

Kennedy holds lead this week, routs Jeff

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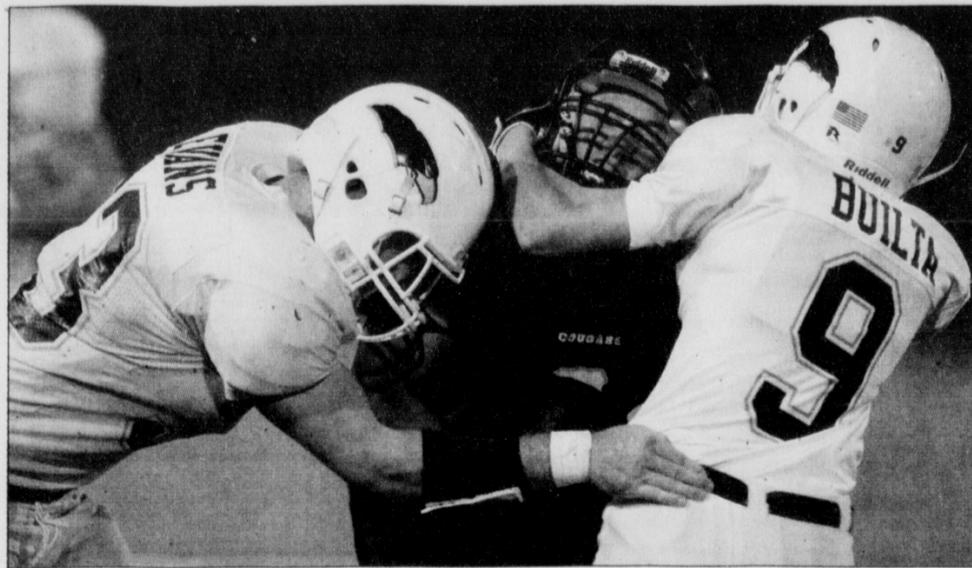
CEDAR RAPIDS — Cedar Rapids Kennedy let one lead slip through its fingers, and the Cougars were determined to avoid a repeat.

So when they took a lead this time they grasped it with a vise-tight grip.

Less than a week removed from losing its opener in the final minutes, Kennedy kept churning out the points and thumped Cedar Rapids Jefferson, 56-14, in a Mississippi Valley Conference game last night at Kingston Stadium.

The Cougars squandered a double-digit lead last week to Linn-Mar and used that as motivation. Once they had a lead they added to it instead of relaxing.

"We talked about it again at halftime," Ken-



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Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Joshua Simmons powers into Cedar Rapids Jefferson tacklers Tyler Evans (left) and Zac Bulta during the first half last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Kennedy won the MVC matchup, 56-14.

ROUNDUP

Trojans knock off No. 10 West

Rogers, Thompson lead Iowa City West to 35-33 upset victory

Charles Rogers rushed for two touchdowns and passed for another and Jamal Thompson added two TDs as Iowa City West upset No. 10 Waterloo West, 35-33, last night in a Mississippi Valley Conference football game in Waterloo.

Rogers, West's quarterback, rushed 15 times for 179 yards and two TDs and passed for 61 yards in a touchdown as the Trojans (1-1) picked up their first win in more than a year.

Thompson added 145 yards and two scores on 20 rushes.

West finished 0-9 last season and started this campaign with a 38-21 loss to Dubuque Hempstead.

Waterloo West, which topped Dubuque Senior in the opener last Friday to crack the AP rankings, also is 1-1.

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12 — Logan Pickering put on a nice one-man show last night for the Indians at Oelwein.

After a five-touchdown performance in Week 1, Pickering rushed for 93 yards on 20 carries and added 53 receiving yards on five catches and scored three more touchdowns. Marion rolled on the road.

Dalton Combs completed 12 of 17 passes for 118 yards and one touchdown as the Indians improved to 2-0.

I.C. REGINA 28, MOUNT VERNON 3

— The Class 2A sixth-ranked Regals won for the second week in a row, this time on the road in Mount Vernon.

Iowa City Regina (2-0) opened last Friday with a Week 1 tough 14-7 victory over Clear Creek Amana.

Mount Vernon (0-2) was coming off a 49-10 loss at Solon.

edy Coach Tim Lewis said. "I think it had a big part of what happened tonight."

The Cougars took control in the second quarter and put it away early in the second half.

Kennedy (1-1) stifled the J-Hawks (0-2) in the second half, shutting them out of the end zone. They also piled on to their 14-point lead with four more touchdowns.

"It was a total team effort," Lewis said. "The defense stepped up."

Royce Bell, Max Martino and Josh Simmons powered Kennedy's offense. Bell's lightning quick legs and Martino's athleticism were on display, contributing to five touchdowns in the first three quarters.

"We can be explosive when we want to," Bell said. "When we put our heads together I don't think there's anything we can't do."

The J-Hawks couldn't stop Bell, who tallied 176 yards on seven carries.

His 90-yard touchdown run in the final three minutes of the second half gave Kennedy the lead for good.

Bell ran right, broke a couple of tackles and after a cutback to the center burst free to the end zone. "I was just thinking I have to score," Bell said. "This run is going to count and I'm going to put this in for my team."

Martino started at quarterback and scored three times, including runs of 10 and 13 yards.

Stat highlights

- **First downs:** C.R. Jefferson 12, C.R. Kennedy 13
- **Team rushing:** C.R. Jefferson 35-177, C.R. Kennedy 39-178
- **Team passing:** C.R. Jefferson 6-15-1-83, C.R. Kennedy 5-10-0-70
- **Top rusher:** C.R. Jefferson — Tanner Unkel 15-132-1; C.R. Kennedy — Royce Bell 7-176-2
- **Top passer:** C.R. Jefferson — Tyler Evans 4-10-0-73; C.R. Kennedy — Troy Sleep 4-7-0-59
- **Top receiver:** C.R. Jefferson — Unkel, 3-48; C.R. Kennedy — Kyle Lamaak 1-31

Williamsburg defense stuffs CPU, 19-0

By Jeff Linder
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CENTER POINT — Williamsburg's defense took much more than it gave.

The Raiders forced three turnovers, scored a safety and didn't permit Center Point-Urbana within a sniff of the end zone in a 19-0 non-district football victory last night at Rogers Field.

"Our defense was unbelievable," said lineman Austin Blythe, a University of Iowa recruit. "We bent a little, but we didn't break."

They barely bent. The Raiders (1-1) didn't allow CPU (1-1) inside the 35-yard line.

Unlike last week, when the Raiders gave up a 19-point lead to Mid-Prairie, they finished the deal. Emphatically.

"I like this team," said Williamsburg Coach Curt Ritchie. "We have a lot of things going for us. We just need to bring more excitement."

The trademark moment was the safety.

Leading 14-0, Williamsburg drove 94 yards to the CPU 1, where the

march stalled. But the Raiders stuffed the Stormin' Pointers twice for no gain, then stopped Joey Dighton inside the end zone for two points.

"We were pretty close the first two plays," Blythe said.

"In the huddle, we were saying, let's get a safety, get the ball back and put them away."

Tim Jones' 44-yard field goal with 3:44 left closed the scoring.

CPU finished with 154 yards of total offense. "Their size up front was too much," said CPU

Coach Dan Burke. "We didn't have an answer for them."

Tanner Blomme's 2-yard pass to Nick Timm at the 3:52 mark of the first quarter gave the Raiders a 7-0 lead.

The Raiders forced a three-and-out on CPU's first series of the second half, then — after a 5-yard punt allowed the Raiders to set up shop at the CPU 25 — Tyler Greiner scored on a 9-yard run to make it 14-0.

Williamsburg's Cord Slaymaker rushed for 136 yards on 24 carries.

Stat highlights

- **First downs:** Williamsburg 16, CPU 10
- **Team rushing:** Williamsburg 53-236, CPU 32-89
- **Team passing:** Williamsburg 6-16-1-54, CPU 4-18-3-65
- **Top rusher:** Williamsburg — Cord Slaymaker 24-136; CPU — Joey Dighton 7-43
- **Top passer:** Williamsburg — Tanner Blomme 6-16-1-54, 1 TD; CPU — Austin Plante 3-11-2-48
- **Top receiver:** Williamsburg — Connor Stumberg 2-25; CPU — Dylan Ramsey 1-27

Both teams enter district play next week. Williamsburg is at Fairfield; CPU is at North Cedar.

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Californian finds a home among the tall corn (and beans) in Iowa

By Jeff Johnson
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CEDAR RAPIDS — Alex Macey knew about the corn. You're from out of state, you always know

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about the corn.

"I never came on a visit. I took a shot in the dark," the Cornell College tight end said. "I had no idea what it looked like here. All I expected was corn. I didn't even know there were beans."

For some reason, Macey decided four years ago to leave the Pacific Ocean paradise of Oceanside, Calif., for the corn and the beans.

Actually, there were two reasons he went to Mount Vernon — college and football.

"I just wanted to play football, and they gave me the best shot to do that," Macey said. "At first, I wasn't really planning on going to a (four-year) college. I was planning on going to a community college. But they got me in, they showed me I can do well in school. They did their job here, I did my job back home, and here I am."

You won't find a more inviting receiving target in the Iowa Conference than the 6-foot-6, sideburn-clad 250-pounder. That's good since Cornell will be breaking in a new quarterback this season.

Macey emerged with 37 catches in just eight games in 2008. He has 59 in his career.

If Coach Matt Dillon has anything to say about it, and he does, look for that career reception total to be matched this season.

Cornell opens today at Grinnell.

"Alex Macey has a chance to be an All-American candidate at tight end," Dillon said. "His improvement from his freshman year to where he is now ... he is literally uncoverable right now (for

an inside defensive player. I don't think there's a linebacker or a safety that can try to lock him up and cover him right now. He's 6-6, 250 pounds, and he's a 4.6 40 guy. He's got the total package. We've got to manufacture ways to get him the ball."

And manufacture ways to get some victories. Or at least one. Cornell has lost 18 straight games, 28

straight Iowa Conference games.

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