

# Wow! Royals outlast Cougars in 2 overtimes

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If the rest of the season is anything like the opener, Metro-area football fans are in for an exciting season.

Thursday night at Kingston Stadium, Cedar Rapids Regis rallied with 1:09 left in the game to force a 6-6 tie and then went on to defeat city rival Kennedy, 13-6, in two overtimes.

A deflected 7-yard pass from Jeff Fox to Rich Renner provided the winning touchdown on third down in the second overtime and Fox put added pressure on the Cougars when

his extra point kick hit the bar and bounced over.

But it wasn't over yet for the nearly 6,000 fans who watched the state's opening high school game.

Kennedy came back in its second-overtime possession as Joel Smith appeared to have scored on a third-down play from the four. But the ball popped out of his arms just before he crossed the goal-line and Regis' Bob Gase ended the overtime duel by recovering in the end zone.

It was a mistake-ridden defensive struggle most of the way, with Kennedy getting its touchdown with 2:09 left in the first half when a snap

from center sailed over Regis punter Fox's head. The ball rolled into the end zone, where Jay Fitzharris recovered for the score.

That's the way it stood until just over five minutes to go when Regis took charge on its own 34 after a Kennedy fourth-down gamble failed. The Royals then moved 66 yards in 12 plays for their first score.

With third and seven at the seven, Fox rolled out and hit Gase in the end zone for the points.

"It's the first overtime game I've ever been involved in," said an exhausted Regis Coach Tom Good. "I don't mind overtime games, as

long as we win."

Good was disappointed with the fact that his Royals fumbled six times and lost five of them and that mistakes cost them several scoring opportunities.

But he was pleased with the Royals' effort.

"Everyone played well at times and poorly at times," said Good. "But I am pleased with the way the kids stuck in there and overcame the mistakes."

It was a disappointing loss for Kennedy Coach Greg Reed, a former star fullback for the Royals.

"It's a tough one to lose," said

Reed, "but I have no complaints with the officiating. I couldn't tell if Smith was in the end zone or not before he fumbled in the second overtime."

"Mistakes hurt us, but it wasn't because the kids didn't try. We wanted to find out what kind of a group we had and I was proud of the effort. Regis is a very good football team and I thought our defense did a fine job against them."

Regis actually was hurt the most by errors and had a statistical edge over Kennedy. The Royals not only lost five fumbles, but they also were penalized 75 yards to 53 for the Cougars.

Kennedy lost only two fumbles, but Smith's fumble on the game's final play was the big one.

Regis wound up with 192 yards net rushing to 103 for Kennedy, but Smith was the individual standout. He carried 26 times for 74 yards.

The Royals had more balance, with five backs getting 27 or more yards. The leaders were Pat Cain, with 58 yards in 10 tries and Joe Martin, with 57 in eight carries.

## Regis 13, Kennedy 6

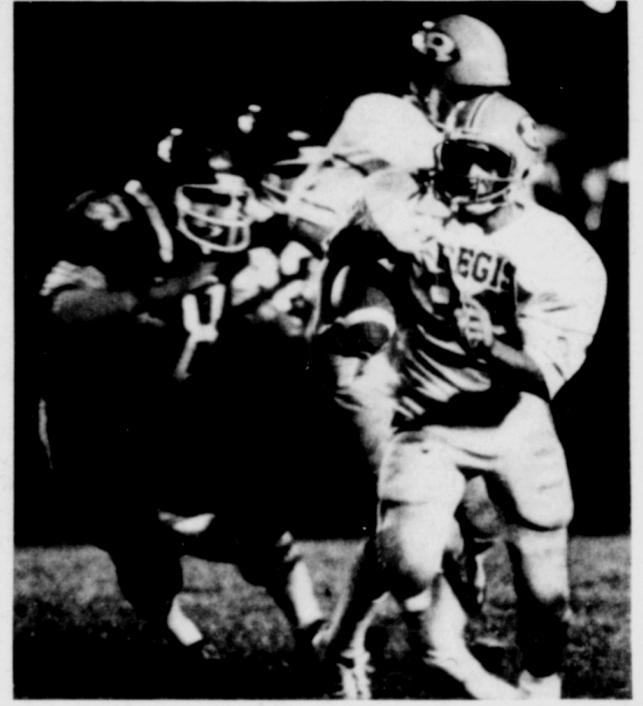
	Regis	Kennedy
First Downs	13	10
Yards Rushing	192	103
Yards Passing	48	44
Passes	10-4-1	14-5-1
Punts-Avg.	3-34	5-23
Fumbles lost	6-5	5-2
Yards Penalized	75	53
Regis	0 0 0 6 0 7	— 13
Kennedy	0 6 0 0 0 0	— 6

Regis: TD - Bob Gase (7 yard pass from Jeff Fox), Rich Renner (7 yard pass from Fox). XP - Fox (kick).

Kennedy: TD - Jay Fitzharris (recovered fumble in end zone).



Cedar Rapids Kennedy Coach Greg Reed consoles Joel Smith (17) as two other Cougars hang their heads after Thursday night's 13-6, double-overtime loss to Cedar Rapids Regis in high school



Pat Cain of Cedar Rapids Regis looks downfield while carrying for big yardage in the second half of Thursday night's football victory over Cedar Rapids Kennedy.

## Metro Roundup

### Regis sophomores

Joel Smith, who led Regis in rushing with 82 yards, scored a field goal with seven seconds left in the game to give the Royals a victory over Kennedy 3-0 Thursday in sophomore football.

### Linn-Mar volleyball

Linn-Mar won over Marion, 15-7, 15-10, 15-11, Tuesday in volleyball.

### Prairie volleyball

Prairie swept all three games against LaSalle, 15-8, 15-12, 15-3, in volleyball Tuesday. The Prairie sophs won, 15-10, 15-2. The Hawks won the junior varsity set, 15-7, 15-8.

### Jefferson swimming

Dubuque Senior won seven of eleven events to dunk Cedar Rapids Jefferson, 94-74, Thursday in girls swimming.

Nancy Carlstedt was the only double winner for the J-Hawks who were competing in their first meet of the season.

### Dub. Senior 94, Jefferson 74

200 medley relay - Dubuque Senior (Krupicka, Moes, Packard, Von Fumetti) 2:01.3; 200 freestyle - Auld (DS) 2:15.2; 200 IM - Nancy Carlstedt (Jefferson) 2:27.2; 50 freestyle - Packard (DS) 26.3; Diving - Ann Cole (J) 215.2; 100 butterfly - Carlstedt (J) 1:02.9; 100 freestyle - Krupicka (DS) 57.7; 500 freestyle - Chris Sharp (J) 6:03.0; 100 backstroke - Krupicka (DS) 1:08.9; 100 breaststroke - Moes (DS) 1:17.4; 400 free relay - Senior (Woodward, Beem, Auld, Von Fumetti) 4:10.9.

The Hawks have 37 girls out this year.

### Jefferson films

The Cedar Rapids Jefferson Booster Club will show game film of J-Hawk football contests every Monday throughout the season in Room 127 at the high school. Each of Jefferson's nine regularly scheduled games will be shown, beginning with film Monday of this weekend's Waterloo East-Jefferson game.

### Linn-Mar events

Fans planning to attend any events in the Linn-Mar High School gymnasium are asked to use the former athletic entrance in the lower southeast area of the building behind the junior high building and enter by the lower south door.

### Kirkwood leagues

Kirkwood Community College is forming recreational leagues for fall in men's touch football, men's volleyball and coed volleyball.

Competition will be held on weekday evenings beginning this month and finishing in November. Various city sites will be used. For

further information, contact Larry Lutz, (319) 398-5672.

### Jeff cross country

VAN HORNE — Jan Sedlacek sped to a 13:42 finish Thursday at Hannen Lake to give Cedar Rapids Jefferson a 21-40 win over Benton Community in girls cross country.

Results

1. Jan Sedlacek (J) 13:42, 2. Jean Sedlacek (J) 14:07, 3. Tammy Schminke (BC) 14:40, 4. Angie Werden (J) 15:36, 5. Dori Duncoff (BC) 15:37, 6. Sue Overmann (J) 15:41, 7. Teresa Schminke (BC) 15:42.

### Jeff boys runners

VAN HORNE — Cedar Rapids Jefferson's Chris Nelson clocked a 10:53 to lead the J-Hawks to a 17-50-71 victory Thursday over Benton Community and Cedar Rapids Prairie, respectively, in boys cross country.

Results

1. Chris Nelson (J) 10:53, 2. Andy Wisely (J) 11:16, 3. Joel Hochey (J) 11:18, 4. Frank Blackcloud (J) 11:26, 5. Dale Sebetko (B) 11:41, 6. Rob Beutly (B) 11:42, 7. Garry Utech (J) 11:55, 10. Scott Cerov (P) 12:11.

### Watermelon Run

MOUNT VERNON — Cornell College's annual Watermelon Run, a 15-kilometer (9.3-mile) run from Springfield to Mount Vernon, will be held Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The run kicks off the Cornell cross country season. The run is open to the public with no entry fee. Buses will transport entrants from the Cornell fieldhouse to the starting point in Springfield. Buses leave from Mount Vernon at 8:15.

Free watermelon will be provided to all entrants after the race.

### National Archery

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mo. — Patricia Bridge of Central City placed fourth recently in the ladies competition of the 18th annual National Archery Championships.

Jerry Wells won the ladies division with a 1128 score, while Bridge had 1119.

Chuck Bigelow of Colorado Springs, Colo., recorded a 1186 score to capture the men's competition. Hugh Shaw of Anamosa placed seventh with 1169 and Larry Briney of Cedar Rapids 14th with 1146.

### Rope pulling

NASHUA — Cedar Rapids's Sadler Power Train finished second among 35 teams in the men's middleweight division of the USA Tug of War Association rope pull last Sunday.

## J-Hawks facing big task in opener

By Don Doxsie  
Gazette sportswriter

Jack Fisk will just be grateful if the field doesn't tilt when Waterloo East runs out.

Fisk's Cedar Rapids Jefferson football squad will open its season Saturday night at 7:45 at Kingston Stadium against a Waterloo East squad that features more hulking linemen than some college teams.

The Trojans will trot out four starting defensive linemen who average more than 240 pounds apiece. And the offensive line is only slightly smaller.

"That's a heckuva lot of beef to put out there," commented Fisk, who will be taking aim at his second

straight playoff berth this fall. "But we aren't that small. It'll just be a matter of fundamentals."

Fisk's J-Hawks handled East in the first game last season, 24-14, and went on to a 7-3 record. Two of the losses came against cross-town rival Washington and the third was a 9-7 squeaker against Dubuque Senior.

But while Jeff was rolling to a Class 4A playoff berth last season, Waterloo wasn't exactly stumbling.

The Trojans have suffered only one defeat since that loss to Jeff. They went on a nine-game winning streak after that season-opening setback, finally losing to West Des Moines Valley, 34-13, in a second-round playoff game.

## Midwest draws bye

DECATUR, Ill. — Midwest Gallery and Framing of Cedar Rapids drew a first-round bye in the national Amateur Softball Association fast-pitch tournament.

Midwest, which qualified for the 24-team field by winning a regional title last week, will play its first game Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The Iowa champs will face the winner of tonight's game between Plangger's Furniture of Benton Harbor, Mich., and Bad Bob's of Memphis, Tenn. The Michigan team is 58-26 this season, while the Tennessee team is 46-12. Midwest boasts a 63-23 record.

"I'm happy with the draw, I think

we're in a pretty good bracket," said Midwest player-manager Eddie White. He added that Clear Lake, the other Iowa team, drew the defending national champion, McCordle of Midland, Mich., in the first round tonight at 6 p.m.

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