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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Backfield bonanza



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Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Mekhia Jenkins (5) is taken down by Linn-Mar's Josh Strauss (6) in the end zone after scoring a touchdown in the first guarter last night at Linn-Mar High School in Marion.

#### 6 different Kennedy backs (and more) run all over Linn-Mar

By Jeff Johnson, The Gazette

MARION — If you are a football player at Cedar Rapids Kennedy, and your position is listed as "RB," there's a real good chance you got to carry the football last night.

Even if your position isn't

listed as "RB," you probably got a carry.

Let's just say the Cougars spread the football around in a 31-14 win over Linn-Mar at Linn-Mar Stadium. A lot.

Six different RBs (running backs) had rushes, three scored touchdowns. Add

quarterbacks Nick Duehr and B.J. White to the mix, as well Zak Packingham, a wide receiver who had back-toback carries out of a shotgun formation, and that's nine different guys getting the football.

It actually was more

than that, with four players having receptions. Rizaiha Maide and Peyton McCarty had both rushes and recep-

That is a whole lot of dudes getting touches, which ought to make a whole lot of dudes happy.

"You've got to figure out

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a way to get them all the ball," Coach Brian White said.

Kennedy (4-2, 2-0 in Class 4A District 8) has improved a ton since a pair of season-opening losses, especially on the offensive side. The Cougars have gained continuity on an inexperienced line and alternated QBs in an attempt to get the quick and athletic Duehr the ball in different ways.

Kennedy had 264 rushing yards here, with sophomore KeyShawn Allers, McCarty and Sam Pape scoring touchdowns. The diminutive Allers led the way with 89 yards on 16 carries.

"Spreading the ball around, that's good," Allers said. "I think it's an advantage because then you can take breaks when you're tired. You don't run yourself dead."

"We got off to a rough start to the season," Kennedy center Austin Maus said. "But we've really gotten it together, and the chemistry is starting to connect. We focused on making sure we could run the ball this week, as well as passing well. Our chemistry is just there."

Quarterback Reese Phillips threw for 239 yards for Linn-Mar (2-4,



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Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Rizaiha Maide (bottom) is tackled by Linn-Mar's Chayse Schultz (top) after Maide gained 8 yards last night at Linn-Mar High School in Marion. BELOW: Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Nicholas Duehr (left) dodges a tackle by Linn-Mar's Alex Streicher. Kennedy beat Linn-Mar, 31-14.

1-1), which had to play catch-up virtually the entire game. Wide receiver Kirby Kerr caught 10 of his passes for 144 yards.

Neme Siaway and Brennan McGaffe had the Lions' touchdowns, on runs of 22 and 2 yards, respectively.

Kennedy outgained the Lions by a 233-125 margin, including 175 yards on the ground.

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