

METRO-I.C. ROUNDUP

Cougars open with win on road

Cedar Rapids Kennedy had about every advantage possible over Muscatine: experience, size, strength, athleticism and roster size.

It showed last night as Kennedy pounded Muscatine on the road, 50-6, in its season opener.

"We didn't match them physically at all," Muscatine Coach Jake Mueller said. "That was disappointing. That was the number one thing they had over us. I was disappointed in a lot of areas."

The Cougars committed seven penalties on the night, but that was about the only flaw in an otherwise promising season opener. They jumped out to a 14-point lead in the first six minutes, and when their starters played they were dominant.

Kennedy led 43-0 at halftime and allowed the Muskies to pick up just one first down in the half.

Senior quarterback B.J. White was efficient when he was in, completing 9 of 10 passes for 131 yards and two touchdowns in just over two quarters of action. He also rushed for a 12-yard touchdown on his lone carry of the night.

Sam Harrison was his top target, catching four passes for 72 yards and two touchdowns.

Cairron Hendred rushed 10 times for 61 yards and a touchdown and Marco Shanklin scored on a 43-yard punt return.

The Kennedy defense limited Muscatine to less than 100 yards of total offense,

— *Evan Riggs, Muscatine Journal*

PLEASANT VALLEY 41, CEDAR RAPIDS

JEFFERSON 20 — Junior Max Slavens connected with Grant Sexson for two long touchdown passes in the opening quarter as Pleasant Valley cruised to victory over Cedar Rapids Jefferson in the season opener at Spartan Stadium.

Slavens was making his varsity debut under center and finished with more than 140 yards passing.

Jefferson trailed 24-0 before it got on the board late in the second quarter.

Noah Vawter hit Kyler Bell for a 65-yard touchdown pass. James Baugh had a 77-yard scoring run for the J-Hawks in the third quarter.

I.C. WEST 37, SOUTHEAST POLK 27 — The Trojans opened with a win on the road. West hosts Muscatine in Week 2.