

Sheeley leads Linn-Mar by City High

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The smiles belonged to Greg Purnell after Linn-Mar nudged Iowa City High, 14-6, Friday night. That's because Coach Purnell has Ted Sheeley on his side.

The frowns belonged to Larry Brown. That's because his City High outfit experienced another frustrating loss in what has become a long prep football season for the Little Hawks.

Sheeley, destined for a spot on somebody's all-state team this year, threw two touchdown passes — both to Tom Marko — as the Lions escaped City High's upset bid on a rainy homecoming at Armstrong Field.

Sheeley hit Marko with a 14-yard strike late in the second quarter, sparking Linn-Mar to a 7-6 edge at intermission.

The Lions' clincher came with only 69 seconds left in the game, when Sheeley shed City High's Scott Case and found Marko in the end zone for a 9-yard strike.

"The touchdown that iced it was just the ability of the young man we have at quarterback," marvelled Purnell. "He was tackled and should have been down, but got out of it."

"He's a very elusive kid."

Linn-Mar, ranked No. 5 in Class 4A, raised its records to 6-1 overall and 4-1 in the Mississippi Valley Conference. The Lions, state champs in 1985 and runners-up last year, appear headed for the playoffs again, but Purnell had other matters on his mind.

"We hope we're playing for a conference championship next week," he said.

They will be. Linn-Mar finishes its regular season by hosting Cedar Rapids Prairie next Friday, with the winner in line for a piece of the crown.

City High, a playoff team last year, fell to 2-5 overall and 1-4 in the MVC, but not without a good fight.

"You guys should be proud of that effort," Brown told his club. "Linn-Mar is a good team, and you could have won it right down to the end."

City High mounted a furious last-minute attack after falling behind 14-6. Quarterback Doug Schmucker clicked with Greg Schnetzler on four passes for 51 yards, taking the Little Hawks to Linn-Mar's 20-yard line. But a final fling failed as time expired.

"We've played a lot like that this year," offered Brown. "Great kids, just a frustrating season. Some years are like that."

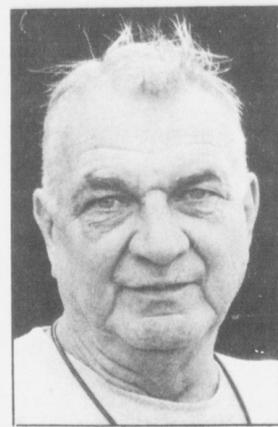
A rare bad play by Sheeley helped the Little Hawks take a 6-0 lead in the second quarter. Trapped in the backfield, Sheeley threw wildly and City High's Brent Roth intercepted at the Lions' 24-yard line.

Six plays later, Case pounded into the end zone from a yard out with 3:53 left in the half. The snap on the PAT attempt sailed high and City High failed to convert, and that missing point loomed large most of the second half.

Linn-Mar quickly retaliated after City High's score. Sean Healy's 37-yard kickoff return put the Lions in business at the City High 38. Healy ripped off 16 yards on a wingback counter play, then Sheeley faked nicely in the backfield and found Marko for the equalizer.

Jeff Hogan's PAT kick made it 7-6.

It stayed that way until almost the very end, when Healy made another big play. He returned a punt 21 yards to City High's 13-yard line. Healy ran 11 yards to the 2, and after the Lions were set back to the 9, Sheeley hit Marko.



Tom Good

Regis AD Good listed as serious after heart attack

Cedar Rapids Regis athletic director and former football coach Tom Good was admitted to Mercy Hospital Thursday night after suffering a heart attack.

Good, 59, was listed in serious condition Friday night.

Good retired as football coach in April 1986 as the winningest grid coach in Cedar Rapids history. His 26-year record was 170-67-3. Five of Good's Regis teams reached the playoffs, including the 1978 state championship team.

Good was inducted into the Iowa Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1974. The Regis practice field is named Tom Good Field.

Mizzou's Wallace turned a tragedy into a triumph

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A personal tragedy almost prevented Darrell Wallace from becoming Missouri's all-time rushing leader.

When Missouri Coach Woody Widenhofer switched to the wishbone offense last spring, Wallace knew he would be carrying the ball less. But it turns out, that switch was the least of his problems.

Last spring, Wallace's father was murdered.

"When I first learned that my father had been killed, I wanted to be home to take care of my mother and sisters," Wallace said. "They convinced me that's not what my father would have wanted."

Erik McMillan, a strong safety for the Tigers, and Vernon Boyd, a running back on last year's Missouri team, also talked with Wallace.

"I just got my head back together," Wallace said. "I've been working hard to make all my father's dreams come true."

One of those dreams was realized last Saturday in Missouri's 34-10 win over Kansas State.

The senior halfback became Missouri's career rushing leader. He did it on a 31-yard touchdown run. And it was the touchdown that put the game out of reach.

Wallace likely will add to his record today when Missouri plays at Iowa State at 1 p.m.

Wallace dedicated the season to his father, George "the governor" Wallace, who was shot to death last spring outside his nightclub in Nashville, Tenn. Upon returning from the funeral, Wallace wrote into his locker, "The governor lives on in me," and vowed to get the record to honor the man who "always pushed me to my limit, who always pushed me to do my very best."

Also scoring on a 51-yard run,

Wallace totaled 99 yards to raise his career total to 2,393.

"I feel very honored," Wallace said. "It was a personal goal and something I always wanted to achieve. I know my father's happy."

It's not the first personal tragedy Wallace has suffered. In 1983, a younger brother was killed in an accidental shooting.

He bounced back from that and is a player who has earned respect.

Even Kansas State Coach Stan Parrish, whose team fell to 0-5, took pleasure from watching Wallace overtake James Wilder's career rushing record.

"That little kid is a great player," Parrish said. "I'm happy for him. I'm happy he got the record."

He holds and is near several Tiger records. In 1985, he carried the ball 42 times against K-State, a school mark. His 224 yards that day is the second-best day by a Tiger running back, behind Harry Ice's 240 in 1941.

All things considered, the wishbone might not have been Wallace's favorite move. In the wishbone, the fullback gets the ball more and the halfbacks don't see it as much.

"It's worked out pretty well because it's the same kind of offense I ran in high school," Wallace said. "I knew my carries per game and yards per game would be down but it doesn't bother me. It's worked out because we've been able to get some good backs into the lineup."

"Besides being a very productive guy, he's a guy who's a tremendous inspiration," Widenhofer said. "He's all heart and very unselfish. He's more concerned about winning and getting better and helping the other players get better."

"He's been through a lot. He's had a few tragedies in the home and he's not getting the ball as much. But he's never complained once."

NFL settles on 85-man rosters

NEW YORK (AP) — The end to the 24-day NFL strike may leave teams next week with as many as 85 players on their rosters — regulars and replacements. But only 45 would be allowed to suit up for the games.

The league also is likely to approve a version of the old "taxi squad," allowing coaches to keep players who impressed them during the strike.

As some of the regulars turned away when the strike ended Thursday returned Friday to begin preparations for next week, league officials were trying to get ready for the full influx of regulars next week.

Ex-ISU wrestler charged with assault

Former Iowa State wrestler Stewart Carter, the 1987 158-pound NCAA national champion and ISU's Male Athlete of the Year, has been charged in Story County with assault with intent to commit serious injury stemming from a Sept. 25 incident.

Carter is charged with assaulting Daniel J. Kerns of Slater following a minor traffic accident in Ames. Kerns was charged with drunken driving in the incident.

According to court records, Carter and Kerns were involved in the traffic mishap and Kerns attempted to flee the scene of the accident in his vehicle. Carter pursued him,

catching him a block later. Carter then allegedly grabbed Kerns, throwing him face-down on the trunk, hood and bumper of Kerns' car, knocking Kerns unconscious and causing facial cuts that later required seven stitches.

A bystander reportedly had to pull Carter off Kerns.

Carter was released from the Story County Jail on his own recognizance pending a scheduled hearing on Oct. 26 at 1 p.m.

Carter completed his wrestling career at ISU last year by winning his first NCAA title. Carter compiled a 32-6-2 record last year and was 76-23-4 in his career.

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streak dating back to 1982 when he coached Cedar Rapids LaSalle.

The game-winning play came on fourth down on a desperation heave by Walsh. Wahlert had been penalized for clipping three plays earlier, and had to operate from the 29-yard line in the second extra period.

Faley, a 6-foot-3, 200-pound senior, rushed for a game-high 103 yards on 23 carries in regulation. His game-winning catch was his first reception in a varsity uniform.

He was well-covered by four Warriors at the goal line, but leaped high in traffic and came down with the ball.

"The pass was our only hope," said Kopatch, who adds his resurrection job at Wahlert to previous success stories at Davenport Assumption and LaSalle. "We called the 'Hail Mary' and boom! I believe most people didn't expect us to do much, but here we are. It was a big win for the school. . . I certainly had no doubts whatsoever about him (Walsh). We played good — except for a few plays — against a heckuva good Washington team."

Faley said the pass was dia-grammed.

"It was a play we've always had," he said. "I'm fast enough and can jump high. I was supposed to try to catch or at least tip it to somebody. But the ball was there for me."

Walsh was intercepted twice, and completed 4 of 12 passes for 86 yards and two TD strikes, both in overtime.

WASHINGTON HAD snapped the 14-14 regulation tie in the first overtime, taking a 21-14 lead on Scott Stewart's 7-yard run. Thien Tran booted the PAT.

Wahlert tied it again, this time on a 7-yard pass across the field from Walsh to a wide-open T.J. Ernsdorf. The Golden Eagles opened the second extra period and scored the clinching TD in five plays.

Washington made its bid as quarterback David Vespa hit John Hickock for a 2-yard TD pass on third-and-goal. But a center snap was bobbled by Washington's Scott Bemus, who attempted to run but was tackled.

Washington was outgained 204-135 on the ground. Jim Ashley led the Warriors with 57 yards on 11 carries.

"It's a tough league and it's one of those things," said Washington Coach Wally Sheets. "It is a game of inches and we were a few short. Wahlert is the best football team we've played. . . Their quarterback isn't good, he's great."

WALSH OPENED the game by hitting Joe Welp on a 42-yard pass which was tipped by Warriors' defensive back Dan Marsch. Six plays later, Welp scored on a 23-yard reverse.

Washington trimmed it to 7-6 with 12 seconds to go in the half. Stewart scored on a 2-yard run, but a bad snap prevented any tie before intermission.

Cooling's 3 TDs lift No. 5 Solon

DURANT — Ray Cooling ran for three touchdowns and Todd Linderbaum added two scoring runs as Class 2A fifth-ranked Solon defeated Durant, 39-6, in an Eastern Iowa Hawkeye Conference prep football game Friday night.

Cooling ran 23, 1 and 4 yards for scores, picking up 81 yards in 15 carries. He also kicked a 37-yard field goal and two extra points for the 7-0 Spartans.

Lisbon 43, Olin 0

LISBON — Jamie Crow scored touchdowns on runs of 54, 34 and 40 yards and finished with 280 yards rushing as undefeated Lisbon (6-0, 7-0) polished off winless Olin (0-6, 0-7) in Mid-East Conference play. Lisbon totaled 478 yards — 454 on the ground — while limiting Olin to just 83.

Ed-Co 12, Alburnett 7

EDGEWOOD — Mike Funke carried the ball 34

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times for 108 yards and Dan Steger connected with Dan Smock on a pair of touchdown passes.

Center Point 30, Springville 13

CENTER POINT — Jon Parke rushed for 135 yards in 30 carries and scored on runs of 1, 9, and 5 yards, and Todd Railsback added 101 yards on 22 carries and scored on runs of 5 and 1 yards to lead Center Point (6-1) to the Tri-Rivers Conference win.

North Linn 27, Central City 8

CENTRAL CITY — Jeff Voss scored on runs of 15 and 31 yards and Allen Krob and Skip Jones also notched TD runs as North Linn (2-5) whipped Central City (1-6).

Independence claims 34-14 Wamac victory

INDEPENDENCE — Tony Merfeld had his hand in three touchdowns as Independence beat Wamac Conference opponent Marion, 34-14, in a prep football game Friday night.

Merfeld ran 5 yards for a score,

caught a 56-yard TD pass from Shane Sloan and tossed a 33-yard halfback pass to Mark Peters, all in the second quarter, as the Mustangs went ahead 20-6 at halftime.

Brother Glen Merfeld led the team in rushing with 77 yards on 10

carries, including a 46-yard touchdown run.

The Mustangs (3-2, 4-3) scored all of their points in the second and third quarters.

The Indians fall to 0-5, 1-6.

Kennedy doubles I.C. West, 40-20, for 1st MVC win

IOWA CITY — Augie Gureno scored three times and Tim Scheetz once as Cedar Rapids Kennedy notched its first Mississippi Valley Conference prep football victory of the season, downsing Iowa City West, 40-20, Friday.

The Cougars, 2-5 overall and 1-5

in the MVC, led 21-0 at halftime and 28-6 after three quarters.

"We played good defense and we moved the ball offensively," first-year Kennedy Coach Don Knock said. "It was a good all-around effort. (It was our best effort of the year) no doubt about it."

Kennedy collected 266 yards rushing with Scheetz, Gureno and Greg Freeland picking up most of the yardage. Chuck Sweeney added a pair of fourth-quarter field goals.

West fell to 2-4 overall, 1-3 in the Valley.

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helped push Prairie into contention for the conference crown.

Prairie is now 4-1 in the Valley and tied with Washington and Linn-Mar, just behind Dubuque Wahlert (5-1). Dubuque Hempstead (3-1 in the MVC) could join that logjam with a win over Dubuque Senior today.

Some of the mystery will clear up when Prairie visits Linn-Mar Friday night. Both of those teams are 6-1 overall.

Christopherson continued his workman-like running, carrying 25 times for 148 yards to spearhead

Prairie's 300-yard rushing attack. Fullback Randy Lamparek just missed 100 yards, carrying eight times for 98.

"Bryan Christopherson had another outstanding football game," Johnson said. "If he isn't one of the best in the state, there isn't one. He works, and works and works."

Three of Prairie's touchdowns on Friday's win followed Jefferson turnovers.

Midway through the second quarter, Hawk Jason Joens stole the ball from Jefferson's Tom Welsh to give Prairie the ball at the J-Hawk 24.

Six plays later, backup fullback Gary Kalous bolted in from the 6.

Kalous carried the ball twice and scored both times for the Hawks.

His second touchdown capped a 78-yard drive which opened the second half. Joens' 31-yard run on a counter sparked that drive.

Midway through the third period, Kalous intercepted a pass which gave Prairie the ball at the Jefferson 16. On second and goal from the 11, John O'Dell passed to Greg Canning for the touchdown and Rob Bleakley's second PAT kick of the night put the Hawks on top, 20-0.

BOBCATS: Rip LaSalle, 36-5

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off runs of 18 and 12 yards, junior reserve Rob Craft — a transfer from Minneapolis — added 17, and with just 1:58 gone, fullback Doug Traut bulled 2 yards over left guard to score.

"Our objective," said Benton Coach Reese Morgan, "was to take it in on our first series."

Three plays later, LaSalle quarterback Mike Kane's pass caromed off the intended receiver's hands into Van Etten's arms, and Van Etten sped 38 yards down the right sideline to paydirt. Late in the third

period, Seboldt blocked Cislser's punt and Benton needed just 9 yards to score again. Traut churned through a gaping hole in the left side for final 5.

His 40-yard explosion over the left side set up the final score. Junge got it on a 6-yard keeper.

Traut wound up with 96 yards on 15 carries, Craft 59 yards on 7 totes.

LaSalle netted only 164 yards in total offense — 143 on the ground, 39 on seven Kane carries during the Lancers' last possession.

"This is a first-class bunch of

kids," Morgan said. "I'm awfully proud of them. They saw adversity and they responded."

"I felt the keys to the game would be turnovers (Van Etten's interception was the only one) and the line play. Our lines played inspired football both ways."

"It was a great win for us."

"We were beaten by a better team, by a team that executed better and had more desire," Stecklein summarized simply. "We seemed to forget two phases of the game — offense and defense."

HOOSIERS: Alone atop Big Ten after nipping Gophers

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Minnesota up 17-12. He was 44-of-58 in his career before his untimely miss. Last year, he drilled a 62-yarder in the Gophers' 30-27 loss to Iowa.

MINNESOTA WASN'T DEAD after Lohmiller's miss. The Hoosiers had a third-and-9 from their 28 with about 50 seconds left and two Gopher timeouts unused. But Anthony Thompson shook free for a

40-yard run that sealed the decision. This game featured the two running Thompson sophomores, and neither disappointed.

Anthony Thompson ran 30 times for 160 yards to boost his season total to 667 yards. He has nine 100-yard games in 11 starts.

Minnesota's Darrell Thompson rushed 15 times for 103 yards, including a 42-yard touchdown

burst that opened the game's scoring with four minutes left in the first quarter. He has run for 718 yards this year.

The difference-maker was Hoosier junior quarterback Dave Schnell, who has passed for 1,305 yards this year.

Schnell completed 21 of 33 passes for 250 yards and had touchdown runs of 15 and 8 yards.

"Again, Dave played well," Mallo-ry said. "He got the job done."

As for Anthony Thompson, "He won the ballgame," said Mallory. "He said 'give me the ball.'"

Indiana had little trouble moving the ball, as its 448 total yards would attest. But the Hoosiers never took the lead until Schnell's second touchdown with 12:44 remaining.

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Mustang athletes

Senior golfer Paul Gavin and freshman volleyball player Maria McLaughlin have been named September Athletes of the Month at Mount Mercy College.

Gavin finished the fall season with a fourth place finish (second-day medalist) in the District Meet. Gavin was medalist in the Mississippi Valley Classic and in a quadrangular meet in September.

McLaughlin earned her award by

accumulating a 79 percent spiking percentage, an 82 percent serve reception and 129 digs for the month.

Lamb-Kohawk meet

Coe College will host the Lamb-Kohawk Invitational cross country meet today at Seminole Valley Park. The women's race starts at 11 a.m., the men's race at 11:45.

Teams competing include Coe, Cornell, Central, Grand View, Grinnell, Iowa Wesleyan, Illinois Col-

lege, Knox, Monmouth, Loras, Simpson, Wartburg, St. Ambrose and Upper Iowa.

Quarter-midget races

CEDAR FALLS — The Blackhawk Racing Association will sponsor quarter-midget auto racing Sunday at a 1/20th mile track three miles north of Cedar Falls on Highway 218.

Practice laps start at 10 a.m. with time trials and racing at noon. Drivers, ranging in age from 5 to 15

years old, are expected from Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Kansas and Oklahoma.

There is no admission charge.

Rugby matches

There will be two rugby matches Sunday at the Cedar Rapids Rugby Pitch, located off the Old River Road near the Animal Shelter.

The C.R. Rugby Club will meet the University of Iowa's A team at 1:30 p.m. C.R. English will face Iowa's B team at 3 p.m.

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