

# Hamdorf dissects Linn-Mar in 56-13 wipeout

City High senior QB throws for school-record 5 TDs

By Mike Slagle

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IOWA CITY — Iowa City High quarterback Chris Hamdorf won't soon forget Friday night's football clash with Linn-Mar.

Hamdorf, a 6-foot-3 senior, completed 15 of 21 passes for 315 yards and a school-record five touchdowns to help lead the seventh-rated Little Hawks past Linn-Mar,

56-13, at Frank Bates Field.

The victory helped City High (3-0) gain some measure of revenge for the 47-15 pasting the Lions dealt the Little Hawks last year.

"I have to give a lot of credit to my line," Hamdorf said. "Things fell in place for me tonight and it all begins with my line and my receivers who ran great routes."

"Of course, we didn't forget what Linn-Mar did to us last year, either."

Hamdorf connected on TD strikes of 54, 33, 45, 16 and 35 yards to break the record set in 1989 by Shad Flynn. Place-kicker Scott

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Jones also set a school mark with seven extra points in one game.

"I've been telling everybody all along that Hamdorf is one of the best quarterbacks in the Midwest," Little Hawk Coach Larry Brown said. "Tonight, he proved just that."

Hamdorf started his passing show early in the contest, connecting with Tim Dwight on City High's first play from scrimmage for a 54-yard touchdown screen pass, and an early 7-0 Little Hawk

lead.

That lead was increased to 14-0 following a Linn-Mar fumble at the Little Hawk 40. The City High QB found Jason House all alone in the left corner of the end zone for a 33 yard TD pass.

Hamdorf easily exploited the Lions' secondary in the first half, connecting for 267 yards and staking City High to a 35-7 halftime lead.

"Linn-Mar took it to us pretty good last year," Brown said. "Since that time we have been looking forward to this game."

Tim Dwight was in on three of

City High's eight touchdowns. Dwight caught one TD pass from Hamdorf and ran for two other scores.

The City High offense rolled up 488 yards of total offense while the Little Hawk defense held the Lions to 40 yards rushing.

The one bright spot for Linn-Mar Friday was junior quarterback Jason Hubler, who completed 11 of 22 passes for 180 yards and 1 TD.

"I can't say enough about how our whole team came through tonight," Brown said. "Linn-Mar has a good football team, but tonight, we were ready."



Chris Hamdorf

## Kennedy romps West

By Mark Dukes

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With Eric Martin limited to spot duty because of injury, Cedar Rapids Kennedy Coach Don Knock had a chance to showcase his other running backs.

He did, and Knock liked what he saw.

But he was even more encouraged with the passing game in Kennedy's 41-6 Mississippi Valley Conference football victory over Iowa City West Friday night at Kingston Stadium.

Jarvis Allison completed 8 of 9 passes for 110 yards and a touchdown before going to the sidelines with most of the other starters in the third period. Mike Cole, who caught Allison's 20-yard TD strike, had three catches for 57 yards and Shane Brekke three grabs for 31.

"I'm real pleased with the passing game. That's one thing we've been working a lot on," Knock said. "The line gave Jarvis time to throw and he found his open receivers. Jarvis learned a lot as an understudy to Chad Wiese last year and he has continued to improve."

The victory left Kennedy with a 2-1 record. Iowa City West lost its third game this season and 36th in a row.

Martin, a standout running back and linebacker, played sparingly because of a strained knee muscle he suffered in last week's game against Washington. He carried the ball six times for 45 yards (all in the first half), with a long gainer of 33 yards on which he limped noticeably.

Travis Johnson, Curtis Sanders and Jason Humphrey had strong games in Martin's stead, though, as Kennedy rolled up 309 rushing yards. The three backs each carried only five times,

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but Sanders had 83 yards and two touchdowns, Johnson had 77 yards and two TDs and Humphrey had 42 yards and a score.

"I felt real good about all the running backs," Knock said.

Iowa City West averted a shutout when Mpeti Lobeye scored on a 2-yard run with 1:34 remaining. Lobeye gained 66 yards on 14 carries to lead the Trojans.

West lost starting quarterback Rob Rogers on the fifth play of the game. He was wheeled from the field in a chair and was taken to a hospital to have his right leg examined.

"The score doesn't indicate how well they've improved," Knock said. "They're fundamentally sound and Reese is a quality coach."

Reese Morgan, West's first-year coach, didn't accept much consolation.

"We did not play the way we are capable of playing," Morgan said, at the same time crediting Kennedy's play. "We have a lot of work to do and we know it's not going to be easy."

Kennedy had a 20-0 halftime lead on 2-yard runs by Johnson and Sanders, and the Allison-to-Cole pass. Iowa City West had chances when Tom Cronk and Mariano Senter recovered fumbles near mid-field, but the Trojans managed little progress.

Kennedy got scoring runs by Johnson (50 yards) and Sanders (66 yards) in the third period, and by Humphrey (31 yards) in the fourth.

In games next Friday, Kennedy plays at Linn-Mar and West hosts Cedar Rapids Prairie.

# No. 4 Little Dutch too much for Marion

By Bob Hilton

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Their nickname is Little Dutch, but what's in a nickname?

Fourth-ranked Pella had too much size up front — and substantial skill behind it — for Marion to handle Friday night in their Class 3A District 5 football matchup at Thomas Park.

The Little Dutch took the long ride home savoring a 32-0 victory and 3-0 record. Its second successive loss to a rated team left Marion 1-2.

Indians Coach Dave Messerli began his post-game commentary with the observation that "we did not stop their passing game."

Then he summarized, "Pella did a nice job. They're big kids. They're a good defensive team. We are not physical enough to stay with them."

"They're a good team, well-coached. We knew we'd have trouble with their size."

The Indians also had trouble taking care of the ball. They gave it up three times on interceptions, twice on fumbles.

The first interception, of Tony Ruggerio's first-down pass, ended a game-opening thrust to the Pella 46. Chris Cannon stopped the Dutch at the Marion 22, but two plays after a clipping penalty nullified Ben King's

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18-yard first-down run, King was a hair short on a halfback pass. Brice DeHeer intercepted for the Dutch, and they went 45 yards to score on Marc Poortinga's 12-yard pass to Ethan Huisman.

After a brief post-game address to his squad in which he praised the defensive unit for "a tremendous effort — the defense really came of age tonight," grizzled Pella Coach Norris Hale said "turnovers were the big thing."

"Ben King (Marion halfback) is a good ball player," Hale continued. "We had to play him tough. He cuts against the grain so well. We threw well. We had a couple of passes dropped that could have blown the game open. Marion played better defense the second half."

HUISMAN SCORED with 2:27 left in the first period. Korean-born halfback Sok Sarin's 31-yard run launched a 71-yard Pella scoring drive culminated by Sarin's 1-yard slash 10:38 before intermission. A face-guarding call against Marion launched a 55-yard Pella scoring drive that ended with Jon Lee's 5-yard run through right tackle at 5:32.

That made it 20-0 at halftime.

Brandon Goodyk scored with 20 seconds left in the third period on an unmolested 46-yard return after intercepting Ruggerio's flat pass.

King popped through right tackle for a nifty 39-yard run to an apparent Marion touchdown on the sixth play of the fourth period, after a pass interference call helped the Indians advance from their own 39.

An illegal block nullified King's run, however, and six plays later, with Marion at the Pella 15, Ruggerio coughed up the ball at the 26 on a blind-side tackle. Sarin scored on a 12-yard sweep seven plays later, with 3:02 left.

Midway through the drive, Marion junior tackle Brion Fairbanks lay at midfield for nearly 15 minutes before stretchered off with a popped kneecap.

King netted 79 of Marion's 127 yards rushing on 20 carries. Ruggerio was 9-for-11 for 87 yards.

Poortinga, a 6-foot-3, 170-pound junior, completed 7 of 15 passes for 105 yards, 97 of which came in the first half. Huisma caught four for 47. Sarin netted 105 yards on 13 runs.

## J-Hawks: Down Waterloo East

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wrong game — we ought to play chess or something."

After a scoreless first half, Jefferson did the game's only scoring with 1:00 left in the third quarter.

Working off a 1st-and-15 from the Jeff 40-yard line after a procedure penalty — Jefferson's fifth such infraction of the night — quarterback Tony Henderson found Wade Hanson sprinting down the right sideline with a pass that netted the J-Hawks 40 yards to the East 20.

Two plays later, Henderson carried the ball around right end 17 yards for the touchdown. Chris Sarchett's PAT made it 7-0.

"We decided at halftime we had to re-establish our dominance," Dostal said. "The thing I was impressed with is last week (a 21-8 win over Regis) we made a lot of mistakes, and this week

we didn't. That's a sign we're getting better."

The first half had both Dostal and East Coach Bryan Joens pulling their hair out. Jefferson had the penalties and East did its part to stay out of the end zone by turning the ball over twice inside the J-Hawk 25-yard line.

East tried to use its outstanding speed to work its option attack, and at times the Trojans appeared to have it going. But in the end, the J-Hawks shut them down.

"They were tough. I think

they're the best team we've played by far," said Zac Allison, another dominant member of the J-Hawk defense who did his part on offense by catching three Henderson passes for 44 yards. "We did a good job sometimes, but other times they ran the ball well against us. Their speed was really good and I thought we did a great job just keeping them down."

Both teams had sustained drives in the first half. The J-Hawks used 13 plays to move from its 26 to the Trojans' 8 on their second possession of the

game, but Sarchett missed a 25-yard field goal with 11:57 left in the second quarter.

East got to Jefferson's 25 on its first possession, but Marcus Perry fumbled on a sweep play and the ball was scooped up by Jefferson's Tory Meiborg. The Trojans got down to the Jefferson 23 with 4:34 left in the half, but Meiborg picked off a Robinson pass on the 18-yard line, thwarting that drive.

The J-Hawks finished with 226 yards to East's 46.

## LaSalle whips Midland in District 5

WYOMING, Iowa — A pair of kickoff returns for touchdowns and two rushing TDs from Kurt Klosterman carried Cedar Rapids LaSalle to a 28-13 victory over Midland in a Class 1A District 5 prep football opener Friday night.

The Lancers improved to 2-1 overall while Midland fell to 1-2.

Todd Jamison gave LaSalle a quick lead by returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Matt Fandel turned the same trick later in the game.

## Linn County

North Linn (2-1) handed Edgewood-Colesburg (2-1) its first loss of the season in a Class 1A District 5 opener at Coggon, 17-6.

Alburnett (3-0) remained undefeated with a 29-0 victory over Bellevue (1-2) in a Class 1A District 5 matchup at Alburnett.

Jason Neighbor led the Pirates' air assault, completing 8 of 12 passes — four for touchdown, in-

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cluding three to Mike Feldmann.

Solon (3-0) kept its record spotless by trouncing long-time rival Mount Vernon (2-1), 27-7, in Class 2A District 6.

The second-ranked Spartans were led by Cody Renchler, who threw a touchdown pass and ran for two others.

Andrew Morse provided the only Mustang highlight when he scored on a five-yard run.

At Lisbon, the Lions improved to 3-0 by stomping HLV (0-3), 49-12, in a Class A District 9 tilt.

Tait Stamp led the Lions through the air, hitting 8 of 15 for 124 yards and one touchdown. Jeff Clark rushed for 118 yards on 17 carries and added two scores for the Lions.

At Jesup, Class 2A 10th-ranked Center Point-Urbana moved to 3-0 with a 28-13 victory over Jesup in a District 5 opener. The J-Hawks fell to 0-3.

## Kulwicki takes pole after 2 crashes

Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Alan Kulwicki shook off another dose of bad Dover luck and won his fourth NASCAR stock car pole of the year, taking the top qualifying spot for the Peak 500 on the last run of Friday's time trials.

Kulwicki, who crashed two cars at Dover Downs International Speedway in practice for the May race, and had to truck in a third car to drive in the race, hit the wall on the one-mile oval again in practice Friday.

His team then had to scramble to change the engine in the backup, forcing Kulwicki to go to the end of the qualifying line. Then, the backup car stuck in gear while being run through the pre-qualifying technical inspection.

"The guys just changed the shocks and springs and put the setup from the other car in the backup, but after it hung up in gear I didn't even think at that point we were going to be able to qualify," Kulwicki said.

He did, though, keeping the Ford Thunderbird between the walls and stealing his fourth Dover pole from the T-Bird of Mark Martin with a fast lap of 145.267

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mph.

Martin, who set the track record of 148.075 in September 1988, appeared to have the pole clinched with a lap of 144.858 midway through the qualifying round on the hot, humid afternoon.

"It was a good comeback for us, a great job by the crew," said Kulwicki, who now has 22 career poles. "We wrecked two cars last time and this time the carburetor hung halfway open and I crashed hard between (turns) three and four and I was shook up about that."

"It still bothers me. This blew my confidence and it was hard to come back. But I tried to put that out of my mind and go do the best I could, and we got a good lap in. It's not the way I'd like to get it done."

Asked how he prepared mentally for qualifying after all his problems at Dover, Kulwicki said, "It's hard after something like that. I didn't know if I drove the car hard enough. The way this surface is and on these (ra-

dial) tires, you have to drive the car a certain way."

## Gordon earns top spot

DOVER, Del. — Jeff Gordon, earning his ninth pole of the season, led qualifying Friday for the Splitfire Spark 200 Busch Grand National stock car race at Dover Downs International Speedway.

The lap of 143.079 mph on Dover's one-mile oval leaves Gordon one pole shy of Sam Ard's record 10 set in 1983.

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