

# SPORTS

## Well, you can't just play all day

Regulation, 2 OTs enough soccer for Coe, Luther

Gazette staff report

DUBUQUE — Coe and Luther battled through regulation and two overtimes Tuesday before agreeing to call it a day and share the 1998 Iowa Conference women's soccer title.

Coe was trailing, 2-1, with less than a minute to play in regulation when Lee Stahle hit a sharp cross pass that Becky Humbert put past Luther keeper Martha Carroll to send the game into overtime.

Coe (13-3-1 overall and 10-0-1 in conference play) scored first in overtime on Shanna Worrell's second goal of the game. The game continued because NCAA rules require the first overtime to be played in its entirety.

With less than a minute left in the first overtime, Luther's Andi Strmic put a header into the net to finish the scoring at 3-3.

Neither team scored in the second overtime. At that point, the coaches agreed to share the title rather than continue with penalty kicks.

*"I don't feel great, but I'm expecting to get better. Just being out there (Tuesday) was a victory for me. It's going to be a day-to-day thing. I'm glad to be out there. That's the bottom line."*

Iowa basketball player Jess Settles

## The back's not all back

But Settles is feeling good enough to give it a try

By Jim Ecker

Gazette sportswriter

IOWA CITY — Jess Settles is older, wiser. He knows he can't pound his vulnerable body to exhaustion anymore, but he thinks he has something left to give the University of Iowa basketball team. He wants to try, to quench his final desire.

His back is not 100 percent. It may never be. But the NCAA has given him a special sixth year to finish his career and that's all that counts, for now.

"I don't know exactly what I'm going to be able to accomplish," Settles said Wednesday, talking to reporters at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. "Maybe a minute here, a minute there. I don't know."

Settles was a rugged all-Big Ten forward two years ago, before his back problems became so severe he couldn't play. He practiced for the first time Tuesday but was idled again Wednesday, although not by pain.

The NCAA says he can practice and play, but he has to wait for the Big Ten Conference to grant its approval. Coach Tom Davis and U of I administrators foresee no problems, but Settles was back in street clothes Wednesday.

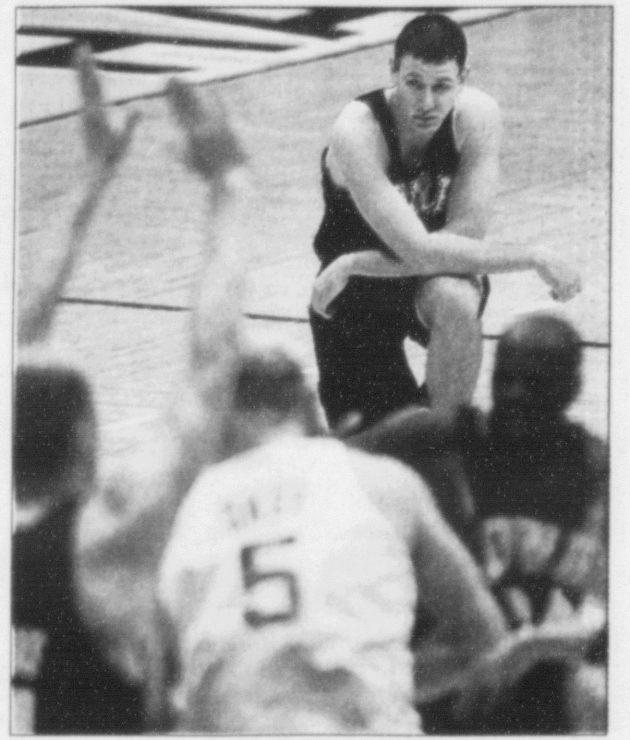
"I've sat out two years, I can sit out another couple of days," he said.

Settles hopes to play a few minutes Sunday in the exhibition game against Marathon Oil and again in the season opener against Western Illinois Nov. 15. That's fine with Davis, who is hopeful but realistic.

"If he's cleared, we'll definitely get him in," Davis said. "It might be a minute, or a few minutes, but it wouldn't be much, I'm sure."

Settles has seen a variety of medical experts the last two years, including doctors at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He said he's never

■ Turn to 3C: Settles



Gazette photo by Buzz Orr

Jess Settles was back in uniform this week at the University of Iowa's Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Settles, observing practice, has been plagued by back problems and hasn't played for almost two years. He's been given a sixth year by the NCAA in which to complete his eligibility.

## 1998 IOWA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

# All roads point to the Dome

## Mount Vernon just escapes West Liberty

By Marc Morehouse

Gazette sportswriter

WEST LIBERTY — You don't live through too many of these too often in the playoffs. But this morning the Mount Vernon Mustangs are collectively wiping their brows and a sighing a sweet sigh of relief.

Bullet dodged.

Or Comet dodged, really.

The West Liberty Comets (7-3) gave the No. 8 Mustangs all they wanted Wednesday night at Memorial Field.

Glen Kneeland scored three

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touchdowns and quarterback Doug Wumkes completed eight of 10 for 135 yards and a TD as the Mustangs sweated through a 34-28 victory over West Liberty in the first round of the Class 2A state prep football playoffs.

"I'd call this a wake-up call for us," said running back Alex Morf, who rushed 20 times for 130 yards and scored. "We knew these guys were going to be good, but if we want to play with the top competition, we're going to have to take it up another notch."

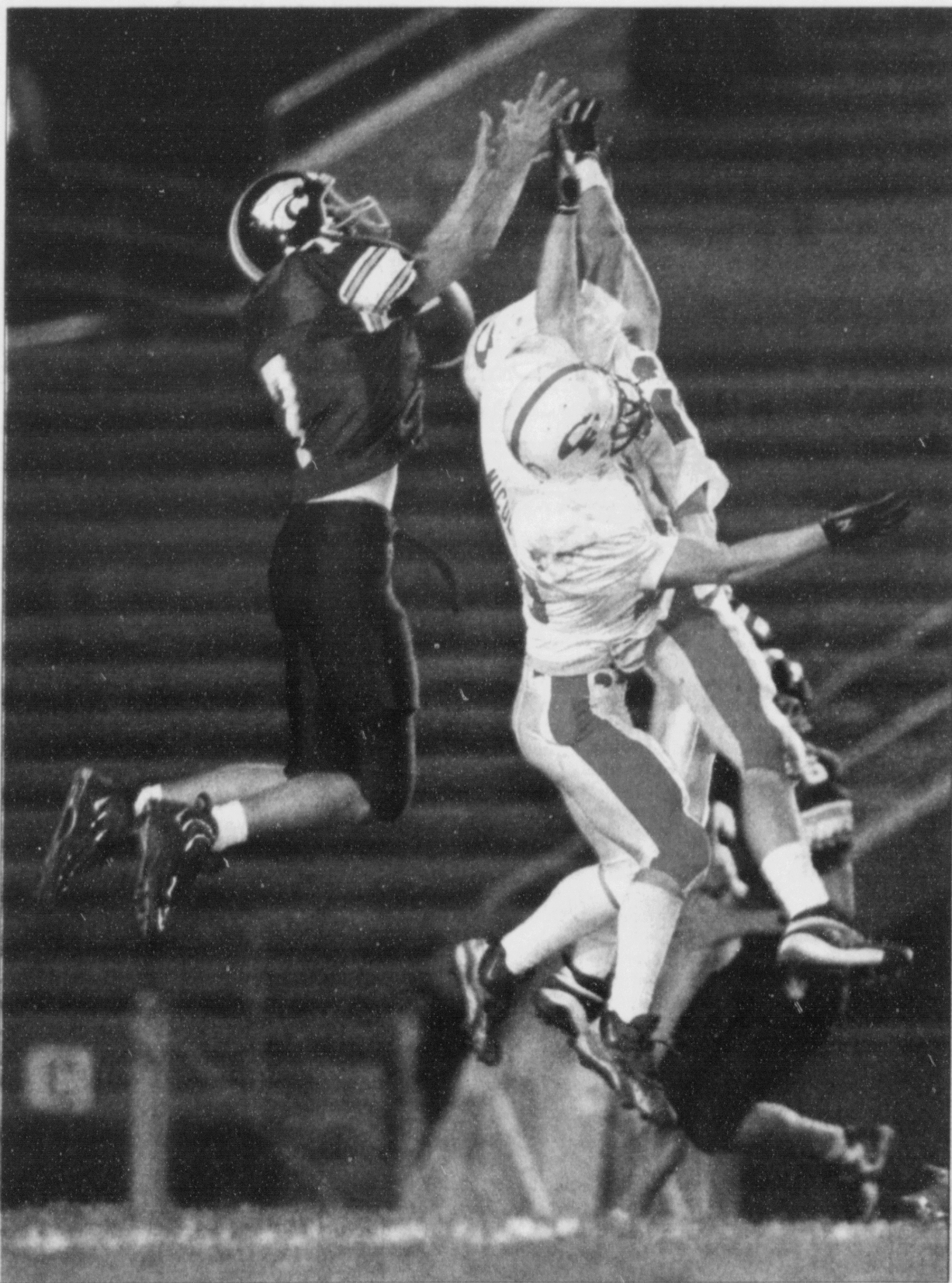
The Comets, who lost to Mount Vernon, 27-13 on week 2 and then ripped off seven straight victories, tied the score at 21-21 when Dan Johnston hit Justin Wainright for a 10-yard TD with five minutes, one second left in the third quarter.

But Wumkes hit Morf for a 24-yard TD and Kneeland scored from 5 yards out with 8:17 left in the game to give the No. 8 Mustangs (9-1) just enough to advance to the 2A quarterfinals.

Mount Vernon will play Sigourney-Keota in the 2A quarterfinals Monday.

"After losing last week, we needed a game like this,"

■ Turn to 4C: Mustangs



Gazette photo by John F. Martin

Cedar Falls defenders Scott Nicol and Matt Sharp get in front of a leaping Tom Shedeck to break up a pass from Cedar Rapids Kennedy quarterback Phillip Coonrod last night during a Class 4A high school football playoff game at Kingston Stadium. Cedar Falls advanced with a 10-7 victory.

## Those turnovers haunt Kennedy in a close one

By Jeff Dahn

Gazette sportswriter

It's a fact of playoff football, one that Coach Don Knock and his Cedar Rapids Kennedy Cougars were painfully reminded of Wednesday night.

You can't turn the ball over when you're playing a top quality opponent — and there is a lot of quality in the Class 4A playoff field.

Cedar Falls used a pair of pass interceptions to set up a pair of second quarter scores, then held

■ Iowa City schools cruise to the Class 4A quarterfinals: City High 42, Burlington 21; West 29, Newton 7. Details on Page 4C

on to beat Kennedy, 10-7, in a first-round match up at chilly Kingston Stadium.

Cedar Falls will take an 8-2 record into Monday's quarterfinal against Bettendorf (9-1) at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls. Bettendorf escaped Davenport Assumption, 35-28 in double overtime, in its first-round game Wednesday.

Kennedy, in the playoff field for the first time in five years, finished 6-4.

Cale Stubbe intercepted a Phillip Coonrod pass and returned it 32 yards to the Cougar 8-yard line to set up a Cedar Falls touchdown at the 9:55 mark of the second quarter.

Scott Nicol followed suit about five minutes later when he picked off a Coonrod pass and returned it 37 yards to the Kennedy 19.

That possession ended with a 37-yard field goal by the Tigers' Jon Eastman.

"You can't do that in the playoffs," Knock said. "It's a whole different game and you can't turn the ball over and you can't give them the field position that we did. It comes back to special teams and turnovers. That's the name of the game. I don't care how good of a football team you are, you can't give 'em

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the ball on the 10-yard line and expect to win."

Cedar Falls Coach Pat Mitchell is coaching his 12th playoff team, and he knows from where Knock speaks.

"That's what it is in a big ballgame with two teams that are really equal, it almost always ends up being (decided by) turnovers," Mitchell said. "Tonight happened to be our night."

The Cougars made it interesting in the end, but time was not on their side.

They started a possession on their own 8-yard line with 5:47 left in the third period, and with running back Derek Kielkopf carrying 15 times for 81 yards, marched 92 yards on 20 plays.

It was an impressive drive, but by the time it ended — on a 1-yard quarterback sneak by Coonrod — there was only 6:58 left in the game. The drive had consumed 10 minutes, 49 seconds.

"I didn't think we played very well in the first half, but I thought we came out and played better in the second half," Knock said. "We just ran out of clock. We were forced to do some things down here that we don't like to do."

Cedar Falls was led by sophomore running sensation Terrance Freney, the leading rusher in the Mississippi Valley Conference in the nine-game regular season. He carried 23 times for 111 yards, giving him an unofficial total of 1,415 yards this season.

Kielkopf wrapped up his junior season by carrying 27 times for 123 yards. His unofficial rushing total for the season is 1,201.

"I'm very, very proud of our kids and very proud of our coaching staff," Knock said.

## A field goal knocks off CP-U

By Jeff Linder

Gazette sportswriter

CENTER POINT — As the game evolved into a defensive standoff, Dyersville Beckman Coach Brian Woodley had a simple request for his offense.

"I told them that all we needed was one time in the end zone," Woodley said.

As it turned out, the Blazers didn't even need that.

Tim McClimon's second-quarter field goal stood up as the Blazers upset No. 5 Center Point-Urbana, 3-0, in a Class 2A first-round football playoff Wednesday night at Bob Bowers Athletic Complex.

Beckman (7-3) advanced to next Monday's quarterfinal against Dike-New Hartford at Dyersville. Dike-New Hartford upset No. 7 Starbuck, 19-16, Wednesday.

Center Point-Urbana retired at 9-1.

Wednesday's triumph was the first postseason victory ever for the Blazers. They can thank their defense, which surrendered just 87 yards of total offense.

Center Point-Urbana was coming off an emotional 7-6 win over Mount Vernon last Friday

## DYERSVILLE BECKMAN 3, CP-U 0

night in a game that decided the Class 2A District 6 title. CP-U Coach Ted Rogers said Friday's win took its toll.

"We left it on the field Friday night," said Rogers, who returned to the sideline this season after a four-year hiatus. "To have to come back to that kind of intensity level again just three or four days later, that's pretty hard to do."

CP-U had only one real scoring chance, and it was fleeting. A 70-yard punt by Derrick Schantz backed Beckman up to the 2-yard line.

After three straight drive plays, the Blazers punted the ball back. Chris Trittle took the kick at the Beckman 40, rambled to about the 20 before Terry Steger clobbered him. Trittle coughed up the ball, which was recovered by Wessels with about 2 minutes left. It was the Stormin' Pointers' fourth and final turnover of the game.

"We just didn't have the same pop we had against Mount Vernon," Rogers said. We weren't crisp. (Beckman) is a good ball club, and we would have had to have been at the top of our game to beat them."

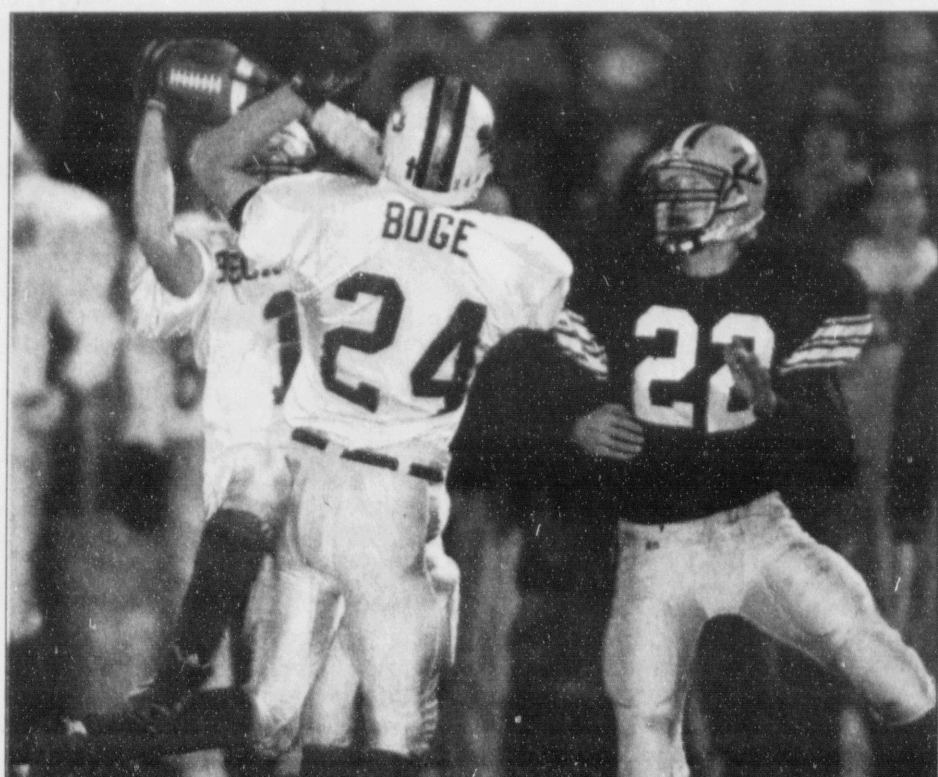


Photo by Melanie Kimbler, Gazette intern

Chris Trittle of Center Point-Urbana can only watch last night as Josh Showalter of Dyersville Beckman picks off a pass in a Class 2A playoff game at Center Point. Looking on is Beckman's Terry Boge. Beckman advanced with a 3-0 victory.

