

Billed as average vs. average, this could be 'great game'

Iowa State Cyclones travel to K-State seeking 2 in a row in Big 8

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Iowa State Coach Jim Walden has never been one to oversell anything, such as his game tonight at Kansas State. "It's not Florida State-Miami," Walden said. "But it will be two average teams playing hard, and sometimes that makes for a great game. It could be a helluva game."

Just being home makes it special for K-State. The Wildcats (3-4 overall, 0-4 Big 8) are coming off the longest road swing of their history, an 0-4 march through Kansas, Utah State, Colorado and Oklahoma. The best game of the four may have been their last, a 16-14 loss at Oklahoma where

their dormant offense came to life. Iowa State (3-5, 1-3) is fresh off one of its better outings, too. The Cyclones, with James McMillion setting up one touchdown with a 40-yard punt return and scoring another from 78 yards, erased a 7-0 deficit to beat Missouri 28-14.

"Overall, I thought it was one of our best defensive efforts," Walden said. "I thought our defense

■ Who: Iowa State vs. Kansas State
■ Where: Manhattan, Kan.
■ When: 7 tonight
■ TV: ESPN on cable

It's not as though the Wildcats are without weapons in the kicking game. Sean Snyder is second nationally in punting with a 48.02 yard average on 50 kicks.

Kansas State's struggling offense seemed to perk up at Oklahoma after coaches tried to simplify things.

"We made an awful lot of mistakes offensively the past few weeks," Snyder said. "We wanted to go back and get back to the basics, try to build from there."

"Maybe they thought they were doing too much," Walden said. "But it looks like they've pulled it down to a base, trying to stay within the confines of that."

The 7 p.m. kickoff on ESPN will make Big 8 history in one sense. It will mark the first season all Big 8 teams have appeared on national television.

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played as well as it has all year."

McMillion, nicknamed "the Eel" for his slippery ways, had 118 yards in punt returns against Missouri and ranks second nationally with 19 returns for 419 yards.

He's broken three for touchdowns and erased the school record of 392 yards set by Don Ferguson in 1947.

"McMillion is the best punt return guy in the nation," Walden said. "There may be some better guys out there in the world, but I'll keep the guy I've got."

It might be a good idea to keep the ball away from McMillion.

"We're going to work on that for two hours a day," said Kansas State Coach Bill Snyder. "He has scored more touchdowns on punt returns than our offense has scored in the conference. It will require a great deal of effort and preparation to control that."

QB in '93: 5-year man or rookie?

Fry will face that tough choice in rebuilding offense

By Jim Ecker
Gazette sportswriter

IOWA CITY — Who will start at quarterback for the Iowa Hawkeyes in 1993, Paul Burmeister or Matt Eyde?

Or will it be one of the younger guys, like Mike Duprey or Ryan Driscoll?

That's the question facing Coach Hayden Fry, who will be rebuilding next season with a young team on offense.

Should he go with a fifth-year senior like Burmeister or Eyde

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and let him play quarterback for a year, or should he go with an underclassman like Duprey or Driscoll and let him ripen on the vine?

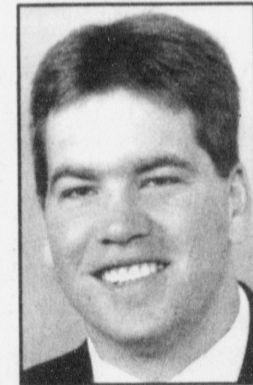
What's best for the team: A one-year starter, or somebody who could play the position for three or four years and develop?

Fry gives the edge to Burmeister and Eyde, who are getting on-the-job auditions during the final weeks of the 1992 season because of an injury to senior Jim Hartlieb.

"You have to take one season at a time, and you play your very best," said Fry.

Eyde started against Purdue and Ohio State, now Burmeister will get the call this Saturday at Indiana. Eyde failed to take command, and now it's Burmeister's turn to look good and leap ahead in the QB derby.

"You're right, it is a step towards that for next year, but I'm



Paul Burmeister

not going to really focus on that right now," said Burmeister. "Maybe I'll look back on it, and the coaches will look back on it when they evaluate for next year, but right now the most important thing is just this game."

"The most important thing right now is helping to see these seniors go out as winners."

Eyde has completed 43 of 79 passes for 338 yards this season, with three interceptions and no touchdowns. Burmeister, who looked good in the fourth quarter against Ohio State last week, is 10 of 23 for 136 yards with one interception and no TDs.

"They've thrown nearly as many passes as Hartlieb did over a four-year period," said Fry. "They've been at every quarterback meeting and every session we have, so from a knowledge standpoint they're far ahead of the young guys. That's why Ryan Driscoll and people like that, it's going to take them a while."

Hartlieb completed 37 of 65 passes for 485 yards and five TDs during his first three years before becoming the full-time starter this season. He dislocated his shoulder Oct. 17 against Illinois and probably is finished for the year.

Duprey, a redshirt freshman from Templeton, Mass., is Iowa's third-string quarterback, but he has not appeared in a game. Driscoll, a true freshman from

■ Please turn to 4C: Hawks



Gazette photo by L.W. Ward

Jefferson quarterback Anthony Henderson evades Kennedy tackler Eric Martin for yardage during a third-quarter scoring drive Wednesday night at chilly Kingston Stadium. Jefferson just survived the first-round playoff test against the Cougars, 13-12, and advances to play Monday at Linn-Mar.

Offense kicks in for Jefferson

80-yard scoring drive in closing minutes nips Kennedy, 13-12

By Jeff Dahn
Gazette sportswriter

The Cedar Rapids Jefferson offensive unit has sputtered at times this prep football season, but it sparked at the right time Wednesday night.

The Class 4A sixth-ranked J-Hawks put together a 12-play, 80-yard scoring drive in the closing minutes of a first-round playoff game against Cedar Rapids Kennedy and edged the Cougars, 13-12, at Kingston Stadium.

Jefferson improved to 9-1 and will face

■ More playoff action, 3C

10th-ranked Linn-Mar — also 9-1 — in a quarterfinal game at Linn-Mar's Armstrong Field Monday night. Both teams' only loss was to second-ranked Iowa City High.

Jefferson trailed twice in the game before taking its final lead. The Cougars, who finished 6-4, held leads of 6-0 and 12-6.

"Kennedy matches up with us so well, and they're a great team," Jefferson running back/linebacker Robert Lehnerr said. "They're physical and they had us scouted

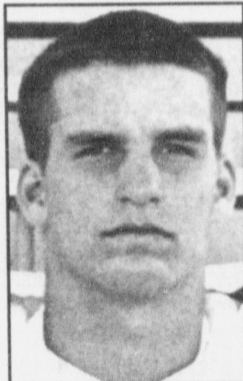
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very well tonight. Hopefully we can come out against Linn-Mar and execute a little better than we did tonight."

Jefferson Coach Jim Dostal held a short meeting with his team and left the stadium quickly before commenting on the win. Kennedy Coach Don Knock was disappointed with the loss, but proud of his team.

"This bunch of kids worked very hard since last Friday," Knock said. "They showed a lot of character. I was especially proud of this senior bunch. A lot of people wrote them off early, and didn't really give them a chance of making the playoffs."

Jefferson began what proved to be the winning drive with 7:52 left in the game from its own 20 yard line, trailing, 12-6. During the drive, quarterback Tony Henderson completed a 17-yard pass to Zac Allison and Scott Micek broke loose on a 24-yard run. The J-Hawks converted three third down opportunities as they worked down to



Zac Allison

the Cougar 24.

Facing a third-and-7 and from the 24, Henderson dropped back to pass, scrambled to his right, cut back across field and ran into the end zone with 2:57 left. Chris Sarchett split the uprights with PAT kick, and Jefferson had its one-point win.

"It's a designed option," Henderson said of his winning TD run. "The first look is to pass because it's usually there, but if everyone's covered, I just pull it down and go. The line did a good job of backside blocking, and there was a huge alley."

Jefferson got the ball back on a pass interception by Tory Meiborg, but fumbled it back to the Cougars on their own 45 with 1:52 left. Jefferson's Nelson Evans roughed Kennedy quarterback Scott O'Shea, moving the ball to the J-Hawk 40 and after a 3-yard loss, O'Shea ripped off a 28-yard run down to the 15.

Two plays later, Jefferson's Wade Hanson dashed the Cougars' hopes by intercepting an O'Shea pass in the end zone.

Kennedy scored the first TD with 1:49 left in the first half when Derek Roberts dove in on a 1-yard run. Jefferson tied the score with 45 seconds left in the third quarter on 6-yard pass from Henderson to Allison.

The Cougars took their 12-6 lead on a 2-yard dive by Eric Martin with 7:52 left in the game. Knock opted to go for a two-point conversion, but O'Shea was sacked attempting to pass.

NCAA puts headlock on Cowboy program with penalties

Iowa coaches see long road to recovery at OSU

By J.R. Ogden
Gazette assistant sports editor

The punishment handed out Wednesday against the Oklahoma State wrestling program won't hurt the sport, but definitely will knock the Cowboys out of their saddle.

At least that's the opinion of two of Iowa's Division I wrestling coaches.

"It will be a long time before they recover, a long time," said Northern Iowa Coach Don Briggs, who still is serving school-imposed sanctions against his program.

Iowa Coach Dan Gable said "it's kind of devastating to the program."

Iowa State Coach Bobby Douglas was

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unavailable for comment about the situation facing the Cowboys.

Oklahoma State, winner of 29 NCAA championships, will be barred from this year's NCAA Championships, and last year's second-place national finish will be

■ Recruits pick Hawkeyes, 2C

stricken from the books, the NCAA announced Wednesday.

The program, penalized for 25 rules violation after nearly a three-year investigation, will not be allowed to offer new scholarships for two years and cannot provide official visits to recruits until Aug. 1, 1993.

It could have been worse. Because the football program already is on probation, wrestling could have been given the "death penalty."

Briggs is glad that didn't happen. "I'd hate to see them get the death penalty," he said. "That would have been a real severe blow to wrestling."

Gable was surprised Oklahoma State was banned from this year's NCAA meet.

"I figured it was going to be scholarships," he said, noting that with a "good coach" and "tradition," a wrestling program can overcome the loss of some scholarships. "It's not going to be good for the program at all."

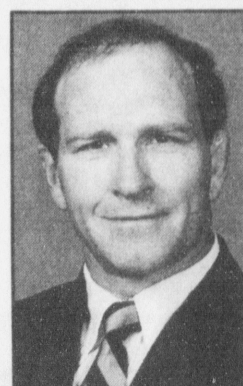
Wrestlers on scholarship now will not be affected. But seniors on the team will

have to transfer if they want to wrestle again.

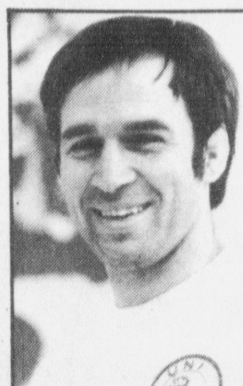
"Somebody could get awfully strong real quick," Gable said.

Pat Smith, a three-time NCAA champion for the Cowboys, is a senior, but has never used his red-shirt year. He could red-shirt and wrestle for OSU next season or he could transfer.

His brother, John, is the new coach at OSU and another brother, Lee Roy, replaced Douglas at Arizona State. It has been rumored that Pat will transfer to Arizona State.



Dan Gable



Don Briggs

Defense bails out Linn-Mar

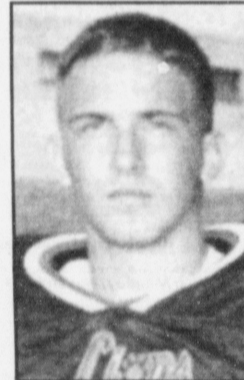
By Mark Dukes
Gazette sports editor

Brad Walsh's interception saved the night for Linn-Mar, but it was more than one defensive play that put the Lions in the state quarterfinals Wednesday night.

Walsh's interception with 2:13 remaining preserved a 14-7 Linn-Mar victory in a Class 4A first-round playoff game at Armstrong Field.

The Lions, 18-6 in the state playoffs, will host Cedar Rapids Jefferson next Monday night in the 4A quarterfinals. They did not meet during the regular season. Linn-Mar and Jefferson both are 9-1 with losses to second-ranked Iowa City High.

Linn-Mar broke to a 14-0 half-time lead, had it cut to 14-7 with



Matt Heaton

5:58 left and had to hang on as Cedar Falls drove inside Lion territory late. Walsh picked off Scott Andreason's underthrown pass at the Linn-Mar 29.

Cedar Falls (6-4), the No. 3 offensive team in the Mississippi Valley Conference, had just 66 total yards at halftime. For more than three quarters, Linn-Mar consistently stifled the Tigers' option attack and powerful back Seth Drenner.

"I really felt we had to play a good defensive football game to win," said Linn-Mar Coach Greg Purnell, who has a 16-5 record in the playoffs with the Lions. "(Rob) Strasburger, (Matt) Heaton, (Jason) Pitts . . . those three defensive ends did a bang-up job against the option. They made some big plays."

Pat St. John's 29-yard punt return on the last play of the first period set up Linn-Mar at the Cedar Falls 32-yard line. The Lions were effective with toss-sweeps to the left, as Clint Hospodarsky had gains of 10 and 18 yards to set up Clint Nelsen's 4-yard TD run with 11:38 left in the half.

Nelsen was a workhorse on the next drive, an 11-play, 70-yard march on which he ran six times for 30. Heaton made a beautiful leaping catch of a 14-yard pass from Jamie Hubler.

■ Please turn to 3C: Linn-Mar

AREA SLATE

Today
METRO PREPS
Volleyball: Class 2A Regional final - Waterloo West at Jefferson, 7 p.m.

AREA COLLEGES
Football: Iowa at Kansas St.
Women's Tennis: Iowa in Rolex Regional at East Lansing, Mich.

OTHERS
Dog races: Waterloo Greyhound Park, 7:30 p.m.; Dubuque Greyhound Park, 7:30 p.m.

TV SLATE

Today
College Football - Iowa State at Kansas State. (Live) 6:45 p.m. ESPN
Friday
Boxing - Foster vs. Banks, Lightweights. (Live) 12:30 p.m. ESPN

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NEWS NOTES/ AREA SPORTS

Kohawks honored
Football players Tom Petsche, Brian Johnson and Jason Martin have been named Coe College players of the week for their performance in Coe's 59-7 victory over Knox Saturday, Coe announced.

Alumni games
The Kirkwood men's and women's basketball teams will play games against alumni squads Saturday evening in Johnson Hall. The women's game will start at 5:30 and the men's game at 7:30.

Ranked Hawkeyes
IOWA CITY - Three Iowa field hockey players rank among the top 20 on the national field hockey scoring list.

Hawks to 8th
IOWA CITY - A successful finish at the Big Ten championship meet launched Iowa's women's cross country team to an eighth-place ranking in the NCAA Division I women's cross country coaches' poll, released Wednesday.

Fine year for Loney
Brad Loney of Cedar Rapids recently completed his rookie season on the AC-Delco Challenge Series.

Hawks: Who'll be QB in '93?
From page 1C
Cedar Rapids, is being red-shirted.

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