

Kicker Loss Dims Iowa Hope against ISU

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If football is really "a game of inches," as many experts keep saying, Iowa lost a few yards to Iowa State when the Hawkeyes' star placekicker, Scott Schilling, suffered a severed Achilles tendon on his kicking leg in a freak accident Thursday.

Already an underdog going into Saturday's televised game, Iowa took a jolt when it was learned Schilling, a walk-on from Wauwato-

sa, Wis., had been injured when a golf cart tipped over on him on Finkbine golf course. He was taken to University hospitals for immediate surgery.

Coach Bob Commings said sadly that Schilling will be lost for the season. He will use Dave Holsclaw, sophomore punter from Clinton, for placekicking as well as punting the rest of the season. Schilling booted a 41-yard field goal and three extra points in Iowa's 24-0 opener over Northwest-



"It's a terrible loss," Commings said. "He's the best field goal kicker we've had at Iowa in a long time. This team has certainly suffered its share of adversity during the last week or so."

The Iowa coach expressed sympathy for Schilling, but added, "I don't know what the hell anybody was doing on a golf course on a day like that." A light rain fell in Iowa City most of the day. The accident happened between the 12th green and the 13th tee about noon Thursday.

Just last Saturday Iowa lost both of its experienced quarterbacks, Tom McLaughlin and Doug Piro, with leg injuries — in the second and third quarters, respectively. Freshman Bob Commings, jr., son of the coach, did a surprisingly good

job in relief and was given the starting job for this week.

Young Commings suffered a pulled groin muscle in Tuesday's practice. However, both he and McLaughlin have been able to resume drill, and the coaches are hoping they can play Saturday. If they can't, freshmen Jeff Green and Pete Gales are the ones most likely to be chosen.

Holsclaw, son of the Clinton high track coach, was a kicker and punter in high school. Indeed, he set a state

record by booting a 48-yard field for Clinton. But Schilling had demonstrated greater range and accuracy since going out for the placekicking job in spring drills.

There was a Cedar Rapids angle to news coming from both camps Friday. Dennis Martin, 1976 all-state running back at C.R. Regis, will be one of the deep backs on Iowa's kick-off-receiving team Saturday.

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Penalties, West Can't Stop Unbeaten Kennedy

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Cedar Rapids Kennedy's football team lost three fumbles, had two touchdowns called back and a whopping 155 yards in penalties Thursday night. And won with ease.

The unbeaten (2-0) Cougars easily overcame those setbacks while "overpowering" winless Iowa City West 28-7. About 2,000 fans braved a chilly drizzle to watch the Mississippi Valley conference opener at Kingston stadium.

"They just overpowered us and

manned us," said West Coach Jon Meskimen, after making his Valley debut just a few months after resigning as C.R. LaSalle's football coach and athletic director.

"They're big and physical. They just came straight at us and ran right over our 4-4 defense."

Kennedy did, indeed, run. The Cougars, ranked 14th in the state AP prep poll, rushed 54 times for 354 yards, including 225 while building a 21-0 halftime bulge.

Despite having 95 penalty yards and two TDs flagged back in those

first two quarters, Kennedy out-gained the Trojans 236-52.

Kennedy tailback Tracy Crocker, listed as a questionable starter with a bruised shoulder, was clearly the game's brightest star(ter). In the first half, the swift 6-1, 185-pound senior darted for 101 yards and two TDs in only 10 carries.

Crocker, who ran for two TDs and 183 yards against West last season, played only one series in the second half, finishing with 126 rushing yards in 15 attempts.

Tracy actually "gained" more

than that. He had 47 rushing yards, including a 28-yard TD jaunt, called back by penalties.

A 47-yard Kyle Galles-to-Scott Warren TD pass also was nullified.

Still, second-year Cougar Coach Greg Reed, who suffered through a

2-7 rookie season, had to be pleased with his team's effort.

"The plays we ran tonight," Greg said, "were the same plays we ran last week against Regis when we only scored seven points. All we did tonight was give a little extra effort,

and our offensive line did a whale of a job opening holes.

"I was also very pleased with the defense. Those kids are really hard workers. I've never seen a bunch of guys play so cohesively. But, to tell you the truth, I really don't work with the defense. I set up their practices, but as far as coaching goes, Jim Lewis and Dennis Rubenow do that. They did a helluva job, but so did Dan Patterson and Lee Riter on offense."

Kennedy's defense, which has allowed just 13 points in two games, didn't let West score until 1:03 remained in the game.

The Trojans' TD — which came against Kennedy's reserves — was set up by halfback John Kuddes' 45-yard scamper with a pitch-out around left end to the Kennedy one-yard line.

"I was happy to see them score," said the predictably amiable Reed. "Our kids went through a lot of those situations last year."

In only 11 carries, Kuddes gained 93 of West's 153 rushing yards. Junior fullback Doug Lee, replacing injured regular Bob Biederman, added 51 yards in 16 runs.

Crocker certainly wasn't the only Cougar running star, either.

Pete Oates, replacing injured starter Jeff Johnson at fullback, rambled 13 times for 97 yards, including a 10-yard TD. Wingback Scott Warren gained 57 yards in just four carries, all off-tackle counter plays. And reserve fullback Marcus Rajchel carries six times for 32 yards.

Reed was disappointed in one respect, though.

"We played 66 kids tonight," he said, "but three of our players didn't get in and I could kick myself for that. It was an oversight on my part, but I've never been in a situation like this before, where you can play everyone."

C.R. Kennedy—Iowa City West

	KENNEDY	WEST
First Downs	19	11
Yards Rushing	54-354	33-153
Yards Passing	11	43
Passes	1-9-0	3-13-3
Punts	2-43	2-38
Fumbles-lost	3-3	0-0
Yards Penalized	15-155	8-70

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Kennedy	7	14	7	0	28
West	0	0	0	7	7

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

KENNEDY (28): TD—Pete Oates, 10 run. Tracy Crocker 2 (36 run, 8 run). Kyle Galles 5 run. PAT—Denny McDonnell 4 kicks.
WEST (7): TD—John Kuddes 2 run. PAT—Wes Kachwinge kick.



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Tracy Crocker: 126 Yards



Red Peppers' Pix

There was a large crowd of well-wishers surrounding our office as we entered, and the first man to break through and wring our hand in hearty congratulations was Punchy Fisteras, super Hawkeye fan.

"I allus knew you could do it!" Punchy shouted above the din of the other plaudits. "Tell me, was this your greatest hour as a predictor? What was your reaction at picking 22½ correct out of 26 games last week?"

"It was nothing," we said with becoming modesty. "The thing we liked best about it was out-picking that old sot, Major Barnaby Hoopole, who claims to be the Wizard of Odds."

"But you hit 22 games right on the nose, missing only on Washington State over Nebraska, Michigan State over Purdue and Benedictine over William Penn. You had a fantastic .865 percentage."

"We also missed a half-game on the Loras-St. Ambrose tie," we pointed out.

"Come, come, many of us are panting for your predictions this week. My bookie is waiting. What's the dope on Iowa-Iowa State game? I hear Kickoff publication picks Iowa State by 13½, but Jimmy 'The Greek' Snyder, has the Clones favored by only three."

"Hah, what does Jimmy the Greek know? Our friend Nick Lillios has always warned us to beware of Greeks bearing the name of Snyder."

"That's what I allus say, too," Punchy guffawed. "Those ancient Greeks may have known a lot about philosophy, but even ol' Plato prolly didn't put out much of a morning line on the football vigorish. But get serious now, and lay your pick on us. How much you pick in the Hawks by?"

Maybe as Low as 9-3

Somewhat the very idea of picking a hawk or a cardinal struck us as a lot of fowl feathers.

"We'll stick with the predictions we made last April, when we were the only news reporters to see both Iowa

and ISU spring games," we said. "We've said all along it will be a whale of a defensive battle. We picked the Clones 17-7 two weeks ago, but lately we've had some second thoughts . . ."

"Yeah, yeah! You've decided to shift to Iowa, huh?"

"No, but now we're beginning to think it might turn out to be the field goal-kicking battle — and Iowa will be hurt by the accident to Scott Schilling. ISU's Scott Kollman and punter Rick Babolli are super booters, so the score may be something like 9-3, still for ISU."

"Who needs your lousy predictions, anyway?" spat Punchy angrily, turning toward the door. "If you're a forecaster, then I'm a left-handed transsexual ophthalmologist. Why don't you take two weeks off, and then quit?"

Ah, yes, as the football coaches say, "The fans always ask, 'What have you done for us lately?' One day they name a street after us, and the next day they chase us down it."

Big Ten

Iowa State 17, Iowa 7 (Clones are No. 19 nationally, remember?).
Ohio State 38, Minnesota 7 (bounty on Gathers in Ohio).
Wisconsin 41, N. Illinois 3 (who does the Badger schedule?).
Purdue 14, Ohio U. 13 (can't get any shakier than that).
Wash. State 21, Mich. State 18 (or was that a freak last week?).
Missouri 31, Illinois 10 (see, the old Big 8 supremacy).
LSU 24, Indiana 13 (Hoosiers can't hold this Tiger).
Michigan 35, Duke 0 (the Dukers may mail in their game).
Arizona State 35, Northw. 7 (it's at night, so don't notice).

Big Eight

Iowa State 17, Iowa 7 (in case you missed it before).
Okla. State 20, Arkansas 14 (can't nobody call the Hawgs?).
Oklahoma 48, Utah (they'd sooner forget last week's escape).
Florida State 16, Kansas State 14 (somebody their own size).
UCLA 28, Kansas 14 (something Bruin after that TV loss).
Alabama 24, Nebraska 17 (good TV entertainment, too).
Colorado 38, Kent State 6 (Big 8 nothing like Mid-American).

Iowa Conference

Upper Iowa over Northwest, Minn. . . . Mankato State over Luther.
Grinnell over Iowa Wesleyan. . . . Central over Augsburg. . . . Monmouth over Penn. . . . Illinois Benedictine over Dubuque. . . . Midland over Simpson.

Midwest Conference

Wartburg over Coe. . . . Cornell over Ripon. . . . St. Olaf over Carleton. . . . Buena Vista over Northwestern. . . . Marquette over Lake Forest. . . . Lawrence over Arabia, Jr. Northwestern, Wis. . . . Beloit over Knox.

Other Iowa Schools

Drake over Temple. . . . Northern Iowa over Eastern Illinois. . . . Nebraska-Omaha over Morningside. . . . Chicago over Loras. . . . Illinois college over St. Ambrose. . . . Graceland over Culver-Stockton. . . . Benedictine over Rock.

Stout's TD Passes Upset Ellsworth

MASON CITY — Former Cedar Rapids Washington quarterback Tim Stout passed for two touchdowns Thursday night, leading North Iowa to a 23-20 upset victory over Ellsworth, the nation's No. 1 ranked junior college football team.

Stout tossed an 80-yard scoring pass to Ben Lee in the first half and clinched the victory with a 34-yard TD toss to Mike Berendes in the second half.

The loss was Ellsworth's first to an Iowa team in two years. The Panthers won the National Junior College Athletic Assn. title last year before losing in the Junior Rose Bowl.

The win was North Iowa's third straight. Ellsworth dropped to 2-1.

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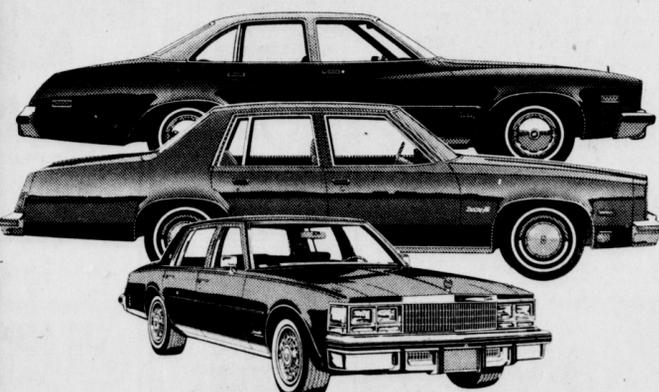
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