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Trojans oust Kennedy

West too good for miscues to hurt

By Jeff Johnson, The Gazette

IOWA CITY — The turnovers they made in a playoff game had to be kind of disconcerting. But the Iowa City West Trojans had more than enough firepower to overcome them last night.

Sophomore quarterback Marcus Morgan threw for 259 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and fifth-ranked West played past its miscues in a 38-14 win over Cedar Rapids Kennedy in a Class 4A first-rounder.

The Trojans (9-1) lost a pair of fumbles and suffered an interception in a first half

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lowa City West's Will Hoeft runs in for a touchdown vs. Cedar Rapids Kennedy during the first half of playoff action last night at Trojan Field in Iowa City.



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Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Cam Jones (44) pressures Iowa City West's Marcus Morgan (20) into throwing an interception in the first half last night.

Class 4A/Turnovers moot

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they still ended up leading, 21-7. They played a clean second half and move along to next week's quarterfinals.

"They were self-inflicted wounds, and that happens in high school football," West Coach Garrett Hartwig said. "The biggest thing you can do is not have the coaches overreact to it. If you overreact, the players overreact, and it becomes bigger than what it should be. Just move on to the next play because that's all you can do. It's not coming back."

Justin Thomas caught seven passes for 114 yards, including a 26-yard TD late in the third quarter to give West a 28-7 edge. Tate Crane's 16-yard touchdown catch in the final minute of the first half capped a big-time Trojans drive that made it a two-score game at the break, despite the three turnovers.



Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Max White runs for a touchdown vs. Iowa City West during the first half of playoff action in Iowa City.

Kennedy defensive back Brandtley Koske picked off a Morgan throw and returned it to the West 15 midway through the second quarter. Quarterback Max White ran it to the end zone on the very next play to bring the Cougars (6-4) within a touchdown.

But momentum really shifted after West was able to move 70 yards in just over a minute. Morgan completed three passes on the drive and had a huge 24-yard scramble to take the football deep into Ken-

nedy territory.

"Multiple times this season we've been able to score at the end of the first half," Thomas said. "That can be demoralizing to the opponent. I've played on a lot of losing teams in my football career, and if I was on the other sideline, I'd hate that. That's an awful feeling."

Kennedy opened the second half with a drive that took the ball to the West 36. But a wide-open White dropped a reverse pass from receiver Malik Adams that might have been a touchdown, with the Cougars eventually turning the ball over on downs.

Morgan completed 17 of 28 passes, hitting six different receivers. West had 10 different guys run the ball, with Morgan leading the way with 70 yards.

Cairron Hendred had 130 yards rushing on 21 attempts for Kennedy.

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Prep football	Iowa City West 38 C.R. Kennedy 14 AT IOWA CITY
lowa High School Football Playoffs	CRK ICW
FRIDAY First Round (all games 7 p.m.) CLASS 4A	First downs
Bracket A	Passing-yards 99 259 Comp-all-int 8-17-1 17-28-1 Punts-avg. 7-34.1 3-48.0 Fumbles-lost 2-0 2-2 Penalties-yards 1-10 3-10
Southeast Polk 21, Ankeny Centennial 17 Johnston 28, C.R. Prairie 14 Bracket B West Des Moines Valley 24, Ankeny 21	C.R. Kennedy 0 7 7 0 — 14
West Des Moines Valley 24, Ankeny 21 WDM Dowling 41, Fort Dodge 0 Bracket C Cedar Falls 48, Indianola 14	Iowa City West
Waukee 42, Urbandale 22	kick) ICW — Tate Crane 16 pass from Marcus Morgan (Jasek kick)
Iowa City West 38, C.R. Kennedy 14 Bettendorf 31, Pleasant Valley 14 CLASS 3A Bracket A	KICK) — Tale Crane 16 pass from Marcus Morgan (Jasek kick) ICW — Justin Thomas 26 pass from Mor- gan (Jasek kick) CRIK — Malik Adams 65 pass from White (Sveboda kick) ICW — Owen McAreavy 2 run (Jasek
Sergeant Bluff-Luton 42, Sioux City Heelan, 0 Spencer 24, Norwalk 20 Bracket B	
Lewis Central 51, Carroll 7 Harlan 36, Oskaloosa 14 Bracket C	ICW — Jasek 40 FG INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING-Kennedy: Cairron Hendred
C.R. Xavier, 14, Pella 6	INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Decorah 17, Clear Creek Amana 6 Bracket D Western Dubuque 48, Solon 13 North Scott 39, Waverly-Shell Rock 9 CLASS 2A Bracket A	Peter Breitbach 11-31, Jalen Gaudet 1-21, Cole Mabry 3-14, Marchaun Hoover 4-12, Owen McAreavy 2-8, Will Hoeft 1-1, Tale
	Crane 1-(-1), Justin Thomas 1-(-7). PASSING-Kennedy: Max White 8-16-0-99, Malik Adams 0-1-0-0 West Marcus Morgan
Monroe PCM 49, Carroll Kuemper 0 Williamsburg 51, West Marshall 32 Bracket B	17-28-1-259. RECEIVING-Kennedy: Malik Adams 1-65 Thomas Vanek 3-19 Cody Pfluthaunt
Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley 35, Spirit Lake 7 Southeast Valley 68, Ida Grove OABCIG 42 Bracket C	1-65, Thomas Vanek 3-19, Cody Pflughaupt 1-13, Samuel Harrison 2-3, Cairron Hendred 1-(-4). West: Justin Thomas 7-114, Tate Crane 5-65, Noah Aanestad 2-41, Cole Mabry 1-25, Jalen Gaudet 1-8, Alex McKay 1-6.
Algona 45, Crestwood 20 Bracket D	
West Liberty 30, Chariton 10	Williamsburg 51 West Marshall 32 AT WILLIAMSBURG
CLASS 1A Bracket A	
South Central Calhoun 10, West Lyon 0 West Sioux 49, Treynor 14 Bracket B	Passing-yards
Bellevue 49, Mediapolis 14 Pella Christian 31, Wilton 28 Bracket C	
Interstate 35, 35 Mount Ayr 0 Dike-New Hartford 42, South Hamilton 8 Bracket D Van Meter 42, Sumner-Fredericksburg 16	West Marshall
West Branch 56, Osage 14	WBG — FG 23 Leighton Jones WM — Chase Rurr 14 nass from Bannister
CLASS A Bracket A Hudson 44, Lynnville-Sully 22	WBG — Kaden Wetien 60 pass from Jor-
Highland 14, Durant 13	dan Martin (pass failed) WBG — Welfen 17 pass from Martin (Jones kick) WBG — Faber 11 run (Jones kick) WBG — Faber 11 run (Jones kick) WBG — Joseph Halberson 30 pass from WBG — Martin 12 run (Jones kick) WBG — Welfen Frun (Jones kick) WBG — Welfen Frun (Jones kick) WBG — Martin 12 run (Jones kick) WBG — Martin 12 run (Jones kick) WBG — Martin 12 run (Jones kick) WBG — Martin 12 pass from Martin (Jones kick)
Algona Garrigan 12, Wapsie Valley 7 Edgewood-Colesburg 58, BGM 21 Bracket C	WM — Joseph Halverson 30 pass from Bannister (run failed) WBG — Martin 12 run (Jones kick)
Akron-Westfield 42, Westwood 21 West Hancock 42, Hinton 20 Bracket D	WBG — Wetjen 6 run (Jones kick) WBG — Mathyan Powell 32 pass from Martin (Jones kick)
Avoca AHSTW 30, Alta-Aurelia 28 (3OT) Mason City Newma 31, North Tama 28 (OT)	WRG - Garrett Jensen nass from Martin
	(Jones kick) WM — Bannister 3 run (pass failed) INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Bracket A Iowa Valley 92, Midland 46 New London 60, Gladbrook-Reinbeck 12 Bracket B Ar-We-Va 27, Northwood-Kensett 6	(Jones sick) WM — Bannister 7 run (ness tailed) MW — Bannister 8 run (ness tailed) MW — Bannister 8 run (ness tailed) MW — Bannister 8 run 1 run
Southeast Warren 47, Newell-Fonda 31	251, Jordan Marlin 6-18, Kaden Weljen 1-6, Austin Burns 4-(-1), Brody Wardenburg 2-(- 22), Team 1-(-4)
Exira-EHK 51, Stanton 14 Fremont-Mills 61, Lenox 8 Bracket D	Passing — West Marshall: Bannister 14- 24-1-136. Williamsburg: Martin 5-12-2-142.
Rockford 64, Turkey Valley 58 Don Bosco 62, Central City 37	Jake Tollefson 5-75, Joseph Halverson 2-49, Gabe Jones 1-12. Williamsburg: Weljen 2-77, Mathyan Round 2-46, Carrett Joseph 1-20.
FRIDAY NOV. 2 Quarterfinals (all games 7 p.m.) CLASS 4A	Decorah 17
Bracket A No. 16 Southeast Polk (5-5) at No. 8 John-	Clear Creek Amana 6 AT DECORAH
ston (8-2) Bracket B No. 7 West Des Moines Dowling (10-0) at No.	CCA D First downs 8 21 Rushes-yards 34-87 61-330 Passing-yards 6-87 2-2
No. 7 West Des Moines Dowling (10-0) at No. 2 West Des Moines Valley (10-0) Bracket C No. 6 Waukee (8-2) at No. 3 Cedar Falls (10-0)	
(10-0) Bracket D No. 5 Bettendorf (9-1) at No. 4 lowa City West (9-1)	Fumbles-lost 2-1 2-1 Penalties-yards 5-29 2-15
West (9-1) CLASS 3A	Clear Creek Amana
Bracket A No. 11 Spencer (8-2) at No. 1 Sergeant Bluff- Luton (9-1)	
Luton (9-1) Bracket B No. 10 Harlan (8-2) at No. 2 Lewis Central (10-0)	D — Kaller MicCabe 4 run (Carrieron De- long kick) D — McCabe 26 run (Delong kick) D — Delong FG 34 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS Bushies CGA Andrews Behavil 20.75
	NOMINDUAL STATISTICS Rushing-CCA- Andrew Rohert 20-75, Tever Silocchian 18-13, Alex Figueroa 2-7, Tever Silocchian 18-13, Alex Figueroa 2-7, Tever Silocchian 18-13, Alex Figueroa 2-7, Kaler McCaber 1-80, Grack Sebleno 2-108, Clay Johnson 13-46, Tanner Knutson 1-14, Jack Johnson 13-46, Tanner Knutson 1-14, Jack Johnson 13-7, EAAN 1-(-1). Evans 1-1-0-20, D: Johnson 2-6-1-2, Receiving-CCA- Nolan Schwarzing 2-11, Gabe Jenn 1-26, Evans 1-24, Rohert 1-20, TJ Gabe Jenn 1-26, Evans 1-24, Noch Beuriner 1-4, Nichobe
Bracket C No. 6 Decorah (8-2) at No. 3 C.R. Xavier (10-0) Bracket D	Kailer McCabe 19-138, Drake Shelton 22-108, Clay Johansen 13-66, Tanner Knutson 1-14, Jace Johnson 5-5, TE AM 1-(-1).
No. 13 Western Dubuque (8-2) at No. 5 North Scott (9-1) CLASS 2A	Passing—CCA: Rohert 5-15-1-67, Mitch Evans 1-1-0-20. D: Johnson 2-6-1-2. Receiving—CCA: Nolan Schwarting 2-11,
Bracket A No. 17 Williamsburg (7-3) at No. 1 Monroe PCM (10-0)	Gabe Jenn 1-26, Evans 1-24, Rohert 1-20, TJ Boilers 1-6. D: Carston Baumler 1-6, McCabe 1-(-4).
	Western Dubuque 48
No. 7 Southeast Valley (8-2) at No. 2 Boyden- Hull/Rock Valley (9-1) Bracket C No. 5 Algona (9-1) at No. 3 Waukon (9-1) Bracket D	Solon 13 AT SPARTAN STADIUM WD SOL First downs
No. 16 West Liberty (7-3) at No. 4 Benton Community (9-1)	
CLASS 1A Bracket A	Punts-avg
No. 9 West Sioux (9-1) at No. 1 South Central Calhoun (10-0) Bracket B	Western Dubuque
No. 8 Pella Christian (7-3) at No. 2 Bellevue (10-0) Bracket C	Solon
No. 6 Dike-New Hartford (10-0) at No. 3 In- terstate 35 (10-0) Bracket D	richs kick) WD — Hosch 1 run (Ulrichs kick) SOL — Gerdin 6 pass from Miller (kick
No. 5 West Branch (9-1) at No. 4 Van Meler (10-0)	failed) WD — Harris 3 run (Ulrichs kick) SOL — Flansburg 1 run (Cale O'Neill
CLASS A Bracket A	kick) WD — Hosch 1 run (Ulrichs kick) WD — Hosch 4 run (Ulrichs kick) WD — George 9 pass from Harris (kick)
No. 12 Highland (8-2) at No. 1 Hudson (10-0) Bracket B No. 9 Edgewood-Colesburg (9-1) at No. 2 Algona Garrigan (10-0)	Tailed) RUSHING Western Duburgue, Jake He
Algona Garrigan (10-0) Brackef C No. 13 West Hancock (8-2) al No. 10 Akron-Westfield (8-2)	RUSHING — Western Dubuque: Jake Ho- sch 22-105, Drake George 2-8, Calvin Har- ris 6-5, Team 1-2. Solon: Adam Bock 11-20, Seamus Poynton 1-18, Dillon Holt 1-8, Hunter Kula 2-7, Cam Miller 11-2, Coal Flansburg
Bracket D	Kula 2-7, Cam Miller 11-2, Coal Flansburg 1-1. PASSING — Western Dubuque: Harris 13-
No. 14 Mason City Newman (8-2) at No. 4 Avoca AHSTW (10-0) 8-PLAYER	1-1. PASSING — Western Dubuque: Harrís 13- 18-0-277. Solon: Miller 16-29-1-232. RECEIVING — Western Dubuque: George 8-166, Paylon Quagliano 2-62, Hosch 3-49. Solon: A.J. Coons 3-69, Poynton 3-85, Holi 4-28, Colton Soiliman 2-11, Clay Gerdin 1-4, Brork 2-5, Aidan Dall 1-1.
Bracket A No. 9 New London (9-1) at No. 1 Iowa Val- jey (10-0)	3-49. Solon: A.J. Coons 3-96, Poynton 3-85, Hoil 4-28, Colton Spillman 2-11, Clay Gerdin 1-6, Bock 2-5, Aidan Dall 1-1.
Bracket B	Don Bosco 62
No. 6 Southeast Warren (10-0) at No. 2 Ar- We-Va (10-0) Bracket C No. 7 Fremont-Mills (9-1) No. 3 Exira-EHK	Central City 37 AT GILBERTVILLE CC DB
(9-1) Bracket D No. 10 Rockford (9-1) at No. 5 Don Bosco	First downs. 10 18 Rushes-yards 42-227 47-380 Passing-yards 45 236 Comp-alt-int 2-7-0 9-11-0 Punts-avg. 4-37.7 1-47.0
(9-1) C.R. Xavier 14	Comp-att-int 2-7-0 9-11-0 Punts-avg 4-37.7 1-47.0 Fumbles-lost 1-0 0-0
Pella 6	Penalties-yards10-81 12-103
PEL CRX First downs	Central City
Passing-yards 232 191 Comp-att-int 24-50-2 9-15-1 Punts-avg 5-35.0 4-40.0	CC— Holub 51 run (Holub run) DB — Even 19 run (Even run) CC — Holub 50 run (Mick Brid free
Fumbles-lost	Kyle Marsh) DB — Even 65 run (pass failed) DR — Kendall Packer 39 persons for the factor of the fa
CRX — Kyle Moeder 51 pass from Quinn Schulle (Ben Conrad kick)	DB — Kendall Becker 78 pass from Cael
Bastian (Ben Conrad Kick)	CC — Isaiah Damm 50 run (pass failed) CC — Safety, Frost Jackled in the end zone DB — Even 4 run (Even run) CC — Marsh 38 pass from Reid (Marshal
Thomas (pass failed) RUSHING — C.R. Xavier: Quinn Schulte 14-56, Braden Strovie 19-52 Ion Ball 4-20	Van DeVegte kick) DB — Even 21 pass from Frost (run failed) DB — Carson Tenold 2 run (pass failed) DB — Frost 2 run (pass failed)
PEL — Aaron Downs o Pass from Schole Thomas (pass failed) RUSHING — C.R. Xavier: Quinn Schulle 14-56, Braden Stovie 19-53, Jon Bell 4-30, Nate Skala 1-2; Pella: Sam Warner 1-2, Aaron Downs 2-4, Gabe Thomas 9-13, Ryan Gustafson 7-3.	INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
PASSING — C.R. Xavier: Quinn Schulle 8-14-1-119, Bryson Bastian 1-1-0-72; Pella: Ryan Gustafson 23-49-2-224, Gabe Thomas	Rushing—CC: Trey Holub 19-169, Isaiah © Damm 16-89, Kyle Marsh 5-24, Nick Reid No. 1-6. DB: Thomas Even 20-163, Cael Frost No. 18-88, Cade Tenold 3-20, Carson Tenold 2-7.
I-I-U-8.	18-88, Cade Tenold 3-20, Carson Tenold 2-7, 00 Kendall Becker 2-(-3). Team: 2-(-2).
Althorous C.R. Advier: Nyll Mobolet 4-144, Matt Jordebrek 2-24, Braden Stovie 3-23; Pella: Logan Shetterly 4-37, Aaron Downs 11-139, Josh Warner 4-21, Trey- ton Sturgeon 2-17, Sam Warner 1-2, Gabe Thomas 2-18.	18-18
Thomas 2-18.	mavel 3-59, I nomas Even 1-21, Cade Tenold 1-4.