arm back and threw the ball, I jumped it, saw nothing but green and just took off.”

Washington’s first touchdown came late in the first quarter when quarterback Bryan Kunde connected with

receiver Drew Dostal on a 9-yard slant pattern. Running back Connor Malcolm’s 4-yard scoring run with under a minute left provided the final margin.

He finished with 109 tough yards on 21 carries.

“Our defense really improved from Week 1 to Week 2,” said Washington Coach Paul James, whose club beat Cedar Rapids Prairie last week, 28-14. “They really came to play, read their keys real well. They outthit Kennedy’s offense and made some plays.”

Kennedy quarterbacks Duehr and B.J. White combined for only 2-of-19 passing for 10 yards and two interceptions. Add that to the Cougars (0-2) inability to sustain any rushing attack against Washington’s quick-to-the-ball defense, and that meant trouble.

It did not help the Cougars that running back Payton McCarty and receiver-defensive back Chase Baker left the game early with injuries.

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Cedar Rapids Washington’s Connor Malcolm (18) escapes a tackle by Cedar Rapids Kennedy’s Michael Kaiser (bottom left) last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids.



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Cedar Rapids Kennedy quarterback Nicholas Duehr (right) evades Cedar Rapids Washington’s Parks McBride (88) and Travis Metzger (center) last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids.

C.R. Washington 21**C.R. Kennedy 0****AT KINGSTON STADIUM**

	CRK	CRW
First downs.....	5	12
Rushes-yards.....	34-89	35 - 128
Passing-yards.....	10	62
Comp-att-int.....	2-19-2	9-20-2
Punts-avg.....	6-33.3	4-45.5
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-1
Penalties-yards.....	5-40	5-60
C.R. Kennedy	0 0 0	0-0
C.R. Washington.....	7 7 0	7-21
CRW — Drew Dostal 9 pass from Bryan Kunde (Andrew Hammer kick)		
CRW — Brayden Wright 38 interception return (Hammer kick)		
CRW — Connor Malcolm 4 run (Hammer kick)		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—CRK: Rizaiha Raide 21-52, Sam Pape 3-13, B.J. White 3-11, Nick Duehr 3-7, Payton McCarty 4-6; **CRW:** Connor Malcolm 21-109, O'Rien Vance 5-26, Haven Henningsen 4-6, Ben Nassif 1-3, James Baugh 1-(minus) 1, Bryan Kunde 3-(minus) 5, Drew Dostal 1-(minus) 10.

Passing—CRK: Nick Duehr 2-9-1-10, B.J. White 0-10-0-0; **CRW:** Bryan Kunde 9-20-2-62.

Receiving—CRK: Teron Duehr 1-8, Payton McCarty 1-2; **CRW:** Nick Bjornsen 3-23, Keiyon Smith-Allen 2-20, Drew Dostal 3-19, Cade Saylor 1-0.