lowa game pick 'ems evenly divided, but which side will prevail?

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SIDELINE



Jimmie Johnson climbs out of his car Friday after a qualifying run earned him the pole position for the NASCAR Sprint Cup series AAA 400 auto race Sunday at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

AUTO RACING

Johnson tops in qualifying at Dover

DOVER, Del. - Jimmie Johnson turned a lap of 157.356 mph on Friday at Dover International Speedway and will start first for only the second time this season

He led a career-high 298 laps in May to win at the Monster Mile.

News report: Patrick sticking with IndyCar

Danica Patrick has agreed to a three-year contract to remain at Andretti Green Racing and stay in the IndyCar Series, according to the Indianapolis Star.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Hawkeyes' Bulaga definitely out today

UNIVERSITY PARK. Pa. — Iowa offensive lineman Bryan Bulaga will not play tonight against Penn State, the university announced late Friday afternoon.

Coach Kirk Ferentz said in a news release that other Iowa players nursing injuries will be game-day decisions.

GOLF

Woods holds 1-shot lead in Championship

ATLANTA — Tiger Woods shot a 68 Friday and has a one-shot lead over Padraig Harrington and Sean O'Hair after two rounds of the Tour Championship.

Cedar Rapids' Zach Johnson shot a 72 and is tied for 21st, seven shots behind Woods.

BASEBALL

Cardinals nipped, Twins edge closer

Colorado came up with a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth last night to defeat St. Louis, 2-1, and deny the Cardinals divisionclinching victory. If the Cubs lost later at San Francisco, however, that would have given the Cards the NL Central title.

Meanwhile in the American League Central, Minnesota won and Detroit lost, shrinking the Tigers lead to two games

Standings, boxes: 6B

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PREP FOOTBALL

Team-building pays off



Cedar Rapids Washington's Bill Myers runs interference and begins to celebrate as teammate Ronnie Henderson heads for the end zone to complete an interception return for a touchdown last night against Cedar Rapids Kennedy at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Washington won, 44-6.

Henderson theft sparks united Wash to victory

By Jeff Linder The Gazette

EDAR RAPIDS - No letup. No letdown. And no mercy. Cedar Rapids Washington

capitalized on five takeaways, including a 70-yard interception return for a touchdown by Ronnie Henderson, and routed Cedar Rapids Kennedy, 44-6, in a Mississippi Valley Conference football game last night at Kingston

Andre Dawson rushed for 235 yards on 26 carries as the Warriors (3-2) put last week's loss to Linn-Mar in

their rearview mirror. In that loss, Washington blew a 14point halftime lead. No such letdown — or letup — against the Cougars (2-3).

'We coached a lot of teambuilding this week," said Washington Coach Tony Lombardi. "Where we could have fallen apart tonight, we pulled together as a team.

Henderson electrified the Kingston crowd the first two times he touched the ball.

The first time, he hauled in a 52-yard bomb from Shay Gutman. Dawson scored from a yard out on the next play, and the Warriors led, 7-0.

Washington held a 7-3 lead late in the second quarter when Henderson made his game-breaking theft.

On third-and-20 from the Washington 49, Henderson stepped in front of a halfback pass by Anthony Crawley in the right flat at the 30. He broke a tackle, reversed field, broke another tackle and outran the coverage to the end

zone.
"We were playing man (coverage), so I went out with the receiver," Henderson said. "After I caught it, I saw a hole open up and went upfield. I got two great blocks from (Alex) Carr and (Adam) Sailor.

Lombardi said, "Ronnie used to be a track guy who played football. Now he's turning into a fine football

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Marion eager to rain on a parade

By Mike Koolbeck News correspondent

MOUNT VERNON - Warning to upcoming foes of the Marion football team: Do not make the Indians your homecoming

Logan Pickering scored four touchdowns and Marion scored 35 unanswered points en route to a 42-3 whipping of Mount Vernon last night in a Class 3A District 4 prep football game at the Mustangs field that spoiled the Mustangs' Homecoming.

'If somebody wants to say that we're their homecoming game, then we'll make it the toughest Homecoming game they've had," Marion Coach Tony Perkins said. "DeWitt did that to us earlier in the year and we played pretty well (49-21 win) and Mount Vernon did it here and we played well again.

"It's just something else that we can use to motivate us. The sixth-ranked Indians

(5-0, 3-0 District 4) rolled up 398 yards of total offense and limited

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Marion's Corey Kramer catches a pass in the end zone for a touchdown in the first half last night at Mount Vernon. Marion won the Class 3A game, 42-3

Duggan wraps up splendid

By K.J. Pilcher

CEDAR RAPIDS Andy Duggan should have fond memories of September 2009.

He added a newborn daughter to his family and a week later has a trophy case addition. Duggan placed second in the Sportsman feature last night to capture the division's season points trophy on Championship Points Night at Hawkeye Downs Speedway, snap-

ping Dave McCalla's three-year win streak in the class

It was Duggan's first track championship after placing second twice.



Andy Duggan champion

"After 10 years of racing it feels pretty good," said Duggan, who entered with a two-point lead and won by a single point.

McCalla led the whole way, crossing the finish line with Duggan on his bumper. Both had six feature wins. Last night was no different from most where they raced side-by-side, winning features by the slimmest of margins all season.

"Both of our cars seem like they're both just as fast, so you never know who is going to be in front," Duggan said. "I like racing with him."

Their competitiveness on the track is matched only by the respect they have for each other off it.

"I've always rooted for Andy even before I got into this division, said McCalla, of Cedar Rapids. "Racing against somebody like Andy makes it a lot of fun.

McCalla said Duggan was his choice if someone would dethrone him.

"If there's anyone here I want to get beat by in the points, Andy's definitely the guy," Mc-Calla said. "He's always been a clean racer.'

Joey Gase, 16, and a junior at Cedar Rapids Xavier, was assured of the late model season points title, becoming the track's youngest late model track champion.

Cory Houdek trailed Kurt Bohnsack by a point entering last night's stock car feature. Houdek won the season crown with a win as the pair finished three-wide with Dennis Hundley. Bohnsack was third. Derek Parrott won the Hornet feature, while Nathan Chandler earned the season title.

Blake Carson was aggressive from the start to win the Sportmod feature. He held off a final-lap charge by season points champ Scott Kositzky. Nathan Ballard swept the Hobby Stocks feature and season title. Tony Olson won the modified feature and Tim Plummer nabbed a sixth track

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Manson-NW Webster 20, Guthrie Center 12
Maple Valley/Anthon/Oto 49, Red Oak 7
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Osage 39, South Hardin 0
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Waverly-Shell Rock 34, Algona 15
Webster City 20, Hampton-Dumont 6
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West Des Moines Valley 34, Ames 14
Woodward-Granger 33, West Central Val-y, Stuart 0

Thursday

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONFERENCE

Washington/Second half Dawson's



Jim Slosiarek/The Gazette

Cedar Rapids Washington's Andre Dawson gets his jersey pulled by Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Benjamin Schmidt during the first half last night at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids.

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player."

Washington scored 20 points off Kennedy

The second half was a Dawson highlight reel. He scored on TD runs of 40, 76 and 8 yards, and rushed for 188 yards after intermission.

Carr's 41-yard touchdown capped the scoring with 1:03 remaining.

It also concluded Kennedy's second consecutive miserable second half. The Cougars were outscored 26-0 after intermission last week against Cedar Rapids Xavier, 30-0 last night.

The game was even statistically - except for turnovers — in the first half. Washington finished with a 429-235 advantage in

Gutman completed just 5-of-17 passing, but those five completions netted 111 yards. Washington hosts Iowa City West on

Thursday; Kennedy is at No. 2 Iowa City High on Friday.

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Stat highlights

First downs: Kennedy 11, Washington 16

• Team rushing: Kennedy 31-155, Washington 43-318 • Team passing: Kennedy 13-29-4-80, Washington 5-

• Top rusher: Kennedy — Anthony Crawley 13-85; Washington — Andre Dawson 26-235, 4 TDs

● Top passer: Kennedy — Jed Haycraft 13-27-2-80; Washington - Shay Gutman 5-17-0-111

● Top receiver: Kennedy — Crawley 3-33; Washington Ronnie Henderson 2-62

Xavier spreads offense around in rout of West

By Jeff Johnson

CEDAR RAPIDS When it's all said and done, don't be terribly surprised if this is the last Metro football team

standing. There are some other good clubs out there, and it's true it took a 31-13 homecoming win over Waterloo West last night at Saints Field to bump Cedar Rapids Xavier's record over the break-even mark. But as the cliche goes, this might just be the best 3-2 team in the

Remember the Saints two losses were down-tothe-final-gun heartbreakers to unbeaten Linn-Mar and Iowa City High. Xavier's good, as it showed in this romp.

"I guess we just got lucky in three games, joked tight end-defensive end Ike Hasley. "We just like to take it one week at a time. We'll see what happens against (Dubuque) Wahlert next

"I think we're good," said quarterback Joe Sayre, who ran and threw for a touchdown. "We've played good teams this whole year. It's really a whole team effort.

The Saints were balanced offensively, rushing for 153 yards and passing for 173. Wide receiver Colin O'Connor scoring with an 8-yard touchdown pass from Sayre early in the fourth quarter, setting a school Sergeant Bluff-Luton 31, Denison-Schleswig record with his fifth TD

Sayre, Dylan Martin and Pat Chizek had short touchdown runs and Charlie Bales a 37-yard field goal for Xavier, which held a 24-0 halftime lead. West (2-2) scored both of its TDs late in the fourth against reserves.

With its top two running backs out with

Stat highlights

• First downs: West 15, Xavier

• Team rushing: West 21-30, Xavier 44-153

Team passing: West 25-42-0-262, 2 TDs; Xavier 17-23-2-173, TD

● Top rusher: West — Connor McClain 6-27, 0 TDs; Xavier - Pat Chizek 12-79, 1 TD

● Top passer: West — Connor McClain 25-42-0-262, 2 TDs; Xavier — Joe Sayre 17-23-2-173,

Top receiver: West - Islah Cook, 10-144, 1 TD; Xavier Colin O'Connor, 7-96, 1 TD

MVC standings

SCHOOL	RECORD
Valley Division	
Linn-Mar	5-0
Cedar Rapids Prairie	3-2
Cedar Rapids Washington	3-2
Cedar Falls	3-2
Waterloo East	1-4
Cedar Rapids Jefferson	1-4
Dubuque Senior	0-5
Mississippi Division	on
Iowa City High	5-0
Dubuque Hempstead	4-1
Cedar Rapids Xavier	3-2
Cedar Rapids Kennedy	2-3
Iowa City West	2-3
Waterloo West	2-3
Dubuque Wahlert	1-4

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injuries, it was strictly an aerial show for West, with quarterback Connor McClain completing 25 of 42 passes for 262 yards. Again, a lot of those yards came late.

"I was proud of the effort of all of our kids," said Xavier Coach Duane Schulte. "We got them all in. I don't think there was one single kid that didn't get into the game. They got a win for some important alumni who were here tonight. It was a good night for us.



Marion's Colton Storla cuts past a big offensive lineman's block for yardage last night at Mount Vernon. The Indians defeated Mount Vernon, 42-3.

Marion/4 Pickering TDs

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Mount Vernon (0-5, 0-3) to 186. Pickering rushed 12 times for 76 yards and three touchdowns and caught seven passes for 122 vards and another touchdown.

"DeWitt beat us twice and then put us on the schedule as their homecoming game," said Pickering, a 5-foot-9 senior tailback who also lines up in the slot. "If anybody wants to put us as their homecoming game, they're asking for it.

Marion senior quarterback Dalton Combs also wasn't too happy about being Mount Vernon's homecoming foe.

"Obviously, they thought we'd be an easy Stat highlights

First downs: Marion 22, Mount Vernon 9

Team rushing: Marion 34-200, Mount Vernon 24-72

Team passing: Marion 10-14 1-198, Mount Vernon 13-21-2-Top rusher: Marion — Logan

Pickering 11-76, 2 TDs; Mount Vernon — Matt Winder 14-36

● Top passer: Marion — Dalton Combs 10-14-1-198, 2 TDS; Jacob Timm 13-21-2-114

Top receiver: Marion — Pickering 7-122, 1 TD; Mount Vernon — Winder 4-30

win," said Combs, who completed 10 of 14 passes for 198 yards and two touchdowns. "It's kind of a slap in the face.

Marion led, 7-3, early in the second quarter when

it got a figurative slap in the face. Combs missed a handoff attempt and lost the ball for a fumble at the Mount Vernon 1. After forcing a punt, Marion scored the next three times it had the ball for a 28-3 lead by halftime. Pickering scored all three touchdowns, sandwiching runs of 26 and 1 yards around a 17-yard catch.

The Indians also scored the first two times they had the ball in the third quarter. Pickering blasted in from 2 yards out and Ben Holub rambled 25 yards for a 42-3 lead with 4:13 left in the quarter.

The Indians host their Homecoming game Friday against Anamosa. Mount Vernon plays Friday at Vinton-Shellsburg.

Garman scores 6 TDs as Lions hammer Waterloo East



Jer Garman scored six touchdowns last night as No. 5 Linn-Mar rolled to a 54-7 win over Waterloo East last night at Memorial Stadium in Waterloo.

Garman rushed for four touchdowns and caught two more as he racked up 229 yards of total offense helping the Lions improve to 5-0. Gar-Marion's Colton Storla (28) as man rushed for 132 yards on 11 carries and caught three passes for 97 yards.

Linn-Mar scored 26 first-half points as it took on a 5-yard touchdown run and a 15-yard scoring catch in the third quarter.

"The kids did a nice job of focusing in this week

and coming up here and putting in a pretty good game, "Linn-Mar Coach Bob Forsyth said. Waterloo Courier

— Tanner Unkel had just allowed a game-tying TD, so he was in the mood for some retribution. Cedar Rapids Jefferson's allpurpose junior speedster rebounded to make the play of the night.

After surrendering a TD pass that allowed host Dubuque Senior to tie the J-Hawks, Unkel returned the ensuing kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown just before halftime.

Unkel also rushed for 197 yards and two touchdowns, including a second-half 60-yard TD run that provided the final margin for the J-Hawks.

I.C. REGINA 35, WILTON

0 — Zach Pechous had 82-yard punt return for a touchdown and then added a 65-yard punt return for a touchdown to lead third-ranked Iowa City Regina to the win at

Pechous added a 35yard interception return for a touchdown, while Jack Verducci had a nineyard touchdown run for Herald the Regals (5-0).



Crystal LoGiudice/The Gazette Mount Vernon linebacker Rvan Cox (31) tries to take down he carries the ball during last night's Marion victory.

advantage of three of the Trojans' four firsthalf turnovers. Garman rushed for scores of 7, 26 and 18 and caught a 55-yard screen pass for a touchdown in the first half. The junior tacked

C.R. JEFFERSON 20, **DUBUQUE SENIOR 13**

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