

West picks up pivotal 4A victory

Postler-to-Martin breaks it open for Trojans in 24-10 win over Cougars

By Jeff Linder, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — Oliver Martin saw something.

“I noticed that they changed their defense a little bit. (Quarterback Ethan Postler) and I kind of looked at each other. I thought maybe I could get a post (route).”

Suddenly, Iowa City West went from clock-killing mode to game-breaking potential.

Postler hooked up with Martin for a 64-yard bomb to put the game away, and West defeated Cedar Rapids Kennedy, 24-10, in an important Class 4A District 8 football contest Friday night at Kingston Stadium.

West (5-2 overall, 2-1 district) has the inside track for the second playoff spot from 4A-8.

“After we lost to Cedar Rapids Prairie a couple weeks ago, we pretty much knew we would have to win the Kennedy game,” Martin said.

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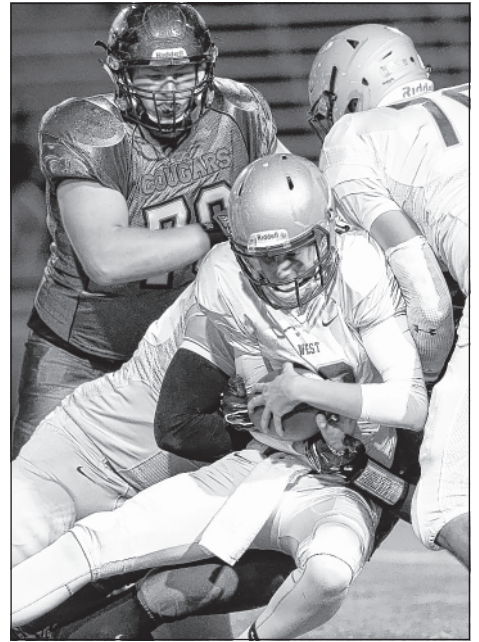
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Iowa City West's Devontae Lane fights against a tackle attempt by Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Michael Watkins (17) after making a 30-yard gain last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids.

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ABOVE: Kennedy's Gerald Belz tackles West High's Ethan Postler last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. LEFT: West's Abraham Pepic charges at Kennedy's Payton McCarty, pulling him down for a tackle following a pass from teammate Brian White Jr. in the first quarter last night at Kingston Stadium.

West/Trojans' first-half lead holds up

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"Defense wins in October," West Coach Garrett Hartwig said. "To hold them to 10 points speaks to these young men."

The Trojans ruled the first half on the way to a 17-0 lead, Kennedy (4-3, 2-1) got within 17-10, then West's playmaker made a play to clinch it.

Rizaiha Maide scored on a 2-yard TD run to get the Cougars within striking range with 4:29 remaining.

The Trojans converted a third-and-1 for a first down, then faced second-and-8 after

the Cougars called a timeout.

Martin went deep, and Postler found him. Martin outjumped two defenders for the ball, then ran the final 35 yards untouched.

"It might have been a little underthrown. We all went up at the same time," Martin said. "I just tried to catch the ball."

It was Postler's third touchdown pass of the night, his second to Martin.

Postler took over at quarterback after Evan Flitz was injured in the Prairie game.

"A great thing about this team, I felt all along that

we had two varsity quarterbacks," Hartwig said. "And we've got great players around them."

West ruled the first half in every way possible, most importantly by a 17-0 margin on the scoreboard.

The Trojans ran 35 plays from scrimmage, compared to 16 for the Cougars, and rolled up a 166-39 advantage in yardage.

After a nondescript first series (three negative plays and a punt), West came to life on its second drive. It started with a 59-yard run by Devontae Lane to the

Kennedy 13-yard line, and six plays later with a 9-yard touchdown pass from Postler to Lane.

West made it 10-0 on Lucas Karwal's 29-yard field goal with 6:09 left in the half, then Postler connected with Martin in the right side of the end zone for a 5-yard score with 16 seconds remaining before intermission.

Alex Stone's 35-yard field goal early in the third quarter got the Cougars within 17-3.

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Prep football

Friday	
METRO/IOWA CITY	
C.R. Jefferson 50, Waterloo East 0	
C.R. Prairie 49, Linn-Mar 14	
C.R. Washington 30, Mason City 7	
C.R. Xavier 42, Waverly-Shell Rock 0	
Iowa City High 36, Muscatine 28	
Iowa City Regina 56, Van Buren 8	
Iowa City West 24, C.R. Kennedy 10	
Marian 15, Clear Creek Amara 14 (OT)	
Souhamore	
Linn-Mar 29, C.R. Prairie 14	
C.R. Kennedy 20, Iowa City West 14	
CLASS 4A	
District 5	
C.R. Jefferson 50, Waterloo East 0	
C.R. Washington 30, Mason City 7	
Waterloo West 21, Cedar Falls 14	
District 4	
Dubuque Hempstead 49, Davenport West 28	
North Scott 32, Pleasant Valley 28	
Western Dubuque 42, Dubuque Senior 28	
District 7	
Bettendorf 38, Davenport North 0	
Iowa City High 36, Muscatine 28	
District 1	
Burlington 21, Ottumwa 10	
C.R. Prairie 49, Linn-Mar 14	
Iowa City West 24, C.R. Kennedy 10	
CLASS 1A	
District 1	
Benton Community 44, Charles City 13	
C.R. Xavier 42, Waverly-Shell Rock 0	
Decorah 45, South Tama 31	
Vinton-Shellsburg 39, Independence 0	
District 4	
Davenport Assumption 34, Center Point-Union 19	
Marian 15, Clear Creek Amara 14 (OT)	
Manassketa 28, Delphi Central 21	
West Delaware 42, Dubuque Wahlert 7	
District 5	
Fairfield 41, Fort Madison 0	
Okaloosa 61, Keokuk 13	
Solon 36, Mount Pleasant 0	
Washington 49, West Burlington 7	
CLASS 2A	
District 1	
Clear Lake 39, Clarion-Goddard-Dows/CAL 15	
Crestwood 13, Center-Hawfield-Ventura 22	
Forest City 21, Hamilton-Dumont 12	
New Hampton 50, Osage 14	
District 1	
Baxter 46, Ashtington-Parkersburg 21	
Old-New Hartford 42, Bolander-Slery 2	
Seydel 38, East Marshall 8	
West Marshall 20, South-Hardin 13	
District 4	
Cascade 22, Davenport Beckman 21	
Monticello 51, Oswein 20	
North Fayette Valley 17, Waterloo Columbus 0 (forfeit)	
Union Community 37, Waukon 16	
District 5	
Anamosa 52, Cananache 17	
Mid-Prarie 42, Northeast 22	
Mount Vernon 41, Mediapolis 7	
Williamsburg 34, West Liberty 14	
CLASS 1A	
District 2	
Belmond-Klemme 11, BCLDW 13	
Denver 54, MTJ, MarMac 14	
Lake Mills 13, Central Springs 6	
SouthWendish 46, Turner-Friedrichsburg 9	
District 1	
Belle Vue 52, Clarion Ridge 45	
Jesus 41, Manassketa Valley 21	
Tiffin 43, Durant 7	
West Branch 35, North Cedar 14	
District 4	
Highland 28, Columbus Community 0	
Iowa City Regina 56, Van Buren 8	
Spartan-Kells 55, Louisa-Muscatine 12	
Wilton 48, Wapello 7	
CLASS A	
District 1	
East Buchanan 58, Aburnett 0	
Linton 39, Postville 15	
North Linn 32, Edgewood-Colesburg 22	
Wassie Valley 40, Summit 7	
District 1	
BGM 40, Belle Plaine 13	
GMC 58, Colfax-Mingo 40	
Gridbrook-Rembeck 43, Hudson 5	
North Tama 31, Grand View Christian 0	
District 4	
Cardinal 12, Darville 0 (Forfeit)	
Lymville-Sully 17, New London 14	
Montezuma 41, North Mahaska 8	
Pekin 43, Winfield-Mount Union 0	
8-PLAYER	
District 2	
AGWSR 43, Clarksville 4	
Riceville 64, Janesville 14	
Tirold 89, North Iowa 47	
Turkey Valley 52, Northwood-Kensett 27	
District 1	
Central City 44, Duxterton 38	
Don Bosco 86, West Central 20	
Elkader Central 60, Lansing Kee 52	
Tirold 89, North Iowa 47	
District 4	
Iowa Valley 82, English Valters 14	
Lone Tree 73, Easton Valley 14	
Midland 54, Springville 37	
District 5	
HLV 40, Colo-Nesco 38	
McCheser-Dallas 62, Seymour 20	
Moravia 23, Tri-County 14	
Twin Cedars 64, Medsawah 20	

C.R. Xavier 42
Waverly-Shell Rock 0
AT WAVERLY

CRX		WSR
First downs.....	16	2
Rushes-yards.....	41-589	18-22
Passing-yards.....	96	51
Comp-att-Int.....	7-11-0	88-14-0
Punts-avg.....	3-37.3	5-31.5
Fumbles-lost.....	8-0	4-1
Penalties-yards.....	6-50	2-25
C.R. Xavier.....	22	14
Waverly-Shell Rock.....	0	0
CRX - Bryce Schulte 8 run (Shane Scott kick)		
CRX - Safety-John Stensland tackled in end zone		
CRX - Schulte 1 run (kick blocked)		
CRX - Brett Burns 11 pass from B. Schulte (Scott kick)		
CRX - Nolan Bulkowski 41 pass from B. Schulte (Scott kick)		
CRX - B. Schulte 6 run (Scott kick)		
CRX - Malik Wilson 1 run (kick failed)		
Rushing — C.R. Xavier: Malik Wilson 25-172, Erik Rodriguez 4-9, Bryce Schulte 4-14, Brian Lang 5-10, Quinn Schulte 4-28, Jax Jung 3-36, Jared Brown 1-12; WSR: Gabriel Santolomeo 7-5, John Stensland 6-0, Jordan Chandler 2-14, Jack Seward 1-0, Jordan Downing 2-1.		
Passing — C.R. Xavier: B. Schulte 8-11-2, 96 yards; WSR: Stensland 6-11-0, 22 yards, Jordan Geyer 2-3-0, 29 yards.		
Receiving — C.R. Xavier: Nolan Bulkowski 9-78, Q. Schulte 2-1, Brett Burns 2-17; WSR: Joey McNally 1-3, Seward 1-5, Little 4-14, Ryan Willis 1-11, Braden Holmquist 1-28.		

Iowa City West 24
Cedar Rapids Kennedy 10
AT KINGSTON STADIUM

ICW		CRK
First downs.....	15	11
Rushes-yards.....	38-139	34-136
Passing-yards.....	363	95
Comp-att-Int.....	14-24-0	8-20-1
Punts-avg.....	4-42.3	4-39.3
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	0-0
Penalties-yards.....	8-55	6-35
Iowa City West.....	7	10
Cedar Rapids Kennedy.....	0	0
ICW - Devontae Lane 9 pass from Ethan Postler (Lucas Karwal kick).		
ICW - FC Karwal 29.		
ICW - Oliver Martin 5 pass from Postler (Karwal kick).		
CRK - FC 35 Alex Stone.		
ICW - Rishaia Mader 7 run (Stone kick).		
ICW - Martin 44 pass from Postler (Karwal kick)		
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
Rushing — ICW: Devontae Lane 21-104, Cole Mistry 4-28, Breylon McBride 5-10, Jason Strunk 2-3, Ethan Postler 5-(-12); CRK: Rishaia Mader 12-54, KeyShawn Allen 7-42, B.J. White 4-39, Sam Pate 3-10, Payton McCarty 2-2, Justin Johnson 1-(-1), Nic Dueth 2-(-minu)-13.		
Passing — ICW: Postler 13-25-0-142, Evan Harrison 1-1-0-18; CRK: Dueth 1-4-0-37, White 7-14-1-38.		
Receiving — ICW: Oliver Martin 9-133, Strunk 2-25, Austin West 1-18, Lane 1-9, McBride 1-(-1); CRK: Dueth 2-31, Mader 2-6, Mekhia Jenkins 1-57, Jesse Price 1-10, McCarty 1-(-3).		