

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Seizing the moment



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Cedar Rapids Prairie's Dalton Rayner (8) tries to slip between Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Marco Shanklin (6) and Brock Hromidko (9) during the first quarter of a Class 4A District 8 football game last night at John Wall Field in Cedar Rapids. Prairie won, 32-19, and clinched a playoff spot.

## Pep talk helps push Prairie to clutch victory

By K.J. Pilcher, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — The entire season boiled down to just 24 minutes.

Cedar Rapids Prairie Coach Mark Bliss had a little heart-to-heart with his Hawks as their playoff hopes teetered on one half of play.

"Our talk was about seizing the moment, leaving their legacy and some halftime stuff," Bliss said. "I said it's an even draw.

We have to go out and find a way to claw, scratch, dig and do whatever we can to put points on the board and our kids did that."

Class 4A 10th-ranked Prairie scored three second-half touchdowns en route to a 32-19 victory over Cedar Rapids Kennedy last night at John Wall Field. The victory clinched the 4A District 8 runner-up spot and a playoff berth.

For the second straight year, Prairie (8-1, 4-1) turned Kennedy away in the regular

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Kennedy's Michael Watkins (center) is brought down by Prairie's Grant Smith (left) and Javlynn Smith (right) during the first quarter.





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Cedar Rapids Prairie's Dalton Rayner (right) slips away from Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Nolan Jacobs (55) during the second quarter of a Class 4A District 8 football game last night at John Wall Field in Cedar Rapids.

# Class 4A/Big second half

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season finale with playoff implications.

The Hawks iced the game with a Braxton Zimmerman 11-yard touchdown run with 1:22 left, coming a little more than four minutes after Keegan Simmons' 23-yard scoring run. Handshakes and celebrations began.

"It was a great feeling," Simmons said. "Everybody was giving me high-fives and stuff."

The teams were tied, 10-10, at the half. Prairie began to impose its will with its first possession of the second half.

Prairie produced an impressive 15-play, 67-yard drive that burned 7:15 off the clock.

Simmons capped the series with a 3-yard drive. The Hawks delivered exactly what Bliss wanted.

"I made a promise to



Cedar Rapids Prairie's Keegan Simmons (1) dives for the end zone as he is chased by Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Terrell Jordan (7) on a 23-yard touchdown run during the fourth quarter at John Wall Field.

our defense that we would control the clock in the second half," Bliss said. "I was praying after that I didn't stick my foot in my mouth.

We did it. We controlled the clock in the second half."

Prairie wasn't exposed to the defensive look, but made adjustments in the

second half. The Hawks rushed for 187 of its 244 after the break, including two scoring drives dominated by the rush.

Simmons finished with 187 rushing yards and three touchdowns.

"The key was to keep moving the ball," said Simmons, who set a school record increasing his season rush total to 1,689 yards. "Coach told me to keep pounding the ball and to take over. That's exactly what I did and I owe it to my line. They did great tonight."

Kennedy (6-3, 3-2) made things interesting, taking a 19-17 lead with 8:57 to go. Rizaiha Maide picked up a lateral and returned it 72 yards for a touchdown, but Prairie answered the following drive and took the lead for good.

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## Prep football

**Friday**  
**METRO/IOWA CITY**  
 C.R. Jefferson 34, Mason City 7  
 C.R. Prairie 32, C.R. Kennedy 19  
 C.R. Xavier 62, South Tama 7  
 Davenport North 34, Iowa City High 28  
 Iowa City Regina 55, Louisa-Muscatine 34  
 Iowa City West 55, Ottumwa 7  
 Linn-Mar 28, Burlington 7

**Sophomores**  
 C.R. Jefferson 27, Mason City 14  
 C.R. Prairie 20, C.R. Kennedy 17  
 C.R. Xavier 25, South Tama 16  
 Linn-Mar 42, Burlington 0

**CLASS 4A**  
**District 5**  
 Cedar Falls 64, Waterloo East 0  
 C.R. Jefferson 34, Mason City 7  
**District 6**  
 North Scott 55, Davenport West 6  
 Pleasant Valley 49, Dubuque Senior 17  
 Western Dubuque 37, Dubuque Hemstead 14

**District 7**  
 Bettendorf 35, Davenport Central 0  
 Clinton 27, Muscatine 7  
 Davenport North 34, Iowa City High 28  
**District 8**  
 C.R. Prairie 32, C.R. Kennedy 19  
 Linn-Mar 28, Burlington 7  
 Iowa City West 55, Ottumwa 7

**CLASS 3A**  
**District 3**  
 C.R. Xavier 62, South Tama 7  
 Decorah 52, Independence 14  
 Vinton-Shellsburg 41, Benton Community 14  
 Waverly-Shell Rock 31, Charles City 7

**District 4**  
 Clear Creek Arnsa 29, DeWitt Central 14  
 Dubuque Wahlert 28, Center Point-Urbana 7  
 West Delaware 68, Maquoketa 0  
**District 5**  
 Mount Pleasant 49, Keokuk 13  
 Oskaloosa 56, West Burlington 13  
 Solon 43, Fairfield 0  
 Washington (Iowa) 63, Fort Madison 15

**CLASS 2A**  
**District 2**  
 Clarion-Goldfield-Dows/CAL 28, Hampton-Dumont 25  
 Crestwood 26, Forest City 20  
 Garner-Hayfield-Ventura 55, Osage 36  
 New Hampton 14, Clear Lake 7

**District 3**  
 Aplington-Parkersburg 59, Saydel 12  
 Dike-New Hartford 42, East Marshall 20  
 West Marshall 22, Roland-Story 20

**District 4**  
 Cascade 28, Union Community 21  
 Diversville Beckman 48, Delwein 16  
 Monticello 35, Waterloo Columbus 14  
 Waukon 56, North Fayette Valley 21  
**District 5**  
 Anamosa 40, Northeast 36  
 Medianapolis 39, Mid-Prairie 28  
 Mount Vernon 42, Williamsburg 14  
 West Liberty 45, Camanche 22

**CLASS 1A**  
**District 2**  
 BCLUW 27, MFL MarMac 12  
 Denver 44, Central Springs 0  
 South Wineshiek 36, Belmond-Klemme 0  
 Sumner-Fredericksburg 46, Lake Mills 17

**District 3**  
 Bellevue 39, Maquoketa Valley 21  
 Durant 41, Jesup 6  
 Tipton 44, North Cedar 26  
 West Branch 38, Clayton Ridge 12

**District 4**  
 Columbus Community 29, Van Buren 8  
 Iowa City Regina 55, Louisa-Muscatine 34  
 Wapello 44, Highland 8  
 Wilton 36, Sigourney-Keota 30

**CLASS A**  
**District 4**  
 Alburnett 54, Postville 0  
 East Buchanan 62, Sharmon 0  
 Edgewood-Colesburg 41, Lisbon 28  
 Wassie Valley 35, North Linn 7

**District 5**  
 BGM 29, North Tama 13  
 Gladbrook-Reinbeck 28, Colfax-Mingo 7  
 Grand View Christian 30, GMSG 22  
 Hudson 31, Belle Plaine 14

**District 6**  
 Cardinal 38, North Mahaska 36  
 Lynville-Sully 40, Montezuma 0  
 New London 44, Winfield-Mt. Union 0

**8-PLAYER**  
**District 2**  
 North Iowa 48, AGWSR 21  
 Northwood-Kensett 44, Clarksville 0  
 Riceville 44, Dunkerton 28  
 Turkey Valley 42, Janesville 27

**District 3**  
 Central City 35, Ekadere Central 0  
 Don Bosco 78, Trippoli 14  
 Lansing-Kee 59, West Central 7  
 Riceville 44, Dunkerton 28

**District 4**  
 Baxter 92, Easton Valley 28  
 Iowa Valley 76, WACO 61  
 Midland 52, Lone Tree 20  
 Springfield 28, English Valleys 26

**District 5**  
 Colo-Nesco 34, Tri-County 28  
 HLV 58, Twin Cedars 14  
 Meiskawit 36, Seymour 22  
 Moravia 68, Melcher-Dallas 16

**C.R. Prairie 32**  
**C.R. Kennedy 19**  
**AT JOHN WALL FIELD**

**CRK**  
 First downs.....12  
 Rushes-yards.....45-221  
 Passing-yards.....35  
 Comp-atl-int.....3-10-1  
 Punts-avg.....2-21.0  
 Fumbles-lost.....3-3  
 Penalties-yards.....9-45

**C.R. Kennedy** 7 3 3 4 — 19  
**C.R. Prairie** 7 3 715 — 32  
**CRK** — Watkins 3 run (Alex Stone kick)  
**CRP** — Simmons 17 run (Jayce Smith kick)

**CRP** — FG Smith 34  
**CRK** — FG Stone 30  
**CRP** — Simmons 3 run (Smith kick)  
**CRK** — FG Stone 35  
**CRK** — Ritziha Maide 72 fumble return (kick failed)  
**CRP** — Simmons 23 run (Simmons pass to Smith)

**CRP** — Zimmerman 11 run (Smith kick)  
**RUSHING** — **C.R. Kennedy:** Michael Watkins 27-135, Zak Pickingham 3-46, Kyrshawn Allers 7-31, Cade Parker 1-8, Justin Johnson 2-7, Lane Thole 1-3, Pacon Kennedy 2-3, Team 2-1-8. **C.R. Prairie:** Keenan Simmons 34-187, Braxton Zimmerman 9-37, Isaac Lindgren 4-16, Jace Andrege 1-4, Dalton Raymer 1-3.

**PASSING** — **C.R. Kennedy:** Alay Davis 1-1-0-30, Kennedy 1-5-1-7, Brian White Jr. 1-1-0-(-2), Michael Watkins 0-3-0-0. **C.R. Prairie:** Raymer 1-4-2-3, Lindgren 2-3-0-15.

**RECEIVING** — **C.R. Kennedy:** Teron Duer 1-30, Davis 1-7, Watkins 1-21. **C.R. Prairie:** Tyler Graham 2-15, Andrege 1-3.

## Linn-Mar 28, Burlington 7

**AT LINN-MAR STADIUM**  
**B**  
 First downs.....12  
 Rushes-yards.....29-126  
 Passing-yards.....178  
 Comp-atl-int.....10-26-1  
 Punts-avg.....4-29.0  
 Fumbles-lost.....6-4  
 Penalties-yards.....7-55  
**Burlington** 0 7 0 0 — 7  
**Linn-Mar** 0 0 1414 — 28  
**B** — Cody Parrish 92 pass from LT Beck (Cooper Wiemann kick)  
**LM** — Cevan Walton 32 pass from Trot Carey (Austin Cochrane kick)  
**LM** — Alex Hess 75 run (Cochrane kick)  
**LM** — Isaiah Garman 22 run (Cochrane kick)  
**LM** — Hess 43 run (Cochrane kick)

**INDIVIDUAL STATS**  
**Rushing** — **Burlington:** Taven Harris 13-31, LT Beck 7-15, Mason Leinbach 2-19, Everett Wilson 7-61. **Linn-Mar:** Alex Hess 29-253, Ben Delagardelle 4-16, Trot Carey 9-41, Isaiah Garman 4-25, Aaron Nibaur 1-4, Carter Acrea 1-(-6), Team 1-(-2).

**Passing** — **Burlington:** LT Beck 13-26-1-178. **Linn-Mar:** Trot Carey 11-20-1-20.

**Receiving** — **Burlington:** Mason Leinbach 3-16, Reese Wissinger 4-44, Cody Parrish 1-92, Everett Wilson 1-(-2), Cedric Peterson 3-25, Kevonne Peterson 1-13. **Linn-Mar:** Aaron Nibaur 3-34, Alex Hess 3-(-14), Cevan Walton 2-47, Drew Strotman 1-4, Isaiah Garman 2-13.

## C.R. Xavier 62, South Tama 7

**AT SAINTS FIELD**  
**ST**  
 First downs.....7  
 Rushes-yards.....22-15  
 Passing-yards.....140  
 Comp-atl-int.....10-28-0  
 Punts-avg.....8-41.2  
 Fumbles-lost.....1-1  
 Penalties-yards.....8-49  
**South Tama** 0 7 0 0 — 7  
**Cedar Rapids Xavier** 41 14 0 7 — 62  
**CRX** — Quinn Schulte 34 run (Ben Conrad kick)  
**CRX** — Justin Schneider 30 fumble return (Ben Conrad kick)  
**CRX** — Braden Slovie 3 run (Ben Conrad kick)  
**CRX** — Gabe Lux 72 punt return (Ben Conrad kick)  
**CRX** — McClain Burger 51 run (Ben Conrad kick)  
**CRX** — Gabe Lux 61 punt return (kick failed)  
**CRX** — Braden Slovie 28 pass from Quinn Schulte (Ben Conrad kick)  
**CRX** — Braden Slovie 66 pass from Quinn Schulte (Ben Conrad kick)  
**ST** — Nick Ryan 16 pass from Lane Koch (Colton Vest kick)  
**CRX** — Patrick Chambers 2 run (Ben Conrad kick)

**INDIVIDUAL STATS**  
**RUSHING** — **South Tama:** Colton Vest 6-9, Tanner Probasco 5-7, Tanner Walt 7-19, Lane Koch 4-(-20). **C.R. Xavier:** Quinn Schulte 5-54, Braden Slovie 7-95, Joey Alessio 1-4, Riley Beck 3-10, Patrick Chambers 19-121, Colton Benda 1-2, Gabe Lux 2-13, McClain Burger 2-52.

**PASSING** — **South Tama:** Lane Koch 10-26-0-140, Brady Fritz 0-1-0-0, Colton Vest 0-1-0-0. **C.R. Xavier:** Quinn Schulte 2-6-0-94, Bryson Bastian 1-3-0-5.

**RECEIVING** — **South Tama:** Colton Vest 1-1, Tanner Probasco 4-79, Brady Fritz 3-36, Nick Ryan 1-16, Keith Keatna 1-8. **C.R. Xavier:** Connell 1-5, Braden Slovie 2-94.

## Mount Vernon 42, Williamsburg 14

**AT MOUNT VERNON**  
**WBG**  
 First downs.....11  
 Rushes-yards.....46-185  
 Passing-yards.....140  
 Comp-atl-int.....5-9-1  
 Punts-avg.....6-29.3  
 Fumbles-lost.....4-2  
 Penalties-yards.....6-55  
**Williamsburg** 7 0 0 7 — 14  
**Mount Vernon** 12 10 17 7 — 42  
**MTV** — Blake Booth 18 pass from Drew Adams (kick failed)  
**MTV** — Cale Snedden 5 pass from Adams (run failed)  
**WBG** — Malthyan Powell 53 run (Leighton Jones kick)  
**MTV** — Elliott FG 25  
**MTV** — Paul Ryan 2 run (Elliott kick)  
**MTV** — Booth 56 pass from Adams (kick failed)  
**MTV** — Booth 20 pass from Adams (Elliott kick)  
**WBG** — Ben Subbert 46 pass from Gage Blythe (Jones kick)  
**MTV** — Booth 3 pass from Adams (Elliott kick)

**RUSHING** — **Williamsburg:** Gage Hazen-Fabor 24-95, Malthyan Powell 7-52, Noah Zollinger 3-16, Gage Blythe 9-11, Jordan Martin 3-11. **Mount Vernon:** Paul Ryan 28-126, Drew Adams 8-8, Zach Baker 3-3, Coy Martin 1-4, Team 2-21.

**PASSING** — **Williamsburg:** Blythe 5-9-1-140. **Mount Vernon:** Adams 18-33-1-286.

**RECEIVING** — **Williamsburg:** Ben Subbert 5-111, Brandon Blythe 1-29, Powell 1-0. **Mount Vernon:** Blake Booth 1-15, Draven Gearhart 3-85, Ryan 2-20, Baker 2-13, Detrick Vondrack 1-9, Cale Snedden 1-5.

## Iowa City Regina 55, Louisa-Muscatine 34

**ICR** — Michael Conlon 40 yd run (Issac Volstedt kick)  
**ICR** — Jacob Phillips 10 yd run (Volstedt kick)  
**ICR** — Phillips 61 yd pass from Conlon (Volstedt kick)  
**ICR** — Volstedt 15 yd run (Volstedt kick)  
**ICR** — Nick Miller 12 yd pass from Conlon (Volstedt kick failed)  
**ICR** — Scott Arndt 65 yd pass from Conlon (Alex Wick kick)  
**ICR** — Parker Eden 75 yd kickoff return (Wick kick)  
**ICR** — Bryce Barnett 6 yd pass from Ashton Cook (Wick kick)  
**Note**—Regina scoring plays only

## Local golf

## 2017 calendar

## October

22—Chill Open, Armana Colonies Golf Club, (319) 622-6222

23—Over 50 two-person best shot, Lake MacBride Golf Club, (319) 624-2500

24—Rosenberg Golf Outing, Hickory Grove Golf Course, (319) 283-2674

24—50 and over two-person best shot, Wildcat Golf Course, (319) 436-4653

26—50 and over two-person best shot, Vinton Country Club, (319) 472-4052

29—Halloween Chili Open (best costume contest) Armana Colonies Golf Club, (319) 622-6222

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