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Cedar Rapids Jefferson's Gary Sweeney ran for four yards late in the first period at Kingston Stadium Friday night. Jeff scored on the drive on a pass by Dave Simbro on the first play of the second quarter in a game against Iowa City West.

Jeff escapes, stays in playoff, title races

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It took a lot of "Hart," and a little bit of luck, but the Jefferson J-Hawks are "Still" in the running for a state playoff berth.

That's the way things shaped up at Kingston Stadium Friday night after the J-Hawks escaped a gutty performance by Iowa City West in downing the Trojans 16-3.

Jefferson (6-2), now travels to Dubuque Hempstead next Friday night to square off with the Mustangs to decide the Mississippi Valley Conference champion and the right to advance to the state playoffs.

But that big showdown almost didn't materialize as former Cedar Rapids LaSalle Coach Jon Meskimen brought his Trojans (2-6) to town with an iron-wall defense and hopes of an upset.

And an upset there almost was, if it hadn't been for the play of Kent Hartwig and Dave Still, a pair of big, quick J-Hawk defensive ends.

All Still did from his right end position was record three solo tackles, including two quarterback sacks, assisted on two other stops and most important of all, recovered two Trojan fumbles in J-Hawk territory.

Hartwig, on the other end, nailed down five solo tackles and two assists, but blocked a fourth quarter Trojan punt in the end zone to give the J-Hawks their final two points of the contest.

But those two performances were about the extent of Jefferson highlights.

"If we weren't looking ahead to Hempstead, we're in a lot of trouble," said Jeff Coach Jack Fisk. "This is definitely our worst game of the season. I'm just happy to win."

"Our offense was way off tonight, but our defense did a creditable job," continued Fisk.

"Really though, I'd like to give a lot of credit to Jon Meskimen," praised Fisk. "He's got a good football team. His defense was really tough."

That it certainly was, at least in the second half.

Jefferson picked up 125 yards total offense in the first half in building a 14-3 lead, but the Trojans shut down the mighty Jeff attack in the

second half, limiting the J-Hawks to only 27 yards.

In the third quarter alone Jefferson ran only three plays and had the ball for only 1:41.

"Our kids played just super tonight," praised Meskimen. "We're a respectable team and we played them even in the second half."

"We did everything except score tonight."

Jefferson put the game's first points on the board on the first play of the second quarter when Dave Simbro found Don Bagley alone in the end zone from 10 yards out, capping an 11-play, 86-yard drive. Kevin Smith's conversion attempt sailed wide right.

West narrowed the count to 6-3 with Tim Davis's school-record 37-

yard field goal with 6:54 left in the half, but Jeff took the ensuing kick-off and marched 67 yards in nine plays with Steve Harkness scampering the final 13 for the score. Harkness ran for the two-point conversion giving Jefferson a 14-3 advantage with 2:54 left.

That was all the scoring until Hartwig blocked Jeff Knoop's punt with 5:34 left in the game.

Harkness was just about the entire J-Hawk offense as the quick senior piled up 93 yards rushing in just 18 carries. His biggest was a 46-yard gallop that led the Jefferson's first score.

Jefferson quarterback Simbro completed only four passes in 12 attempts, and three went for interceptions.

LaSalle rolls in second half, 34-20

WILLIAMSBURG — Cedar Rapids LaSalle scored four touchdowns in the second half to defeat Williamsburg 34-20 in high school boys football Friday night.

Williamsburg led 20-8 at halftime as Dennis Schmidt scored on a 11-yard run and teammate Mitch Hughes ran 30 yards on a pass interception for the Raiders.

But LaSalle came out fighting in the second half as they held the Raider offense to 23 yards in 13 attempts.

John Duggan scored on a 46-yard pass from John Schulte to bring LaSalle within one touchdown at 20-14.

But the Lancers rallied in the fourth quarter as Ben Boston intercepted two Raider passes and rushed for a total of 120 yards setting up two LaSalle touchdowns.

"We were pretty sluggish in the first half, but our defense tightened up after half," explained LaSalle Coach Tom Kopatch.

Tighten up they did, as they held Williamsburg's Dennis Schmidt to

15 yards in the second half.

Schmidt, who has rushed for over 100 yards in seven games, blitzed the Lancer offense in the first half rushing for 101 yards.

"Schmidt's a hard runner and Williamsburg is a tough team, they had a super first half," commented Kopatch.

LaSalle's John Schulte ended a Raider threat as he intercepted a Jeff Walters pass and marched 56 yards for a touchdown with 5:11 left in the fourth quarter.

Schulte also completed a 46-yard pass to John Duggan putting the game out of reach.

Duane Schulte rushed 18 times for a total of 78 yards for the Lancers and scored on runs of two and 11 yards.

LaSalle committed four turnovers in the first half, two which led to Raider touchdowns and had only three first downs limiting their offense.

LaSalle is now 5-3 on the season, while Williamsburg dropped to 3-5.

Oates gains 234 yards as Kennedy trims Wahlert

DUBUQUE — Pete Oates rushed 49 times for 234 yards and two touchdowns and Toby Michael caught six passes for 93 yards and one touchdown Friday night as Cedar Rapids Kennedy trimmed Dubuque Wahlert, 22-14, in a Mississippi Valley conference football game.

The win lifted the hard-luck Cougars to 5-3 for the season. Wahlert dropped to 3-5.

Oates went into the game as the Valley's leading scorer and No. 2 rusher. He now has 10 touchdowns and 817 yards for 195 carries.

He accounted for all but 49 of Kennedy's rushing yards Friday night.

Michael has 28 receptions for 374 yards on the season.

Wahlert netted only 99 yards in

total offense, and didn't mount a serious scoring threat. However, the Golden Eagles made it close by converting an interception into a third-period touchdown, and shaking Bob Hancock loose for a 64-yard TD punt return in the final period.

Kennedy scored the first time it got the ball, using 17 plays to cover 69 yards. Oates capped the march with a 2-yard plunge.

In the second period, Oates swept right end for a 71-yard touchdown ramble on the first play following a Wahlert punt.

The Golden Eagles had had just inches to go on fourth down, and were going to gamble on a first-down bid. But they drew a 5-yard penalty and punted away.

Later in the same frame, Kennedy went 79 yards in nine plays for what proved to be its final TD.

An 18-yard pass from Bennett to Michaels kept the drive alive, and the same combo clicked for 42 yards and the TD.

Wahlert's score after the pass interception — one of two Bennett suffered while completing 9 of 13 throws — came on Paul Wagner's 2-yard plunge.

After Hancock's romp, Kennedy pushed to the Wahlert 8.

The Cougars gave up the ball there, but kept Wahlert in the hole, and exploited the situation for a safety when Cory Holladay, Tim Kadlec and Jon Pechous teamed to block the Golden Eagles' punt in the end zone.

Wahlert — Kennedy

First downs	Wahlert 21	Kennedy 5
Yards rushing	253	43
Yards passing	124	56
Passes	9-13-2	4-11-3
Punts	3-30	4-35.7
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Yards penalized	30	15

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Wahlert	0	0	7	7	14
Kennedy	6	14	0	2	22

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Wahlert: TD—Paul Wagner (2, run—; Bob Hancock (64, punt return). XP—Bob Runde (2 kicks).
Kennedy: TD—Pete Oates 2 (2, 71, runs); Toby Michaels (42, pass from Mike Bennett). XP—Denny McDonald (kick).
Safety: Cory Holladay, Tim Kadlec, John Pechous (blocked punt in end zone).

'Quarterback derby' faces 'Junk Defense'

Iowa's "quarterback derby" offense goes against Purdue's "junk defense" Saturday on regional television with the Hawkeyes celebrating homecoming and hoping to break Purdue's 17-game domination.

And Iowa State university will be bidding for its first Big Eight Conference win in four league starts when the Cyclones face Kansas at Manhattan in a game that has the ISU club slightly favored despite losses to Nebraska, Missouri and No. one ranked Oklahoma.

At Iowa City, Bill Dolan is expected to get his first start at quarterback, which has been a hard luck position for Iowa all year. Dolan would be the fourth quarterback to start for the Hawkeyes this season.

"We have gotten better offensively, but we just can't get into a routine with our quarterbacks continuing to get injured each week," said Iowa Coach Bob Commings.

The quarterback casualties include the coach's son, Bob Commings Jr., with a possible broken rib, and Jeff Green, who reinjured his back last week at Ohio State.

"I still think we're a good football team" despite losing five straight since beating Northwestern in the season opener, said Commings. "We can finish strong and salvage something from this season."

Purdue Coach Jim Young has said Iowa appears stronger than Illinois, the Boiler-makers' victim last week in another TV game.

"Iowa might not have a great record at this point, but it does have a fine defense," Young said. "They'll show us some different looks and they'll hit hard. And since Purdue has beaten Iowa 17 straight times, I'm sure they'll be ready to play."

Former North Central Conference

foes Northern Iowa and South Dakota State, each coming off two straight losses, meet Saturday night at Cedar Falls, while there is a full schedule of action for other Iowa college football teams today.

In Eastern Iowa, Coe hosts Lawrence at 1:30 p.m. in Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids while Cornell travels to Knox College at Galesburg, Ill. Upper Iowa hosts William Penn in an Iowa Conference test and Luther will host once-beaten Dubuque in the same league.

Drake faces a tough battle with Tulsa, Morningside meets North Dakota State, Central faces Buena Vista in an important Iowa Conference battle, Simpson is at Wartburg, Grinnell hosts Chicago, Central Methodist is at Graceland, St. Ambrose meets Iowa Wesleyan, Loras takes on Marantha, Northwestern faces Yankston and Westmar meets Nebraska Wesleyan.

Waldorf gains

FOREST CITY — Glen McClintic of Cedar Rapids Washington is a member of the Waldorf College tennis team that has qualified for the National Junior College Tournament at Waco, Texas, next spring. All six players qualified by sweeping the singles and doubles in the recent tourney at Des Moines.

Parents vs. kids

MOUNT VERNON — There will be a series of youth soccer games starting at 9 a.m. Saturday on the soccer field behind Mount Vernon High School. Special attraction will be a game between parents and kids.

Horseshoe meeting set

The annual meeting of the Iowa Horseshoe Pitching Association will be held at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday at Holiday Inn North in Des Moines.

Persons interested in transportation to the meeting or further information should call Harold Hughes, 364-2829.

Bremner named

MOUNT VERNON — Barron Bremner, Cornell athletic director and veteran wrestling coach, has been appointed to the National Wrestling Rules Committee by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

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