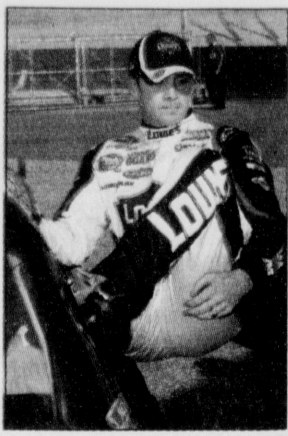


SIDELINE



AP
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 Pádraig 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 division-clinching 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.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Team-building pays off



Jim Slosiarek/The Gazette

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

CEDAR RAPIDS — No letup. No letdown. And no mercy. Cedar Rapids Washington capitalized on five take-aways, 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 Stadium.

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 14-point halftime lead. No such letdown — or letup — against the Cougars (2-3).

"We coached a lot of team-building 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 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 foe.

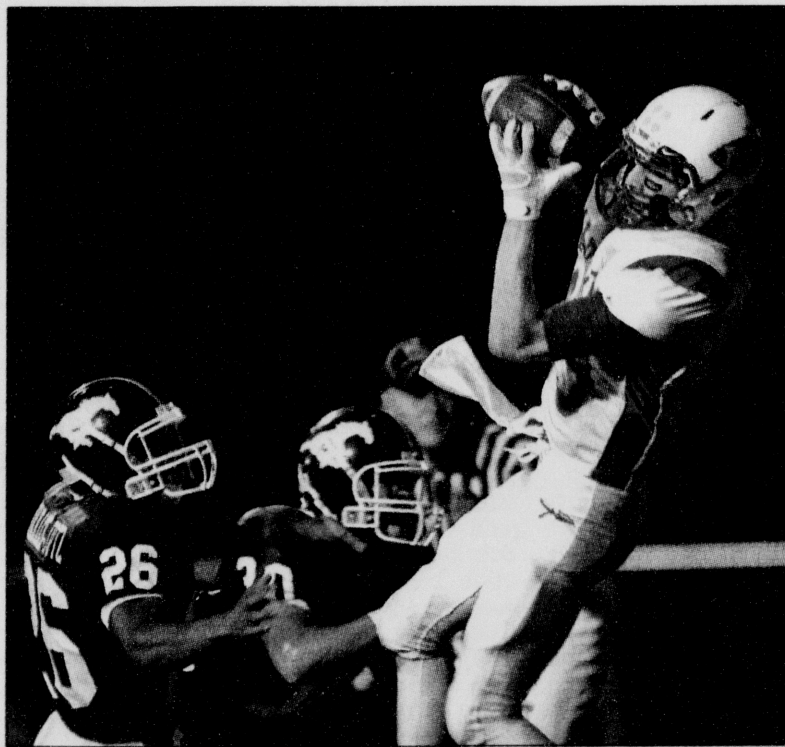
Logan Pickering scored four touchdowns and Marion scored 35 unanswered points en route to a 42-3 whipping of Mount Vernon last night in a Class 3A District 4 prep football game at the Mustangs field that spoiled the Mustangs' Homecoming.

"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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Crystal LoGiudice/The Gazette

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 '09 season

By K.J. Pilcher
 The Gazette

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, snapping Dave McCalla's three-year win streak in the class.

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

"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," McCalla 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 Sport-mod 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 title.

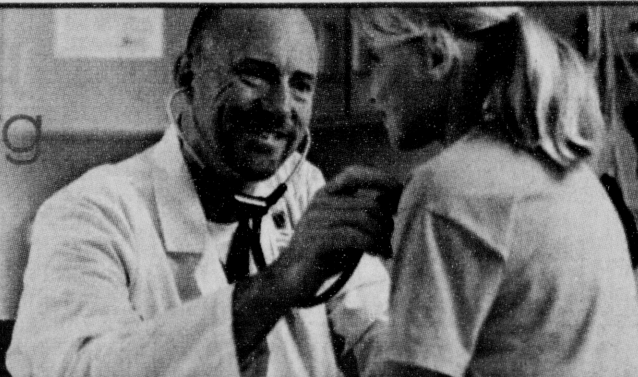


Andy Duggan
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