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SIDELINE



Tom Watson reacts after a 45-foot birdie putt dropped on the 13th hole Friday in the Senior Players Championship at Baltimore Country Club in Timonium, Md. Watson shot a 68 to take a two-shot lead.

GOLF

Watson's bogey-free round puts him on top

TIMONIUM, Md. Tom Watson shot a bogey-free 68 Friday to take a two-shot lead over four players at the halfway point of the Senior Players Championship.

Watson made two birdies, the second with a long putt on No. 13. Seeking his first win of the year on the Champions Tour, the 60-yearold Watson completed 36 holes at 6-under 134.

Watson started the day tied for second with Jay Haas, a stroke behind leader Lonnie Nielsen. But Nielsen, a Belle Plaine native, shot 73 and Haas carded a 70.

14-year-old tied for LPGA event lead

PRATTVILLE, Ala. Ninth-grader Alexis Thompson shot a 3-under 69 Friday for a share of the lead with topranked Lorena Ochoa and three others after two rounds of the Navistar LPGA Classic.

Thompson, 14, of Coral Springs, Fla., is trying to become the youngest winner in LPGA Tour history.

AUTO RACING

Martin takes the pole for Cup race in K.C.

KANSAS CITY, Kan. Mark Martin has another pole in his race to win the Chase.

Martin turned a lap of 175.758 mph on a cool, windy Friday on the 1.5-mile oval at Kansas Speedway, earning his career-best seventh pole of the season.

The 50-year-old will start on the front row with Dale Earnhardt Jr. in Sunday's Price Chopper 400, the third of 10 races in the Chase.

BASEBALL

AL Central tighter with Twins win, Tigers loss

MINNEAPOLIS Jeff Manship's first major league win was well-timed for the Minnesota Twins, who got a grand slam from Delmon Young and hung on for a 10-7 victory over the Kansas City Royals last night that cut Detroit's AL Central lead to one game.

Detroit lost to the White Sox, 8-0.

Associated Press

Big win at Penn State wins over Derby

City High QB makes Hawkeye fans happy by selecting Iowa

By Scott Dochterman

The Gazette IOWA CITY — Iowa City High quarterback A.J. Derby once shook hands with an opposing

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

baseball coach, who then told him to go to the University Iowa.

Derby, a senior, had fans cheering his name at Iowa football games.

"I went out to dinner one time (at HuHot) and someone wrote on my receipt, 'Go To Iowa, Derby said. "It just kind of got ridiculous, but at the same time I kind of enjoyed it.'

The head-spinning recruiting process for Derby from the nation's top football schools ended Friday. Derby, son of for-mer Iowa all-Big Ten linebacker John Derby, chose the hometown Hawkeves over Florida and Oklahoma and will attend Iowa next year.

Derby, 6-foot-4 and 218 His wildest experience? pounds, planned to visit

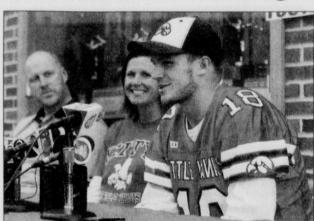
five schools but Iowa's 21-10 win last week convinced him to stay home in black-and-gold

"Over the weekend I watched the game with my family, my brother and my friends," Derby

"It just felt right, and I couldn't see myself playing for any other team besides Iowa.

In addition to Florida and Oklahoma, other schools offering Derby a scholarship included LSU, Alabama, Michigan, Miami and Nebraska.

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lowa City High's A.J. Derby sits with his parents, Kelly and John, during a news conference Friday at City High in which he announced he will attend the University of Iowa to play football.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Changing gears gets job done

Garman gears down in slippery conditions, Lions roll yet again

By Jeff Linder

The Gazette CEDAR RAPIDS — It took Jer Garman a while to get his footing.

Well, it took two car-

Garman scored five more touchdowns and Class 4A No. 4 Linn-Mar controlled every facet in a 38-13 Mississippi Valley Conference football triumph over Cedar Rapids Prairie last night at sloppy John Wall Field.

'It was slippery," said Garman, who rushed for 201 yards on 26 carries, increasing his season total to 1,088. "I had to change to short, choppy cuts instead of long, drawn-out ones.

Garman is a regular acquaintance with the end zone this season. He has 21 touchdowns — 18 rushing, three receiving.

He was a big part of the story as the Lions marched to 6-0. So was the defense, which held the Hawks (3-3) to 130 yards - just 18 after half-

"It's football, so we were fighting for every yard," said lineman Mike Kaufmann. "We pushed them back on every single

snap."
Winless just two years ago and 3-6 last season, the Lions can clinch at least a share of the MVC Valley Division title with a win next week at home against Cedar Falls.

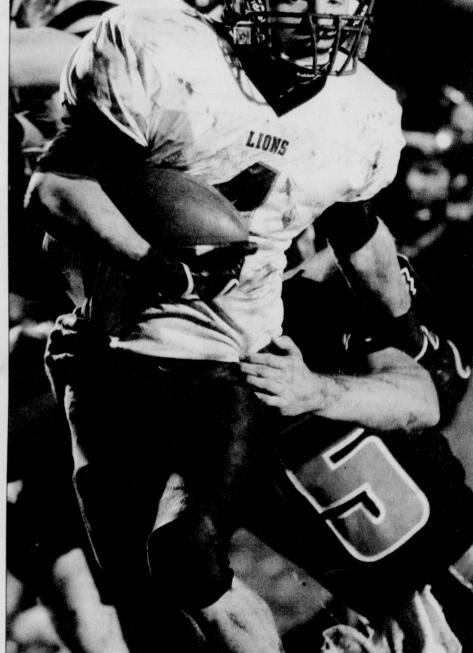
'That means a lot," said Lions Coach Bob Forsyth. "Our No. 1 goal is a conference champion-

The entire game was played on a greasy surface, and Garman slid down on his first carry But he quickly adjusted, scoring on rushes of 3, 44, 2 and 4 yards and a 13yard reception.

The 44-yarder came on fourth-and-1 with Linn-Mar holding a 14-7 lead late in the first half.

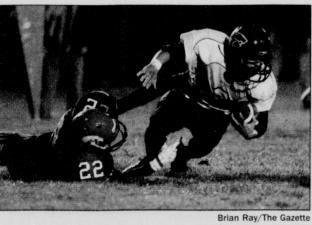
"I'm very confident in our line play, and when the time is right and I feel

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Linn-Mar's Jer Garman slips out of the grasp of Cedar Rapids Prairie's Adam Nelson and is off for a touchdown last night at Prairie. Garman rushed for 201 yards, and Linn-Mar defeated Prairie, 31-13.

Top-ranked City High survives turnover woes in MVC slugfest



Iowa City High's James Taylor (left) drags down Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Camron Bradley in the end zone for a safety last night in Iowa City. City High won, 22-14.

By Scott Dochterman The Gazette

IOWA CITY — Dan Sabers will accept a win any way it comes, but the Iowa City High football coach wasn't overjoyed with his team's performance last night

The top-ranked Little Hawks slugged it out with Cedar Rapids Kennedy (2-4) and won, 22-14, at Bates Field. Iowa City High (6-0) scored twice late and withstood a 95-yard kickoff return by Kennedy's Joshua Simmons to hold on to the win.

"Kennedy is a good tra-

ditional, playoff-type program and they're going to be there again," Sabers on its 7. Simmons took an end-around and was caught in the end zone said. "So we didn't take good care of the ball and we found a way to win.'

Iowa City High stormed to a 9-0 lead. On the Little Hawks' first offensive possession, quarterback A.J. Derby hit wide receiver Alex Evans in stride, right over Kennedy defensive back Noah Cmiel — who had tight coverage — for a 16-yard touchdown pass and a 7-0 lead.

Two possessions later, Kennedy was backed up

an end-around and was caught in the end zone by Iowa City High's Tucker Tholen for a safety.

But Kennedy's defense stiffened. The Cougars forced five turnovers, including four by interception. After gaining just 39 yards at halftime, Kennedy held the ball for all but 3:22 in the third quarter. The Cougars finished an eight-play 51-yard drive with a 5-yard touchdown run from quarterback Jed Haycraft to cut its deficit

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Prep football scoreboard

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Wapello 20, Durant 14
Wayland WACO 31, New London 7
Webster City 30, Waverly-Shell Rock 0
West Des Moines Dowling 42, Southeast

West Des Moines Valley 45, Mason City 13 West Marshall 48, Albia 23 POSTPONEMENTS

Thursday

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONFERENCE C.R. Washington 47, Iowa City West 21 Sophomores C.R. Washington 28, Iowa City West 0

Lions-Hawks/Linn-Mar remains perfect

Stat highlights

• First downs: Linn-Mar 21,

• Team rushing: Linn-Mar 44-283, Prairie 28-89.

• Team passing: Linn-Mar 6-9-1-120, Prairie 6-13-0-41. • Top rusher: Linn-Mar

Garman 26-201, 4 TDs; Prairie Trevor Burgess 13-54. • Top passer: Linn-Mar — Will

Roth 6-9-1-120, 1 TD: Prairie Josh Purman 4-6-0-41, 1 TD. • Top receiver: Linn-Mar

Josh Montague 3-92; Prairie — Burgess 2-19.

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we can make a move in the game, we'll go for it," Forsyth said.

The time was right. "That was huge," Garman said. "You could have driven a truck through that hole.

That made it 20-7, and when the Lions drove for a score on their first drive of the second half, the Hawks were toast.

The teams traded three-and-outs on their first series, then the Lions took advantage of a muffed punt by going 18 yards in four plays, capped by Garman's 3-yard score. Will Roth scored on a 6-yard quarterback sneak to make it 14-0 before the Hawks got their first break of the



Linn-Mar's Kyle Hollister (left) moves in to tackle Adam Nelson of Cedar Rapids Prairie last night at Prairie.

night, an interception by Adam Nelson. Prairie drove 70 yards

in 12 plays and scored on Nelson's 1-yard dive. Linn-Mar responded

with the next 24 points. Prairie hosts No. 1 Iowa City High next

City/96-yard return gives Kennedy a shot

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to 9-6.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Kennedy was stopped on a fourthand-1 at the Iowa City High 35. The Little Hawks then grinded out a 13-play drive lasting 6:47 and ending in a 2-yard plunge from Derby on fourth down and a 16-6 lead.

Then the game got crazy. With 21.5 seconds left in the game, Iowa City High senior linebacker James Taylor

— the homecoming king intercepted a pass and returned it 50 yards for a touchdown. The Little Hawks missed the extra point but led 22-6.

On the ensuing kickoff, Simmons sprinted virtually untouched for 95 yards and a score. Haycraft ran in the two-point conversion to give Kennedy a shot at 22-14. But the onside kick attempt went out of bounds, and the Little Hawks ran out the clock.



Brian Ray/The Gazette

"It was definitely a hard-fought game," Iowa City High wide receiver John Chelf said. "Kennedy came down here with

a great game plan, they executed it well, worked hard, and we're fortunate to come out here on top on homecoming.

Derby threw for 105 vards and rushed for 44. Iowa City High running back Ellis Jordan ran for 72 yards on 25 carries.

Stat highlights • First downs: Kennedy 8, Iowa

• Team rushing: Kennedy 27-94, Iowa City High 46-134

• Team passing: Kennedy 16-28-1-94; City 10-17-4-105, 1 TD

• Top rusher: Kennedy

- Cameron Bradley 11-28; Iowa City High - Ellis Jordan 25-72 • Top passer: Kennedy — Jed Haycraft 16-28-1-94; City High

A.J. Derby 10-17-4-105, 1 TD • Top receiver: Kennedy

Bradley 6-31; City High — Alex Evans 2-31, 1 TD

Iowa City High's Adam Prybil runs from the pursuit of Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Jordan Sanford (52) last night during a high school football game at City High. The Little Hawks won, 22-14.

Haycraft completed 16 of

28 passes for 94 yards. Contact the writer:

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Kick off the crossbar stymies J-Hawks' homecoming hopes

By Mike Koolbeck

News correspondent CEDAR RAPIDS dar Rapids Jefferson's bid for a happy homecoming turned into bitter disappointment last night at Kingston Stadium.

Jon Watson's 36-yard tying field goal attempt with 42.5 seconds left hit the crossbar and was no good, allowing Waterloo East to escape the J-Hawks, 13-10, in a Mississippi Valley Conference football game.

Jefferson dropped to 1-5. East is 2-4 and won its second game in a season for the first time in ... a long time.

'I feel bad for our kids, our staff and for the Jefferson community that we couldn't get it done for homecoming," Jefferson

Coach Jim Womochil

Watson hit a 28-yard field goal last night and has a season long of 40.

"Jon's got the leg. He just got under it a little Womochil said of his senior kicker. "Unfortunately, it was short by the width of the upright. That pretty much sums up our season right there.

Jefferson blocked three East punts. The last, at the East 35, set up a possible winning score with 2:32 remaining. On third-and-13 from the 19, Jefferson senior quarterback Logan Ruffridge spotted senior Tony Riley behind the defense in the end zone. The pass shorthopped Riley, who made a valiant try to scoop the ball. That incompletion

Stat highlights

• First downs: East 11,

Jefferson 8 • Team rushing: East 41-118,

Jefferson 27-121

Team passing: East 4-7-0-40, Jefferson 6-16-1-53

• Top rusher: East — Cameron Winters 9-54, Jefferson

Tanner Unkel 17-99, 1 TD • Top passer: Fast - Tevin Browne 4-7-0-40, 1 TD; Jefferson

Logan Ruffridge 5-12-1-37 • Top receiver: East Riccondus Martin 3-27, 1 TD;

Jefferson — Unkel 4-31 set up Watson's try to tie.

"It shouldn't have come down to a field goal to tie it," Womochil said. "We had our opportuni-

ties. We couldn't cash in." Jefferson had five muffed snaps, but recovered all five. The J-Hawks also lost one fumble and Ruffridge had a pass picked off in the end zone

to thwart a scoring drive. The J-Hawks also nearly picked off the touchdown pass that put East ahead, 13-7, late in the third quarter. Tevin Browne's pass ricocheted off Jefferson senior Connor Ruzicka at the 2-yard line and the Trojans' Riccondus Martin snagged it in the end zone. The extra point kick was blocked.

Jefferson had a chance to go ahead early in the fourth quarter, junior Conner Herman blocked a punt that was recovered at the East 9. Three plays resulted in a fourth-andgoal from the 11 and Watson's 28-yard field goal to cut the margin to 13-10 with 9:02 remaining.

MVC standings

SCHOOL RECORD **Valley Division** Cedar Rapids Washington 4-2 Cedar Falls 4-2 Cedar Rapids Prairie 3-3 Waterloo East Cedar Rapids Jefferson 1-5 Dubuque Senior 0-6 Mississippi Division Iowa City High Dubuque Hempstead Cedar Rapids Xavier Cedar Rapids Kennedy Iowa City West 2-4 Waterloo West 2-4 **Dubuque Wahlert** 1-5

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Martin scores twice as C.R. Xavier handles Wahlert in an MVC shutout

Ben Slezak could feel a substantial push in Cedar Rapids Xavier's favor on nearly every snap of the ball last night. The Saints dominated the line of scrimmage throughout in a 31-0 victory that spoiled Dubuque Wahlert's homecoming at the Rock

'Wahlert's line wasn't

very big, but they definitely were quick," said Slezak, a 6-foot-3, 280pound junior who made his presents felt on both sides of the line. "We just kept working hard all night and doing what the coaches told us.

Dylan Martin scored on a 3-vard run to open the scoring and added

a 35-yard breakaway touchdown in the fourth quarter to highlight a dominant rushing performance. The Saints rushed 45 times for 233 yards while limiting the Golden Eagles to 34 yards on 26 attempts. "If there was a 3- or

4-yard push, it was a difficult push, because Wahlert has some awfully tough kids," Xavier Coach Duane Schulte said. Xavier's other scores

came on Joe Sayre's 41-yard pass to Ryan Sander, Charlie Bales' 26yard field goal and Tyler Wright's 30-yard interception return.

Jim Leitner. Telegraph-Herald the Regals.

IOWA CITY REGINA 35, TIPTON 7 — Anthony Halsch scored three times and Jake Verducci completed 8 of 9 passes for 94 yards and one touchdown as the Regals (6-0, 4-0)

Kevin Arnold and Jedd Reichelt also scored for

won a Class 2A district

game at Tipton.

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